



MOCK DRILL: An Indian Coast Guard personnel during a rescue drill for the Defence Expo at Ahmedabad in Gujarat, Friday

Rebel Rajendra files papers

The disgruntled BJD leader lambasts some party leaders, who said his nomination filing won't have any impact on the outcome of the bypoll

POST NEWS NETWORK

Bhadrak/Bhubaneswar, Oct 14: Internecine squabble in ruling Biju Janata Dal (BJD) was out in the open Friday, when disgruntled party leader Rajendra Das filed his nomination as an independent candidate for the byelection to Dhamnagar Assembly seat in Bhadrak district.

Rajendra, a former BJD MLA, was apparently miffed over the party giving the ticket to Abanti Das, who also filed her nomination at the returning officer and sub-collector Laxmiprasad Sahu in the block office Friday.

Abanti, the Thihidi block chairperson, was accompanied by a huge crowd of supporters and party leaders for her nomination filing. Sources said as many as six

DHAMNAGAR BATTLE

2019			
BJP	Bishnu Charan Sethi	80,111	48.47 %
BJD	Rajendra Das	75,486	45.67 %
INC	Bidyadhar Jena	7,303	4.42 %
2014			
BJD	Muktikanta Mandal	71,538	47.98 %
BJP	Bishnu Charan Sethi	62,346	41.82 %
INC	Hrudananda Sethi	12,046	8.08 %
2009			
BJD	Rajendra Das	48,424	38.78 %
BJP	Bishnu Charan Sethi	43,480	34.82 %
INC	Netrananda Mallick	29,844	23.90 %



candidates are in the fray for the bypoll.

After BJD state leadership picked Abanti as party nominee, Rajendra and his army of supporters expressed their displeasure, said reports.

Thursday, the party's district observer Pranab Balabantaray and some other legislators had tried to convince Rajendra, but the latter and his supporters remained adamant on their stand to contest the bypoll. **Continued on P4**

Himachal to vote Nov 12; Guj later

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

New Delhi, Oct 14: Elections to the Himachal Pradesh Assembly will be held November 12, the Election Commission (EC) announced Friday. The counting of votes will be December 8, Chief Election Commissioner Rajiv Kumar told a press conference here.

The Commission did not announce the elections for the Gujarat Assembly, the term of which ends February 18, 2023. Over 55 lakh voters are eligible to exercise their franchise for 68 Assembly seats in Himachal Pradesh, Kumar said.

The CEC said the Commission was following past precedence in keeping the announcing in abeyance the schedule for Gujarat assembly.

There are 1.86 lakh first-time voters, 1.22 lakh aged 80-plus and 1,184 voters who are above 100 years of age. In 2017 elections, BJP had won a clear majority by winning 44 seats. **MORE P7**

IRREGULAR by MANJUL



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ARCHANA FIASCO: PLEA IN HC FOR ED INVESTIGATION

POST NEWS NETWORK

Bhubaneswar, Oct 14: The Bharatiya Bikash Parishad, a social outfit, Friday filed a public interest litigation (PIL) before Orissa High Court seeking a direction to the Enforcement Directorate (ED) regarding necessary action against lady blackmailer Archana Nag under Prevention of Money Laundering Act 2002.

The outfit urged HC to order an investigation by ED to verify the bank deposits and investments made by Archana in different mu-

tual funds, banks and companies, and check the Income Tax returns so that the actual amount amassed by the lady blackmailer is ascertained. The outfit alleged that Archana acquired the wealth by blackmailing several influential people including ministers and ex-ministers.

Meanwhile, Archana moved the SDJM court here, Friday, seeking bail. She appeared before the court from Jharapada special jail through videoconferencing. After hearing both sides, the court reserved the order. **MORE P4**

Black hole found firing jet at another galaxy

THIS IS THE FIRST TIME A JET HAS BEEN OBSERVED TO COLLIDE WITH A LARGE GALAXY LIKE RAD12-B

AGENCIES

London, Oct 14: A team of astronomers, with the help of citizen scientists, has discovered a unique black hole spewing a fiery jet at another galaxy. The black hole is hosted by a galaxy around one billion light years away from Earth named RAD12. The work was published in Monthly Notices of the Royal Astronomical Society (RAS).

Galaxies are typically divided into two major classes based on their morphology - spirals and

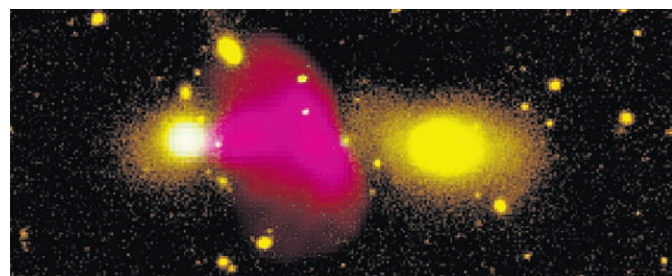


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ellipticals. Spirals have optically-blue looking spiral arms with an abundance of cold gas and dust. In spi-

ral galaxies, new stars form at an average rate of one Sun-like star per year. In contrast elliptical galaxies

appear yellowish and lack distinct features such as spiral arms.

Star formation in elliptical galaxies is very scarce; it is still a mystery to astronomers as to why the elliptical galaxies we see today have not been forming new stars for billions of years. Evidence suggests that super-massive or 'monster' black holes are responsible. These 'monster' black holes spew gigantic jets made of electrons moving at very high speeds at other galaxies, depleting the fuel required for future star formation: cold gas and dust. **Continued on P4**

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SCARLETT: JOAQUIN FLED SET AMID HER FAKE ORGASM RECORDINGS

Actress Scarlett Johansson revealed on Dax Shepard's *Armchair Expert* podcast that her orgasm recordings for the movie *Her* resulted in actor Joaquin Phoenix fleeing the set.

EZRA MILLER AN EXAMPLE OF HOW HOLLYWOOD PROTECTS OFFENDERS: ISSA

Issa Rae pointed to the controversy surrounding Ezra Miller and said that powerful forces behind Miller are trying to save him. *The Photograph* actress Issa Rae is less optimistic about support for women in Hollywood now than she was in the immediate wake of #MeToo.



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ARIES

Ganesh predicts that today you will look up to your family for happiness. Towards the later part of the day, however, there are possibilities of a platonic affair blossoming. Those who are already caught up in a romantic affair, says Ganesh, will experience some thrilling times.

TAURUS

Never dig a well when your house is on fire, says Ganesh. You will realise the importance of saving money for future needs today. You will feel uneasy in your routine and may feel the urge to get away from the chaos of things. Evening might see you spend a small fortune on loved ones and leisure, predicts Ganesh.

GEMINI

A busy day for you, predicts Ganesh, but it has little to do with work. Today, your mind is in a spiritual mode. You may want to make a few changes to the interiors of your house, mostly to get them in sync with the state of your mind. A romantic evening with your sweetheart in a sumptuous surrounding is likely, says Ganesh.

CANCER

Though the day will bring a lot of challenges, you will be up to it every single time. Your mind will be sharp, and will run like an athlete taking part in a marathon. All you need is a little self-belief. And there will be no stopping you once you set your mind free.

LEO

A comedy of errors is only funny in hindsight. Anyway, too much practicality is what ruined the world, says Ganesh. So for a change, gear up for an easy and relaxed day. Anything goes today, and having your hair groomed seems to be the best idea you have had in a long time.

VIRGO

You are likely to be the goose mother today - violently protective and intensely reclusive. Intense affairs of the heart will materialise amazingly faster than transporter beams from Star Trek do. Procrastination will finally be slain as Ganesh sees an eventful day in store.

LIBRA

The ghosts of 'old lovers past' are in the air. There is every possibility that you might end up reliving an old romantic affair; maybe even get treated to your heart's content by your soul mate. Everything is possible in love. The afternoon may bring with it mixed fortunes. But remember to put on your party hat in the evening.

SCORPIO

Today is that day when you make a fine show of your commitment to work and dedication to family. At work, the right job has landed on the right table - yours. At home, cement your place as the quintessential family man, advises Ganesh.

SAGITTARIUS

Find yourself taking up the Thinker's ponderous posture. Post noon, you may find yourself making plans to rearrange the interior of your home. In the office, your superiors will know your worth and heap appreciation on you, says Ganesh.

CAPRICORN

It's rare that while you're engaged in work, slogging to sort out things and prove yourself capable, you simultaneously manage time for the love of your life, and spare some more for recreational activities. Quite a bit of multitasking, but that's what Ganesh has in store for you today.

AQUARIUS

Today, you will revel in a lot of tender loving and care (TLC). You may also be able to solve certain baffling situations plaguing your peace of mind. Ganesh suggests that you meet people, as any associations you form today will prove beneficial in the long run.

PISCES

Your energy levels will be at their peak today, and that, coupled with your extraordinary enthusiasm, will give you the momentum you need to implement your plans, says Ganesh.

Manushi goes sleepless for 15 nights

Mumbai: Actress Manushi Chhillar wrapped up her upcoming project *Tehran* alongside action star John Abraham, with back to back night shoots for 15 consecutive days.

The film that went on-floors a few months ago was shot exhaustively across Glasgow, Mumbai and Delhi. Manushi says, "I want to learn and grow with every project that I get an opportunity to do. I want to constantly evolve into becoming an actor who is formidable in her craft and dependable to deliver performances that hopefully touch the hearts and minds of audiences. *Tehran* is one such film."

She adds, "Shooting for *Tehran* was an enriching experience. I learnt something new every single day! In the run-up to the film's wrap, I was only shooting nights!"

"So, I might have ended up with 15 sleepless nights but I was satiated as an artiste because I got to understand the craft so differently, primarily because the genre is so exciting. This was my first long night shoot schedule of my career and I enjoyed it every single night."



Nargis recalls being called immature

Mumbai: Indian actress Nargis Fakhri has opened up about her initial days in industry, says that she was too authentic and honest and was called immature. In a recent interview, she spoke about the struggles she has faced to date. Nargis made her debut with Imtiaz Ali's *Rockstar* and was seen in a few films like *Main Tera Hero*, *Madras Café*, *Housefull 3*; she even made her Hollywood debut with *Spy*, recalling her early days in Indian cinema, said, "I didn't know how to maneuver in a new culture. I was told that because I was so authentic and honest in my feelings it wasn't a good thing. You have to interact with people even if you're not comfortable with them. You have to put on a game face, which I couldn't. I was said to be immature." She added that she now understands that people have three faces - a business face, a creative face and the personal face."



Panchamaveda Sanskruti Mitra Samman-2022 given away

The troupe also staged Odia play 'Ekaira Bala' to commemorate its 21st Foundation Day



A scene from play *Ekaira Bala* at Rabindra Mandap, Bhubaneswar

BHUBANESWAR: City's well known theatre troupe Panchamaveda Friday conferred 'Sanskriti Mitra Samman-2022' on nine distinguished persons, for promoting Odisha's art and culture, at Rabindra Mandap, here to celebrate its 21st foundation day.

They were Bijay Mandal, Aishwarya Parija (both journalists from Bhubaneswar) Bikram Sahoo (play director-Puri), Pradip Panda (actor-director-Sambalpur), Srikanta Choudhury (light designer-Cuttack), Biplap Keshari Satpathy (writer-director-Jatmi), Chittaranjan Dash (actor-director-Bolangir), Pradip Panda (writer-director-Rourkela) and Dilip Kumar Routray (senior administrator; Government of Odisha).

Ekaira Bala, an Odia play, was also staged to commemorate the occasion. Written by Hemendra Mohapatra, the play was directed by the troupe's as well as Odisha Natya Sangha's president Haren Sahoo. The drama highlighted how a son turns wayward and becomes a burden on society despite getting the full attention and love of his parents. The director also offered a solution to the issue in the play.

Prakash Mahararana, Mukhtikanta Mohapatra, Hrushikesh Mishra, Gyanendra Kumar Satpathy, Subrat Nandi, Satyanarayan Mishra and Kanchan Das performed on stage.

Dignitaries present on the occasion included MLAs Shashibhusan Behera (Kendrapara), Ananta Narayana Jena (Bhubaneswar-Central) and Special Secretary of Steel and Mines department Sangram Keshari Swain.

Recognition for OP journalist



Senior journalist Bijay Mandal, the Features Editor of OrissaPOST, the only homegrown English daily of Odisha, was honoured with 'Sanskriti Mitra Samman-2022' at Rabindra Mandap, Bhubaneswar, Friday for his write-ups on the state's art and culture.

Docu film festival begins with fervour



Guests unveiling a booklet at the inaugural ceremony

POST NEWS NETWORK

Bhubaneswar: The Indian Documentary Film Festival of Bhubaneswar (IDFFB) organised by the Film Society of Bhubaneswar (FSB) was inaugurated at Odissi Research Center here Friday.

The festival involves screening of acclaimed documentary films from across the country to showcase the unseen stories from different languages to the audience.

FSB President Subrat Beura said, "Documentaries have the power to depict and reflect reality. They serve as a powerful tool, which brings important topics to the table in a captivating way that sparks conversation and sometimes even social movements. Character-driven, feature-length documentaries focused on the stories of real people put a human face on the global issue that might otherwise seem distant."

Ten documentaries were screened on the first day. The opening movie of the festival was *Backstage* by Lipika Singh Darai. The movie portrays the lives and times of the puppeteers of Odisha. The filmmaker builds a personal narrative to trace the time of a dying art form.

Lipika, a filmmaker based in Odisha, an alumnus of the Film and Television Institute of India, talking with OrissaPOST said that in 2012 she heard about a rod puppeteer, Maguni Charan Kuanr from a journalist who said that he has more than 300 puppeteers which caught her attention and she went to Keonjhar to meet him and that's how the project began.

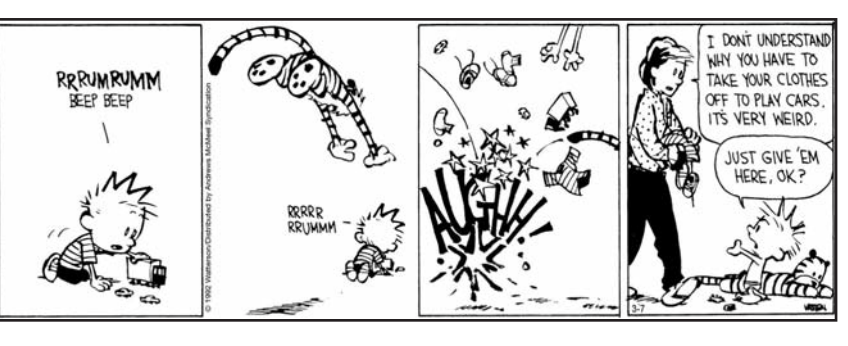


FSB president in a conversation with director Lipika Singh Darai

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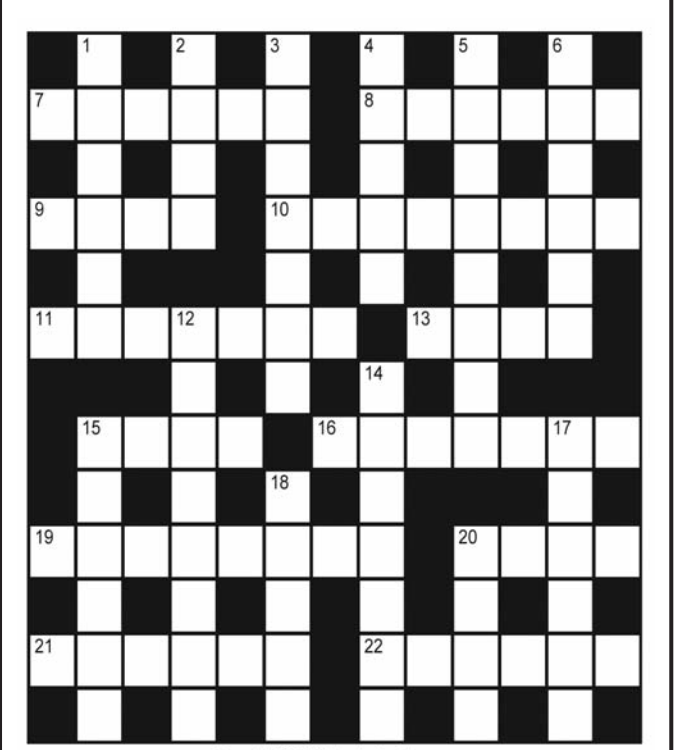
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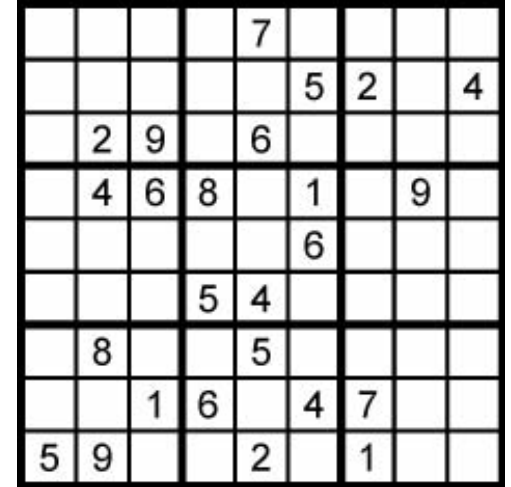
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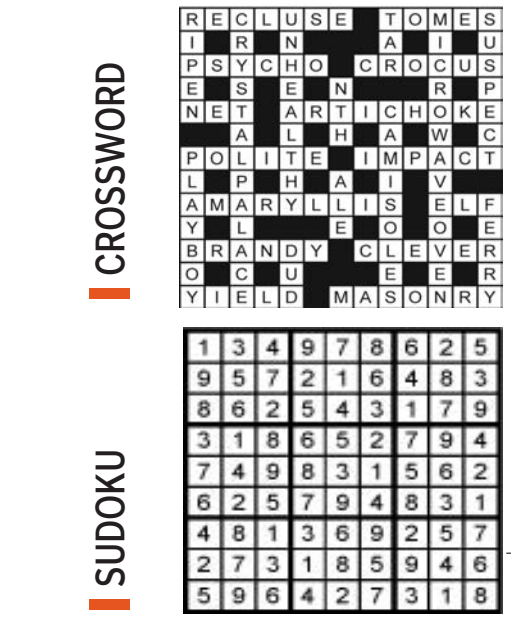
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SUDOKU

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



SOLUTIONS



CHECK FOR SOLUTIONS OF THE PUZZLES TOMORROW

SHRI KAMALJEET SINGH AHLUWALIA: A TRIBUTE

A mentor and guide

Pawan Kumar Ahluwalia
(Younger brother)

My elder brother was a father figure to me. He was my mentor and guide who always encouraged and inspired me to think big, held my hand and lifted me up in difficult times. His overwhelming love and affection for everyone kept the entire family knit together.

Though he is gone his legacy will continue to live on.

