



LIVING THE CHARACTER

Actor Janhvi Kapoor says like her character in the upcoming film Milii, she too is a fighter in her own life

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'DIRTY BOMB' PROBE

Experts are conducting inspections at two sites in Ukraine where Russia alleges "dirty bombs" are being manufactured

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All eyes will be on Indian batters, including Rishabh Pant, when they take on Bangladesh in their T20 WC match today

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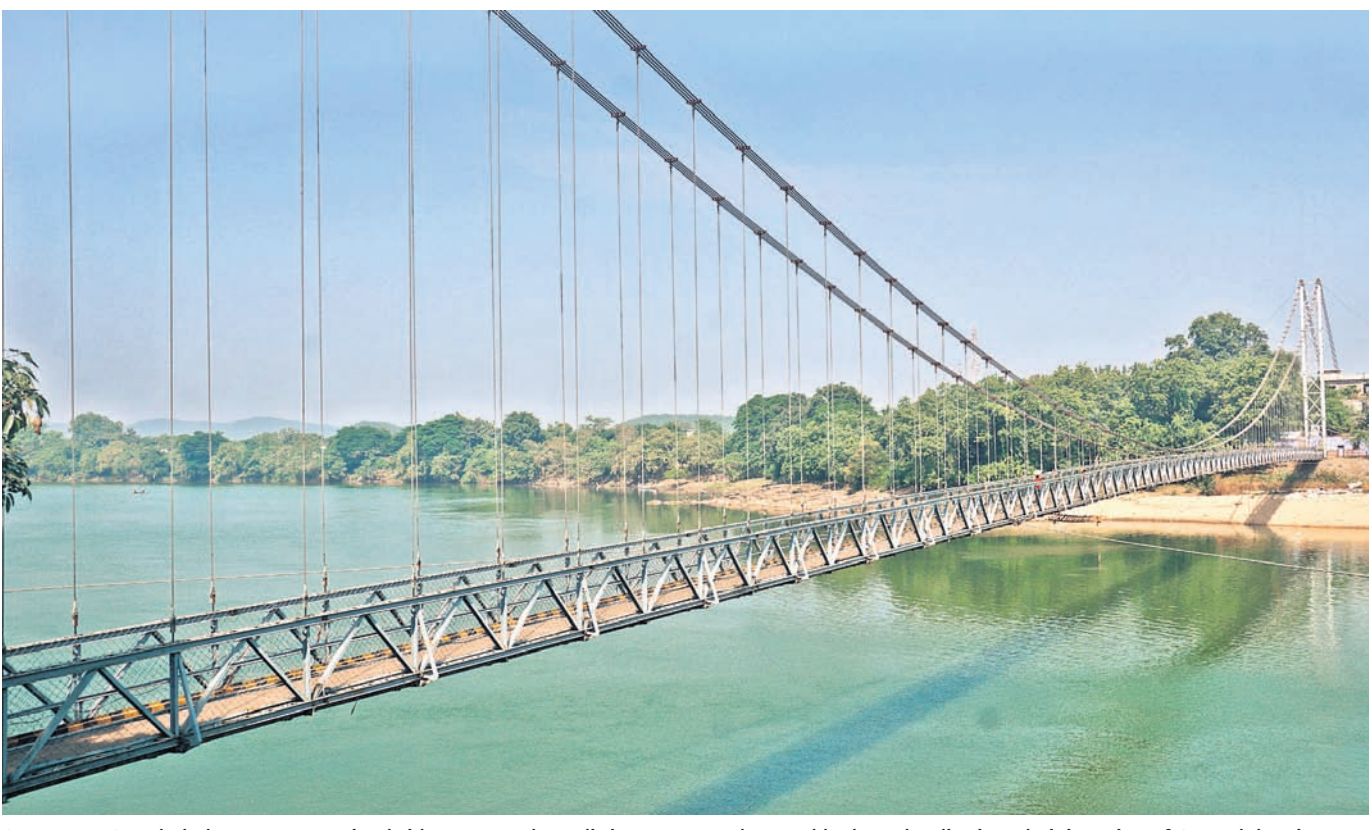
SHORT TAKES

Common ITR form for all taxpayers on anvil

New Delhi: The finance ministry Tuesday proposed to come out with a user-friendly common income tax return form for all taxpayers, under which income from virtual digital assets will have to be disclosed under a separate head. All taxpayers, except trusts and non-profit organisations, can file returns with the proposed new common ITR form, on which the Central Board of Direct Taxes (CBDT) has invited stakeholder comments by December 15.

53 drown in Bihar during Chhath

Patna: As many as 53 people drowned in rivers and other water bodies in various parts of Bihar during the four-day Chhath festivities, said a disaster management official here Tuesday. Expressing grief, Bihar Chief Minister Nitish Kumar announced an ex-gratia of Rs 4 lakh each for the next of the kin of each deceased, the official said. The CM directed all district magistrates to ensure expeditious payment to the victims' families. According to the official, five people drowned in Purnea district October 30, while three deaths each were reported from Patna, Muzaffarpur, Samastipur and Saharsa among other districts.



SAFETY FIRST: Dhabaleswar suspension bridge over Mahanadi river wears a deserted look as the district administration of Cuttack has imposed Section 144 of CrPC at the shrine following the tragedy at Morbi in Gujarat

8 OFFICIALS AXED FOR CORRUPTION

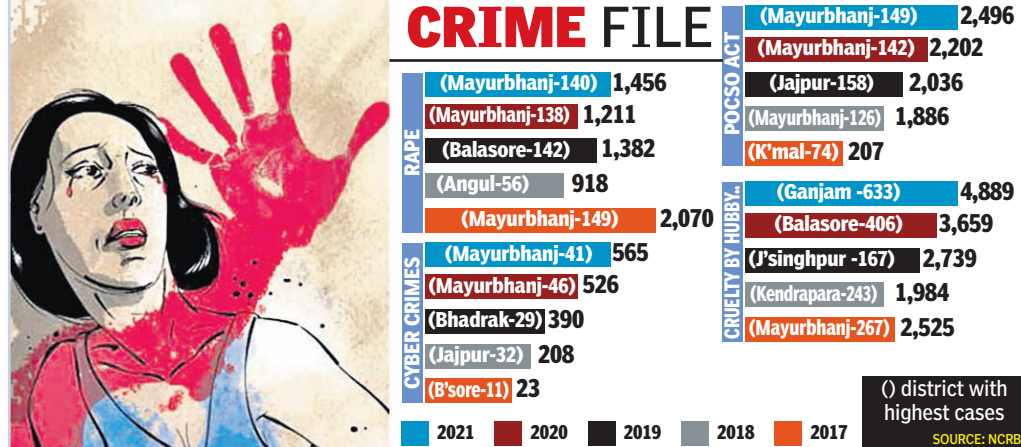
Bhubaneswar, Nov 1: The state government Tuesday initiated strict action against 14 officials on charges of corruption and inefficiency. The action was sanctioned by CM Naveen Patnaik, an official said. While four government officials were dismissed from service, four others were placed under compulsory retirement and the pension of six more officials was stopped permanently based on the feedback from the state's 5T initiative and Mo Sarkar programme. The corrupt officials on whom action has been taken include one superintending engineer, two assistant engineers, one deputy superintendent of police (DSP), one sub-divisional police officer (SDPO), one forest range officer, one tehsildar, one block development officer (BDO), one senior manager, one tax collector, one supply inspector, and three junior engineers. Those dismissed are former Lamtaput block CDPO Swarnabha Das, former Kantamal BDO Damodar Mahalik, former Dasmantpur block junior engineer Manoj Kumar Beura and Sundargarh's Badagaon forest range officer Dillip Kumar Digaal. Former Dhenkanal RWSS division assistant engineer Prasanna Kumar Muni, Cuttack PH Division superintending engineer Nabkishore Samal, ex-DSP of IUCAW, Malay Kishore Nayak, Sundargarh Municipality assistant engineer Jayant Narayan Panda and former Talcher Municipality tax collector Khirud Chandra Raut have been given compulsory retirement due to charges of inefficiency and corruption framed against them. With this, the state government as part of its 'zero tolerance' policy has so far taken action against 187 government officials since 2019 on grounds of corruption and inefficiency.

Crimes against women up 56%

Analysis of NCRB data for the past five years showed that Odisha has witnessed a surge in crimes against the fairer sex with Ganjam, Balasore and Mayurbhanj reporting the maximum of the incidents. The conviction rate, however, remained paltry

GYAN RANJAN MOHAPATRA, OP

Bhubaneswar, Nov 1: Crimes against women rose by 56.06 per cent in Odisha in the past five years—from 2017 to 2021, an analysis of the National Crime Records Bureau (NCRB) data showed. The state recorded 31,352 cases of crimes against women under the Indian Penal Code, special and local laws in 2021, while the year 2000 saw 25,489 such offences. In 2019, Odisha registered 23,183 cases of crimes against the fairer sex, while the figures stood at 20,274 in 2018 and 20,069 the previous year; the data showed. While violence against women saw a surge, the conviction rate remained paltry. The conviction, which was 7.4 per cent in 2017, saw a little rise in 2018 with 8.3 per cent. It further rose to 10 per cent in 2019 before nosediving to 9.2 per cent in 2020 and 8.3 per cent in 2021. A district and year wise analysis of NCRB reports for the past five years showed that Ganjam, Balasore and Mayurbhanj reported the maximum crimes against the fairer sex. Ganjam earned the dubious distinction of reporting the maximum incidents (2,563) of offences against women among the districts last year. In 2021, Odisha saw 1,456 rape cases, 565 cybercrimes against women and 2,496 cases under the POCSO Act with Mayurbhanj registering the highest of 140, 41 and 149 of the offences among the districts respectively. There were 293 dowry deaths last year. Of the 5,175 kidnapping and abduction cases, Jajpur topped the districts with 397 incidents. Odisha had 14,853 victims of assault with intent to outrage modesty and 4,889 cases of cruelty by husband or his relatives with Ganjam recording the highest of 1,361 and 633 of the cases respectively. In 2000, a Covid pandemic year, Balasore (1,613) saw the highest crimes against the fairer sex. The state recorded 1,211 rape cases, 526 cyber crimes against women and 2,070 cases under the POCSO Act wherein Mayurbhanj reported the highest of 138, 46 and 142 of the cases among the districts respectively. Balasore topped the districts with 277 of the 3,775 incidents of kidnapping and abduction cases. Odisha saw 320 dowry deaths in 2020. There were 12,605 victims of assault with intent to outrage modesty and 3,659 cruelty by husband or his relatives with Puri (1027) and Balasore (406) registering the maximum of the cases respectively. In 2019, too, Balasore reported the maximum crimes against women among the districts with 1,772 cases. Of the 1382 rape cases, Balasore topped the districts with 142 incidents of the shame. There were 390 cyber crimes against women with the highest of 29 reported in Bhadrak. Odisha saw 2,036 cases under the POCSO Act wherein Jajpur reported the highest of 158 such offences. The state registered 342 dowry deaths in 2019. Kidnapping and abduction of women stood at 3,934 and there were 11,308 victims of assault with intent to outrage modesty with Balasore contributing the highest of 421 and 837 incidents to the state respectively. Jagatsinghpur saw highest of 167 cases among the districts out of 2,739 incidents of cruelty by husband or his relatives. Like 2020 and 2019, the year 2018 also saw Balasore registering the highest crimes against the fairer sex among the districts with 1,381 cases. Odisha saw 918 rapes and Angul topped the list with 56 such incidents. Of the 208 cyber crimes against women, Jajpur recorded the highest of 32 cases among the districts. The state witnessed 373 dowry deaths in 2018. Mayurbhanj saw the biggest of 126 cases under POCSO Act of the 1,886. Kidnapping and abduction cases among women stood at 2,611 and