A father figure

Prashant Kumar Ahluwalia
(Younger brother)

Kamal Bhai Sahab (KJS) was not only my brother but my teacher, and my hero. A father figure to me, he was a Karma Yogi to the core. He was a very tough looking gentleman with a very soft heart. He had a great sense of humour which brought a smile on everyone's faces even in toughest of situations. His commitment and hardworking nature was very well known amongst the mining circle in Odisha. Kamal Bhai Sahab achieved supreme heights that made him synonymous with the Sher: "khudi ko kar buland itna, ke hur takdir se phele, Khuda bande se yeh pooche, batla teri raaza kya hai."

It is now one year since he has left us, but not even a day has passed without us talking of him. Thanks for being my teacher and guide bhai sahab. You are always in our hearts.

Love you and miss you always.

Godfather

Tejpal Singh (Pali)
(In-law)

My association with KJS Bhai Sahab goes back to when I started working with my uncle who introduced us while he was with Thapars. After starting his independent mining business, he was a big brother to all in the Barbil mining sector and helped everyone. He also was the Godfather of his friends, family and grandchildren who loved him dearly. Later I was fortunate to have become his Sambhandhi with Karanpal marrying his daughter Himangini. We all miss his humour and his ever-friendly nature and the magnanimity of his heart and life.

A true self-made man

Niranjan Patnaik
(Close Friend and Business Associate)

No successful person is truly speaking 'self-made'. Benevolence of many along life's journey define our accomplishments and create in us a sense of humility and gratitude. Within those limitations, if the description 'self-made' fits the most for anyone, the name of the late Kamal Jeet Singh Ahluwalia comes to mind. Driven by a calling of duty and dedication to work, KJS climbed the peak of success in the mining business and crafted the most amazing life story that will always be recounted with fondness and awe.

Memory takes me back to 1963 when KJS entered the mining business as an agent of Thapar Company. In those days, I was beginning my own business in the Barbil-Joda area. We developed a bonding instantaneously that lingered on till his final days. In him I had a close friend, who I could turn to in any weather. His meteoric rise from a mining agent to a mining baron was neither easy nor a given. He struggled and worked for each bit of his success meticulously. Our society has a curious understanding of business success and wealth creation. KJS established his own business and nursed it to national prominence with grit and determination. I saw in him a certain spark of brilliance, which is often under-valued when a person becomes a successful business-owner. His managerial skills and work ethics were unparalleled.

In lighter moments, KJS could hum the most melodious of Hindi cinema numbers, his memory of popular music and songs was remarkable. We have spent hours over decades and those memories keep beating inside me. Those recollections will never be erased. One hopes that his work ethics and dedication will inspire the young generation to become successful entrepreneurs, who will go on to create enterprise, employment and wealth.

Diye Jalte Hain,
Phool Khilte Hain,
Badi Mushkil Se Magar,
Duniya Me Dost Milte Hain.
Diye Jalte Hain.....

A true friend

BK Sharma
(Close friend)

KJS for me, is the best personification of the famous saying, 'from small beginnings come great things'. His life is an inspirational success story of a self-made, first-generation entrepreneur who set up an awe-inspiring business empire in a short span of time. His astute business sense and a gritty resolve brought him stupendous success in every endeavour he pursued. He had a great sense of humour, and he lived a very graceful life.

A true friend is a gift you give to yourself. I consider myself very privileged to have a friend like him. Our everlasting friendship began more than five decades ago, as colleagues making humble beginnings. Since then, we have been a part of each other's lives, through thick and thin.

I pray to the Almighty to rest his soul in eternal peace.

Cherishing our wonderful memories.

A guiding force

N. L. Rungta
(Friend and Associate)

My acquaintance with Late Ahluwalia Saheb goes back to almost 48 years, when he started working independently in Mining. Although we did not meet frequently, our relations were always very cordial. He became a guiding force for all the people in the mining area of Barbil/Barajamda and people aspired to become like him; a beacon of success. He will be always remembered for his hard work, foresight and art of convincing people. His humour used to be so great, that he made everybody laugh even in tense situations. In true sense, he was an entrepreneur who attained great heights.

True legend

Dinanath Prasad
(Close friend)

He was like my father, guardian, brother and friend. He was a constant who always helped me in my life until the very end, a great person who always had his friends' back. All I can think of is how grateful I was to have met him during his last days, and to have had a long good chat with one of my closest friends and the relief I felt on seeing him.

This meeting will stay with me for my lifetime. A true legend, he'll be remembered fondly for years to come, not by just his acquaintances and friends and family but by people across generations, because such was the magnanimity of his heart and life.

Advisor and guide

Mr. Prabodh Mohanty
(Family friend)

My association with KJS uncle dates back to when I was a child. He was my father's close friend and we were family friends. Every year during Diwali we used to visit his house at Barbil and enjoy the party he normally throws on that day. I fondly remember how he had gifted me a designer shirt. After my father's death he stood by us and advised us to run our business. He was a fatherly figure to us.

An Unparalleled Mind

Mr. R. K. Sharma
(Business associate)

My association with the late Shri K.J.S. Ahluwalia goes back to 45 years. His grasp of mining and its intricacies was unparalleled. It was a pleasure to discuss with him on any area of mining operations and since those were my initial days after joining FIMI, I was immensely benefited by these discussions. His broad smile and pleasant demeanour frequently come before me since the time of his passing away.

Magnanimous Personality

Maharaj Jai Singh of Jaipur
(Acquaintance)

Shri KJS Ahluwalia was someone who was well known to me. His strong bond with Rajasthan and in particular Jaipur was one of the main factors that was instrumental for strengthening our association. His immeasurable wisdom will always be cherished. A magnanimous personality with a gentle soul, he achieved the pinnacle of success in all of his varied business ventures, especially in the mining industry. He is fondly missed and will always be remembered.



In Loving Memory of

SHRI KAMALJEET SINGH AHLUWALIA 1941-2021

Born to a modest family in Rajasthan, Shri Kamaljeet Singh Ahluwalia was the second among seven children. His father, a doctor by profession, wanted him to either pursue medicine or engineering. But life had different plans for him. After his parents' passing at a very young age, KJS took upon the role of the patriarch of the family, a father figure to his five younger siblings.

After his graduation, Shri KJS Ahluwalia joined the coal mines in Ramgarh in 1963 as an assistant manager and later moved to Orissa in 1967. Mentored by the then doyen of the Indian Mining industry, Mr. Karam Chand Thapar himself, he learned the ropes of the trade, eventually becoming one of the foremost and formidable miners of India.

Shri KJS was known for his fondness for finer things in life, be it his cars, culture, or the gardens at his homes. He was an avid reader, enjoyed reading and writing poetry. He took particular pleasure in music which was evident in the 'Mehfils' that he would regularly host at his home.

Popular among his friends, family and those who worked for and with him, KJS was a very loving and an extremely generous person. A philanthropist whose contributions can be seen across India and a true family man, he was the glue that bound the family together. His passing has left a void that no one can fill.

A great man

Himangini Singh
(Daughter)

"Some achieve greatness, some aspire to be great, some are born great. I think my father was born great. He was great for his family, for his employees and for society at large. His contribution has left a void that can never be filled. He continues to be the guiding force in my everyday life. I know he's watching over me and giving me the strength to cope with everything. He will always be an idol for our family. I will keep on celebrating his life everyday with the same passion that he did."

"Barbil main babu Bahut hain magar ek sahab hain"

Karanpal Singh
(Son-in-law)

Someone once told me "Barbil main babu Bahut hain magar ek bade sahab hain".

I grew up idealising papa and his ways. He was hard on the outside but equally soft inside. A man who taught us compassion and empathy, to trust in people and to have the utmost self integrity. He left behind a culture of positivity and optimism. I feel privileged to have spent a better part of the last two decades with Papa. He continues to inspire and guide us!

Fondly remembered by the family: Manjula Ahluwalia (wife), Himangini and Karanpal Singh (Daughter and Son-in-law), Naman and Mehaan (Grandsons), Promilla Ahluwalia (Sister-in-law), Santosh Ahluwalia (Sister-in-law), Indu and Pavan Ahluwalia (Sister-in-law and Brother), Gopa and Prashant Ahluwalia (Sister-in-law and Brother), Rekha Walia (Sister), Sudha and DK Mehta (Sister and Brother-in-law)

In honour of Shri KJS Ahluwalia's life, the KJS Group will be hosting a prayer meet from 4pm onwards at KJS Steel and Power Plant Colony in Rugudi.

A connoisseur

Maharaja Of Kapurthala
(Friend)

The Ahluwalia Fraternity regrettably, lost the sagacious and respected presence of one of its most eminent members, the late S Kamaljeet Singh Ahluwalia Ji, who shed his mortal robes to don the Celestial garments of his Maker on 15 October 2021.

To his devoted Family, numerous admirers and colleagues and other grateful recipients of Kamaljeet Ji's legendary munificence, and to his Ahluwalia Fraternity, this loss of a steady, caring and knowledgeable hand on the tiller was a great and irreparable loss.

To his deeply saddened Family, as always, are directed our grieving thoughts and prayers. His devoted wife, Smt Manjula Ahluwalia (daughter of the late S Kuldip Singh of Kuldip Nagar, Ambala), was Kamaljeet Ji's special support throughout. His daughter Himagani and her husband Karan Pal Singh, too were pillars of strength to Kamaljeet Ji during his illness with Parkinson's. We all salute you. Kamaljeet Ji was no ordinary mortal. Born in April 1941, into the Family of the late Dr Devinder S Ahluwalia courageously faced the loss of both his Parents at a very tender age. Undeterred by this tragedy, Kamaljeet Ji's uncommon ability and sense of filial duty, now asserted itself. Gathering up the Family reins, he himself, being a highly successful student at the Maharaja College in Jaipur, ensured that both his younger siblings successfully negotiated their college education and later, absorbed them into his own enterprises. Kamaljeet Ji's academic successes, excellence while in college on the cricket field and acute business acumen, brought him to the notice of one of the then premier industrial Houses of India, that of Karamchand Thapar. So much so that the mantle of carrying on the coal and iron ore mining business, was passed on by the House of Thapar to Kamaljeet Ji, under the personal mentoring of the Thapar doyen himself. Kamaljeet Ji's unerring business instincts now ensured that his fledgling mining business expanded by leaps and bounds with the purchase of additional mining interests.

Kamaljeet Ji soon earned his spurs as the ideal entrepreneur, a principled employer, punctilious in all fiscal dealings and obligations and in an aside from business per se, also made his name as a connoisseur of elegance, be they aircraft, automobiles, watches or bespoke apparel. Kamaljeet Ji's many exemplary traits shall always remain benchmarks for others as emulative goals in life. One of his most striking traits was his penetrative and instinctive recognition of both raw and acquired talent in people. A devout follower of the Great Guru's, a devoted and dedicated family patriarch and above all, a humble servitor to the great cause of humanitarianism, Kamaljeet Ji was unique unto himself. In tribute, may we say "Great in Thought, Great in Deed and Great in Spirit" We thank you, we remember and we deeply care.

Karmayogi

Air Marshal Vinod Bhatia
(Close friend)

A karmayogi to the core, Kamalji rose from humble beginnings to being one of the most renowned industrialists through sheer hard work and keen business acumen. A towering personality in all respects, Kamalji was also well-known for his kind and tender nature. Deeply considerate of others, he went out of his way to help everyone whom he found in any sort of difficulty.

Generous to a fault, he will also be remembered for his cryptic but subtle sense of humour, that endeared him to one and all. To us he was more than a brother and we always felt enthralled in all the moments we shared with him. His life was a blessing, his memory a treasure; he will always be loved beyond words and indeed missed beyond measure.

On the occasion of Kamalji's first death anniversary however, while we mourn his physical absence, let's also applaud and celebrate his remarkable journey through an incredible life. Rest in Peace Kamalji.

An exceptional human

Dr AK Das
(Close Friend)

As I know him, he was one of the most cultured and qualified mine owners that I have come across. During my almost half a century in this mining belt, he was an exceptional human being and a great brother, affectionate to all the family members.

Mr Ahluwalia has been a disciplined patient of mine and would always like to be treated by me alone irrespective of the fact that he had Delhi, Mumbai and other metropolitan cities to go to. He has been a family friend to me and helped the Sri Lord Jagannath Temple in Joda. He's also been extremely generous to many educational institutions, supported meritorious students for their higher studies and the weddings of children of needy families.

Though he was the highest individual tax payer in the country, he was humble. He was a very unique personality who will be remembered by everyone who'd come in contact with him.

Compassionate

Raghuvare Parekh
(Childhood friend)

He was my childhood friend, we did our schooling and graduation together. We were room-mates in hostel and used to spend our leisure time together. Even back then I realized that he had a different perspective of looking at things than most people and shall go on to achieve great things in life. I am happy to have witnessed his growth and I am happier that his compassion towards everyone also grew with time.

An extremely warm and courteous man, he was a gem of a person. For the world, he was a business czar but for me he was and will always be the best human being I can think of.

Strength and confidence

Tarini Prasad Mohanty
(Business Associate)

His personality exuded strength and confidence and we shall always hold him in our dearest memories. May his principles forever be our guiding light and praying that his soul may rest in peace.

A Guiding light

Mr. D. R. Patnaik
(Friend)

KJS bhayia was like an elder brother to me.

A guiding light in the mining industry of Odisha, his biggest asset was his big heart, evident in the organisation he built and people he nurtured.

Over the years, I have learnt the importance of having a vision and creating a legacy for the coming generations.

When I met him in Delhi last, despite his ill health, his mind was continually engaged in creating sustainable livelihoods and provided me valuable advice.

Not just in business, but in multiple aspects of life, he has been an inspiration and support and I very fondly remember him as one of key people in my life's journey.

I am proud of the way his family is carrying his values and legacy and want them to keep on shining KJS bhai's light in the lives of many in the days to come.

One man Institution

Sidhartha Pradhan
(Friend & Associate)

Mr KJS Ahluwalia was a doyen in the Mining Sector in Eastern India. He was a one man Institution. He built up an empire virtually single handedly. He succeeded against all odds in the Iron ore mining sector. He will be remembered for paying the highest Income tax as an Individual in India for years. Generation of Miners will remember him for his contribution to the mining sector. God bless his soul.

NGT for FIR against Basta tehsildar

ILLEGAL SAND MINING



THE ENVIRONMENT WATCHDOG ORDERED RAJESH KHATUA OF JALESWAR, THE LEASE HOLDER, TO PAY RS 1 CRORE AS ENVIRONMENTAL COMPENSATION TO THE ODISHA STATE POLLUTION CONTROL BOARD

THE NGT HAS DIRECTED THE BALASORE COLLECTOR AND THE STATE ENVIRONMENT IMPACT ASSESSMENT AUTHORITY TO FILE COMPLIANCE REPORT BY JANUARY 31, 2023

The SEIAA has been directed to complete computation within two months, said the official.

The tribunal, meanwhile, ordered the lease holder, Rajesh Khatua of Jaleswar, to pay Rs 1 crore as environmental compensation to the Odisha State Pollution Control Board till the SEIAA completes the computation process.

The tribunal also mentioned about the letter of the assistant executive engineer of Jaleswar ir-

rigation sub-division to Basta tehsildar alleging the blocking of water flow of Subarnarekha at Chalanti (near railway bridge) and also damaging the left side of the embankment of river Subarnarekha by the sand lease holder.

The environment watchdog has directed the Balasore Collector and the SEIAA to file the compliance report by January 31, 2023.

The tribunal's directive came while hearing a plea filed by Saral

Kumar Parida of Basta. Advocate Sankar Prasad Pani carried out the trial on behalf of the complainant.

Parida alleged that Khatua was using five excavators whereas only manual mining is permitted. "He was also carrying out in-stream mining whereas permission is only for dry pit sand mining. Besides, there is no pillar posting and demarcation of the lease area," Parida's petition said.



SCB REDEVELOPMENT: Senior officials, including Cuttack Collector Bhabani Shankar Chayani, during a meeting on expansion of SCBMCH in the Silver City, Friday

'Govt schemes to make state self-reliant in egg production'

POST NEWS NETWORK

Bhubaneswar, Oct 14: State-level 'World Egg Day' was observed by Fisheries and Animal Resources Development department at Sookhana Bhawan here Friday.

The day, celebrated on the second Friday of October every year, has the objectives of increasing egg production worldwide and making people aware of the nutritional value and benefits of eggs. For this year's celebration the theme was 'Eggs for Better Life,' as laid by International Egg Commission.

On this occasion, children of various schools of the City were made aware of the beneficial properties of eggs. The programme was conducted in Unit-1, Unit-2 and Unit-9 Girls' High Schools along with CRP and Patrapada high schools. In addition, eggs were distributed among the boarders of

various orphanages here.

Suresh Kumar Bashishth, commissioner-cum-secretary, department of Fisheries and Animal Resources Development attended the state level function as the chief guest and said that egg is a complete food. The state government has implemented several programs to increase egg production along with the development of poultry farming in the state. Incentives are being provided to the entrepreneurs to set up layer poultry farms through Mukhyamantri Krushi Udyog Yojana. Subsidy is being provided to farmers for setting up layer farms with one thousand birds capacity.

Director, Animal Husbandry and Veterinary Services, Yeddulla Vijay urged people to eat eggs every day and take benefit of government schemes in making our state self-reliant in egg production.

Rebel Rajendra...

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Rajendra along with his hundreds of supporters walked to the block office at 10:30am Friday and filed nomination as an independent candidate.

On the sidelines of the nomination filing, Rajendra spewed venom against some party leaders without taking names. "The support and love of the people of Dhamnagar is with me. Hence, they had blessed me with their vote in 2009. I am always with the people. But due to a group of party's conspirators, I was deprived of party ticket this time. Elderly people, students and youths are with me. I am confident that they would get me elected in the bypoll," he asserted.

On the other hand, Abanti led a huge rally of party leaders and supporters from Nehru Stadium and filed her nomination at the block office. She was escorted by Bhadrak MP Manjulata Mandal, Chandbali MLA Byomkesh Ray, Bhadrak MLA Sanjib Kumar Mallik, Basudevpur MLA Bishnubrata Routray, Sukinda MLA Pritranjan Gharai, Barchana MLA Amar Prasad Satpathy, Simulia MLA Jyotiprakash Panigrahi, former MLA Mukikanta Mandal, party's district observer Balabantray.

After filing nomination, Abanti thanked Chief Minister Naveen Patnaik for her nomination. "The Chief Minister has always given importance to women. He has reposed faith on me. People of Dhamnagar will retain that faith as reposed by the Chief Minister on her by voting in her favour," she said.

Balabantray said the filing of nomination by Rajendra Kumar Das would have no impact on election as people are with the BJD and party supremo Naveen Patnaik. "BJD never faced defeat in any election, particularly in Assembly bypolls. We will win with a greater margin than in the recently concluded panchayat elections," claimed BJD leader Prafulla Samal.

Das, who had won the Dhamanagar Assembly seat on BJD ticket in 2009, was denied party ticket in 2014 polls. In 2019, he fought for the seat from BJD, but lost to Bishnu Sethi of BJP by a margin of 4,625 votes.

Meanwhile, two other candidates such as Suryanarayan Sethi and Pabitra Mohan Das have also filed nominations as independents, Friday.

Kharge seeks votes from Cong leaders

POST NEWS NETWORK

Bhubaneswar, Oct 14: Veteran Congress leader Mallikarjun Kharge, who is contesting for the post of AICC president, Friday met Congress leaders here and sought their support for his candidature.

Speaking to reporters here, Kharge said he has resigned from the post of the Leader of Opposition and filed nominations for the AICC president election after receiving calls from many of his party leaders.

The Congress leader said he has no other manifesto to contest the election within the party. He will implement the outcomes of the Chintan Shivir held at Udaipur in Rajasthan four months ago.



"About 1,000 Congress leaders across the country had participated in the deliberation and the outcomes, also called 'Udaipur Declaration' is my priority," he said.

"There were six committees formed by experts; political affairs, organizational affairs, so-

cial justice, agriculture, economy and foreign affairs in the party. The gist and outcome of all these committees was brainstormed at the Udaipur declaration. And my job will be to implement all those on the ground," he added.

Kharge said he is committed to implementing the party's decision to give priority to leaders of less than 50 years old in decision making.

Kharge and Thiruvananthapuram Lok Sabha MP Shashi Tharoor are in the fray for Congress presidential poll as the party high command has decided that, this time, no one from Gandhi family will contest for the post.

About 400 leaders from Odisha Congress will vote in the AICC president election.

NAVEEN INAUGURATES ONLINE OPS IN PACS

POST NEWS NETWORK

Bhubaneswar, Oct 14: As part of the 5T initiative, Chief Minister Naveen Patnaik Friday launched online operations in Primary Agriculture Cooperative Societies (PACS). With this, 2,063 PACS came under the core banking solution platform.

Core banking solutions and computerised operations of PACS have been included as important 5T interventions of the state. This is the first of its kind initiative in the entire country, Naveen said.

Termining this an historic moment for the co-operatives of the state, he said it would bring about efficient and transparent service delivery in the field of banking, credit and other operations.

He further said that co-operative banks and PACS provide around 60 per cent of the total crop loans disbursed in the state. He appreciated the fact that almost the entire paddy procurement operations and procurement of other agricultural produce are done by the PACS.

Speaking on the initiatives of

his government in strengthening cooperatives in the state, Patnaik said that the government has been providing share capital assistance to the co-operative banks and PACS in order to build up a strong capital base for them. The government is also providing interest subvention support to the farmers, he added.

On the occasion, 384 banking assistants were inducted in 15 District Central Co-operative Banks (DCCBs). Congratulating the new banking assistants, he advised them to follow the 5T initiative as it carries special significance for the cooperative sector.

Speaking on Odisha State Warehousing Corporation (OSWC), he said, it provides logistic support for storage of foodgrains for distribution under PDS and other welfare schemes of the government.

The CM congratulated the newly-inducted 28 personnel of the corporation and hope they will work with sincerity and efficiency to strengthen the system.

During the programme, the OSWC paid a dividend of Rs 3.07 crore to the government.

Coca-Cola foundation launches 'Unnati Aamrit' prog in state

POST NEWS NETWORK

Bhubaneswar, Oct 14: The Coca-Cola Foundation (TCCF) announced Friday the launch of 'Unnati Aamrit' in Odisha. It is a sustainable agriculture project under its flagship programme 'Project Unnati', which is part of the fruit circular economy initiative. Project 'Unnati Aamrit', which is funded by 'The Coca-Cola Foundation' has been initiated in partnership with SWADESI, a rural development organisation. It should be stated here that Project 'Unnati Aamrit' is in line with the Government of India's priorities towards doubling the income of farmers.

The project was inaugurated here in the presence of Governor Ganeshi Lal. Other dignitaries present on the occasion were Sukanta Panigrahi, project director, SWADESI; Rajesh Ayapilla, director, CSR and Sustainability for Coca-Cola India and Southwest Asia and various other company officials.

With the launch of Unnati Aamrit, the Coca-Cola Foundation and SWADESI aim to increase



mango productivity in Odisha, through the adoption of good agricultural practices (GAPs). It aims to build the farmer's capabilities and skills, with global best practices such as ultra-high-density plantation (UHDP) to achieve a substantial increase in quality, productivity, and profitability per unit of land.

Ganeshi Lal, Governor of Odisha, said, "The state of Odisha is deeply supportive of the Central government's call for an 'Atmanirbhar Bharat' The Coca-Cola Foundation and SWADESI's 'Unnati Aamrit' sustainable agriculture initiative will further give an impetus to self-resilience in Eastern India. The Coca-Cola

Foundation's Project Unnati has transformed the lives of farmers across 11 states in India over the past decade, and it fills me with pride that the 12th state for their interventions is Odisha. Unnati Aamrit is the first-ever ultra-high density mango demonstration project in the state, and applauds the efforts of the two organizations towards uplifting the agri community in Odisha."

The project's objective is to enhance incomes of marginal farmers through increased mango productivity, and rejuvenation of existing orchards in economically backward aspirational districts as earmarked by Government of India.

RSP gets ₹14.91 crore sewage treatment plant

AGENCIES

Rourkela, Oct 14: A modern sewage treatment plant with a capacity of treating 4 million litre of wastewater per day was inaugurated at the Rourkela Steel Plant here.

Built at a cost of Rs 14.91 crore, the sewage treatment plant was a major step forward in the field of environment management.

The sewage treatment plant was inaugurated by SAIL chairperson Soma Mondal, the release said.

The plant has been set up to treat the sewage generated from the toilets in different units of the RSP.

Building on the latest technology of moving bed bio reactor (MBBR), the STP will treat the sewage with modern and advanced equipment.

UU-University of Sugriwa pact for academic collaboration

POST NEWS NETWORK

Bhubaneswar, Oct 14: The University of Sugriwa, Bali, Indonesia and Utkal University at Vani Vihar here have signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) for academic collaboration, an official said Friday.

The MoU signing ceremony was held on the campus of the University of Sugriwa at Bali, the official pointed out. Signing of MoU was done in the presence of the Rector Dr. I. Gusti Ngurah Sudiana M. SI of University of Sugriwa and the Registrar, Utkal University, Dr. Abhaya Kumar Nayak and Prof. Subhas Chandra Dash, H.O.D. Sanskrit, Coordinator, Centre for Studies in

Language, Literature and Culture, RUSA, Utkal University, it was learnt.

The objective of the MoU is to foster academic excellence through joint research project, joint conference, workshops, symposia, seminars and training programs, exchange of researchers including faculty graduate students (M. Phil./Ph. D) and postdoctoral scholars, exchange of academic publications and other forms of cooperation time to time.

"The programme will be executed for a period of five years. This is an historic attempt achieved by the Utkal University to establish the academic research collaboration between two universities," the official said.

Black hole found firing jet at another galaxy

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The unique nature of RAD12 had been observed in 2013 using optical data from the Sloan Digitised Sky Survey (SDSS) and radio data from the Very Large Array (FIRST survey). However, follow-up observation with the Giant Meterwave Radio Telescope (GMRT) in India was required to confirm its truly exotic nature: The black hole in RAD12 appears to be ejecting the jet only towards a neighbouring galaxy, named RAD12-B. In all cases, jets are ejected in pairs, moving in opposite directions at relativistic speeds. Why only one jet is seen coming from RAD12 remains a puzzle to astronomers.

A conical stem of young plasma is seen being ejected from the centre and reaches far beyond the visible stars of RAD12. The GMRT observations revealed that the fainter and older plasma extends far beyond the central conical stem and flares out like the cap of a mushroom (seen in red in the tricolour image). The whole structure is 440 thousand light years long, which is much larger than the host galaxy itself.

RAD12 is unlike anything known so far; this is the first time a jet has been observed to collide with a large galaxy like RAD12-B. Astronomers are now one step closer to understanding the impact of such interactions on elliptical galaxies, which may

leave them with little cold gas for future star formation.

Research lead Dr Ananda Hota says, "We are excited to have spotted a rare system that helps us understand radio jet feedback of supermassive black holes on star formation of galaxies during mergers. Observations with the GMRT and data from various other telescopes such as the MeerKAT radio telescope strongly suggest that the radio jet in RAD12 is colliding with the companion galaxy. An equally important aspect of this research is the demonstration of public participation in making discoveries through the RAD@home Citizen Science research laboratory."

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TEACHER CRUNCH: Students and guardians staged protests over shortage of teachers at Dhanpur Primary School under Shyamakhunta block of Mayurbhanj district, Friday

Ceiling slabs fall off MKCG hosp building

POST NEWS NETWORK

Berhampur, Oct 14: Ceiling slabs collapsed yet again, for the fourth time, at the super-specialty block of MKCG Medical College and Hospital in Berhampur Friday. Such repeated mishaps have left patients and their attendants panic-stricken. The last time a part of the ceiling caved in was on September 9.

Fortunately, no one was injured in incident, which took place on the third floor of the block.

September 8, multiple ceiling slabs had collapsed on the fifth floor of the block. Such mishaps have raised questions over the quality of construction work.

Notably, a fire had recently broken out on the fifth floor of the five-storeyed super-specialty block that houses the OTs of Urology and Plastic Surgery departments.

Youth held over online comments on Prophet

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

Paradip, Oct 14: Odisha Police has arrested a person from Jagatsinghpur district for allegedly posting objectionable comments on Prophet Muhammad in the social media, police said Friday.

Jai Prakash Mohanty (30) of Korania village under Naugaon police station, about 64 km from capital Bhubaneswar, allegedly posted comments assassinating the character of the Islamic prophet along with religious slurs on Facebook, the police said.

Members of the minority community of Jagatsinghpur district had lodged a written complaint

with the superintendent of police against the person and staged a demonstration at the district headquarters.

"Evidence was found of controversial posts by Mohanty in Facebook slandering not only Prophet Muhammad but Gods of other religions too," the police said.

He was arrested Wednesday and remanded to judicial custody for 14 days. He was booked under IPC sections 153(A) (offence in any place of worship, assembly or religious ceremonies), 295(A) (insult or attempts to insult religion or the religious beliefs), 503 (criminal intimidation) and the IT Act, 2000, the police said.

Court awards 10-yr jail to man for raping teen

Phulbani: A court in Kandhamal district sentenced a 20-year-old man to 10 years of imprisonment Friday for raping a teenager five years ago. Phulbani Pcoo court judge Bhaskar Chandra Sahu also imposed a fine of ₹1.75 lakh on the man, special public prosecutor Banamali Behera said. The convict had in October 2017 abducted the schoolgirl, who was around 13 years of age, while she was cycling in the village field. He took her to a nearby jungle and raped and assaulted her.

Rescued, injured Indian Rock Python goes under knife

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

Berhampur, Oct 14: An injured Indian Rock Python underwent surgery at a veterinary hospital here. The 9-foot-long reptile was rescued by forest personnel and snake rescuers from a bus stand Tuesday.

The area falls under the Berhampur forest range in Ganjam district. The snake had sustained injuries on its head and mouth.

Most of the times, an Indian Rock Python can be easily identified by its large size, dark irregular patches, pinkish head and slow locomotion.

"With the help of the Forest officials, we rushed it to the veterinary hospital for treatment and the veterinary doctors suggested surgery," said Swadhin Sahoo, who



led the rescue operation.

Veterinary surgeon Kiran Bisoi said the critical surgery, which took over an hour, was performed on its head as well as in the mouth at the veterinary hospital in Berhampur Wednesday.

The snake will be kept under observation for at least 15 days. Forest officials could not ascertain how it got injured. Sahoo suspected that the local people might have attacked the reptile during which it was injured

Fresh ray of hope for Satkosia tiger project

POST NEWS NETWORK

Angul, Oct 14: Now, the Satkosia tiger project in Angul district is in doldrums. But the Forest department, which has been blamed for the alleged failure of the tiger project, is busy bolstering the security and infrastructural aspects of the project area.

This has signalled a fresh hope in giving a new lease of life to the tiger project, which has been put on hold for the last four years after the National Tiger Conservation Authority (NTCA) stalled the project November 15, 2018.

This has happened after death of tiger Mahaveer while tigress Sundari which was brought from Bandhavgarh National Park has been sent back to its habitat. Locals and wildlife activists are unsure if the tiger conservation project will ever be effective and successful.

However, learning from the past mistakes, the Forest department has laid stress on strengthening the infrastructure and security of the project area in view of initiatives



FILE PHOTO

to rework on the project again in future. Meanwhile, an NTCA team was proposed to bring tigers from other states. On June 21, 2018, a male tiger called Mahaveer was brought from Kanha National Park of Madhya Pradesh and a tigress called Sundari was brought from Bandhavgarh June 28. Mahaveer was released into the sanctuary July 6 while the tigress was released August 17.

However, owing to mismanagement of the Forest department, the tigress killed two people leading to a huge agitation from the fear-

stricken locals. The tigress was brought back to its enclosure November 6, 2018. On November 14, the tiger project got a severe jolt as the tiger Mahaveer was found dead. Hence, the NTCA had to postpone the project.

On March 23, 2021, the tigress too was sent back to Bandhavgarh National Park. The project has been put on hold for some period while infrastructure development has been given top priority now.

As part of the exercise, anti-poaching squad and watchers have been appointed. A new system like web patrolling has been launched. Under this system, the staff engaged will have to patrol in a circular way and monitor wildlife movement, detect issues in the sanctuary, growth of flora, and keep tabs on people's movement in forests. Security has been tightened against poachers.

As for the future of the project, regional chief conservator of forests (RCCF) and field director of Satkosia tiger project M Jogayyanad said that infrastructure for the

project is being strengthened now. "It will take three to four years to bring tigers. Well before that, the villages in the core area will be relocated. Hence, tigers will have wider scope for roaming and hunting. Besides, other wildlife will be secured. Web patrolling is under way and it is being recorded. Special initiatives have been taken to increase the population of herbivores in the sanctuary," he said.

Satkosia DFO Saroj Panda said that Kataranga village has been relocated from the core area while a plan is afoot to shift other villages like Tulika, Gopalpur, Purunakote and Tikarpada.

"Earlier, villagers and Forest officials in Satkosia were not in good terms, leading to some issues. Now, people are in regular contact with the officials. The NTCA team had stayed in Satkosia from September 24 to 28 and conducted field survey. The team expressed its happiness over the ongoing infrastructure improvement work," the DFO asserted.

Work for Malkangiri airstrip starts



POST NEWS SERVICE

Malkangiri, Oct 14: Malkangiri will soon have its own airstrip which will become operational in next two years. The long-awaited construction work on the airstrip in the tribal-dominated district has finally taken off bringing smiles to people's faces.

A firm is carrying out the pre-construction activities at the proposed site of the airstrip which is five kilo-

metres away from the district headquarters. Notably, the groundbreaking ceremony for the ambitious project was held October 12.

The airstrip will come up on a piece of land measuring 95 hectares, at a projected cost of ₹33 crore. While the process for the project started way back in 2006, it progressed in fits and starts before taking off successfully. December 2023 has been set as the deadline for the completion of the project.

Meanwhile, forest, government and private lands have been acquired and 2,200 trees have been identified to be axed. The forest clearing work is currently underway.

Sources said, the construction company is having problems in carrying out work as some people are still engaged in agricultural work on the proposed land. It has been discussed in the locality that the project will miss the deadline if the administration doesn't intervene.

"We are extremely happy to see that the government is planning to construct an airport in the underdeveloped tribal belt," said a local resident.

Malkangiri additional collector Maheshwar Naik said all people to be shifted for the airstrip project have been granted compensation and rehabilitation. "We hope that the project works will proceed smoothly," he added.

The residents in the area have been relocated to another area by constructing houses for them and providing them with compensation.

The matter came to the fore during the ground breaking (Bhoomi Puja) ceremony held in the presence of ADM Maheshwar Chandra Nayak.

Stir over delay in Khurda-Bolangir rly project

Bolangir: As the Khurda-Bolangir railway route project has remained a non-starter, members of Khurda-Bolangir Sangharsh Samiti along with various outfits staged a dharna in front of the Collectorate, Friday. Activists of various social organisations joined the protest led by the outfit's convener Gopalji Panigrahi. The members of the outfit alleged that for a long time, no step was taken to start the work of the railway project because of the apathy of the state and Central governments. The agitators lashed out at Union Railway Minister Ashwini Vaishnaw and warned of intensifying the agitation if immediate step is not taken to start the project work.

Illegal gutkha factories raided

Berhampur: Police have busted at least three illegal gutkha factories running at Auto Nagar in Golanthara area under Berhampur police district. While a gutkha factory was raided Thursday night, two more factories were raided Friday. Police have seized gutkha sold under the brand Krishna and Radha. Similarly, tobacco products of a brand called Gopalji have been seized. It is being manufactured in four rooms adjacent to the National Highway.

Man, woman found dead near pond

POST NEWS NETWORK

Lahunipara, Oct 14: A woman and a man were found dead on the embankment of a pond at Nuagaon under Lahunipara police limits of Sundargarh district Friday. Police seized the bodies and registered a case.

The deceased were identified as Jyendra Kisan (48) and Gayatri Kisan (42) of Nuagaon. Jyendra was married and has three children while Gayatri was unmarried. Police came to know that the

two had an illicit affair. Earlier, one Saragu Kisan of the same village had opposed their illicit relationship. Infuriated, Jyendra and his son had attacked Saragu, who had later filed a police complaint. Police had registered a case and started an investigation into the reason of the attack.

Police seized two bottles of poison near the bodies. It is suspected that the duo might have committed suicide. However, police are not clear why the duo took the extreme step.

BDO fines 12 for spitting in office

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

Jajpur, Oct 14: A block development officer fined 12 people for allegedly spitting pan and gutkha residues, and littering the block office premises in Jajpur district Friday, an official said.

The BDO of Korei, around 80 km north of Cuttack, has collected ₹600 in total from the violators who were caught during an inspection drive carried out by the block administration.

During a surprise inspection, BDO Ranjan Kumar Parida found stains of pan and gutkha on the staircase and other places of the block office.

As repeated appeals by the BDO and warnings of penalty to keep the block office clean yielded no result, he scrutinised the CCTV footage and found 12 people who were flouting the guidelines.

Parida collected ₹50 from each person as a fine for spitting pan and gutkha, and littering in the government office.

Officials said that on the occasion of Gandhi Jayanti October 2, the block administration had taken up various measures to ensure a clean, hygienic and healthy work environment.

In a bid to create public awareness on sanitation and cleanliness in public places and government offices, the block administration had put up hoardings, and made announcements through the public addressing systems. The BDO had formed a team to keep an eye on public behaviour at different public places and the block office.