MAYURBHANJ WOMAN HACKED TO DEATH

Kaptipada: A 37-year-old woman was hacked to death by a person in full public view over suspected past rivalry at Junupal village under the police limits in Mayurbhanj district, Tuesday. The deceased was identified as Padmini Pradhan, wife of Sachindra Pradhan in Kantagadi village under JS Jamudihia panchayat. The incident took place when Padmini was walking to her home after getting down from a bus at Junupal Square around 1 pm. "A man suddenly attacked her with a sharp-edged weapon and fled," said an eyewitness, adding that the profusely bleeding woman was rushed to a hospital in Udala, where doctors declared her 'dead on arrival'. On being informed, police reached the hospital and sent the body for post-mortem. "A case was registered in this connection and an investigation into the matter is underway," a senior police official said.

there were 9,973 victims of assault with intent to outrage modesty with Balasore (324) and Bhadrak (494) witnessing the maximum of the cases respectively.

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IRREGULAR by MANJUL



Yes, he too is responsible. He has an evil eye. He was staring at the bridge when it collapsed

MARKET WATCH

INDEX	VARIAION
SENSEX	61121.35 ↑ 374.76
NIFTY	18145.40 ↑ 133.20
DOLLAR	82.69 ↓ ₹0.08
EURO	81.60 ↓ ₹0.19
GOLD	₹50,460 ↑ ₹138
SILVER	₹58,843 ↑ ₹1165

WEATHER

	BHUB	CTK
TEMP MAX	32.9°C	32.6°C
TEMP MIN	20.6°C	20.6°C
Humidity	75%	73%
Rainfall	Nil	Nil
Forecast	Dry weather likely	

'Potentially hazardous' asteroid spotted hiding in Sun's glare

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ously difficult to spot objects due to the glare from the Sun. It was found along with two other near-Earth asteroids using a high-tech instrument on the Victor M. Blanco telescope in Chile that was originally developed to study dark matter. "2022 AP7 crosses Earth's orbit, which makes it a potentially hazardous asteroid, but it currently does not now or anytime in the future have a trajectory that will have it collide with the Earth," said lead author of the findings, astronomer Scott Sheppard of the Carnegie Institution for Science. The potential threat comes from the fact that like any orbiting object, its trajectory will be slowly modified due to myriad gravitational forces, notably by planets. Forecasts are therefore difficult on the very long term. The newly-discovered asteroid is "the largest object that is potentially hazardous to Earth to



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be discovered in the last eight years," said NOIRLab, a US-funded research group that operates multiple observatories. 2022 AP7 takes five years to circle the Sun under its current orbit, which at its closest point to Earth remain several million kilometres away. The risk is therefore very small, but in case of a collision, an asteroid of that size "would have a devastating impact on life as we know it," said Sheppard. He explained that dust launched into the air would have a major cooling effect, provoking an extinction event like hasn't been seen on Earth in millions of years. His team's results were published in the scientific journal The Astronomical Journal. The

two other asteroids pose no risk to Earth, but one is the closest asteroid to the Sun ever found. Some 30,000 asteroids of all sizes - including more than 850 larger than a kilometre wide - have been catalogued in the vicinity of the Earth, earning them the label "Near Earth Objects" (NEOs). None of them threaten Earth for the next 100 years. According to Sheppard, there are likely 20 to 50 large NEOs left to find, but most are on orbits that put them in the Sun's glare. In preparation for a future discovery of a more threatening object, NASA conducted a test mission in late September in which it collided a spacecraft with an asteroid, proving that it was possible to change its trajectory.

AGENCIES

Washington, Nov 1: An international team of astronomers have announced the discovery of a large asteroid whose orbit crosses that of Earth, creating a small chance far in the future of a catastrophic collision. The 1.5 kilometre- (0.9 mile-) wide asteroid, named 2022 AP7, was discovered in area notoriously

SC junks defamation against Aron Purie

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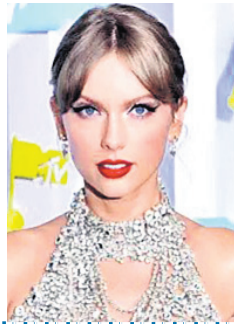
New Delhi, Nov 1: The Supreme Court has quashed a defamation case against Aron Purie, founder-director of India Today, noting that the editor-in-chief of a publication cannot be prosecuted for defamation unless 'specific allegations' are made against them. A bench of the CJU U Lalit and Justice Bela M Trivedi made the observations while dealing with a case related to an article published in the magazine in April 2007 titled 'Mission Misconduct'. The article detailed how three Indian officials in the Indian High Commission to the UK had to be recalled in March 2007 after facing a number of serious allegations in what the news outlet called a 'string of embarrassments'. After the publication of the article, a complaint was filed against a number of people, including Purie, which alleged that the article was defamatory and sought action under various sections of the Indian Penal Code (IPC). While Purie's counsel noted that under Section 7 of the Press and Registration of Books Act, 1867, only a 'printer/editor' could be prosecuted, the SC held that this depends on the facts of the case. The SC, however, did not grant any relief to the article's author, observing that he 'stands on a different footing'.

High decibel campaign for Dhamnagar ends

AGENCIES

Bhubaneswar, Nov 1: The high decibel campaign for the November 3 bypoll in Dhamnagar assembly constituency in Odisha fell silent at 6 pm Tuesday, 48 hours ahead of polling in the seat. The campaign saw the ruling BJD and opposition BJP bitterly accuse each other of indulging in 'cash for vote' to woo voters. Both parties have lodged complaints with the state chief electoral officer. BJD president and CM Naveen Patnaik did not hit the campaign trail but addressed the people of Dhamnagar on the virtual mode. In his addresses, which were shown to the people on big screens across the constituency Monday, Patnaik appealed to the voters to elect Abanti Das and said he would personally take the responsibility of developing the constituency. Union Minister Dharmendra Pradhan wrapped up the campaign for the saffron party candidate Suryabanshi Suraj by addressing a public meeting at Dhamnagar. OPCS president Sarat Pattanayak, AICC deputy Odisha in-charge Rudra Raju, Congress MLAs, MPs and MLAs extensively campaigned for party candidate Harekrushna Sethi.

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SWIFT FIRST ARTISTE WITH ENTIRE TOP 10 ON BILLBOARD HOT 100

Singer Taylor Swift has made history as she scored a 10 out of 10 to become the first artiste in history to claim the Top 10 slots on the Billboard Hot 100 chart in the US.

CONNOR SAYS HE'S BEEN FORCED TO COME OUT AS BISEXUAL

Heartstopper star Kit Connor came out as bisexual amid accusations of queerbaiting and slammed his critics for forcing him to out himself in response to the hurtful allegations. In a tweet, Connor slammed the allegations and wrote: "i'm bi. congrats for forcing an 18 year old to out himself."



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ARIES
Today finds you in a horrible dilemma - caught between you beloved and your boss. You can't bear to displease either one of them. However, Ganesh says sometimes you have to smilingly tackle such dilemmas. Take heart, life generally doesn't give you what you can't control.

TAURUS
Your closeness and intimacy with someone you already love is likely deeper and stronger. So says Ganesh. Time spent with your brothers, sisters, spouse and kids is sure to be pleasant, refreshing. The will be eager to please you, help you out. Later in the day you are likely to feel morose and dejected.

GEMINI
You will be worried on account of financial matters, or due to matters related to inheritances. You will become more possessive about material things today and will not be in the mood to share with others. You will feel some satisfaction looking back at your efforts made throughout the day, in the evening, says Ganesh.

CANCER
You may make a switch to a new job or get a job offer that you don't want to deny, predicts Ganesh. You are likely to go on a shopping spree and spend lavishly. In the evening, you will be spending your time and money on your loved ones.

LEO
You will not compromise with your principles today, and will feel satisfied with yourself as a result. However, do not lose your conciliatory approach. You need to be practical and businesslike about your professional affairs, says Ganesh.

VIRGO
You will feel very agitated about some prickly issues today. Ganesh says there is a likelihood of your joining some sort of a course to improve your personality. There is also a possibility of an intimate conversation leading up to some carnal enjoyment.

LIBRA
Ganesh says you will be in a nostalgic frame of mind and will love to remember the good memories of the past today. You will be able to sit with like-minded people and will discuss and share your ideas and thoughts. You will share your thoughts on varied topics like philosophy religion etc. Ganesh says it is time you focus on the present and remain joyous instead of trying to think about the past or future.

SCORPIO
Ganesh has lot of surprises in store for you today. It's your time to slowly unravel the mystery, He says. The ball is in your court when it comes to business meetings and professional discussions. Your sense of humour is likely to cast a magic spell on everyone around you, today.

SAGITTARIUS
Love life and your sweet-heart are likely to occupy your day. You may build castles in the air! You would like to give your wardrobe a makeover. To sum it up, you and your friends set out on a shopping spree and splurge big time! Make the most of the benevolent day, says Ganesh.

CAPRICORN
Today, you will sit back and think about the mistakes you have made in the past. At work, you perform like a team player and play an important role in the success of your team. But, your efforts may go unnoticed or may not receive deserved appreciation. It will disappoint you, but you know your worth so you'll not complain about it.

AQUARIUS
You will become flexible and tolerant in your approach, and this change will enable you to deal with unfavourable circumstances with an ease. You sympathise with the people who bear the brunt of injustice of any kind. You will feel the joy of helping somebody in need today, foretells Ganesh.

PISCES
The day will start well but there will be a sharp drop as it peaks in the afternoon and things may arise that will become a cause of worry. Money might be the primary reason for your stress. There will only be two solutions available to this problem.