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THE MOTHER



Polls & Transfers

A poll fever grips Gujarat, the administration is in a churn. Babus are being transferred frequently with the forthcoming Assembly elections in mind. Last week, Chief Minister Bhupendrabhai Patel ordered the transfers of the municipal commissioners of Surat and Vadodara. This raised questioning eyebrows in babu circles as to why only the two commissioners were moved out.

Surat Municipal Commissioner Banchhanidhi Pani has been transferred as municipal commissioner of Vadodara. He has been succeeded by VMC commissioner Shalini Agarwal. Pani is reportedly unhappy with his transfer and, according to sources, the officer has requested the state Election Commission to allow him to continue in Surat to oversee the several projects initiated by him that need his supervision.

Interestingly, Pani is reported to be close to former Chief Minister Vijay Rupani, and had put in a request for Central deputation, but the state government is unwilling to release him. Similarly, Agarwal had sought a posting in Gandhinagar and in the GST Department. That too has been denied. Instead, ahead of the Assembly elections, she will have to cool her heels in Surat, where the Aam Aadmi Party has made significant inroads in the BJP vote bank.

IAS officer gets a new assignment, keeps old

AGMUT cadre officer of the 1992 batch, Ashwini Kumar, has been appointed as Delhi's Principal Secretary (Home). Kumar is posted as a Special Officer of the Municipal Corporation of Delhi (MCD) and, curiously, his appointment notice mentions that he will continue to discharge this responsibility as well.

The announcement has left many wondering whether Kumar's position at MCD will now be merely symbolic or supervisory since his new posting will demand all the babu's attention. Sources have informed DKB that Kumar's term as the Special Officer of the MCD was a temporary arrangement during the post-merger of the three municipal corporations of Delhi. They believe that by naming him as the Principal Home Secretary, the Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA) is signalling that his active role in the MCD is over, and the Home Department is now his primary responsibility. Some others see that Kumar's new role is not so important given that Delhi Police is under the direct control of the ministry. Still, it is an important responsibility given that maintaining law and order in the NCR is no picnic. Moreover, the current strained relations between the MHA and the AAP government in Delhi could add to the babu's challenges.

Still, it is being said that Kumar's batch of IAS officers is due for empanelment as secretary by the end of this year. So, it is quite likely that Kumar could be poised for another role change soon, perhaps even as a secretary at the Centre.

Delayed promotions slowing down reforms in Railways

For a ministry said to be in a hurry to overhaul its functioning, the inordinate delay in making key appointments in the Railway Ministry often leaves babus and observers baffled. Now, after "rigorous efforts" for over a year, the ministry has finally announced the appointment of 20 officers as divisional railway managers (DRMs).

Earlier, it was given out that the delay was caused by the cumbersome integration of cadres and other "reforms" that Railway Minister Ashwini Vaishnav was overseeing. This apparently also included the removal of the age barrier of a minimum of 52 years for becoming eligible for the post of DRM. However, insiders have informed DKB that if the government ended up maintaining the 52-year criterion, there is little justification for delaying these appointments for more than a year. Some rail babus even speculate whether the ministry will adopt the same method for the appointment of divisional managers and Board members.

Despite the much-lauded merging of all eight organised Group A services of railways into one Indian Railways Management Service (IRMS), ostensibly to eliminate cadre conflicts and departmentalism, and introduce uniformity, it has clearly not given the desired results. There are still some 11 posts of GM Railways still vacant, besides other key vacancies in the ministry. Delayed decisions on key appointments only make the ministry's challenges more daunting.

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Our virtues and our failings are inseparable, like force and matter. When they separate, man is no more. NIKOLA TESLA

Being deeply loved by someone gives you strength, while loving someone deeply gives you courage. LAO TZU

The world breaks everyone, and afterward, some are strong at the broken places. ERNEST HEMINGWAY

WORDSWORTH

■ Candent

Though only large dictionaries include it and the Oxford English Dictionary says it is obsolete or archaic, candent has retained a toe-hold on usage in the sense of something glowing, as if with white heat, largely in Science Fiction and fantasy novels whose authors delight in obscure language. Neal Asher used it in The Voyage of the Sable Keech: "The rock blew apart in a candent explosion, hurling pieces of itself out into space", as did Robert Asprin in his fantasy anthology Shadows of Sanctuary: "Shards punched through knife holes and widened them to let quicklime spill down in a candent stream". Clark Ashton Smith wrote it into The Black Abbot of Puthuum: "Noon, with its sun of candent copper in a blackish-blue zenith, found them far amid the rusty sands and iron-toothed ridges of Izdrel", and Poul Anderson borrowed it for The Long Night: "The stars were scattered about in their myriads, dominantly ruby and ember, some yellow or candent, green or blue." It was almost completely replaced by incandescent in the first decades of the nineteenth century. Both are relatives of candour, candid and candidate, the linking thread being the concept of whiteness. The last three are from Latin candidus, white. Candent is from the verb candere, to be white or to glow, and incandescent derives from the related verb incandescere, to become white-hot.

■ Cantrev

This word popped up in a book of short stories: So, the land there is thickly forested to the north and the forest grows even more thickly and densely to the south. This southern cantrev of forest is so very dense, indeed, that there is no other place in the world with trees of such height or magnificence or profusion (Adam Roberts, by Adam Roberts, 2013). A cantrev — the word has been spelled in numerous ways, including cantref and canthrif — turns out upon enquiry to have been a medieval legal division of Wales (from the Welsh cant, a hundred, plus tref, a town or place). It's closely similar in sense to the English hundred, a division of a county or shire for administrative purposes. In fact, in medieval England yet another form of the word, cantred, was used almost synonymously with hundred. The word has long had only historical interest. But it has enjoyed a minor revival in SF and fantasy — as in Lloyd Alexander's Prydain Chronicles — as an unfamiliar term with which to communicate a quality of being different or elsewhere.

FOCUS FREE SPEECH

MUSK'S COVERT WAR

In 1897, the American newspaper magnate William Randolph Hearst sent illustrator Frederic Remington to cover the Cuban War of Independence. When Remington relayed that "there will be no war," Hearst allegedly cabled back: "You furnish the pictures, and I'll furnish the war."

It's an old story with a well-known moral: Wealth confers power, and power begets a craving for more power. A familiar corollary follows: He who controls the means of mass communication controls how reality is constructed and conveyed.

The means of mass communication have changed since Hearst's time, but the behaviour of plutocrats has not. Having used Twitter quite effectively to promote his own businesses, Elon Musk recognises that the platform commands significant influence in contemporary public life. While he has since tried to wriggle out of the deal that he signed to buy the platform, he may have no choice but to follow through. In any case, it is worth considering his stated reason for pursuing ownership of the company.

"Given that Twitter serves as the de facto public town square," Musk tweeted on March 26, 2022, "failing to adhere to free-speech principles fundamentally undermines democracy." In deciding to buy the company, he explained a week or so later, "I don't care about the economics at all... my strong, intuitive sense [is] that having a public platform that is maximally trusted and broadly inclusive is extremely important to the future of civilization." And so, as a self-described "free-speech absolutist," Musk claims to be saving society's public square by reversing Twitter's policies to prohibit politicians like former US President Donald Trump and US Representative Marjorie Taylor



Elon Musk's defence of 'free-speech absolutism' is fundamentally bogus. If the billionaire culture warrior's now-reluctant purchase of Twitter goes through, the platform will be overrun by toxic disinformation, including deep fakes, insipid propaganda, calls for violence, doxing, and other forms of illiberal anti-speech acts

Greene from using the platform to propagate demonstrable lies and disinformation in the name of free speech.

Musk's call for "absolute freedom" of speech may sound simple enough in the abstract, but the implications are troubling. For example, Musk's understanding of free speech would validate conspiracy theorist Alex Jones' defense of his reckless and injurious lies, including his outrageous claim that the 2012 Newtown school massacre, in which a gunman murdered 26 people (20 of them six- and seven-year-olds), was staged by "crisis actors." A Connecticut court has just rejected that view, ordering Jones to pay nearly a billion dollars to the families of the Newtown victims.

The court is right. No freedom — whether of speech or action — is absolute. On the contrary, meaningful freedom requires ground

rules to limit abuses that would otherwise render it a dead letter. That is why we have laws against fraud in the marketplace of goods and services. Without such constraints, false and deceptive claims would proliferate, fomenting levels of mistrust that inevitably invite market failure.

The same goes for the marketplace of opinions and ideas. Freedom of speech is not a license deliberately or recklessly to issue statements that harm others or put their property rights at risk. That is why we have laws against defamation and the intentional infliction of emotional distress — as the Alex Jones case reflects. It is also why we have laws proscribing incitement to imminent violence, perjury, and lying to the authorities about criminal activity.

Some limits on speech have also been deemed essential to safeguard free and fair elections. For

example, there are laws in many states in the United States that proscribe deliberately spreading false information about polling locations, voting times, ballot authenticity, or voting instructions, nor can you make provably false claims about your status as an incumbent or about your campaign's affiliations. And as the criminal prosecution of participants in the violent mob that sought to block the peaceful transition of power at the US Capitol on January 6, 2021, makes plain, the freedom to hold unpopular political views does not confer a right to violent insurrection.

Even with current policies of content moderation, social-media platforms are awash in disinformation that is corroding public trust and undermining the essential function of free and informed political discourse. Such subversive tactics designed to crash the marketplace of opinions and ideas are, in fact, "anti-speech acts." Their only purpose is to debase political discourse itself.

Musk has already offered a preview of the changes he might make at Twitter. What starts with reinstating Trump's account, allowing him to disseminate more demonstrable lies about election fraud and his political opponents, may imply, more broadly, further evisceration of Twitter's standards. Musk's claim that he will save society's "public square" is fundamentally bogus. He will fuel its disintegration by permitting it to be overrun by toxic disinformation, including deep fakes, insipid propaganda, calls for violence, doxing, and other forms of illiberal anti-speech acts.

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SPECTRUM DIPLOMACY

India & the West: Ruptures visible

On an assessment of the consequences of the woeful war in Ukraine, we can decipher two deeply dismaying fallouts. One, the entire world community including the West is unable to stop the war, or bring about a ceasefire. Second, the individual countries are finding it difficult to structure or restructure their equations and partnerships. India and the West, namely the United States and members of European Union are a case in point. The partnership between India and the US was segueing to mutual trust and dependence, and between India and EU members bilaterally and through Free Trade Agreement. Now, sudden ruptures are visible.

On 6 October, the German Foreign Minister Annalena Baerbock, in a joint press conference with her Pakistan counterpart, in Germany stated, "Berlin had a role and responsibility with regard to the tensions on Kashmir." She added, Germany supports "intensively the engagement of the UN to find a peaceful solution to the dispute".

At the same time, the American Ambassador to Pakistan, Donald Blome made a three-day visit to PoK and referred to the disputed territory as 'Azad Kashmir'. An informal note justified the visit as, "To promote US-Pakistan partnership and highlight the two

countries' deep economic, cultural and people-to-people ties."

India has naturally reacted strongly to both the incidents in Germany and in PoK. New Delhi has reminded them that the 'Kashmir issue' between India and Pakistan has to be settled bilaterally as per the historic Shimla Agreement. The outsiders have no role in it. Both Germany and USA have recognised this established strategic position. Why now rake it up? Obviously, it is an attempt to arm-twist India into joining the anti-Russia-China tent led by the West. But is this the way to win the confidence of a potential partner? Both countries knew where it will hurt New Delhi. So they have plunged into such tactics that amounts to blackmail!

On American action vis-à-vis Pakistan, it is difficult to fathom into the thinking of Biden administration. In fact, interestingly, Biden's foreign policy has been seen in fits and starts, riddled with contradictions. He is facing a lot of flak from within the country. Think tanks, analysts and research organisations are pointing out the lack of clarity and consistency of Biden's policy. It is hard to detect if Biden's approach to Pakistan is aimed at decoupling Islamabad from Beijing or coupling New Delhi with the American camp. Either way it is a self-defeating move. However, for some recon-

ditions, Biden administration has sanctioned 460 million USD to maintain the F-16s which the US had given to Pakistan. Washington has marshalled over 66 million USD in immediate humanitarian assistance to Islamabad after the ravaging floods. This is understandable. But what is not, even in diplomatic courtesy terms, is the US Secretary of State Antony Blinken speaking effusively about Pakistan in a reception hosted by Pakistani community in USA to Bilawal Bhutto, the Foreign Minister. Biden has still no Ambassador to New Delhi while their Ambassador to Pakistan suddenly visits PoK!

The analysts in USA are critical of such actions. They suggest that Pakistan is unstable, volatile and a hotbed for religious schisms and extremism. To repose confidence in such a fragile regime is imprudent. Writing in The New York Times, a Fellow of the Brookings Institute suggested that the US should disentangle itself from the Pakistan military and support the civilian administration.

Likewise, Michael Kugelman, Director of the South Asia Institute in Washington, a non-partisan policy forum, cautions against reading too much into Blome's visit to PoK. He says, "New Delhi will not make a major policy shift under external pressure, especially in Kashmir." He cautions

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DK Giri

NEW DELHI SHOULD TAKE POSITIONS IN KEEPING WITH HER CORE FOREIGN POLICY OBJECTIVES AND STRENGTHS, STANDING UP FOR RULE OF LAW, FREEDOM AND HUMAN RIGHTS

Political sport

Sir, It is really sad that former Indian captain Sourav Ganguly has become a victim to the BJP's deceptive and muddy politics, which resulted in his axing as the BCCI president. Ganguly's political allegiance has been a source of media speculation ever since Home Minister Amit Shah visited him and dined at his house in Kolkata in May. The BJP did all the flimflam to rope the Prince of Kolkata for a leadership role in the party's West Bengal unit to counter CM Mamata Banerjee. But Ganguly was unyielding and confined himself to cricket administration of the BCCI, steering away from politics. One really wishes that Roger Binny, the 1983 world cup winner and who is all set to succeed Ganguly, will not end with a similar fate, since the BJP can do everything it can to pull him in its fold, eyeing the Karnataka Assembly elections in May 2023. The Ganguly episode is a clear example of how political power can outwit a sports-person's pride and position with ease. Though the saying goes that sports and politics should never mix, regrettably in India sport is inherently political.

Ranganathan Sivakumar, CHENNAI

Deal gone wrong

Sir, This refers to "India-UK trade deal on verge of collapse over visa comments," Orissa POST, Oct 13. Britain wants Indian trade. But it does not want Indians. That, in a nutshell, is the argument of the UK's new home secretary, Suella Braverman, whose comments have injected tension into bilateral ties, uncertainty into the prospects of a free trade deal between the two countries. India and the UK had set Diwali timeline for the conclusion of an "early harvest" of free trade agreement. The interim deal with the UK, which has been negotiated at breakneck speed, could, in theory, dramatically increase bilateral trade, ease movement of people between the two countries. But for India, easier access to Britain's high technology industries and financial markets and the end of tough visa restrictions on travel to the UK have always been the central demands from the proposed FTA. Braverman, however, has suggested that she is squeamish about easing up visa barriers for Indians to enter the UK as she said, Indians tend to overstay in larger numbers than other nationalities. India certainly might do well to be cautious about striking a pact with a British government that seems unclear about what it wants and that, if polls are to be believed, is largely unpopular.

N Sadhasiva Reddy, BANGALORE

Letters

TO THE EDITOR

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of the day **quote**

For the last two years, the festivities were affected due to the pandemic

ARVIND KEJRIWAL | DELHI CHIEF MINISTER

We are constantly reviewing the ethanol production and I believe, 20 per cent blended fuel would come in the market in December or January ahead of April 2023 (target)

HARDEEP SINGH PURI | UNION PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS MINISTER

When we help soldiers or their families, it should not be with a feeling of charity or favour, but with a feeling of gratitude

RAJNATH SINGH | DEFENCE MINISTER

SHORT TAKES

Aeroflot fight makes emergency landing

New Delhi: A plane from Moscow carrying 402 people made an emergency landing in the national capital Friday following a bomb threat, according to officials. The Aeroflot aircraft operating flight SU 232 landed at the Indra Gandhi International Airport here at 2.48 am. The passengers and crew were evacuated safely, they said. According to the police, the Central Industrial Security Force (CISF) received an e-mail warning of bombs on the flight Thursday night. As the flight landed, its 386 passengers and 16 crew members were immediately evacuated, a senior police official said.

PM to chair CSIR Society meeting

New Delhi: Prime Minister Narendra Modi will chair a meeting of the Council of Scientific and Industrial Research (CSIR) Society here Saturday. During a press conference here, Science and Technology Minister Jitendra Singh said this is the third year of the CSIR Society and the meeting is of special significance as it marks 80 years of the establishment of the council. About the agenda of the meeting, Singh said a presentation about the various activities of the CSIR would be made before the Prime Minister and his suggestions would be sought on the way forward.

Ch'garh announces 5 per cent DA hike

Raipur: Chhattisgarh Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel Friday announced that the dearness allowance (DA) for state government employees has been hiked by 5 per cent, taking it to 33 per cent, an official said. Around 3.80 lakh state government employees will benefit from the hike, the official said.

Kharge taunts Shashi Tharoor

Chennai: Taking a swipe at his contender, Shashi Tharoor, in the AICC presidential poll, Congress leader Mallikarjun Kharge said here Friday that he has no separate manifesto but only a single-point agenda to implement the party's Udaipur declaration. Tactically referring to the Thiruvananthapuram MP Sashi Tharoor, who threw down the gauntlet at him in the race for the top position in the party, Kharge said, "I don't have any manifesto like others. I have only one manifesto that is the Congress manifesto. That is the Udaipur declaration made 4 months ago will be implemented if I am elected."



So much corruption is going on in J&K by senior babus, but there is no accountability

MEHBOOBA MUFTI | PDP CHIEF

TATA POWER HIT BY CYBER ATTACK

India's Tata Power late Friday reported a cyber attack on its IT infrastructure that impacted some of its systems. The company said it has taken steps to retrieve and restore the systems, adding that all critical operational systems are functioning



SYL CANAL ROW Punjab, Haryana fail to reach agreement

Last month, the Supreme Court had nudged the two Chief Ministers to meet and work out an amicable solution to the SYL canal row, which has been a bone of contention between the two states for several decades

AGENCIES

Chandigarh, Oct 14: Punjab Chief Minister Bhagwant Mann and his Haryana counterpart Manohar Lal Khattar failed to reach an agreement on the contentious Sutlej Yamuna Link canal during a meeting here Friday.

Though Mann called Haryana Punjab's "younger brother", he said his state does not have any water to share with the neighbouring state and the question of constructing the canal does not arise.

He said in case Haryana faces shortage of water, both Punjab and that state can approach Prime Minister Narendra Modi and request him to arrange water from either Yamuna or Ganga or anywhere else. During the meeting at Haryana Nivahs here, he also sought re-assessment of water from the rivers.

On the other hand, Khattar said Punjab did not agree on the construction of the SYL canal in its territory. "No consensus was arrived at in the meeting," Khattar told reporters.

He said Punjab wanted to raise the issue of river water first, but Haryana wanted to discuss the construction of the canal according to

the directions of the Supreme Court. Khattar said his government will apprise Union Jal Shakti Minister Gajendra Singh Shekhawat of the meeting.

Punjab has been maintaining that the quantum of water flowing through Ravi and Beas rivers had come down considerably, and therefore, it was seeking reassessment of the water's volume.

Haryana has been seeking completion of the canal to get its share of 3.5 million acre feet of the water, and also that Punjab should comply with the 2002 and 2004 Supreme Court orders for the completion of the canal. Currently, the state is getting 1.62 million acre feet (MAF) of the Ravi-Beas water.

Addressing the media after the meeting, Mann said he had done his homework on the SYL issue and stressed that he represented Punjab's side strongly.

He pointed out that Haryana at present was getting 14.10 million acre feet of water, more than Punjab. According to Mann, his state gets 4.22 MAF water from Ravi and Beas, while Haryana receives 3.50 MAF water, whereas from Sutlej, Punjab gets 8.02 MAF while Haryana receives 4.33 MAF



water. Further, he said Punjab does not get any water from Yamuna while Haryana gets 4.65 MAF water and that it also gets 1.62 MAF water from the Sharda Yamuna link.

"In all, Punjab gets 12.24 MAF water while Haryana gets 14.10 MAF water," the Punjab Chief Minister claimed.

"Haryana asked us to begin constructing the canal in Punjab. We said when we do not have water, why build the canal?" Mann said. "We treat Haryana as our younger brother. But if we do not have something, how can we give it?"

He also sought to target the Shiromani Akali Dal and the Congress over the SYL issue. The Centre had on September 6 informed the Supreme Court that the Punjab government was "not cooperating" in resolving the dispute. Then Attorney General K K Venugopal, appearing for the Centre, had told

the bench that the apex court had in 2017 called for an amicable settlement and that it was trying to bring the two states on the same page through its Water Resources Ministry. "Unfortunately, Punjab has not been cooperating," the top law officer had said.

However, the counsel for Punjab had last month told a bench headed by Justice S K Kaul that the state government was very keen to resolve the issue amicably.

The Punjab Assembly in July 2004 had enacted the Punjab Termination of Agreement Act, annulling all inter-state agreements signed by the state relating to the sharing of water from Ravi and Beas. However, a constitutional bench of the Supreme Court, while answering the Presidential Reference November 11, 2016, had held that the act was unconstitutional.

'Followed 2017 convention in announcing HP, Guj polls'

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

New Delhi, Oct 14: The Election Commission Friday cited convention followed in 2017 for not announcing the assembly polls in Himachal Pradesh and Gujarat together and underlined that the model code this time has not been "unnecessarily extended".

Responding to a volley of questions on why the poll panel did not announce the two polls together, Chief Election Commissioner



Rajiv Kumar said "the Commission actually goes by the convention in announcing the schedule of elections.

It went by the convention last followed." In 2017, the

polls in the two state were announced on different dates but the counting took place together December 18.

Floods in Gujarat had led the EC to hold polls in the state after Himachal poll schedule was announced.

According to the EC website, assembly polls in Gujarat and HP were held together at least in 1998, 2007 and 2012. Then chief election commissioner A K Joti while addressing a press conference on HP

poll schedule had said in October 2017 that elections to the two states-HP and Gujarat- were announced separately in the past too including in 1993, 1994 and 2002. The EC Friday announced the schedule for Himachal Pradesh assembly polls. The notification will be issued October 17 and the polls will be held November 12. The counting of votes will take place December 8. Asked whether the counting of votes for Gujarat will be held along

with Himachal Pradesh December 8, Kumar said "when we come for Gujarat (poll announcement), we will tell you this."

UP: Surgeries without surgeons, hosp sealed

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Bijnor, Oct 14: A private hospital in Uttar Pradesh's Bijnor district has been found to be carrying out surgeries without qualified and authorised surgeons.



Prohibited medicines were also being sold from an unlicensed medical shop on the campus.

The discrepancies came to light during a raid and the hospital as

well as the medical shop have been sealed.

An FIR has been registered against its staff and the owner of the hospital. SDM, Mohit Kumar, said a medical store was being run without licence on the premises of the "illegal" hospital. "Besides, there was no fire NOC.

A certificate for ETP was found, but no plant present. So, the hospital was sealed and an FIR registered against its staff and the owner," he said. Patients recuperating in the hospital, including five women, have been shifted to district hospital for treatment.

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Election panel to monitor social media for fake news

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

New Delhi, Oct 14: The Election Commission Friday said its teams will constantly monitor social media platforms to check fake news in the upcoming assembly polls in Himachal Pradesh and respond immediately as it asserted it will not hesitate in taking criminal action wherever required.

Announcing the dates for Himachal Pradesh assembly polls, Chief Election Commissioner (CEC) Rajiv Kumar said the panel

has "established social media teams to keep strict vigil on fake news being spread during elections. Social media will be monitored constantly and any fake news would be acted upon immediately penal actions can be taken too".

Addressing a press conference, Kumar said keeping in view increasing incidents of "misuse of social media", social media platforms agreed to observe Voluntary Code of Ethics formulated by them in March, 2019.

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Court nixes plea for carbon dating of Gyanvapi shivling

GYANVAPI MASJID COMMITTEE ARGUES THAT THE OBJECT BEING CALLED A 'SHIVLING' IS ACTUALLY A FOUNTAIN



INDO-ASIAN NEWS SERVICE

Varanasi, Oct 14: In a jolt to Hindu petitioners, a Varanasi court Friday rejected the petition seeking carbon dating of the purported 'Shivling' found in the Gyanvapi mosque complex.

Vishnu Shankar Jain, advocate of the four Hindu petitioners seeking carbon dating of the 'shivling', said they would now approach the apex court with their demand.

The petitioners had claimed that the 'Shivling' found in the 'wuzu khana' or reservoir of the mosque during survey work May 16 was part of the property. The Hindu side demanded carbon dating and other scientific tests of the Shivling-like structure.

Carbon dating is a scientific process that ascertains the age of an archaeological object or archaeological finds.

The Gyanvapi Masjid committee had opposed the carbon dating plea filed by the Hindu side.

Last month, four of the five

Hindu women petitioners filed a plea seeking scientific investigation on the 'Shivling'.

They contended that it was necessary to determine its age. The women have claimed that ancient idols of Hindu Gods and Goddesses are located inside the mosque.

The mosque committee objected to scientific investigation, arguing that the case was about worshipping at a shrine inside the mosque and had nothing to do with its structure. The object being called a 'Shivling' is actually a fountain, they argued. Last week, the court asked if the purported 'Shivling' can be made a part of the case and whether a scientific investigation can actually be ordered.

Vishnu Shankar Jain, lead advocate for Hindu women, told reporters that he tried to convince the court on both counts.

"We said two things - that in our prayer we asked for rights to pray before visible and invisible deities inside the mosque complex. The Shivling was earlier covered by

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water and when the water was removed it became a visible deity and so it is part of the suit," he said.

On September 12, the Varanasi district judge dismissed a challenge by the mosque committee that argued that the case by the Hindu women seeking permission for year-long worship inside the mosque complex has no legal standing. Their challenge was rejected on all three counts they cited. The most important of these is the 1991 law, which freezes the status of a place of worship as it existed August 15, 1947. The petitioners do not want ownership, just the right to worship, the court ruled.

Earlier this year, a lower court in Varanasi ordered the filming of the centuries-old mosque based on the women's petition. The videography report, controversially leaked by the petitioners, claimed a 'Shivling' was found in a pond used for 'Wuzu' or the mandatory purification rituals before Muslim prayers.

The Gyanvapi mosque, located in Varanasi, the constituency of Prime Minister Narendra Modi, is one of the several mosques that Hindu hardliners believe were built on the ruins of temples.

It was one of the three temple-mosque rows, besides Ayodhya and Mathura which the BJP raised in the eighties and nineties that gained national prominence.



DUTY UNTO DEATH: Soldiers take oath after the end of their training at 39 Gorkha Training Centre in Varanasi, Friday

PTI PHOTO

Scam-tainted Vyapam rechristened yet again

It is the third time that Vyapam has been renamed since the multi-crore scam in 2013

INDO-ASIAN NEWS SERVICE

Bhopal, Oct 14: Scam-tainted Vyapam, which was renamed as the Staff Selection Board (SSB) in February this year, will now be called the 'Madhya Pradesh Employees Selection Board' (MPE-ESB). The Shivraj Singh Chouhan-led BJP government has renamed the board twice within a span of seven months, while it is the third time that Vyapam has been renamed since the multi-crore scam broke in 2013.

The state government first rechristened it as the Professional Examination Board (PEB) in 2015. In February this year it



was renamed as the Karmchaari Chayan or Staff Selection Board (SSB). Sources claimed that it was renamed after approval from the state Cabinet in a bid to repair at least some of the damage to its reputation.

The opposition Congress said the Bharatiya Janata Party government is making all out efforts to hide its sins through changing Vyapam's name again and again.

However, their efforts will not work and the Chouhan government will have to face the allegations as it has not only destroyed thousands of youths careers but several innocent people have been killed.

"By changing the name of Vyapam for the third time the sins of this institution, which has become a monument to corruption, cannot be forgotten nor can the nexus of politicians, officers and

education mafia involved in it," said KK Mishra, head of the media cell of the Madhya Pradesh Congress, who had earlier accused Shivraj's OSD Markam Singh of involvement in the Teachers Eligibility Test (TET) paper leak. The TET was executed by the same department but with a changed name. The Vyapam scam was an entrance examination, admission and recruitment scam. It was functional since the 1990s and was finally unearthed in 2013. It first rocked the government when it surfaced that candidates bribed officials to use imposters to take exams on their behalf.

Apart from all the entrance examinations held for state employees, Vyapam has been conducting the recruitment of class III and IV employees as well. Vyapam also used to conduct only Pre-Medical Test and Pre-Engineering Test till 2004.

SP leaders seek to commemorate Mulayam's memory

INDO-ASIAN NEWS SERVICE

Lucknow, Oct 14: After the demise of Samajwadi patriarch Mulayam Singh Yadav, party workers are seeking steps to commemorate his memory.

Samajwadi spokesman IP Singh has written to President Draupadi Murmu seeking a Bharat Ratna for the late party founder.

Samajwadi Yuvjan Sabha state secretary Kaleem Ahmad Shibli has written to Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath to convert the 5 Vikramaditya Marg residence, where Mulayam Singh Yadav lived till June 2, 2018, into a memorial.

Party workers are also demanding that the Vikramaditya Marg where the Samajwadi Party and the residence of Mulayam Singh Yadav are located, be renamed after the late leader.

IP Singh told IANS, "He is the most deserving case for this coveted honour of Bharat Ratna. For someone born in a poor, backward family, to rise to such greatness is no mean achievement. He held top positions in Uttar Pradesh and at the Centre, but also



Samajwadi spokesman IP Singh has written to President Draupadi Murmu seeking a Bharat Ratna for the late party founder Mulayam

dictated the politics of his times for decades.

"I have also requested chief min-

ister Yogi Adityanath to name the Lucknow-Agra expressway after Mulayam Singh as this was one expressway whose foundation stone, as well as inauguration were both done by him."

Party workers, according to sources, are also planning a national wrestling championship in the memory of Mulayam Singh Yadav since the late leader was known to be a wrestler himself in his younger days.

Boy who left his house to bid Mulayam adieu

Kanpur: A 12-year-old boy from Nautanwa in Maharajganj district, left home to 'see' Samajwadi patriarch Mulayam Singh Yadav when he learnt of the latter's demise. The boy, who gave his name as Sarnath Yadav, said he was distressed on learning about the leader's demise and left home to go to Etawah.

"I reached Gorakhpur and then Lucknow. Someone gave me wrong directions and instead of reaching Etawah, I landed up in Kanpur," he said.

In Kanpur, the GRP personnel saw him wandering around and brought him to their station.

"We have contacted his parents and they are coming here to take him back," said a GRP official. The boy said that he was an ardent supporter of Mulayam Singh and would continue to work for the late leader.

Victim's dad urges govt for swift visa to tend to his son

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

Agra, Oct 14: The father of the Indian student who was knifed by a local man in Sydney in an apparent race related attack has urged the Indian government to expedite his request for visa so that someone from his family can fly to Australia and tend to his son.

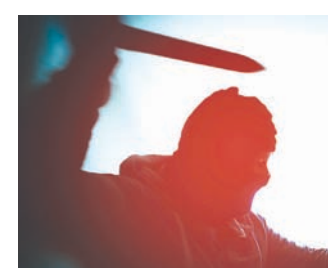
Shubham Garg, 28, a student of Kiraoli block in Agra district was allegedly attacked 11 times with a knife by an unknown man October 6.

His father Ramniwas Garg has expressed concern over the racial attack on his son and has demanded a strict punishment to the culprit.

The family has also requested for an urgent visa for one of its members to look after Shubham there.

Shubham is pursuing PhD in Mechanical Engineering from the University of New South Wales in Sydney in Australia. He had received his B.Tech and MSc degrees from IIT Chennai.

AUSTRALIA STABBING



According to family members, he is out of danger and is talking to them. "We are in constant touch with the local administration. We are trying to send Rohit, Shubham's younger brother, to Australia so that he can take care of him. The application for the visa process is under process and we hope to get it within two-three days. We are getting full support of the local administration in this regard," said Ramniwas Garg.

"We met the Member of

Parliament from Fatehpur Sikri Raj Kumar Chahar to help us and he has assured his full support. He had also spoken to the officials at district level and at the Ministry of External Affairs," he added.

Ramniwas Garg said that Shubham had left for Australia September 1.

"But October 6 we got news of the brutal attack on Shubham by a local. He was attacked multiple times by the man in his face, abdomen and chest with a knife. He has undergone two-three surgeries there, he said.

Ramniwas Garg said he was "shocked" when he heard about the attack because the assailant neither knew his son, nor did he make any attempt to loot him.

The attacker may have been moved by race related reasons, he said. He added that he avoids talking to his son, who was injured in his mouth and has trouble speaking. He said he had a minor operation even on Friday.

Hand pump spews out liquor as police seize underground drums

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

Guna (MP), Oct 14: Hand pumps are generally associated with supplying water but in Bhanpura village in Madhya Pradesh's Guna district a hand pump spew out liquor when police busted an illegal liquor den and seized huge stock, an official said Wednesday.

Police raided the village Monday and during a search, they recovered a total of eight drums filled with raw liquor buried underground or hidden under fodder in agriculture fields.

A hand pump attached with the drums of raw liquor hidden underground was also recovered. When police personnel started pumping it, liquor started coming out from the other end (joined by a pipe), said Guna superintendent of police, Pankaj Shrivastava.

Police also recovered huge quan-



tities of country-made liquor stored in drums which were hidden under the debris of fodder in farms.

Prime facie, people dealing in illegal liquor trade had dug underground pits to hide liquor-filled drums. They were using a hand pump to take out liquor from these drums which are then filled in pouches and five-litre cans, Shrivastava said.

He said police conducted the raid on a tip-off but the persons in-

involved in the sale of illegal liquor managed to flee.

Police have identified eight persons and a search is on to nab them, the police officer said. He said the village is dominated by a community and country-made liquor is being produced in almost every household there. Shrivastava said the police had conducted raids in the past also. Further investigation is underway, he added.

Tiger stays inside Bhopal NIT for 12th day

THE BEHAVIOUR OF THE TIGER HAS DEFIED COMMON PERCEPTION THAT BIG CATS MOVE OUT OF ONE PLACE IN SEVEN TO EIGHT DAYS

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

Bhopal, Oct 14: The presence of a tiger on the sprawling 650-acre campus of the prestigious Maulana Azad National Institute of Technology (MANIT) in Bhopal in Madhya Pradesh entered the 12th day Friday even as Forest department officials waited for the big cat to move out of the premises and closely monitored its movement.

The behaviour of the tiger, T-123-4, has defied common perception that big cats move out of one place in seven to eight days, officials



admitted. MANIT authorities had earlier announced a mid-term break for 5,400 undergraduate students from October 11 to 30, while classes for 600-odd students in post-graduate courses continued, its public relations officer Dr Amit Ojha told PTI.

"The tiger is still on the campus on the 12th day. Usually, as per

tiger behaviour studies, the big cat moves from one place to another in seven to eight days. Today we spotted pugmarks. We have placed 11 cameras to monitor its movement. Five more cameras will be installed soon," Bhopal divisional forest officer (DFO) Alok Pathak told PTI.

"The tiger today came close to the cage kept with bait, but did not

enter. We want it to move out of the campus naturally, on its own. Since October 3, it has killed two cows," he added.

The official said a tiger marks a territory of around 25 square kilometres and then moves in it, killing and resting.

"The livestock has been moved out of the MANIT campus completely. Now we think it will move out. Around 50 forest personnel are monitoring the movement of the tiger. It is currently in a low-lying area like a ravine spread over 300-400 acres connected to the campus," Pathak added.

He said the some 5,000 hostellers and 1,000 kin of staff live on the campus, some 100 acres of which is covered by thickets.

Tigers from Ratapani Wildlife Sanctuary, spread in Raisen and Sehore districts close to Bhopal, sometimes move into the Kerwa area of the state capital. This time, one of them, identified as T-123-4, has strayed into the educational facility, he said.



I must thank the Assam Chief Minister for calling me a 'daughter of the state' at the civic reception last night. It has touched my heart

DROUPADI MURMU | PRESIDENT OF INDIA

SEAT BELTS MANDATORY

The Mumbai police Friday said wearing seat belts will be compulsory for four-wheeler drivers and co-passengers in the metropolis from November 1



of the day quote

Whatever Shah had said was sheer bakwas (rubbish). The BJP has nothing to do with either Jayaprakash Narayan (JP) or his ideologies. People in the saffron party know how to manage an event. They organised one in Sitab Diara (Sarana) on the birth anniversary of JP and Shah attended it...That's all

TEJASHWI PRASAD YADAV | BIHAR DEPUTY CHIEF MINISTER

Even after elections we are going to work together like in the past

SHASHI THAROOR | CONGRESS PREZ POLL CANDIDATE

The development journey of any nation cannot be complete unless the poor are free from inequality

NARENDRA SINGH TOMAR | UNION AGRICULTURE MINISTER

SHORT TAKES

Man chops wife's hand

Thiruvananthapuram: A Kerala man Friday severed the hand of his wife and slashed the fingers of the other hand using a knife in a fit of rage over a domestic quarrel. The incident occurred at Kanakary near Kottayam around 0930 a.m., said local village councillor. For the past few days there has been a tiff between Pradeep and his wife Manju, locals said.