Yami Gautam likes being surprised

Mumbai: Yami Gautam Dhar has enjoyed a decade-long career in the film industry and of late, she has receiving rave reviews for her unique performances in her recent films. The actress left many impressed with her power packed and intense acting skills in films like *A Thursday* and *Dasvi*, both of which released on OTT in the year 2022. Speaking about this success and life in the industry, Yami

talked about that one character that she relates to the most in a recent interview. While talking about her role 'Naina' in the Disney+Hotstar release, *A Thursday*, Yami said, "My character in the film is something that I have a strong connection with, not because I identify with her [Naina] on a personal level, because I had to give a lot of myself to it." On being asked about the kind of roles that she is more interested to do lately, she replied, "I want to do all kinds of films as long as it's a role that excites me and gives me something to bite into. I also don't plan things. I like being surprised." Meanwhile, talking about her upcoming films, she has some interesting performances lined up with projects like *Chor Nikal Ke Bhaga* co-starring Sunny Kaushal which is also all set to release on Netflix this year.



Janhvi: Films add to my life

New Delhi: Actress Janhvi Kapoor says just like her character in the upcoming survival-thriller *Mili*, she too is a fighter and has shown perseverance in her own life many a times.

Mili is directed by Mathukutty Xavier and produced by Boney Kapoor. A remake of the director's own 2019 Malayalam film *Helen*, it follows a woman stuck in a freezer fighting to stay alive. The 25-year-old shot for the movie for straight 20 days inside a freezer in minus 15 degree temperature.

Asked if she feels she too is a fighter like her character *Mili*, pat came a reply from Janhvi : "Yeah, I think so. Maybe not on the face I don't think I am aggressive but I think that I have shown perseverance in my own life many times."

At 25, how does she pick her films? To this she says: "I get to live so many lives and characters, which are different from my world. Through my films I have learnt to ride a chopper, playing cricket, I have shot in a freezer and learnt how to speak in a Bihari dialect. Films add to my life."

Also featuring Manoj Pahwa and Sunny Kaushal, *Mili* is produced by Zee Studios and Boney Kapoor.

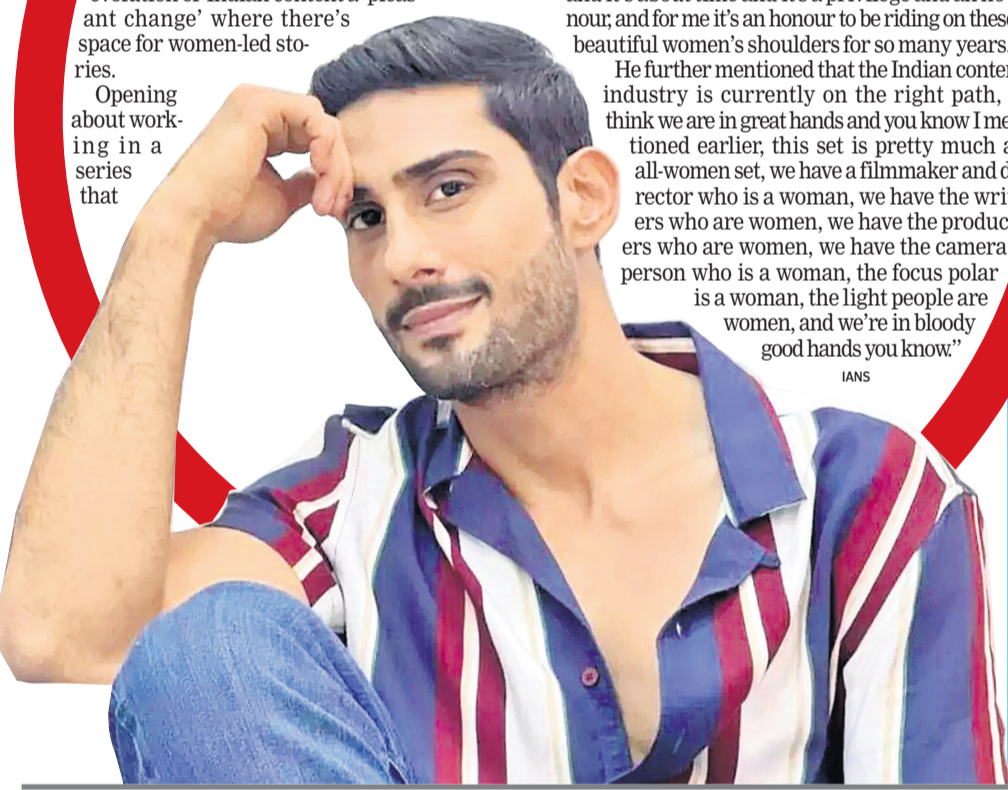
'Honoured to be part of female-centric content'

Mumbai: Actor Prateik Babbar, who is currently enjoying the response to the recent season of his streaming show *Four More Shots Please!*, feels honoured to be a part of this female-centric show and has called the gradual evolution of Indian content a 'pleasant change' where there's space for women-led stories.

Opening about working in a series that

is driven by women, Prateik said, "It's a very pleasant change I think, where it's a wonderful time for cinema you know and I think as for actors, why not have women-driven subjects or shows, why not? Listen, women rule the world and it's about time and it's a privilege and an honour; and for me it's an honour to be riding on these beautiful women's shoulders for so many years."

He further mentioned that the Indian content industry is currently on the right path, "I think we are in great hands and you know I mentioned earlier, this set is pretty much an all-women set, we have a filmmaker and director who is a woman, we have the writers who are women, we have the producers who are women, we have the camera person who is a woman, the focus polar is a woman, the light people are women, and we're in bloody good hands you know."



Natya Dhara: Odia play underlines vulnerability of a common man

Bhubaneswar: Trendy Academy, a theatre troupe from Sonepur, staged Odia play *Kamuda Ghoda Mukhe Deli Chumbana* on the first evening of three-day monthly drama festival *Natyadhara* here at Bhanjakala Mandap. The event is a collaboration of the Odia Language, Literature and Culture department, Odisha Sangeet Natak Akademi (OSNA) and Odisha Natya Sangh (ONS). Written and directed by Purushottam Mishra, the title of the play is a popular line from a poem of famous poet Jadumani Mohapatra, known for his sarcasm.



A scene from *Kamuda Ghoda Mukhe Deli Chumbana*

Though Mohapatra composed the lines after his failure in getting patronage from the Ranpur king for his literary activities, they are still relevant even after so many years. Director Mishra, through this play, conveyed the message that the ruling class and its machinery are still unwilling to address issues of a common man. That leaves the subjects with no choice than supporting their rulers. Actors who performed on stage included Khirod Biswal, Shibray Kamp, Laxminarayan Sahoo, Munia Panigrahi, Sarbadam Sahoo and others. Avinash Hota assisted in direction while Abhilas Mishra

scored the music. The dignitaries present on the occasion were OSNA secretary Prabodh Rath, ONS president Haren Sahoo and theatre director Mukunda Satpathy. ONS secretary Subhakanta Padhi hosted the event. The director of the play was felicitated on the occasion.

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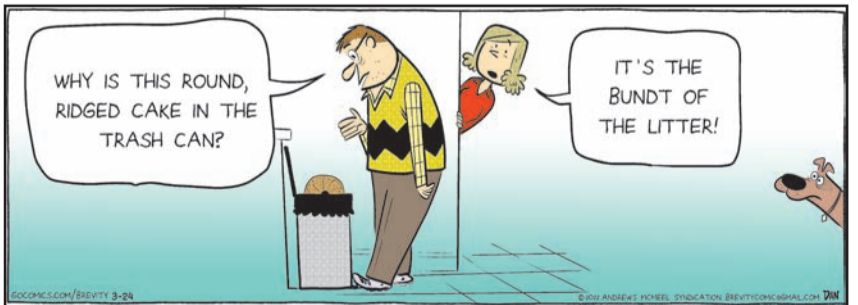
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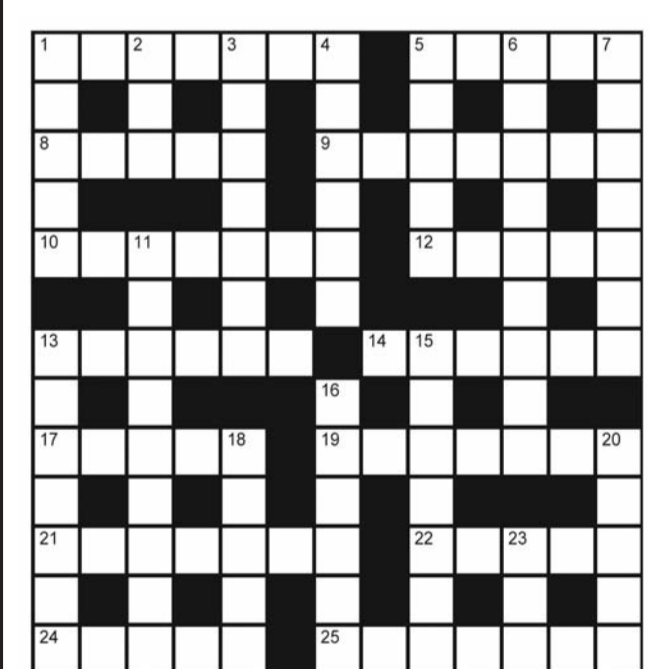
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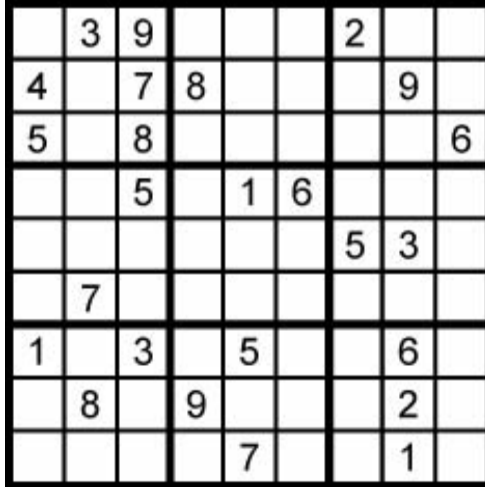
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- 1 Andean animals
 - 5 Anaglyph
 - 8 Roentgen's discovery (1-4)
 - 9 Eyelet
 - 10 Type of submarine
 - 12 Boredom
 - 13 Fix-it shop
 - 14 Unruffled
 - 17 Constructed
 - 19 Game dish
 - 21 Heavy hydrogen, e.g.
 - 22 Bikini, for one
 - 24 Bloodhound's clue
 - 25 It can be standing
 - Down**
 - 1 Female fox
 - 2 Chinese brew
 - 3 Savings (4,3)
 - 4 Sweet
 - 5 Witch
 - 6 Type of occasion
 - 7 Large flightless bird
 - 11 Lion or tiger, e.g.
 - 13 Evil spirits
 - 15 US state that borders three Canadian provinces
 - 16 City in NW Spain
 - 18 Freshwater game fish
 - 20 Man-made fibre
 - 23 Arles assent

SUDOKU

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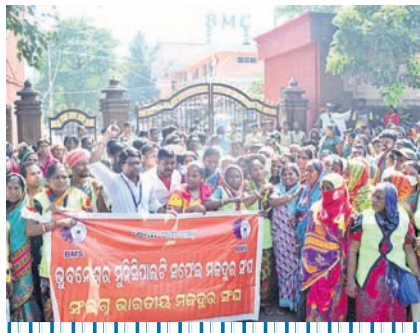


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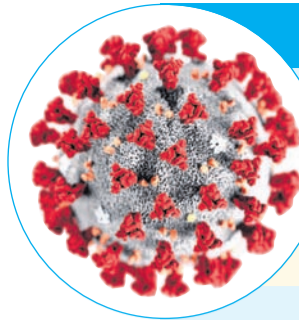
CHECK FOR SOLUTIONS OF THE PUZZLES TOMORROW

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ON WARPATH

Sanitation workers of Bhubaneswar Municipal Corporation staged a protest outside the civic body office, Tuesday, to press for fulfilment of their demands



COVID-19 TRACKER

	INFECTED	RECOVERED	DEAD
World	63,58,43,146	61,52,10,185	65,95,100
India	4,46,54,638	4,41,07,943	5,29,077
Odisha	13,36,169	13,26,695	9,203

Janata Maidan being readied for MiO Conclave

POST NEWS NETWORK

Bhubaneswar, Nov 1: State-run Industrial Promotion & Investment Corporation of Odisha (IPICOL) Tuesday conducted Bhumi Puja for the development of the site and infrastructure for the upcoming Make in Odisha (MiO) Conclave- 2022 at Janata Maidan here.