Delhi to develop 1100 ghats for Chhath Puja

New Delhi: Delhi government will develop Chhath Ghat this year on 1100 locations across the capital city and the cost to organise the pujas will be borne by the government. Addressing a media briefing Friday, Delhi Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal said, "After two years of Covid restrictions, this year the government will organise the Chhath pujas on a large scale in 1100 locations across the city.

Man held for rape, murder

Mathura (UP): A 35-year-old man was Friday arrested for allegedly raping and killing a minor girl here, police said. The naked body of a 10-year-old girl was found in a forest area Thursday, they said, adding the family members of the minor had alleged rape before murder. Investigating the case through CCTV camera footage and surveillance, the police narrowed down the list of suspects to one and brought him in for questioning, they said.

Army pays tribute to military canine Zoom

Srinagar: The Army Friday paid rich tribute to Canine Warrior Zoom, who was grievously injured October 10 in an operation at Tangpawa in South Kashmir's Anantnag district. In a solemn ceremony at Chinar War Memorial, BB Cantt, Lt Gen ADS Aujla, GOC Chinar Corps paid homage to the gallant soldier on behalf of all ranks of Chinar Corps. On October 10 during the operation in Anantnag, Zoom played a key role in not only identifying the precise location of the terrorists, but also in disabling one of them.

Hyd wins World Green City Award

Hyderabad: Hyderabad has won the overall 'World Green City Award 2022' and another award in the category 'Living Green for Economic Recovery and Inclusive Growth' at the International Association of Horticulture Producers (IAIPH) 2022 World Green City Awards 2022 held in Jeju, South Korea Friday. IAIPH invited entries for 'World Green Cities Awards 2022' across six categories.

Nuclear sub INS Arihant test fires ballistic missile

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

New Delhi, Oct 14: India's nuclear-powered submarine INS Arihant Friday carried out a successful launch of a submarine-launched ballistic missile (SLBM) in the Bay of Bengal with a "very high accuracy", the defence ministry said. It said all operational and technological parameters of the weapon system have been validated, seen as a major milestone to further boost India's strategic strike capabilities.

"INS Arihant carried out a successful launch of a Submarine Launched Ballistic Missile (SLBM) October 14. The missile was tested to a predetermined range and impacted the target area in the Bay of Bengal with very high accuracy," the ministry said in a statement. It said "all operational and technological parameters of the weapon system have been validated". In a statement, the defence ministry said the SSBN programme is a key element of India's nuclear



deterrence capability. It said a "robust, survivable and assured retaliatory" capability is

in sync with the country's policy to have "credible minimum deterrence" that underpins its "no first

India's nuclear-powered ballistic missile submarine (SSBN) programme is a closely guarded project. INS Arihant was the first boat under the SSBN project that was reportedly followed by another boat, INS Arighat.

Apex court slams Ekta Kapoor on web series 'XXX'

AGENCIES

Mumbai, Oct 14: New Delhi, Oct 14: The Supreme Court Friday came down heavily on producer Ekta Kapoor over "objectionable content" in her web series "XXX", saying she was polluting the minds of the young generation of this country.

The top court was hearing a plea filed by Kapoor challenging the arrest warrants issued against her for allegedly insulting soldiers and hurting the sentiments of their families in the web series aired on her OTT platform ALTBalaji. "Something has to be done. You are polluting the minds of the young generation of this country. It is available to all. OTT (Over The Top) content is available to all. What kind of choice are you providing to the people?...On the contrary you are polluting the minds of youngsters," a bench of Justices Ajay Rastogi and C T Ravikumar said.



The court made the observation after senior advocate Mukul Rohatgi, appearing for Kapoor, submitted that a petition has been filed before the Patna high court but there is no hope the matter will be listed for hearing soon. He said the top court had earlier granted protection to Kapoor in a similar matter. Rohatgi said the content is subscription based and that there is freedom of choice in this country. The court, which stopped short of imposing costs, then wondered what kind of choice is being given to people.

Electoral bond scheme transparent, SC told

AGENCIES

New Delhi, Oct 14: The Centre Friday told the Supreme Court that the electoral bonds scheme is an absolutely transparent mode of political funding.

Solicitor General Tushar Mehta, representing the Centre, submitted before a bench comprising Justices BR Gavai and BV Nagarathna that the methodology of receiving money is transparent, and emphasized that nothing is black now, rather everything is transparent. The bench queried Mehta, does the system provide information where the money is coming from? Mehta said absolutely!

Advocate Prashant Bhushan, representing one of the petitioners, said this is a very interconnected issue which affects the democracy - one is electoral bonds issue and the other is whether political parties can come under RTI. Bhushan added that anybody can get foreign money by virtue of this and queried, can this be done through a money bill?

Senior advocate Kapil Sibal, representing a petitioner, submitted that he has a suggestion, since this is an important issue, it could be heard by a larger bench.

The bench asked the Centre's counsel for views on referring the



Electoral bonds have been pitched as an alternative to cash donations made to political parties as part of efforts to bring transparency in political funding

matter to a larger bench. The petitioners' counsel said the matter should be heard as early as possible, as state elections are coming up in Himachal Pradesh and Gujarat. Mehta said this is not an election related issue. Bhushan said just before every state election electoral bonds were issued. After hearing submissions from the counsel, the bench scheduled

the matter for hearing December 6.

The top court was hearing a batch of five petitions led by NGO Association for Democratic Reforms (ADR), that have challenged the validity of the Centre's electoral bonds scheme as a source of political funding. The matter came up for hearing after a gap of more than 18 months.

The apex court, in March 2021, declined to entertain two stay applications moved by ADR to stop the sale of the electoral bonds ahead of elections in West Bengal, Tamil Nadu, Assam, Kerala and Pondicherry.

The top court had noted that there was no justification to block sale of electoral bonds over concerns of anonymity in political party funding or apprehensions of their misuse.

Saibaba acquitted in Maoist links case after 8 years in jail

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

Mumbai, Oct 14: More than eight years after his arrest, the Bombay High Court Friday acquitted former Delhi University professor G N Saibaba in an alleged Maoist links case for want of valid sanction for prosecution under the UAPA.

Following the HC order, the National Investigation Agency - which had taken over the probe from Maharashtra police - moved the Supreme Court against the acquittal. The SC, however, rejected NIA's request for immediate stay to the order.

Setting aside the life imprisonment awarded to Saibaba by the trial court, the high court noted that while the fight against terrorism was important, procedural safeguards can not be sacrificed "at the altar of perceived peril to national security."

Saibaba, 52, is likely to be released from Nagpur central jail where he is lodged since his arrest in May 2014 Saturday, his lawyers said.

The high court's Nagpur bench of Justices Rohit Deo and Anil Pansare in its 101-page judgement noted that the sanction to prosecute the accused under the Unlawful



Top court to hear Maha govt plea

The Supreme Court will hear Saturday a plea by Maharashtra government challenging the Bombay High Court's Nagpur bench order, acquitting former Delhi University professor GN Saibaba in an alleged Maoist links case. A bench comprising Justices MR Shah and Bela M Trivedi will hear the matter.

Activities (Prevention) Act was "bad in law and invalid". Saibaba, who is wheelchair-bound due to 90 per cent physical disability, should be released forthwith unless his custody was required in any other case, the court said. Welcoming the ruling, his wife A S Vasantha Kumari said they had faith that he would be cleared from the case as he was innocent.

SC declines urgent hearing on plea on firecrackers ban

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

New Delhi, Oct 14: The Supreme Court Friday refused to accord urgent hearing on a plea relating to ban on firecrackers, saying Diwali is round the corner and people must have invested money in the firecracker business.

"Sorry. We would not list that matter now. Diwali is round the corner. You come in the nick of time. People must have invested money in firecrackers business. You should have come two months earlier," a bench comprising Chief Justice U U Lalit and Justice Hemant Gupta said. "We would not be able to deal with this matter. Otherwise, look at the consequences of this. Any injunction and those people

are out of business," the bench told the counsel, who mentioned the matter for urgent listing.

The counsel told the bench the matter pertains to this year's firecracker ban in Delhi and some other states. "Sorry. It will be done after Diwali," the bench said.

The apex court had Thursday refused to accord urgent hearing to a plea against

an order banning storage, sale, and use of all types of firecrackers in the national capital till January 1, 2023.

The top court had asked the lawyer, who had mentioned the matter on Thursday and sought urgent hearing, to approach the Delhi High Court.



No breakthrough at India-China diplomatic dialogue

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

New Delhi, Oct 14: India and China agreed on Friday to hold the next round of military-level talks at an early date to resolve the remaining issues in eastern Ladakh and create conditions for the restoration of normalcy in the bilateral ties, the Ministry of External Affairs (MEA) said.

It was the only decision taken at a meeting of the Working Mechanism for Consultation and Coordination on the India-China Border Affairs as there was no breakthrough to resolve the issues at the key friction points of Demchok and Depsang.

The MEA said the two sides agreed to continue discussions through diplomatic and military channels to resolve the remaining

issues "at the earliest" so as to create conditions for the restoration of normalcy in the bilateral relations.

"To achieve the objective of resolution of remaining issues along the LAC in the Western Sector in accordance with the existing bilateral agreements and protocols, they agreed to hold the next (17th) round of the Senior Commanders meeting at an early date," the MEA said in a statement.

Though the two sides disengaged from Patrolling Point 15 (PP-15) last month, there has been no progress on resolving the standoff in the Demchok and Depsang regions.

The MEA said the two sides reviewed the situation along the Line of Actual Control (LAC) in the Western Sector of the India-



China border areas. Eastern Ladakh is officially referred to as the Western Sector. India and China held a high-level military dialogue July 17 that

lasted for nearly 12 hours and a half.

In line with a decision taken at the meeting, the two sides carried out disengagement from

The eastern Ladakh border standoff erupted May 5, 2020, following a violent clash in the Pangong lake areas

Both sides gradually enhanced their deployment by rushing in tens of thousands of soldiers and heavy weaponry

As a result of a series of military and diplomatic talks, the two sides completed the disengagement process last year on the north and south banks of the Pangong lake and in the Gogra area

The disengagement in the Pangong lake area took place in February last year, while the withdrawal of troops and equipment from Patrolling Point 17(A) in Gogra took place in August last year

Patrolling Point 15 in the Gogra-Hotsprings area last month.

"Recalling the developments since the last meeting of WMCC in May, they welcomed the disengagement in the area of Gogra-Hot Springs (PP-15) that was carried out in a phased, coordinated and verified manner between September 8-12," the MEA said. "They noted that these steps

reflected the understandings between External Affairs Minister and Chinese State Councilor and Foreign Minister, including at their recent meeting in Bali in July," it added.

India has been consistently maintaining that peace and tranquillity along the LAC are key for the overall development of the bilateral ties.

international

of the day quote

Saudi Arabia pushed other OPEC+ nations into an output cut last week. More than one OPEC member disagreed with Saudi Arabia's push to cut production and felt coerced into the vote

JOHN KIRBY | NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL SPOKESMAN, US

The impact of these compounding shocks on developing countries is further exacerbated by an unfair global financial system that relies on short-term cost-benefit analyses and privileges the rich over the poor

ANTONIO GUTERRES | SECRETARY-GENERAL, UN

Turkey and Russia have instructed their respective energy authorities to immediately begin technical studies on a Russian proposal that would turn Turkey into a gas hub for Europe

RECEP TAYYIP ERDOGAN | PRESIDENT, TURKEY

SHORT TAKES

Japan to scrap century-old law

Tokyo: Japanese cabinet ministers Friday approved the scrapping of a law that stipulates women pregnant at the time of a divorce must wait 100 days before marrying again. The law, in place for more than a century, does not apply to men and was originally intended as a way to aid the identification of the father who is financially responsible for a newborn baby. Critics have campaigned for a withdrawal of the 1896 law -- which had banned remarriage for six months until being revised in 2016 -- calling it outdated and discriminatory.

UK gives GBP 10mn more for Pak flood

Islamabad: The UK on Friday announced an additional GBP 10 million humanitarian assistance for flood relief efforts in Pakistan, bringing the country's total contribution to GBP 26.5 million. According to Pakistan's National Disaster Management Authority, the unprecedented floods that have submerged huge swathes of the country have so far killed nearly 1700 people and destroyed or damaged 2 million houses. As many as 546,000 people are living in relief camps. The disaster has also damaged 12,716 km of roads and 22,000 schools. In total, 745 health centres have been damaged or destroyed.

Sikh family killings: Not guilty pleaded

San Francisco: The man accused of kidnapping and then killing the eight-month-old baby and her family earlier this month Thursday pleaded not guilty. Jesus Salgado allegedly kidnapped eight-month-old Aroohi, her parents, and her uncle at gunpoint from their trucking business October 3. The 48-year-old accused entered his not-guilty plea Thursday morning, KFSN TV reported, adding that the accused is scheduled to return to court next month and remains in jail on no bail.

Harry Potter's Hagrid no more

Washington: Scottish actor Robbie Coltrane, best known for playing the lovable half-giant Rubeus Hagrid in the Harry Potter movies, has died. He was 72. The actor's agent Belinda Wright said he died Friday at a hospital in Scotland. She did not give a cause. In her statement, Belinda Wright said that "as well as being a wonderful actor, he was forensically intelligent, brilliantly witty and after 40 years of being proud to be called his agent, I shall miss him."



The Pakistan government will hang Imran Khan upside down if he launches his long march in Islamabad

RANA SANAUULLAH KHAN | INTERIOR MINISTER, PAKISTAN

SOUP THROWN AT VAN GOGH'S PAINTING

Climate change protesters Friday threw soup over Vincent van Gogh's painting 'Sunflowers' at London's National Gallery, the Just Stop Oil campaign group said. A video posted by the group, which has been holding protests for the last two weeks in the British capital, showed two women throwing two tins of Heinz tomato soup over the painting



UK MINI-BUDGET FIASCO

Truss takes U-turn to survive

The estimated GBP 45 billion worth of tax cuts without a detailed funding plan to back it up were seen as disastrous for the UK economy at a time when inflation has already been soaring

REUTERS



It is clear that parts of our mini-Budget went further and faster than markets were expecting. So the way we are delivering our mission right now has to change. We need to act now to reassure the markets of our fiscal discipline. I have therefore decided to keep the increase in corporation tax that was planned by the previous government

LIZ TRUSS | PM, UK

PM Truss under pressure to U-turn over tax policy

Finance minister and close ally Kwarteng sacked

Truss appointed Jeremy Hunt to replace Kwarteng

Pound, bond prices recovering

London, Oct 14: British Prime Minister Liz Truss fired her finance minister Kwasi Kwarteng Friday and scrapped parts of their economic package in a desperate bid to stay in power and survive the market and political turmoil gripping the country.

Kwarteng said he had resigned at Truss's request after being forced to rush back to London overnight from IMF meetings in Washington.

Truss, in power for only 37 days, then told a news conference she would now allow a key business levy to rise from next year, raising 18 billion pounds, as she accepted she had gone "further and faster" than markets had been expecting.

Truss appointed Jeremy Hunt, a former foreign and health secretary, to replace Kwarteng.

"You have asked me to stand aside as your Chancellor. I have accepted," Kwarteng said in his resignation letter to Truss, which

he published on Twitter. She said in response: "As a long standing friend and colleague. I am deeply sorry to lose you from the government. We share the same vision."

The pound slid against the dollar after she spoke, trading 1.2% lower on the day at \$1.1198 and two-year British government bonds, or gilts turned negative.

The plan for unfunded tax cuts crushed UK assets and drew in-

ternational censure, but the pound and gilts have started to recover since the government started looking for ways to balance the books.

Kwarteng is the country's shortest serving chancellor since 1970, and his successor will be the fourth finance minister in as many months in Britain, where millions are facing a cost of living crisis. The finance minister with the shortest tenure died.

Truss's own position is in jeop-

UK newspaper takes a dig at PM

A British newspaper Friday pitted Liz Truss in a race against a lettuce, asking readers if they thought the under-fire prime minister would lose her job before the vegetable decayed. The tabloid Daily Star set up a live feed of an unrefrigerated iceberg next to a photo of Truss. "Which wet lettuce will last longer?", it asked in a Twitter post showing the feed that had garnered over 50,000 likes in its first five hours online. The stunt echoed a comment at the other end of Britain's journalistic spectrum. In a column published this week titled "The Iceberg Lady", the Economist magazine described Truss as having "the shelf-life of a lettuce".

ardly. She won the Conservative Party leadership last month by promising vast tax cuts and deregulation to try to shock the economy out of years of stagnant growth, and the fiscal policy Kwarteng announced September 23 aimed to deliver that vision.

But the response from markets was so ferocious that the Bank of England had to intervene to prevent pension funds from being caught up in the chaos, as borrowing and mortgage costs surged.

The duo had been under mounting pressure to reverse course after polls showed support for the Conservative Party had collapsed, prompting many colleagues to look for ways to force them out of office.

"The party loves the idea of principles and conviction politicians, but staying in power is everything," one party insider told Reuters. "Ruthless can also be popular."

The latest bout of political drama to grip Britain comes as the Bank of England also prepares to end its intervention in the gilt market. Truss is the fourth prime minister in six turbulent years of British politics.

Iran is like a mighty tree that cannot be uprooted: Khamenei

THE PROTESTS MARK ONE OF THE BOLDEST CHALLENGES TO CLERICAL RULE SINCE THE 1979 REVOLUTION, EVEN IF THE UNREST DOES NOT SEEM CLOSE TO TOPPLING THE SYSTEM

REUTERS

Dubai, Oct 14: Iran's Supreme Leader Ayatollah Ali Khamenei said Friday that no one should dare think they can uproot the Islamic Republic, in his toughest warning to protesters since Mahsa Amini's death in police custody ignited nationwide unrest now in its fourth week.

Demonstrations by people from all walks of life over the Iranian Kurdish woman's case have evolved into widespread calls for the downfall of Khamenei and for "Death to the Islamic Republic".

Khamenei compared the Islamic Republic to an unshakable tree. "That seedling is a mighty tree now and no one should dare think they can uproot it," he said in remarks shown on state TV.

Police deployed heavily Friday in a predominantly ethnic Arab city after activists called for protests, a witness said, as the unrest showed no sign of abating.

Some of the deadliest unrest has been in areas home to ethnic minorities with longstanding grievances against the state, including Kurds in the northwest and Baluchis in the southeast.



Rights groups say more than 200 people have been killed in the crackdown, including teenage girls.

Amnesty International said at least 23 children have been killed by security forces in Iran during the protests. The victims, aged between 11 and 17, include 20 boys and 3 girls. Amini died Sept 16 after being arrested in Tehran by Iran's morality police for "inappropriate attire".

Iran has blamed the violence on enemies at home and abroad, including armed separatists and Western powers, accusing them of conspiring against the Islamic Republic and denying security forces have killed protesters. State TV reported at least 26 members of the security forces have been killed.