Speaking to media, Industries secretary Hemant Sharma said the development of the site and infrastructure for the Make in Odisha Conclave'22 at Janata Maidan is being undertaken by the state government along with FICCI, the National Industry Partner for the event.

The entire Janata Maidan spread over 20,000 sq metres will be converted into a modern state-of-the-art event venue with an exhibition centre, a plenary hall, five session halls, Chief Minister's lounge, VIP lounge, a dedicated media lounge, a dining area, food court, and a grand stage for cultural events, he said.

The venue will also have two large anamorphic screens and six pods displaying Odisha's culture, heritage and industrial prowess, he added.

Sharma further said that MiO Conclave is the flagship investment summit of Odisha. The event will be held from November 30 to December 4, 2022.

"This is going to be the third edition of the Make in Odisha Conclave, previously hosted in 2016 and 2018. The Invest Odisha team is working towards ensuring a successful MiO Conclave



Bhumi Puja in progress for MIO Conclave at Janata Maidan in City OP PHOTO

2022 and we believe we will be able to deliver an outstanding business summit ensuring Odisha's rise into the league of industrially developed states," the secretary said.

Chief Minister Naveen Patnaik will inaugurate the event and the Make in Odisha Expo. On December 1, the Chief Minister will host the Plenary Session with CXOs and business leaders from across the country.

The plenary session will be followed by a session on Startup Odisha in the plenary hall and business leadership talks in the sessional halls. The business leadership talks will bring together CXOs, strategists, technology evangelists, thought leaders and entrepreneurs in the MiO platform to discuss the trending and emerging opportunities in the world of business across sectors.

On December 2, the sessions

on Skilled in Odisha will be followed by a session on Metal Downstream in the plenary hall while the session halls will host various sectoral sessions like chemicals and petrochemicals, textiles & apparel, mining, food processing, IT/TeS among others.

On December 3, key thematic sessions on women SHGs and school transformation in Odisha will be held in the plenary hall. Simultaneously, sectoral sessions on emerging sectors like biotechnology, circular economy, health-care and pharma, defence and aviation will be held in the session halls. The conclave will also have cultural programs throughout the five days along with laser and drone shows.

The conclave was previously hosted in 2016 and 2018. In the 2016 edition, the state received over 120 investment intents valued at over Rs 2 lakh crore. Over

THE ENTIRE JANATA MAIDAN SPREAD OVER 20,000 SQ METRES WILL BE CONVERTED INTO A STATE-OF-THE-ART EVENT VENUE WITH AN EXHIBITION CENTRE

A PLENARY HALL, FIVE SESSION HALLS, CM'S LOUNGE, VIP LOUNGE, A DEDICATED MEDIA LOUNGE, A DINING AREA, FOOD COURT, AND A GRAND STAGE FOR CULTURAL EVENTS WILL BE PREPARED

THE VENUE WILL ALSO HAVE TWO LARGE ANAMORPHIC SCREENS AND SIX PODS DISPLAYING ODISHA'S CULTURE, HERITAGE AND INDUSTRIAL PROWESS



500 G2B and B2B meetings were organised that saw the participation of over 270 exhibitors and witnessed a footfall of over 18,500.

In 2018, the state hosted the second edition, raising the bar higher. The state received investment intents valued at over Rs 4 lakh crore, organised over 600 G2B and B2B meetings, and witnessed a footfall of over 51,000.

POLITICKLE by MANJUL



STF starts probe into snake venom seizure

POST NEWS NETWORK

Bhubaneswar, Nov 1: The Special Task Force (STF) of Crime Branch Tuesday started an investigation into the seizure of 1.030 litre snake venom in the Capital city March 27, 2021. Six persons were arrested by the Forest department in this connection.

A team of STF led by DSP Efreem Kiro Tuesday reached the office of City divisional forest officer (DFO) and collected the documents related to the snake venom case. The sleuths also recorded the statements of the forest officials who

were members of the team that busted the racket.

Speaking to mediapersons, Kiro said the STF will take further steps after examining the information gathered from DFO's office here Tuesday.

On a tip-off, forest officials approached the accused persons in disguise as customers and collected snake venom samples from them March 27, 2021. Later, the forest officials found the samples as genuine venom following a test.

Subsequently, the team swung into action and arrested the accused including the son of the mas-

termind of the racket by carrying out raids at different places in the city in March last year.

The samples were sent to different laboratories in the country including the Scientific Laboratory at the Centre for Wildlife Health at Odisha University of Agriculture and Technology (OUAT) for confirmation.

After the receipt of the test reports, the city forest division recently wrote a letter requesting the crime branch to investigate the case. The CB registered a case (24/2022) and assigned DSP Kiro for the investigation.

Freedom fighter Das passes away at 106

POST NEWS NETWORK

Bhubaneswar, Nov 1: Freedom fighter and recipient of the President's Award Biswanath Das of Balikuda in Jagatsinghpur passed away at the age of 106 Tuesday, family sources said. Das died of old-age ailments at SCB Medical College Hospital in Cuttack.



Chief Minister Naveen Patnaik and Union Minister Dharmendra Pradhan condoled the death of the freedom fighter.

Patnaik said his contribution to India's freedom struggle was immeasurable.

"Extremely saddened to hear about the demise of Biswanath Das. His role in the freedom struggle will be remembered for posterity. I extend my prayers and condolences to the bereaved family," Pradhan tweeted.

WODC CHIEF REVIEWS BOUDH ECO PARK WORK

POST NEWS NETWORK

Bhubaneswar, Nov 1: Chairman of the Western Odisha Development Council (WODC) Asit Tripathy Tuesday visited Boudh district to take stock of the progress made in the works of the WODC-funded Eco Park at B Narasingpur, Khajuripada.

Recently the Chief Minister had laid foundation stone for this project, which is to be developed as an animal rescue centre. Tourists will be attracted for hiking, nature trail, butterfly park, yoga park, cafeteria and textiles outlets on this 1,600 acre

land - bigger in size than the Nandankanan Zoological Park.

After interacting with the local Sarpanch and women SHG members, involved in the management of the existing infrastructure adjoining the NH-57 at B Narasingpur, Tripathy advised the Boudh Collector about a model long-term sustainable plan to execute different components of the project. He also advised them to identify at least 15 boys and girls who will be imparted training as guides to the visitors.

He also interacted with the local handloom weavers of Subarnapur, who will sell

their produce in the WODC Handloom Mall at Jhiki in Sonepur, whose foundation stone was laid recently by the Chief Minister. The mall is to be constructed with an estimated cost of Rs 645 lakh.

Tripathy visited Shree Ram College, Rampur, along with Finance Minister Niranjan Pujari. He interacted with the farmers who have started fish cultivation along with paddy in their farmlands.

He advised the Collector to form at least two groups comprising five members each for exposure visit to Assam and Andhra Pradesh for firsthand knowledge on this activity.

German delegates meet Forest Minister

State govt gives utmost priority to safety and security of biodiversity and wildlife, says Forest and Environment Minister PK Amat



POST NEWS NETWORK

Bhubaneswar, Nov 1: The state government is giving utmost priority to safety and security of biodiversity and wild animals as well as water conservation under the able guidance of Chief Minister Naveen Patnaik, said Forest, Environment and Climate Change Minister Pradip Kumar Amat in a meeting with the delegates of German government's Environment Parliamentary Committee at Kharavela Bhawan here Tuesday.

For proper protection to the wildlife and their habitat, 19 wildlife sanctuaries have been notified under the provisions of Wildlife Protection Act, 1972. Odisha government has also given utmost priority to the safety and security of Olive Ridley turtles, Amat said.

To conserve the bio-

sources of the state with peoples' participation, the government has constituted as many as 7,256 biodiversity management committees (BMCs), he stated.

The state has also formulated the State Action Plan on Climate Change (SAPCC) for 2021-30 considering the commitments made under Nationally Determined Contributions and Sustainable Development Goals and convergence with other state priorities. Odisha is the first and only state to get approval on the State Action Plan on Climate Change 2021-30, he added.

Climate Change, biodiversity and wildlife, water and its quality conservation are the issues of the hour. Countries around the globe have to join hands for the safety and security of these living essentials,

stated the German delegates. They shared their joys of having aerial views of the beautiful rivers, flora and fauna of the state.

"The state government has always given importance to the conservation biodiversity, wild animals, mangrove forests and successful management of natural calamities. Vana Surakhya Samitis are providing the necessary support in this regard," Additional Chief Secretary Mona Sharma said, in her welcome address.

GIZ has selected Bhitarkanika as pilot RAM-SAR site. Chilika Development Authority (CDA) conducted a study on hydro-ecological assessment for integrated management of the Bhitarkanika Ramsar site," CDA chief executive Susanta Nanda said.

Row as man dies at deaddiction centre

POST NEWS NETWORK

Bhubaneswar, Nov 1: A 39-year-old man died at a deaddiction centre in Khandagiri area here under mysterious circumstances, Tuesday. The deceased was identified as Rajiv Srichandan of Dumduma area.

Srichandan's friends lodged a complaint with Khandagiri police alleging foul play. They alleged that Srichandan might have died after being assaulted by the deaddiction centre's staffers.

The police officials have assured Srichandan's friends that a criminal case will be filed against the authorities of the deaddiction centre if the doctors find any sign of torture during the post-mortem that would be held Wednesday.

Police have started an investigation after registering an unnatural death case (197/22).

Notably, Srichandan's father Surendranath, who was an employee of treasury office here, died 4 years back. Later, Srichandan's elder brother got the job on compassionate grounds. However, he also died after two years and Srichandan was appointed to the post. Meanwhile, he fell in bad company and got addicted to alcohol following which his family members admitted him to a deaddiction centre at Kolathia.

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SALE NOTICE FOR SALE OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTY

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

Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower(s)/Co-applicant(s)/Co-obligant(s)/Mortgagor(s) Guarantor(s) that the below described Immovable property mortgaged/charged to the Secured Creditor, the constructive/ symbolic/physical possession of which has been taken by the **Authorised Officer of Union Bank of India** (Secured Creditor), will be sold on "As is where is", "As is What is" and "Whatever there is" basis on 18.11.2022, for recovery of dues as mentioned hereunder to **Union Bank of India** from the below mentioned Borrower(s) & Guarantor(s). The Reserve Price and the Earnest Money Deposit are also mentioned hereunder.

Name & Address of Borrower(s)/Co-Applicant(s)/Co-Obligant(s)/Mortgagor(s)/Guarantor(s):	Amount Due
1) M/s. Deepak Traders, Prop.: Mr. Deepak Ranjan Dash, Unit Address- At: Pipili Medical Chhak, P.O./P.S.: Pipili, Puri, Odisha - 752104, 2) Mr. Deepak Ranjan Dash, S/o: Late Debendra Kumar Dash, 3) Mrs. Shakuntala Dash, W/o.: Late Debendra Kumar Dash, 4) Ms. Saiswory Dash, D/o.: Late Debendra Kumar Dash, All are Residence at Address- At: College Chhak, Jaini Road, Pipili, Puri, Odisha-752104	₹ 23,00,001.26 as on 30.09.2022 with further interest, Cost and expenses

Property Details: All that piece and parcel of the property consisting of Land at Khata No.: 752/256, Plot No.: 1991, Mouza: Sripur, Consolidation Khata No.: 515, Chaka No.: 486, Plot No.: 1991, P.O./P.S.: Pipili, Dist.: Puri, Odisha-752104, in the name of **Late Debendra Kumar Dash**, S/o: Gangadhar Dash to the extent of 0.10 Acre (4356 Sq.feet), KISSAM of the Land is Gharabari (Home Stead) as per the RSD, Property Bounded by East to Land- Boundary of Mouza Khandiyagiri, West to Land- Govt. Land & Plot No.: 1996, North to Land- Sudhanshu Sekhar Mohapatra and South to Land - Sarat Mishra.

Reserve Price: ₹22,50,000/- / Earnest Money to be deposited: ₹2,25,000/-

BID INCREMENT AMOUNT FOR THE PROPERTY : ₹25,000/-

DATE & TIME OF E-AUCTION : 18.11.2022 between 11:00 P.M. to 05:00 P.M. (with 10 minutes unlimited auto extension), e-Auction Website : www.mstcecommerce.com

LAST DATE FOR SUBMISSION OF EMD : On or before the commencement of E-Auction

For Registration and Login and Bidding Rules visit:
<https://www.mstcecommerce.com/auctionhome/ibapi/index.jsp>

For detailed terms and condition of the sale, please refer to the link provided in
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For further details please contact to Pipil Branch

This May also be treated as Notice under rule 8(6) or rule 9(1) of Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 to the Borrower(s)/ Co-applicant(s)/Co-obligant(s)/Mortgagor(s)/ Guarantor(s) of the said loan about the holding of E-Auction Sale on the above mentioned date.

Place : PIPILI, Date: 01.11.2022 Sd/- Authorized Officer, Union Bank of India

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Zonal Office: Bhubaneswar Zone, 1/1D, Star House, Jayadev Vihar, Nayapalli, Bhubaneswar-751015, Ph.: 0674-2362249

E-AUCTION SALE NOTICE

E-Auction Sale Notice Under SARFAESI ACT, 2002

Where as the Bank acting through its Authorized Officer in exercise of its powers under-Section 13(4) of Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act 2002 (SARFAESI) has decided to put up for E-auction of the following properties for realization of the debts due to the Bank.

Sl. No.	BRANCH / Name & Address of the Borrowers / Guarantors / Total Dues	Description of the Properties	Reserve Price / EMD / Bid Increment Amount	Date & Time of E-Auction
1.	KHARVEL NAGAR BRANCH, PH.: 0674-2391898/ 1) Borrower: M/s. Dandesar Pharmaceuticals, Prop.: Mr. Ajit Kumar Sahu / Guarantor: Mrs. Sarmista Sahu, W/o.: Mr. Ajit Kumar Sahu, Both are At: 101-A, Budheswari Colony, Laxmisagar, Cuttack Road, Bhubaneswar-751006, 2) Borrower: Mr. Ajit Kumar Sahu / Guarantor: Mrs. Sarmista Sahu, W/o.: Mr. Ajit Kumar Sahu, Both are At: 101-A, Budheswari Colony, Laxmisagar, Cuttack Road, Bhubaneswar-751006 / Total Dues: ₹3,50,03,784/- as on 23.12.2020 + interest, costs and expenses from 23.12.2020, less any part amount repaid.	1) Vacant Land at Khata No.: 316/957, Plot No.: 769/1725, Area: Ac.0.003 Dec. and Plot No.: 770/1724, Area: Ac.0.043 Dec. (Total Area: Ac.0.046 Dec.) situated at Mahamayi Vihar, Mouza: Palligumula, Tahasil: Kanisi No.: 57, Berhampur, Dist.: Ganjam, standing in the name of Mrs. Sarmista Sahu, W/o.: Mr. Ajit Kumar Sahu, Bounded by North: Plot of T Krishnabeni, South: Road, East: Plot of Rashmi Panigrahi, West: Plot of Abani Sahu	₹ 21,04,000/- / ₹ 2,10,400/- / ₹ 50,000/-	18.11.2022 at 11.00 A.M. to 11.30 A.M. with unlimited extension of 10 (Ten) minutes each
	2) Vacant Land at Khata No.: 797/196, Plot No.: 2099, Area: Ac.0.295 Dec., corresponding to settlement Khata No.: 716, Plot No.: 2099, Area: Ac.0.295 Dec., situated at Mouza: Phasi, Tahasil: Kodala, Dist.: Ganjam, standing in the name of Mr. Ajit Kumar Sahu, Bounded by North: Plot of Laxmi Narayan Sahoo (Barren Land), South: Road, East: Plot of Laxmi Narayan Sahoo (Barren Land), West: Plot of Kabiraj Sahoo (Barren Land)		₹ 33,74,000/- / ₹ 3,37,400/- / ₹ 50,000/-	18.11.2022 at 11.30 A.M. to 12.00 Noon with unlimited extension of 10 (Ten) minutes each

Last date & time for submission of EMD & Documents: 17.11.2022 upto 4.00 P.M.

Inspection will be provided to the prospective bidders on any working day is before 17.11.2022 with prior appointment of the authorised officer

The sale shall be subject to the terms and conditions and provisions prescribed in the SARFAESI Act 2002 read with the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002.

This is also a 15 days sale notice to the Borrower(s)/Guarantor(s)/Mortgagor(s) of the aforesaid loan account for settlement of their outstanding dues with the Bank and to participate in the public auction on the above mentioned date. For detailed terms and conditions of the sale, please refer to the link provided in (1) <https://www.ibapi.in> (2) <https://www.mstcecommerce.com> (3) www.bankofindia.co.in

Place: Bhubaneswar Date: 02.11.2022 Authorised Officer Bank of India



DEMOLITION DRIVE: An excavator deployed by the BMC pulls down an illegally-built house in the Dumduma area of Bhubaneswar, Tuesday OP PHOTO

Traffic violators to face music as spl drive starts

The enforcement drives will be conducted jointly with the police near accident-prone zones and major junctions of national and state highways



PICTURE FOR REPRESENTATION

POST NEWS NETWORK

Bhubaneswar, Nov 1: The State Transport Authority (STA) Tuesday launched a two-month long special enforcement drive across the state to promote road safety and reduce accidents and fatalities during the winter.

A month-wise analysis of road accident statistics has revealed that winter times, especially the period between November and February, accounts for nearly 30 per cent of road accidents; low visibility caused by fog and smog during these months being a probable cause.

Moreover, as this is a holiday season, including Christmas and the New Year eve, there is an increase in vehicle frequency on the roads. The data also suggests that drunken driving and over-speeding increase during this period leading to accidents and fatalities.

In a press note, Lal Mohan Sethi, additional commissioner Transport, Enforcement and Road Safety said, "The main aim of this drive is to create a sense of responsibility among the road users for prevention of road accidents and fatalities in the winter season. It has been observed that more accidents and fatalities occurred during the months

The period between November and February accounts for nearly 30% road accidents which are attributed to low visibility caused by fog and smog

Enforcement drives will focus on driving without helmet and seat belt, drunken driving, over-speeding, driving by juveniles, wrong side driving, driving without registration mark and dangerous parking

between November and February."

He further added the drive will be extensively carried out throughout the state with special focus on national and state highways. "Due to continuous enforcement activities people are following rules in the urban areas, but are unfortunately not abiding by rules in rural areas and national highways where protection is much more needed," he said.

As per the data available, more accidents and fatalities are noticed in rural areas as compared to urban areas and most of the accidents occurred on the national highways.

Sethi appealed to the road users to follow traffic rules and take care

of their safety while driving. "Road Safety is a shared responsibility. I appeal the public to adhere to traffic rules and help in reducing road accidents and fatalities related to it," he maintained.

STA will take stern action against those found flouting Motor Vehicle rules. Enforcement drives will focus on driving without helmet and seat belt, drunken driving, over-speeding, use of cellphones while driving, driving by juveniles, wrong side driving, driving without registration mark and dangerous parking. The drives will be conducted jointly with the police near accident prone zones and major junctions of national and state highways.

Odisha files comments on minority status issue

New Delhi: The Union ministry of Minority Affairs told the Supreme Court that Odisha and 13 other states and UTs have furnished their comments on the issue of granting minority status to religious communities. The ministry of Minority Affairs, in an affidavit, submitted that the Central government has held consultative meetings with all the state governments and UTs and also with the other stakeholders viz. ministry of Home Affairs, D/o Legal Affairs-ministry of Law & Justice, D/o Higher Education-ministry of Education, National Commission for Minorities (NCM) and National Commission for Minority Educational Institutions (NCMEI). "Some of the state governments/Union Territories have requested for additional time to have wider consultations with all the stakeholders before they form their considered opinion on the matter," the ministry said.

Continued from P1 Crimes against ...