Detained kids end up in psychological centres

Dozens of Iranian children have been killed and hundreds detained after being caught up in protests over Mahsa Amini's death, some of them even ending up in "psychological centres", it has emerged. Fed up over the lack of change, the country's Gen-Z teens -- those born before 2010 -- have come of age and been credited for their bravery while facing off with the security forces. "Iranian Zoomers are frustrated/angry with the status quo and aren't afraid to say it online and push outside the red lines" of the Islamic republic, tweeted Holly Dages, an Iran specialist at the Atlantic Council think tank. The report said families were being "kept in the dark" about the whereabouts of their children, and that their cases were going ahead without proper legal representation. Amnesty International said Iran's "unrelenting brutal crackdown" involved an "all-out attack on child protesters" that had cost the lives of at least 23 minors.

Rebels plot to replace PM Truss with Rishi Sunak

London: Rebels on the backbenches of the UK's governing Conservative Party are on Friday said to be plotting to replace Liz Truss as party leader and prime minister with a so-called "unity" joint ticket team involving former leadership rival Rishi Sunak. It comes as a YouGov poll for the "The Times" found that almost half of Tory party supporters believe the party chose the wrong candidate in the leadership election. The YouGov poll found that among those who voted for the Conservatives at the last election, 62 per cent said that party members had made the wrong choice when the race was shortlisted between Truss and Sunak, compared with 15 per cent who said they had got it right. It has led panicked Tory members of Parliament to start considering alternatives in the candidates who secured the most votes within the parliamentary party -- the British Indian former Chancellor, who was the frontrunner with his colleagues, and Leader of the Commons Penny Mordaunt, who came in third.



Defenders Day: Ukrainian servicemen place flowers on the grave of a recently killed fellow soldier in a cemetery, during Ukraine Defenders Day in Kharkiv, Ukraine, Friday, October 14, 2022

Russia is not looking to destroy Ukraine: Putin

Putin's comments appeared to suggest a slight softening of his tone as the war nears the end of its eighth month

REUTERS

Astana, Oct 14: Russian President Vladimir Putin said Friday there was no need for massive new strikes on Ukraine and that Russia was not looking to destroy the country.

Putin told a news conference at the end of a summit in Kazakhstan that his call-up of Russian reservists would be over within two weeks and there were no plans for a further mobilisation.

He also repeated the Kremlin position that Russia was willing to hold talks, although he said they would require international mediation if Ukraine was prepared to take part.

But Putin - who has said he would be ready to use nuclear weapons to defend Russia's "territorial integrity" - also warned of a "global catastrophe" in the event of a direct clash of NATO troops with Russia. He was speaking after a week when Russia has staged its heaviest missile attacks on Kyiv and other Ukrainian cities since the start of its invasion of Feb 24 - an action that Putin has said was retaliation for an attack that damaged a Russian bridge to unilaterally annexed Crimea.

Putin also described India and China as "close allies and partners" and said that the two Asian giants always talked about the need to initiate a dialogue and resolve the Ukraine conflict peacefully, nearly a month after Prime Minister Narendra Modi told him during a summit that today's era is not of war.

Indian PhD student stabbed in Oz; India seeks strict action

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Sydney, Oct 14: A 28-year-old Indian PhD student in Australia has been stabbed multiple times in the face, chest and abdomen by a man he had never met before, prompting India to demand strict action against the perpetrators.

The incident took place October 6, as Shubham Garg walked along the Pacific Highway, Sydney, New South Wales Police Force said.

Police have arrested Daniel Norwood and the 27-year-old suspect is charged with attempted murder after Garg, allegedly suffered multiple stab wounds to the face, chest and abdomen, the Daily Telegraph newspaper reported.

Garg suffered multiple stab wounds to his face, chest, and abdomen. He sought assistance from a nearby house before being taken to Royal North Shore Hospital. The man underwent surgery and remains there in a serious but stable condition, the NSW Police Force said.

Garg was approached by an unknown man near the Pacific Highway Lane Thursday. The unknown man allegedly threatened him while demanding cash, media reports said. The man refused and was allegedly stabbed a number of times in the abdomen before the assailant fled, the reports said.

Following extensive inquiries by detectives, a search warrant was executed on a home on the Pacific Highway at Greenwich at about 3.40 pm Sunday. Norwood was arrested at the scene and was taken to Chatswood Police Station, where he was charged with one count of attempted murder after the alleged stabbing, the statement said. Meanwhile, the Ministry of External Affairs (MEA) in New Delhi Friday said that the High Commission in Canberra is in touch with the local authorities over the incident and expects action to be taken against the perpetrators. The Indian High Commission in Canberra and the consulate in Sydney are in close touch with the local authorities and a suspect is in custody. "It is a sad incident. He (Garg) is in a hospital and treatment is being done," Bagchi said.

US House Jan 6 committee votes to subpoena Trump

The House of Representatives panel has already unveiled reams of evidence on the former president's involvement in a labyrinthine series of connected schemes to overturn the 2020 election

REUTERS

Washington, Oct 14: The US House of Representatives committee probing the Jan 6, 2021, attack on the US Capitol by Donald Trump's supporters voted unanimously Thursday to subpoena the former president, a move that could lead to criminal charges if he does not comply.

The House select committee's seven Democratic and two Republican members voted 9-0 in favor of issuing a subpoena for Trump to provide documents and

testimony under oath in connection with the storming of the Capitol.

The vote came after the committee spent more than two hours making its case - via statements from members, documents, and recorded testimony - that Trump planned to deny his 2020 election defeat in advance, failed to call off the thousands of supporters who stormed the Capitol, and followed through with his false claims that the election was stolen even as close advisers told him he had lost.

Federal law says that failure to comply with a congressional subpoena is a misdemeanor, punishable by one to 12 months imprisonment. If the select committee's subpoena is ignored, the full House must vote on whether to make a referral to the Department of Justice, which has the authority to decide whether to bring charges.

LOOMING MID-TERMS

The subpoena is expected within days, and would typically give Trump a date by which he should



He must be accountable. He is required to answer for those police officers who put their lives and bodies on the line to defend our democracy. He is required to answer to those millions of Americans whose votes he wanted to throw out as part of his scheme to remain in power

BENNIE THOMPSON | PANEL'S DEMOCRATIC CHAIRMAN REPRESENTATIVE

comply. It was not clear when the full House - which is out of Washington until mid-November - could vote on whether to make a criminal referral.

Trump responded to the vote with angry comments on his social

media service Truth Social. "Why did they wait until the very end, the final moments of their last meeting? Because the Committee is a total 'BUST' that has only served to further divide our Country which, by the way, is doing very badly - A

Trump denies any wrongdoing and is holding rallies to seek the White House again in 2024

The Jan 6 Capitol riot left more than 140 police officers injured and led to several deaths

More than 880 people have been arrested, with more than 400 guilty pleas so far

laughing stock all over the World?" he wrote.

Federal prosecutors are also investigating the former president's removal of classified documents from the White House at the end of his term, and have warned that they believe they have not yet recovered all the documents taken.

Thompson said he recognized that subpoenaing a former president was a serious action, but argued that the stakes were high for the future of US democracy.



India is expected to be among the fastest growing major economies this fiscal, geopolitical turbulence notwithstanding
SHAKTIKANTA DAS | GOVERNOR, RBI

GOODBYE CARTOON NETWORK

Millennials all over the world are feeling nostalgic after hearing the news that their beloved Cartoon Network will merge with Warner Bros Animation. Netizens took to social media to remember their childhood memories and reminiscence about the shows. Cartoon Network was founded October 1, 1992



of the day quote

We are close. We're still working on a deal. One of the things that has changed is that we are no longer working to the Diwali deadline



KEMI BADENOCH | TRADE SECRETARY, UK

We are very excited to be able to launch the long-awaited connection between Pune and Singapore. Singapore is a key market for business and leisure travel from various points in India and we are glad that the new route will offer enhanced connectivity to our customers



VINOD KANNAN | CEO, VISTARA

SpaceX is not asking to recoup past expenses, but also cannot fund the existing system indefinitely "and" send several thousand more terminals that have data usage up to 100X greater than typical households. This is unreasonable



ELON MUSK | CEO, SPACEX

World 'dangerously close' to a recession: World Bank

In a study, the World Bank warned that as central banks across the world simultaneously hike interest rates in response to inflation, the world may be edging toward a global recession in 2023, with a growth forecast of only 0.5 per cent

INDO-ASIAN NEWS SERVICE

Washington, Oct 14: The global economy is "dangerously close" to a recession, as inflation remains elevated, interest rates rise, and growing debt burden hits the developing world, World Bank President David Malpass said. "We've lowered our 2023 growth forecast from 3 per cent to 1.9 per cent for the global growth, that's dangerously close to a world re-

cession," Malpass said at a press conference during the IMF and World Bank annual meetings Thursday.

The World Bank chief noted at the press conference that world population growth is estimated at 1.1 per cent per year.

"So if you get much slower in terms of world growth, that means people are going backward," Malpass said in response to a question from Xinhua.

Citing a recent World Bank report, Malpass said that the Covid-19 pandemic dealt the biggest setback to global poverty-reduction efforts since 1990, pushing about 70 million people into extreme poverty in 2020, and the war in Ukraine threatens to make matters worse.

According to the Poverty and Shared Prosperity Report, global median income declined by 4 per cent in 2020, the first decline since its measurements of median income began in 1990.

"So if we have a world recession

More than a quarter of emerging economies have either defaulted or had bonds trading at distressed levels, and over 60 per cent of low-income countries are in, or at high risk of, debt distress, according to the IMF

All of the problems that people have taken note of, the inflation problem, the interest rate rises, and the cutoff of capital flow to developing world hit the poor hard

DAVID MALPASS | PRESIDENT WORLD BANK

now, that would also depress median income, meaning that the people in the lower half of the income scale are going down," Malpass said.

The World Bank chief also noted that he has been concerned

about the concentration of capital in the world in the top end of the advanced economies.

"So that's, I think, one of the issues that the world has to deal with to allow capital to flow to new businesses and to developing

countries, that would take a change in the direction of fiscal and monetary policies in the advanced economies," said Malpass.

The world is facing very challenging environment from the advanced economies, and that has serious implications, dangers for the developing countries, he said.

"My deep concern is that these conditions and trends might persist into 2023 and 2024."

Meanwhile, International Monetary Fund (IMF) chief Kristalina Georgieva said emerging markets and developing countries are being hit by a stronger dollar, high borrowing costs, and capital outflows - a triple blow particularly heavy for countries that are under a high level of debt.

"In this environment, we also must support vulnerable emerging markets and developing countries," Georgieva said at a press conference Thursday during the IMF and World Bank annual meetings.

Zerodha CEO calls out Spanish newspaper for featuring snake charmer's caricature



INDO-ASIAN NEWS SERVICE

New Delhi, Oct 14: Several Indians, including Nithin Kamath, the CEO of Zerodha, have criticised a Spanish newspaper after it featured a caricature of a snake charmer while reporting about the Indian economy.

On the microblogging website Twitter, Kamath called out the Spanish daily by drawing attention to the "racist stereotype" caricature made in the newspaper.

"Quite cool that the world is taking notice, but the cultural caricature, a snake charmer to represent India, is an insult. Wonder what it takes for this to stop; maybe global Indian products?" he tweeted.

Meanwhile, other Twitter users also shared their opinions on the matter: "Arguably India is still a very poor country. Leave the top 10 per cent of the population aside, the rest of India lives in miserable conditions. Until the time that changes, it is pointless to feel bad about such caricaturing. How the world perceives us, stems largely from how we actually are," a user wrote. "How come it's an insult? Maybe it's our shortcoming that they don't see India more than that," another user wrote.

Zerodha is a domestic brokerage firm that offers low cost brokerage for trading in Equity, Equity F&O, Commodity and Currency F&O segments at BSE, NSE and MCX.

SHORT TAKES

Musk under federal probe, says Twitter

Wilmington: Elon Musk is under a federal investigation related to his \$44 billion takeover deal for Twitter Inc, the social media company said in a court filing made public Thursday. Twitter said it requested for months that Musk's attorneys produce their communications with federal authorities but they had not done so, and asked a Delaware judge to order the attorneys to provide the documents. "This game of hide the ball must end," the company said in the court filing.

Discoms' aggregate loss surges by 66%

New Delhi: Aggregate losses of power distribution utilities or discoms increased by 66 per cent to ₹50,281 crore in 2020-21 as compared to the previous year, a report by state-run Power Finance Corporation said. "The Report on Performance of Power Utilities in 2020-21" unveiled at state power ministers' conference in Udaipur also stated that overall AT&C (aggregate technical & commercial) losses of discoms deteriorated from 20.73 per cent in 2019-20 to 22.32 per cent in 2020-21. For 2020-21, the report covers 117 utilities comprising 68 discoms, 23 power generation utilities, 22 power transmission utilities and 4 power trading utilities.

Infosys shares jump 4% on strong results

New Delhi: Shares of Infosys climbed 4 per cent Friday after the company posted better-than-expected 11 per cent rise in consolidated net profit for the September quarter and announced buyback of shares. Shares of the company went higher by 3.82 per cent to settle at ₹1,474.05 on the BSE. During the day, it jumped 5.22 per cent to ₹1,494. On the NSE, it climbed 4.02 per cent to end at ₹1,477. It was the biggest gainer among the Sensex and Nifty components. The company's market valuation jumped ₹22,878.82 crore to ₹6,20,254.82 crore.

Adani rebuffs plan to buy Jaiprakash

Mumbai: Indian billionaire Gautam Adani-led Adani Enterprises Ltd Friday said it was not evaluating a proposal to acquire Jaiprakash Associates Ltd's cement business. The Adani Group made the disclosure in a stock exchange filing after a Bloomberg News report from earlier this week said the conglomerate was in talks to buy the cement unit for \$606 million.

WPI inflation eases to 18-month low of 10.7% in September



THE WHOLESALE INFLATION WAS 12.41 PER CENT IN AUGUST AND 11.80 PER CENT IN SEPTEMBER LAST YEAR. THIS YEAR, WPI TOUCHED A RECORD HIGH OF 15.88 PER CENT IN MAY

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

New Delhi, Oct 14: The wholesale price-based inflation declined to a 18-month low of 10.7 per cent in September, as prices of food, fuel and manufactured items softened.

Although the wholesale price index (WPI) based inflation declined for the fourth consecutive month, it continued to remain in double digit for the 18th month since April 2021.

"Inflation in September, 2022 is primarily contributed by rise in prices of mineral oils, food articles, crude petroleum & natural gas, chemicals & chemical products, basic metals, electricity, textiles etc. As compared to the corresponding month of the previous year," an official statement said.

Economists say the gradual month-on-month decline in WPI is mainly due to moderation in commodity prices and pegged inflation to come down further with overall

recovery momentum and weaker outlook on commodity prices.

Inflation in food articles in September eased to 11.03 per cent, against 12.37 per cent in August. However, inflation in vegetables rose to 39.66 per cent during the month under review, as against 22.29 per cent in August.

Acuité Ratings & Research, Chief Analytical Officer, Suman Chowdhury said the share of food on a consolidated basis in WPI stands much lower at 24.3 per cent, as compared to 45.9 per cent weightage in the Consumer Price Index (CPI) construct. "Therefore, the impact of higher food prices continues to be modest in the WPI trajectory with inflation in food articles at 0.28 per cent only on a sequential basis," Chowdhury said.

In the fuel and power basket, inflation came in lower at 32.61 per cent in September, against 33.67 per cent in August. In manufactured products and oil seeds it was 6.34 per cent and (-) 16.55 per cent, respectively.

The RBI mainly looks at retail inflation to frame monetary policy. Retail inflation remained above the Reserve Bank's upper tolerance threshold of 6 per cent for the ninth month in a row and was at a 5-month high of 7.41 per cent in September, as per data released earlier this week.

To tame stubbornly high inflation, the RBI has hiked the key interest rate four times this year to 5.90 per cent - the highest since April 2019.

TRADE DEFICIT WIDENS

Sept exports rise 4.82%

Growth witnessed in export volumes indicate favorable trade policies, increasing domestic consumption, and growing export demand but widening trade deficit remains a matter of concern

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

New Delhi, Oct 14: The country's exports rose by 4.82 per cent to \$35.45 billion in September, even as the trade deficit widened to \$25.71 billion, according to the data released by the commerce ministry Friday.

In its preliminary data, which was released in the first week of this month, the ministry stated that the country's merchandise exports contracted by 3.52 per cent to \$32.82 billion in September.

According to the data released Friday, imports during the month under review increased by 8.66 per cent to \$61.61 billion. The trade deficit in September 2021 was \$22.47 billion.

During April-September 2022, exports recorded a growth of \$16.96 billion to \$231.88 billion. Imports rose by 38.55 per cent to \$380.34 billion, while the trade deficit widened to \$148.46 billion against \$76.25 billion in September 2021, the data showed.

Exports of key sectors such as engineering, RMG (ready-made garments) of all textiles, plastic, cashew and carpet recorded negative growth in September this year.



EXPORTS ROSE BY 4.82% TO \$35.45BN
IMPORTS SURGES BY 8.66% TO \$61.61BN
TRADE DEFICIT WIDENS TO \$25.71BN

Exports of engineering goods dipped by 10.85 per cent to \$8.4 billion in September. Similarly, the export of RMG of all textiles declined by 18 per cent to \$1 billion. Shipments of plastics decreased by 12.2 per cent to \$660.66 million.

However, exports of gems and jewellery, petroleum products, leather, pharmaceuticals, chemicals, and rice have recorded positive growth during the month.

At imports front, inbound shipments of oil dipped by 5.38 per cent to \$15.9 billion. Similarly, gold imports contracted by 24.62 per cent to \$3.9 billion.

Coal, coke and briquettes imports rose by 60.82 per cent to \$3.5 billion in September.

Further, the ministry said that the estimated value of services export for September 2022 is \$25.65 billion, an increase of

Forex reserves rise for the first time in over two months

Mumbai: India's forex reserves rose by \$204 million to \$532.868 billion for the week ended October 7 helped by a jump in the value of gold holdings, the Reserve Bank said Friday. This is the first weekly rise in the kitty since the seven days ended August 27, when the overall reserves stood at \$571.56 billion. In the preceding week ended September 30, the overall reserves had dropped by \$4.854 billion to \$532.664 billion. The reserves have been falling for the past several weeks as the central bank deploys the kitty to defend the rupee amid pressures caused majorly by global developments. In October 2021, the country's forex kitty had reached an all-time high of \$645 billion. Foreign Currency Assets (FCA), a major component of the overall reserves, saw a drop of \$1.311 billion to \$471.496 billion during the week of October 7, according to the Weekly Statistical Supplement released by the RBI Friday.

18.72 per cent over September 2021. Imports too rose by 20 per cent to \$15.10 billion.

"The estimated value of services export for April-September 2022 is \$150.43 billion, exhibiting a positive growth of 27.38 per cent vis-a-vis April-September 2021," it said.

SURPRISE OPEC+ CUTS

India pushes its oil refiners to diversify

REUTERS

Jaipur, Oct 14: India said it will speed up its diversification of oil imports to hedge against any surprise output cuts by the Organization of the Petroleum Exporting Countries and its allies.

"This will hurt large importers like India, who spent around \$120 billion last year on the import of petroleum products," India's oil minister Hardeep Singh Puri said Friday in reference to an OPEC+ decision last week to cut output by 2 million barrels per day.

Bol celebrates Hindi month

Bhubaneswar: Bank of India (BoI), Bhubaneswar Zone celebrated Hindi month from September 14 to October 14. On this occasion, seven competitions like news reading, e-mail competition, maximum work in Hindi, essay competition, advertisement writing, slogan competition and singing competition were organised. An oath taking ceremony was also organised September 14 to work in Hindi. During this programme, the winners of various competitions were awarded with certificates and prizes. Manoj Kumar Singh, General Manager, NBG (East) distributed the prizes. He said Hindi is our official language and we should do maximum work in Hindi in our day-to-day life. Malaya Das S, Zonal Manager and Ashok Kumar Jena, Deputy Zonal Manager were present on this occasion. All the staff members from all the zones participated in all competitions. Sonia Sawant, Senior Manager, official language conducted the programme.



AMID GLOBAL DOWNTURN

India festival spending booms despite inflation woes

Online and offline sales during the Hindu festival period starting in the last week of September and lasting until early November are estimated to cross \$27 billion, almost double the amount in the same pre-Covid period in 2019, and nearly 25% higher than last year, according to industry estimates

REUTERS

New Delhi, Oct 14: Indian consumers are lapping up everything from cars, houses and television sets to travel and jewellery in the festive season that began last month, according to early data, giving a fillip to growth prospects despite economic gloom elsewhere in the world.

The sales would include nearly \$15.2 billion offline sales, compared to about \$8.5 billion in 2019, according to the Confederation of

All India Traders (CAIT). This year there will also be \$11.8 billion worth of sales on online platforms like Amazon and Walmart's Flipkart, according to Redseer, a market consultancy.

Retail sales always peak during October-November, when the nation of 1.4 billion celebrates the major festivals of Dussehra and Diwali. It's also an auspicious time of year to get married, according to Hindu belief.

But the surge this year is much larger, mainly due to pent-up de-



Consumer confidence has improved with expanding economic activities, and the country would be celebrating festivals without any fear of pandemic after two years

PRAVEEN KHANDELWAL | SECRETARY GENERAL, CAIT

mand as Covid-19 recedes after two years of devastating the country, as well as a rise in wages and an increase in jobs as the economy recovers, said industry leaders.

"After two years of pandemic fatigue, Indian consumers are upbeat ahead of the festivals," said Sanjay Kothari, associate partner at Redseer, adding online sales rose

FESTIVAL SALES ESTIMATED TO DOUBLE FROM PRE-PANDEMIC PERIOD
SALES RISE MAINLY DUE TO PENT-UP DEMAND AS COVID-19 RECEDES

by nearly one-fifth in the first week of the season compared to last year.

With a four-fold rise in online buyers since 2018 to nearly 200 million, and demand for items like mobile handsets and fashion garments spreading to small towns, such sales were likely to remain strong at least for next three months, he said.

Auto sales, including those of two wheelers, rose 57% during the nine most auspicious days in the Hindu calendar this month compared to last year, and were nearly one-fifth higher compared to the pre-pandemic period in 2019, according to the Federation of Automobile

Dealers Associations.

In the country's top seven cities, home sales in the September quarter rose nearly 70% from a year earlier, said a report by the JLL consultancy, as builders offered festival discounts.

The boom in India comes despite economic challenges elsewhere in the world, with broadening inflation in the aftermath of the Russia-Ukraine war and sharply higher interest rates.

The spending is also being boosted by credit expansion, which hit a 10-year high of 16.2% in August as firms and consumers took out loans to fund investments and purchases, according to the central bank.

The retail boom is also a boon for the government - goods and services tax collections, a barometer of consumer demand, rose 26% year-on-year in September, data showed.

INDIA START FAVOURITES AGAINST SRI LANKA IN PURSUIT OF SEVENTH WOMEN'S ASIA CUP TITLE

EVES AIM FOR 7TH HEAVEN



PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

Sylhet, Oct 14: A ruthless Indian team would look to reassert their supremacy and aim to win an unprecedented seventh Asia Cup title when they clash with Sri Lanka in the final here Saturday.

The tournament brought to fore India's depth as the younger crop of players has shouldered the burden of taking the team to the final without any tangible contribution from skipper Harmanpreet Kaur and her deputy Smriti Mandhana.

Such has been the impact of the Indian team, that skipper Harmanpreet played only four games (81 runs) and in total faced a only 72 balls in those matches. Even Mandhana, who led in three games, skipped one game and didn't need to contribute much.

The biggest takeaway from a tournament like this is that Indian team's junior members could react

to pressure situations in a perfect manner when they were thrown at the deep end of the pool.

The most heartening aspect was how three 'seasoned' youngsters - 18-year-old Shafali Verma (161 runs and 3 wickets), 22-year-old Jemimah Rodrigues (215 runs) and 25-year-old Deepti Sharma (94 runs and 13 wickets) put their hands up and carried the team through to the summit clash.

The only blip in an otherwise flawless campaign was a defeat against arch-rivals Pakistan due to some bizarre planning by coach Ramesh Powar and Harmanpreet. India won't get a chance to settle scores with Pakistan at least in this edition as Sri Lanka knocked them out in the semifinals.

At least on paper, the summit clash is a complete mismatch as only one Sri Lankan batter (Oshadi Ranasinghe) has managed to scale the 100-plus strike-rate.

Only two batters - Harshitha Madavi (201 runs) and Nilakshi de Silva (124 runs) - have accumulated 100 plus runs across matches.

Even their most well-known woman cricketer Chamari Athapaththu has scored 96 runs at a below par strike-rate of 85 plus. In bowling, only left-arm spinner Inoka Ranaweera (12 wickets) has looked the part.

To put it bluntly, the quality of competition in Asia Cup isn't great and India as a team in terms of talent quotient as well as experience is a few lightyears ahead of the other neighbouring nations.

Hence, Sri Lanka might find it extremely difficult to upset the Indian juggernaut although in the last edition in Malaysia, four years back, Bangladesh did shock the favourites in the final.

The Sri Lankan women enthralled the cricket lovers across the globe with a celebratory dance

video (after beating Pakistan), which has since then gone viral. But if Saturday, they could get past Harmanpreet's team, it will be an icing on the cake with its men's team having already won the Asia Cup, a month back.

What would make India run-away favourites is the depth in their slow bowling department where Deepti, Rajeshwari Gayakwad and Sneha Rana have all been very economical.

Such has been the conditions that seamers Renuka Singh and Meghna Singh were not required much. Meghna, in fact didn't play the semifinal against Thailand.

The track at the Sylhet stadium has been on the slower side where stroke-making is extremely difficult. In the round robin encounter between the two teams, India batted first and scored 150 and bowled out Sri Lanka for 109.

India out of quarters race



MEMORABLE NIGHT: Morocco players celebrate a goal against India, Friday

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

Bhubaneswar, Oct 14: Hosts India conceded three goals in the second half to suffer a humiliating 0-3 defeat to Morocco in their second Group A match and crash out of the FIFA U-17 Women's World Cup here Friday.

Debutants Morocco scored through El Madani (50th minute), Yasmine Zouhir (61st) and Cherif Djennah (90+1) to script their maiden win in the tournament.

India, who were also making their debut as automatic qualifiers as hosts, had lost to USA 0-8 in the opening match Tuesday. They take on Brazil in their last group match October 17, which will only be of academic interest.

Morocco still remained in contention for a quarterfinal berth with three points after title contenders Brazil and USA played out a 1-1 draw in another Group A match here earlier in the day.

It was a much improved Indian side after their humbling defeat against



An Indian player goes for a cross in the opposition half

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USA and they dominated briefly in the early part of the first half which was largely evenly-contested. But the hosts lost the plot in the second half, conceding three goals to lose the match to the African team.

Goalkeeper Melody Keisham, who replaced Anjali Munda after the USA match, had a forgettable game as her mistake led to Morocco's second goal.

In the eight minute of the match, India put pressure on the opposition defence. Nitu Linda collected the ball in Morocco box and she tried to set up Anita Kumari but a

defender cleared the ball. Nothing came out of the Indian corner.

After that brief domination by the Indians, Morocco were on ascendency and they were unlucky not to have taken the lead with the cross-bar saving India in the 18th minute. Another Morocco chance came right at the halftime whistle when Melody again failed to collect the ball but India survived as both the sides were locked 0-0 at the break.

Five minutes into the second half, Naketa handled the ball inside the Indian box and the referee had no hesitation to point to the dreaded spot and El Madani stepped up to score from the penalty.

Morocco doubled the lead after Melody fumbled while trying to collect a cross from the right and captain Yasmine Zouhir slotted the ball home with a left footer in the 61st minute.

Morocco then added salt to India's injury as Cherif Djennah outran Indian markers on the left before scoring a clinical goal in the first minute of the added time.

BRAZIL, USA PLAY OUT 1-1 STALEMATE

BHUBANESWAR: Title contenders Brazil and the USA played out a 1-1 draw in a fast-paced Group A match as both teams closed in on quarterfinal berths of the FIFA U-17 Women's World Cup here Friday. Both the goals were scored in the first half, in the space of four minutes. Nicolle Kiorpes gave USA the lead in the 33rd minute but Carol restored parity in the 37th minute. The drawn result meant that both hosts India and Morocco, who face each other later in the day, will find it difficult to remain in the reckoning for a quarterfinal berth. Both Brazil and the USA have four points after their respective wins against Morocco and India. India face Brazil and the USA take on Morocco in final Group matches Monday.

Shami replaces Bumrah in India squad for WT20



PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

New Delhi, Oct 14: The BCCI Friday named seasoned pacer Mohammed Shami as injured Jasprit Bumrah's replacement in the Indian team for the upcoming T20 World Cup in Australia.

"The All-India Senior Selection Committee has named Mohammed Shami as Jasprit Bumrah's replacement in India's ICC Men's T20 World Cup squad. Shami has reached Australia and will link up with the squad in Brisbane ahead of the warm-up matches," BCCI secretary Jay Shah was quoted in a press release.

That Shami would replace Bumrah in the main squad was reported by PTI last month. Mohammed Siraj and Shardul Thakur have been named as back-ups and will travel to Australia shortly. The tournament will be held from October 16 to November 13.

Bumrah has been ruled out of competitive cricket for an indefinite period due to stress related injury on his back. Shami had last played in T20 Internationals during the last edition of the ICC T20 World Cup in the UAE.

He was supposed to play in the six T20Is at home against Australia and South Africa but tested positive for COVID-19 and had to remain in isolation. On return he had to prove his fitness before NCA approved his trip to Australia. Shami has played 17 T20Is and has taken 18 wickets.

ARSENAL, FREIBURG STAY PERFECT

ASSOCIATED PRESS

Bodo (Norway), Oct 14: Bukayo Saka scored and Arsenal beat Bodo/Glimt 1-0 in Norway to stay perfect with its third straight victory in the Europa League. Saka was fed by Sambi Lokonga to net the decider for the Premier League leaders in the 24th minute.

Arsenal are atop Group A with nine points from three games - with a match against PSV Eindhoven postponed after the death of Queen Elizabeth II. The Dutch team beat Zurich 5-0 later Thursday.

Freiburg made it four wins from four by routing Nantes 4-0 away to also stay perfect and cement the top spot in Group G with 12 points. Lukas Kubler, Wooyeong Jeong and substitute Michael Gregoritsch had a goal each for the Bundesliga club with Moses Simon adding an own goal.

Qarabag trails Freiburg by five points in second after it was held 0-0 by Olympiacos, which earned the first point. Nantes remains on three.

Manchester United had another tough night at the Old Trafford as

a stoppage-time goal by Scott McTominay helped his side secure a 1-0 win over Omonia Nicosia.

Real Betis failed to stay perfect in Group C after it was held 1-1 at home by Roma. Andrea Belotti salvaged a point for Jose Mourinho's team with a second-half equalizer after a deflected shot by Sergio Canales gave the hosts a first-half lead. The Spanish team dominates the group with 10 points. Roma is on four. Ludogorets plays HJK later in the day.

European competition newcomer Union St. Gilloise of Belgium drew 3-3 at home with Braga. Vitor Oliveira's hat trick put Braga ahead 3-1 but the hosts came back with Victor Boniface's second goal and another one from Dante Vanzeir. Union stays atop Group D with 10 points.

In a tightly contested Group F, Feyenoord was held 2-2 by Midtjylland for a share of the lead on five points, with Lazio and Sturm a point back. Fenerbahce won 2-1 at AEK Larnaca and Rennes beat Ukraine's Dynamo Kyiv 1-0 in Krakow, Poland for a joint lead of Group B with 10 points.

EUROPA CONFERENCE LEAGUE

Villarreal kept their 100 percent record after a 1-0 win at Austria Vienna. If Lech fails to win at H. Beer-Sheva in another Group C match, the victory for the Spaniards would earn them a spot in the round of 16 with two games to go.

In Group E, Apollon Limassol beat AZ Alkmaar 1-0 for its first win, handing the Dutch club their first defeat after three

wins. Istanbul Basaksehir remained atop Group A with a 3-0 home win over RFS. Fiorentina routed Scottish Hearts 5-1 to stay three points behind.



TAX EXEMPTION FOR HOSTING 2023 ICC WORLD CUP

Govt denial could cost BCCI ₹955cr

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

New Delhi, Oct 14: The BCCI could lose around ₹955 crore (USD 116 million) if the central government sticks to its decision to levy 21.84 percent tax surcharge on ICC's broadcast revenue from the 2023 ODI World Cup, according to a Board report. India is to host next year's 50-over showpiece in October-November.

Tax surcharge refers to "an additional charge, fee, or tax that is added to the cost of a good or service beyond the initially quoted price". A surcharge is often added to an existing tax and is not included in the stated price of the good or service.

As per ICC norm, the host nation is required to get tax exemption from the government for hosting tournaments organised by the global body.

Since India's tax rules don't allow such exemptions, the BCCI has already lost close to ₹193 crore (USD 23.5 million) as the government didn't exempt tax surcharge for hosting the 2016 ICC T20 World Cup. The BCCI is still fighting that case in the ICC tribunal.

"The next ICC major men's event, which is the ICC Cricket World Cup 2023, is scheduled to be held in India in the month of October & November in 2023. The BCCI was obligated to deliver a tax exemption or a tax solution to the ICC for this event, latest by April 2022," stated the report circulated among state units ahead of the Board's October 18 AGM in Mumbai.

"This time line was further extended by the ICC Board till 31st May 2022. At the start of this financial year, the BCCI had advised the ICC that in line with the tax order for the 2016 event, it was expected that a 10% (excluding surcharges) tax order could be obtained as an interim measure for the 2023 event within the required time frame.

"The ICC has now received a



20% (excluding surcharges) tax order for its broadcast revenue for the 2023 event from the tax authorities in India."

According to the BCCI document shared with the state bodies, the adverse impact on the Board's revenue from the ICC, if a 21.84 percent tax is paid, would be USD 116.47 million.

It is understood that the BCCI is still trying to negotiate and bring down the tax surcharge percentage to 10.92 percent from the existing demand of 21.84. If the BCCI can reduce the tax surcharge to 10.92 percent, then the revenue loss would be around ₹430 crore (USD 52.23 million).

"It is to be noted that any tax cost incurred by the ICC for the 2023 event in India will be adjusted with the BCCI's share of revenue from the ICC," the report further stated.

The BCCI's share from the ICC's central revenue pool for the tenure 2016 to 2023 is USD 405 million (Rs 3336 crore approximately). The ICC is expecting USD 533.29 million (Rs 4400 crores approx) from the broadcasting revenue of the 2023 event in India.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Contrasting fortunes

BHUBANESWAR: Odisha cricket teams had day with contrasting fortunes as the women's team won their Senior Women's T20 Trophy match, while the men's team lost to Bengal in their Syed Mushtaq Ali Trophy T20 tournament, Friday. The women's team defeated Hyderabad by eight wickets with 14 balls to spare in Bangalore. Opting to field first after winning the toss, state eves restricted Hyderabad to 102/8. Sushree Dibyadarshini (3/20) was brilliant with the ball, while Ramya top-scored for Hyderabad with a 47-ball 37. In response, Odisha rode on the unbeaten 48-run knock by Madhuri Meheta to complete the chase. The state men's team, on the other hand, were bowled out for 86 after being invited to bat first. Abhishek Rout (24) top-scored for Odisha, while Mukesh Kumar (3/12) and Wittick Bijoy Chatterjee (3/22) shared six wickets between them for Bengal. In reply, Abhimanyu Easwaran (37 n o) helped Bengal complete the chase in 14.3 overs.

Rudranksh bags gold

CAIRO: Young Rudranksh Patil Friday won gold in men's 10m air rifle event in the ISSF World Championship here, becoming only the second Indian to achieve the feat after the legendary Abhinav Bindra. Patil also secured a 2014 Paris Olympics quota for the country in the process. This was India's second Olympic quota. The 18-year-old Rudranksh beat Italy's Danilo Dennis Sollazzo 17-13 in the gold medal match after a brilliant come-from-behind effort. Four quota spots are available in Olympic events at the World Championship this year. India had earned their first quota at the Shotgun World Championship in Croatia recently, courtesy Bhowneesh Mendiratta in the men's trap event. Rudranksh topped the qualification and was assured of the quota after he entered the gold medal match in second place in the ranking round. Beijing 2008 Olympics champion Bindra had won his World Championship gold in his pet 10m air rifle event in 2006 in Zagreb, Croatia.

India's Pakistan tour in plan

NEW DELHI: The Indian cricket team may tour Pakistan after a gap of 15 years, the BCCI has indicated ahead of its all important Annual General meeting (AGM) October 18 in Mumbai. The BCCI has shared with all its state unit representatives a lowdown of the work done during the past year along with future plans and schedule of the national team's tours, which includes Asia Cup in Pakistan next year. According to the report, the Indian team will be participating in the ICC Women's T20 World Cup (South Africa), ICC Women's U-19 T20 World Cup (South Africa), Asia Cup (Pakistan) and ICC Cricket World Cup, India. With England, Australia, West Indies and Sri Lanka having already toured Pakistan in the past few years, it will be interesting to see how things pan out as BCCI will need central government's permission to allow the team to travel to Pakistan. "Obviously, when the time comes, it will be a government decision. But there is one aspect. The government allows India versus Pakistan contests in global and continental events. So there is a chance of India travelling but it will be too early to completely commit that a team will go to Pakistan. But putting it on report is a broad hint," a senior BCCI source told PTI on conditions of anonymity.