Kendrapara (243) saw highest reports of cruelty by husband or his relatives were of the 1,984 cases in Odisha. The year 2017 saw Bhubaneswar, the Capital city, registering the maximum number (1,873) of offences against women in the state. Of 2,070 rapes, Mayurbhanj reported the highest of 149 incidents. With 11 cases, Balasore saw the maximum of cyber crimes against women in Odisha out of the 23 cases. There were 207 cases under the POCSO Act and 2,773 cases of kidnapping and abduction with Kandhamal (74) and Bhubaneswar (919) registering the highest of such cases respectively. Victims of assault with intent to outrage modesty stood at 9,132 and cases of cruelty by husband or his relatives were 2,525 with Balasore (720) and Mayurbhanj (267) topping the list among the districts in the crimes respectively. Odisha registered 365 dowry deaths in 2017.

CLASSIFIED AFFIDAVIT

Sreyansh Rishabh is my natural born son. I have changed my minor son's name from Sreyansh Das Adhikary to Sreyansh Rishabh. His name is now mentioned in his 10th Board Certificate, Birth Certificate and Bank Account at SBI and ICICI Bank.

By virtue of an affidavit before Notary Bhubaneswar I have changed my name from Naushad Sirsmith Ali to Sayad Naushad Ali for all purpose.

CM okays ₹3.82cr for Utkal Balashram building

POST NEWS NETWORK

Bhubaneswar, Nov 1: On the 12th foundation day of Odisha State Commission for Protection of Child Right (OSPCCR) Chief Minister Naveen Patnaik Tuesday sanctioned Rs 3.82 crore for construction of the Utkal Balashram (shelter home for children) building in Cuttack.

Attending virtually a function organised to mark the occasion, he said that children are the future of society as they represent our collective hopes and aspirations.

"Smiling children paint our society in multitude of colours and depict its vitality.

All our endeavour should be directed at one goal: to bring smiles on the face of every child, the CM said.

While congratulating all the people present on the occasion, he said that he is glad that the commission has chosen to celebrate the day with the inmates of child-care institutions.

The CM said, "My government has been making sincere efforts for the wellbeing of children. We

have put in place various programmes under the Women and Child Development department. We are striving to create an atmosphere where every child grows up to his or her full potential."

Praising the efforts of the commission, he added, "The OSPCCR is working sincerely to enforce laws aimed at protecting the rights of children. It has been making consistent efforts to create awareness in society. I hope it would continue to strive for a better future for our children."

SWACHHATA CAMPAIGN 2.0 CONCLUDES AT CITY AIIMS

POST NEWS NETWORK

Bhubaneswar, Nov 1: "Keeping AIIMS Bhubaneswar clean is everyone's responsibility. All the stakeholders of AIIMS Bhubaneswar should be committed to provide a clean hospital for the thousands of patients coming here for their treatment," said AIIMS Bhubaneswar President Subrat Acharya on the occasion of concluding ceremony of Swachhata Campaign 2.0.

Addressing a special programme held in the Mini Auditorium, College of Nursing of the institute, Executive Director Ashutosh Biswas emphasised on continuing the cleanliness drives by all the departments at their levels and congratulated all for conducting the month-long event in a successful manner.

Among others, AIIMS-



Bhubaneswar Dean PR Mohapatra, Medical Superintendent Sachidananda Mohanty, DDA I/C Rasmii Ranjan Sethy, FA PK Sahoo and SE KP Mishra also graced the occasion.

Department of Hospital Administration Head Jawahar SK Pillai welcomed everyone and the event started with a short film to summarise all the events and activities which were conducted by the institute during this campaign which continued for one month. A Nukkad Natak was also performed by the nursing team to create awareness practicing Swachhata as a part of life.

Vigilance Awareness Week in Capital

POST NEWS NETWORK

Bhubaneswar, Nov 1: Various institutions in the Capital city observed Vigilance Awareness Week by organising events like essay and competitions and walkathon.

Walkathon by Nabard Regional Office

As per instructions of the Centre, Vigilance Awareness Week with the theme 'Corruption Free India for a developed Nation' is being observed by Nabard, Odisha Regional Office and all district of-



ficers during October 31 to November 6, 2022. As a part of the Vigilance Awareness Week activities, a walkathon from the Regional Office to Jaydev Vihar Square was organised to create vigilance awareness among the masses. During the week, Nabard Regional Office will be organising various activities such as, quiz competition, slogan competition, essay writing, debate/elocution and others for its staffers and family members.

UCO Bank officials take integrity pledge

UCO bank is observing Vigilance Awareness week as per Central Vigilance Commission (CVC) guidelines. UCO Bank, Bhubaneswar Unit has actively participated and organised various like Integrity Pledge at zonal and all offices and branches October 31, essay and debate competitions on preventive Vigilance at DAV School Pokhariput, quiz & slogan com-



petition at Zonal Office on Vigilance and walkathon at Janpath with huge demonstration outside Bhubaneswar Railway Station on Vigilance November 1. A special signature campaign at Konark beach with local and other tourists spreading awareness on Preventive Vigilance will be organised November 2, a special signature campaign at Puri beach with local and other tourists spreading awareness on Preventive Vigilance will be held November 3.

OGB for corruption-free India Odisha Gramya Bank (OGB) has observed Vigilance Awareness

Week at its head office as per advisory of CVC. During observation of Vigilance Awareness Week, all staff members of the bank have taken pledge administered by Mohan M. Chairman of OGB on corruption-free India. One workshop was organised on the theme of the Vigilance Awareness Week 'Corruption Free India for A Developed Nation'. In this workshop, Mohan emphasised on eradication of corruption in working field for the development of the bank as well as for the development of the nation.



Tight cultures lower people's sense of personal control

People who feel that they lack personal control are more likely to prefer a culture that imposes order, a new study has found.

Further, according to the study published by the American Psychological Association, these "tighter" cultures, in turn, perpetuate their existence by reducing people's sense of personal control and increasing their sense of collective control.

"Strong social norms—a core feature of tight cultures—help people view the world as simple and coherent. As strong norms guide their behaviour and allow them to predict others', they can provide significant order and predictability in everyday social life," said lead author Anyi Ma from Tulane University, Louisiana, US.

"So, when people lack control and desire structure, they may come to prefer tighter cultures," she said.

Researchers analysed survey data and conducted a series of experiments to better understand how a sense of personal control

can affect preference for cultural tightness and vice versa. The findings are published in the Journal of Personality and Social Psychology.

First, the researchers looked at data from more than 5,700 participants from the Midlife in United States (MIDUS) survey, a nationally representative, longitudinal study of health and well-being. The data was collected in two waves: 2004-2006 and 2013-2014.

As part of the survey, participants were asked a series of questions designed to assess their perceived level of personal control.

Researchers used scores for tightness and looseness of individual states calculated by experts from the University of Maryland in 2014. Scores for each state were derived using an established measure such as strength of punishment, latitude / permissiveness, diversity and prevalence and strength of institutions (e.g., how religious the population is).

Individuals who reported lower levels of perceived personal control were significantly more likely to ex-



STRONG SOCIAL NORMS — A CORE FEATURE OF TIGHT CULTURES — HELP PEOPLE VIEW THE WORLD AS SIMPLE AND COHERENT

RESEARCHERS CONDUCTED A SERIES OF EXPERIMENTS TO BETTER UNDERSTAND HOW A SENSE OF PERSONAL CONTROL CAN AFFECT PREFERENCE FOR CULTURAL TIGHTNESS AND VICE VERSA

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press a preference for states that scored higher in societal tightness.

These findings remained true, and even strengthened, after controlling

for participants' gender, age, income and education.

The researchers also conducted a survey of 225 employees from a large apparel retailer in southern China.

Similar to the findings from the MIDUS survey, participants who expressed lower levels of personal control were more likely to express a preference for a tighter organisational structure.

Additionally, employees who reported lower levels of personal control were more likely to express a higher need for structure and those with a higher need for structure were more likely to prefer a tighter organisational culture.

Researchers also tested whether being in a tight culture reduced people's perceptions of personal control. Ninety eight participants, recruited online, were randomly assigned to read description of a company that either had a tight or a loose organisational culture and asked to imagine they had accepted a job there.

Participants who imagined working for a company with a tight cul-

ture perceived significantly lower personal control.

Results from these experiments provide evidence for the idea that tight cultures lower people's feelings of personal control but increase their sense of collective control, according to Ma.

"Scholars have argued that tight cultures evolved as a way for people to collectively mitigate societal threats. We support this idea by showing that being in a tight culture increases people's perceptions of collective control, which makes them feel more confident in overcoming external threats as a group," she said.

"The increased collective control afforded by tight cultures might be especially important in the COVID-19 pandemic, in which a coordinated collective response is vital for survival."

"Before doing this research, I used to think that we are products of the culture we live in," said Ma.

"The idea that we are individual beings capable of shaping the cultures that we live in is absolutely fascinating to me." PTI

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Iron ore extracted under garb of soil lifting in Joda area



ILLEGAL MINING

'Closed' mines are prime target of mineral mafia in Keonjhar district

POST NEWS NETWORK

Joda, Nov 1: Rampant illegal extraction of minerals is flourishing in many areas of Joda mining circle in Keonjhar district, sources alleged Tuesday. A case in point is a 'closed' mine in Jajang locality from which a huge amount of iron ore has been illegally plundered recently. It proves that illegal mining of minerals is not stopped in this district, even though officials claim so. Illegal extraction has led to creation of huge craters that are dangerous for people moving around in the locality.

Sources said that despite being aware of the development, the Revenue department has tried to play down the issue. It has only imposed fines to the tune of ₹37 lakh for illegal soil lifting on those involved in the prohibited extraction of iron ore. It should be stated here that a cubic foot of soil is valued at ₹35 while a metric tonne of iron ore is priced at ₹2,000 (minimum). Many have expressed surprise at the way the Mines department has ignored the entire development. Sources said that since the lease of the mine expired in 2020, it is now in the possession of the government.

It should be stated here that in 2020, many mines under the Joda circle were auctioned. Big companies acquired lease of the mines after paying huge premiums. However, some mines could not be auctioned due to various legal issues and the failure of lease holders to deposit penalties as fixed by the Supreme Court on the basis of the guidelines under MMDR Act-21(5). These mines were declared 'closed' then. They are supposed to be protected by the lease holders and the Mines department. Due to their failure to do so, these mines are now being plundered by the mafia, the sources pointed out.

Locals informed that the government is suffering huge revenue losses due to the illegal extraction of iron ore. They have demanded an investigation so that the exact amount of revenue loss becomes clear to the public.

Deputy Director of Mines department, Dinesh Agrawal feigned ignorance over the entire episode. He in fact blamed this correspondent for not giving the information regarding the illegal extraction. "If mineral has been illegally extracted and you have proof, then why did you not inform us," asked Agrawal. Even though he assured that he would send inspectors of the Mines department to examine the plundered mine, Agrawal also pointed out that the mine is located outside the lease area.

Proper security in place for Dhamnagar bypoll

POST NEWS NETWORK

Bhadrak, Nov 1: The Bhadrak district administration has made elaborate security arrangements for free, fair and peaceful conduct of the bypoll to the Dhamnagar Assembly constituency. Campaigning of the political parties ended Tuesday with the bypoll scheduled for November 3.

All the leaders of the various political parties and their members were asked to leave the constituency by the district administration officials within 6.00pm.

District Collector Siddeshwar Baliram Bonder and SP Charan Singh Meena elaborated Tuesday at a press conference here the steps being taken for peaceful conduct of the byelection.

"All entry and exit points to the constituency will be sealed while hotels, kalyan mandaps and community centres will be searched thoroughly," the two officials said.

Votes will be cast in 250 booths while 30 sector officers and 11 magistrates will be deployed. Webcasting of the election process will be done in 116 booths and 28 flying squads will be pressed into service on the day of the election, the officials added.

Toilet and drinking water facilities will be available at all the polling stations while wheel-chairs will be there for differently-abled people, the district collector informed.

Meena said that 50 booths have been identified as 'hypersensitive' while 60 has been designated 'sensitive'. Polling officials along with a large posse of police personnel have been sent to the booths.

The constituency has been divided into three zones under 22 platoons of police, Meena added.



'Central agencies to probe Archana case'

Bhadrak: Union Minister Dharmendra Pradhan said Tuesday that those linked to alleged blackmailer Archana Nag's racket and mining irregularities cannot go scot-free as central agencies have started probing into the cases from Delhi. Pradhan said this while addressing a public meeting to seek votes for the BJP candidate for the Dhamnagar Assembly segment. "I came to know from media reports that central agencies in Delhi have started probing into the woman blackmailer's racket and mining irregularities," informed Pradhan.

Pradhan said that the constituency has been divided into three zones under 22 platoons of police, Meena added.

Street play to celebrate Rashtriya Ekta Diwas

POST NEWS NETWORK

Koraput, Nov 1: Nandanik, a local theatre group, in collaboration with Sangeet Natak Akademi (SNA) presented a street play 'Louhamanab' here, Monday, to celebrate 'Rashtriya Ekta Diwas'.

The day is observed every year on the birth anniversary of Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel, also known as the 'Iron Man of India'. The play was staged at two places, near the District Culture Office here and on the premises of Shri Gurukul School at Pujariput in the district.

The SNA has conducted the play across the nation to pay tribute to the first home minister of India. The play has been written by



Gauriprasad Rath and directed by Monideepa Gupta and Saumendra Swain. The role of Sardar Patel in unifying India is the main theme of the play.

Amongst the dignitaries present were the district culture officer and eminent persons of this town. Several teachers and students from various schools, colleges and the Central University were among the audience.



STRIKING A CHORD: Forest personnel welcoming the visitors with bouquet as Similipal wildlife sanctuary in Mayurbhanj district reopened for public, Tuesday

Sex racket busted in Silk City, 10 arrested

POST NEWS NETWORK

Berhampur, Nov 1: Berhampur police Tuesday busted a sex racket during a raid at a guest house at Tata Benz Square under Baidyanathpur police limits in this city and arrested 10 persons including the kingpin. Police also rescued three women sex workers from the guest house. All the three are from Kolkata and have been sent to a one stop centre.

The accused were identified as Gopi Behera alias Rajnikant, 38 of Aska, who is the kingpin of the flesh trade, Rajesh Kumar Bisoi, 30, the leaseholder of the guest house and a native of Sorada, pimp Suman



Police rescued three women sex workers from the guest house who were from Kolkata

Sahu, 18 of K Nuagaon, Prafulla Kumar Sahu, 18, Raja Pradhan, 18, Chandan Kumar Sahu, 19, customers K Dibakar Reddy, 22, Nitesh Sahu, 18, S Kiran Reddy, 18, S Bhagirathi Reddy of Golanthara area, Rabi Kumar Sahu, 26 of Sadar police limits and K Shankar Achari, 48 of Baidyanathpur area. All the accused

were produced in the court, Tuesday. Acting on a tip-off, a team led by Berhampur SP, Saravana Vivek raided room numbers 14, 16 and 17 at Tulasi Guest House and busted the sex racket. Various incriminating materials, cash worth ₹31,950 and 12 mobile phones were seized during the raid.

Groupism grips BJD in Belaguntha



POST NEWS NETWORK

Bhanjanagar, Nov 1: Factional feuds have been growing among the rank and file of the ruling Biju Janata Dal (BJD) in some parts of Belaguntha NAC area and Sorada in Ganjam district. The members of the ruling party are reportedly split into different warring groups over deprivation of various facilities.

Some BJD workers have openly

alleged that they are being sidelined by top leaders while many other workers are silently disgruntled.

Scores of grassroots workers and leaders from other parties have joined the BJD at different times. However, some local BJD leaders were not kept in the loop when the crossover happened. This has led to internal bickering between the old BJD leaders and neophytes in Belaguntha area. In the civic body polls, the ruling party achieved electoral success in all the 13 wards of the NAC and bagged the post of chairperson. Hence, there is no protesting voice at the NAC meetings. But several complaints have come against the way the NAC functions.

A group of BJD workers alleged that most of the allegations against the NAC are prompted by a BJD leader.

Bihupada Jena, BJD's youth leader and samiti member from Gobara panchayat alleged on several occasions that developmental works in his panchayat have been neglected.

Here is another case. Chandra Sekhar Nayak is a BJD leader of Gobara panchayat. However, he had decided to contest for the post of director in the election to the Aska Central Cooperative Bank by going against the party-backed nominee. Even though he withdrew his nomination, he had become a source of headache to some party leaders. He enjoys clout in some areas and has got many leaders elected as directors and presidents of cooperative societies.

Block BJD president S Rameswar Patra said that the party as a family has 'difference of opinions', but then it is always sorted out.

Former Koraput Collector's dairy farm, land attached

POST NEWS NETWORK

Koraput, Nov 1: Punjab National Bank (PNB) officials sealed Tuesday a dairy farm at Doliamba in Koraput district against an alleged unpaid loan of ₹10 crore. This incident has created quite a buzz in this town. The officials led by their Berhampur branch office head, Om Shankar sealed the dairy farm and also attached the land on which it is located.

The dairy farm and the land are owned by Ananta Basudev Parida, son of former Koraput Collector, Gadadhar Parida. Sources said that Gadadhar and Ananta had set up the farm after taking a loan of ₹10 crore from the PNB branch here. Despite repeated reminders they failed to repay the loan. The bank then initiated legal proceedings against the two. After issue of the court order, PNB officials attached the entire property.

Efforts on to revive Kapdaganda shawls

TRAINING PROGRAMME LAUNCHED FOR DONGRIA KONDH YOUTHS TO POPULARISE THE UNIQUE TRIBAL HANDLOOM

POST NEWS NETWORK

Rayagada, Nov 1: The Rayagada district administration has taken steps to seek geographical indication (GI) tag for Kapdaganda shawls, the prestigious hand-woven fabric made by the Dongria Kondh tribals. This is being done to revive the centuries-old art form, sources said. However, lack of support from the state government is pushing this traditional art form towards extinction, they added.

Efforts have been launched for its revival for which the Dongria Kondh Development Agency (DKDA) here and Action Aid, a non-government outfit, have joined hands. The two agencies are promoting the Kapdaganda shawls both at the national and international levels. The aim is to provide means of livelihood to the Dongria tribals and make them self-reliant.

As part of this programme, the



agencies have launched an initiative to train the Dongria youths in weaving shawls with the help of loom and spinning wheels. Thread and coloured fabrics are also being provided to the tribal people.

The youths are being trained by Ram Hial and they are being taught to operate spinning wheels, loom and stitch fabric with the help of needle and threads. The move has come as huge source of hope and happiness for the youths. During Covid-19 restrictions, masks of various designs made by Dongria women earned appreciation from many quarters.

Sources said that the shawl is in

high demand in Odisha and also at national and international markets. Earlier, tourists used to throng Niyamgiri to buy the shawls, but their numbers have declined in recent times as supplies have dwindled. Except for a few experienced weavers, the present generations of Dongria youths are not interested to keep the art form alive. It should be stated here that the Dongrias live at the foothills of Niyamgiri spread over Rayagada and Kalahandi districts. The shawl is a part of their rich heritage of cultural and ethnic identity.

The shawls woven with excellent craftsmanship are prepared

by spinsters of the community who gift it to their beloved ones as a token of love. They use it in marriage functions and during various other festivals. It is the traditional cloth which is used daily by the tribal people. They also present these shawls to their brother and father as a symbol of affection. The off-white coarse cloth used as raw material for Kapdaganda is procured from 'Domb', a local schedule



caste (SC) community, by bartering harvested crops. However, due to lack of this particular type of fabric, it has become difficult to keep this art form alive.

The thread designs are embroidered on the cloth by a using a needle. Dongrias believe that red, green and yellow are the most auspicious colours. As per their belief, red signifies blood, sacrifices and revenge, green symbolises their fertile mountain ecology while yellow describes their origin. It also represents prosperity and successful turmeric cultivation.

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MAKING IN INDIA



India spends a mere 9 per cent of GDP on research and development, a small amount compared to other developed or even emerging nations. This prevents the manufacturing sector from evolving, innovating and growing on expected lines

the priority it deserved. The opportunities in the manufacturing sector should not and cannot be ignored and the present regime realising it is seeking to create a conducive environment for its growth.

Undeniably, the sector has a great potential and attractiveness given a large market base, high domestic demand, growing middle class and high returns. Now with emphasis being laid on skilled training, there are expectations that the manufacturing sector could do better. Another important consideration is the role of job creation in this sector. Studies have shown that every job created in the manufacturing sector has a multiplier effect on creating two to three jobs in the service sector.

At the same time, an aspect which needs attention is the availability of finance for small entrepreneurs. While in recent years, a number of schemes have been made accessible for modernisation and/or expansion of their units, expectations are yet to be met. This apart, while appropriate technology would help improve product quality, most of the District Industries Centres (DICs) are not effective to help these entrepreneurs with the right technology at cost-effective prices. India spends a mere 9 per cent of GDP on research and development, a small amount compared to other developed or even emerging nations. This prevents the sector from evolving, innovating and growing on expected lines.

Arguably the MSMEs need more encouragement in the manufacturing sector. In India, these account for 8 per cent of the GDP, 45 per cent of manufacturing output and 40 per cent of exports. Further, the labour-capital ratio is much higher in MSMEs than in large industries. Plus, this sector is facing tough competition from cheap imports from China and other countries that have a free trade agreement with India. It remains to be seen whether this sector, among others, can grow with availability of right technology and incentives in the new logistics policy to give the requisite push to achieving the larger initiative of "Make in India."

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Three decades of reforms notwithstanding, manufacturing in the country as a proportion of GDP has not really picked up. Today there is an ongoing debate going whether the focus of attention should be on manufacturing or should the emphasis be on services. Though services play an important role in India's GDP, it needs to be stated that the volume alone does not cater to overall economic development. For a country like India, there can be no second thoughts about the fact that manufacturing holds the key for economic expansion.

The Central government way back in November 2011 decided to initiate the National Manufacturing Policy (NMP) to bring about a quantitative and qualitative change with the main objectives of increasing manufacturing sector growth to 12-14 per cent over the medium term to make it the engine of growth for the economy. The two to four per cent differential over the medium-term growth rate of the overall economy was expected to enable manufacturing to contribute at least 25 per cent of the GDP by 2022. But this has unfortunately not happened and contribution of manufacturing is not even 18 per cent of the GDP.

Employment creation has been sluggish and economists have been calling this 'jobless growth'. Through the recent recruitment drive in the 'Rozgar Mela', (Employment Fair) aimed at inducting 10 lakh personnel as promised, 75,000-odd new appointees were inducted in the first batch this October. This is not very encouraging. More so, as it is necessary to pay equal emphasis on manufacturing, if not more. Policy attention needs to be on sectors such as textiles which have the potential to generate employment.

With the aim to boost manufacturing and reach global standards, this September Prime Minister Narendra Modi launched a National Logistics Policy (NLP) to streamline and bring all digital services pertaining to transportation sector into a single portal, "freeing exporters from a host of very long and cumbersome measures." The procedure would entail using ULIP i.e. a Unified Logistics Interface Platform, which is expected to improve coordina-

tion across ministries with transparency and accuracy. Plus, it would provide a framework for facilitating more efficient trade of products by standardising traffic management systems along with modern transportation infrastructure for all kinds of transportation, including roads, railways, waterways.

Experience has shown that only if the manufacturing sector takes off and reaches a certain level then only do services get a boost. Therefore, strengthening of the manufacturing base is essential and that is why the government must do more. At the same time, it needs to be pointed out that spending just 0.6 per cent of the GDP on research and development does not help in gearing up manufacturing, which could eventually lead to increased exports.

In recent years, the Ministry of Commerce & Industry initiated Production-Linked Incentive (PLI) scheme to make India a manufacturing hub and to compensate for poor infrastructure, labour laws, land acquisition laws. The total financial estimated outlay combined for the 14 PLI programmes rolled out is ₹3.46 lakh crore, which at first glance may not be a small amount, but is expected to be spent over five years, which comes to 1.5 per cent of the Union Budget and 0.2 per cent of GDP.

Questions are being asked what will happen to manufacturers after

the PLI scheme ceases in five years, as feared by some economists. Strategically important products for India such as semiconductors and pharmaceuticals are vital in this context and PLI has greatly helped business houses to come forward. But questions of efficiency, technological input and sincerity of business houses are crucial for manufacturing to grow and stabilise in the coming years.

Propelled by Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology's Phased Manufacturing Programme (PMP) and PLI, in the mobile manufacturing sector, exports reached ₹27,000 crore in 2019-20 and within the first year of the PLI scheme, saw a 66 per cent increase to ₹45,000 crore. Mobile production has picked up significantly and compared to 2014-15, 14 times increase has taken place, reaching ₹275,000 crore of which a 28 per cent was recorded within the first year of the PLI. Encouraging indeed.

Some experts have, however, compared it to the manufacturing success of Vietnam, but it needs to be pointed out that it built its competitiveness over the past 15 years. Similarly for China, the period extended for around three decades. But India's initiative started rather late and perhaps a big portion of the blame would fall on previous Congress governments for not giving the sector



Dhurjati Mukherjee

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Disturbing reports are coming from Europe and Africa that China, under the leadership of President Xi Jinping, is now trying to extend its control of his detractors outside the country as well, using methods that allegedly violate international laws. There are allegations that these dissidents scattered over continents are being persuaded to return to China with the threat that otherwise their relatives back home will be subjected to harsh treatment. Reports suggest China has established dozens of "overseas police stations" in different countries around the world that could be used to track and harass dissidents. The purpose is projected to be part of Beijing's crackdown on corruption. But, the real intent is different. After Xi became President for the third term and consolidated his position as the supreme boss of the country in the recent Chinese Communist Party Congress, he appears to be training his guns on dissidents living outside China so that the latter cannot speak against him and mobilise international opinion against his regime.

Spanish-based non-government group Safeguard Defenders published a report recently highlighting the operations of the Chinese foreign stations. Laura Harth, campaign director with the group, told the media that China has set up at least 54 overseas police service stations. One of the aims of this move is allegedly to crack down on dissidents and silence them. This has caused panic among the overseas Chinese community who fear their family members back in China may be targeted for repression and persecution. China's official position is that it wants to try them for allegations of corruption which is the mainstay of Xi's major policy initiative to take on his foes within the country.

Predictably, Chinese Foreign Ministry spokesperson Mao Ning denied Beijing is involved in any wrongdoing. "Chinese public security authorities strictly observe the international law and fully respect the judicial sovereignty of other countries," Ning said.

Many of the facilities appeared to have links to the Fuzhou and Qingtian areas from where many overseas Chinese originate. The Irish government said it told China to close a Fuzhou Police Overseas Service Station operating in Dublin. The Department of Foreign Affairs said Chinese authorities did not make an advance request to set up the office. The Irish government has made it clear that actions of all foreign states on Irish territory must be in compliance with international law and domestic law requirements.

Likewise, the Dutch government said it was looking into whether two such police stations — one a virtual office in Amsterdam and the other at a physical address in Rotterdam — were established in the Netherlands. The Dutch Ministry of Foreign Affairs is concerned that the government was not informed about these centres through diplomatic channels.

Another Chinese Foreign Ministry spokesperson, Wang Wenbin, sought to gloss over reports on foreign outposts saying that these have been set up only to help Chinese nationals in getting services such as renewing their driver's licenses. He also insisted that China has cracked down on what he called transnational crimes, abiding by international laws.

However, the claim appears to be dubious as reports suggest these actions are being taken without authorisation by respective foreign governments. A Hungarian opposition lawmaker claimed this month to have discovered two sites in Budapest where Chinese overseas police stations operated without the knowledge of the country's Interior Ministry.

The Manchester police have also begun an investigation into the assault of a Hong Kong activist who was recently dragged into the Chinese consulate's grounds during a protest rally. Britain's response to the incident has, however, been muted for diplomatic and economic reasons.

This is the trap. If alleged human rights violations by China on foreign soil go unchecked, it would only help Xi's ambition of global domination using ruthless methods. Sri Lanka and Africa are already tasting the bitter fruits of Chinese penetration.

On the other hand, the Government of India seems blissfully unaware or is informed but helpless to react to any Chinese police activity on Indian soil. It is imperative for it to curtail or block any such inimical Chinese initiative for ensuring safety and security of Indian citizens.

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It is easy to hate and it is difficult to love. This is how the whole scheme of things works. All good things are difficult to achieve; and bad things are very easy to get. **CONFUCIUS**

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WORDSWORTH

Claptrap

Claptrap is a trap to catch a clap, but it's the sort of clap you make by putting your hands together in appreciation. Its first appearance in print is in Nathan Bailey's dictionary of 1721 and his definition pretty much tells the whole story: "A Clap Trap, a name given to the rant and rhymes that dramatic poets, to please the actors, let them get off with: as much as to say, a trap to catch a clap, by way of applause from the spectators at a play." Such rhetorical devices or actorly flourishes were thought unworthy of the serious dramatist or thespian. A writer in the The New-England Magazine in 1835, fulminating against the star system that was contributing to the decline of the modern drama, complained that in order to feed the performance of the lead actor, "The piece must abound in clap-traps". Nor was the technique confined to the theatre itself: an article in Harper's New Monthly Magazine in 1855 about a new play said that "All the clap-traps of the press were employed to draw an audience to the first representation." And in 1867, back across the Atlantic in London, Thomas Wright wrote in Some Habits and Customs of the Working Classes that: "The Waggoner's entertainment, of course, embraced the usual unauthenticated statistics, stock anecdotes, and pieces of clap-trap oratory of the professional teetotal lecturers." The word developed from a figurative theatrical device to encourage applause into a more general term for showy or insincere platitudes or mawkish sentimentality directed at the lowest common denominator of one's audience. From there it was only a short step to the sense of talking nonsense or rubbish, though the older ideas are often still present. Incidentally, in the middle of the nineteenth century, 150 years after the word had first been recorded, some unsung backstage hero invented a mechanical device, a sort of clapper, that made a noise like that of applause (perhaps to encourage the real thing, though we are not told). Presumably it was similar to a football rattle. This also was called a claptrap. It has led some people into the mistake of suggesting that this device was the source of the word.

Clinquant

Something clinquant appears to glitter with gold or silver but may be a false and showy exhibition. If your instincts tell you that this word looks French, then your instincts are correct, and if they tell you that it sounds as if it might be related to clink, then they would also be right. It comes from the obsolete French verb clinquer which meant to clink or tinkle, probably taken from Dutch klinken, to clink or ring, which is where we get clink from. It was applied to the ringing noise that gold pieces make when they clink together in one's purse. By an obvious enough association, it came to refer to the glittering appearance of polished gold as well as the noise it makes, particularly in the French phrase or clinquant for gold leaf. But — to borrow a proverb from an even earlier age — "all that glisters is not gold", and the word has since come to be used for any showy glitter, especially something with gold decoration.

IN JEST THIS

Musk plans major changes at Twitter



Melvin Durai

YOU MAY SOON HAVE TO PAY A FEW RUPEES A MONTH TO SEE WHAT KIM KARDASHIAN IS WEARING ON HER BIRTHDAY, WHERE SHE IS VACATIONING, AND WHOM SHE PLANS TO MARRY NEXT

Several days ago, the world's richest man, Elon Musk, officially purchased Twitter for a whopping \$44 billion and installed himself as "Chief Twit." This role had been unfilled since January 2021, when Twitter suspended Donald Trump.

Twitter had been a publicly traded company, but Musk is taking it private. He has created a holding company called X Holdings that is buying every Twitter share. If you are currently holding a share in Twitter, you will soon be holding \$54.20 (about ₹4,500). Musk will be holding Twitter by the ear, and there'll be no holding him back.

Turning Twitter into a private company allows Musk to make any changes he wants without answering to stockholders. He can rule over Twitterland like Putin rules over Russia. He can roll out the red carpet for Trump, fire missiles at Bill Gates, try to annex part of Instagram. He can appoint his children to the board of directors

and give Kanye West the title of Deputy Chief Twit. Will he do any of this? It's hard to say, but you may be reassured to know that Musk is a brilliant man who isn't likely to do anything crazier than buying Twitter for \$44 billion.

If you're on Twitter, you may be wondering if you should switch to another platform. You've worked hard to build a loyal following on Twitter, but now that Musk is in control, you'd like to find an alternative. Your best option is to urge your Twitter followers to follow you to another platform, and hope and pray that Elon Musk does not follow you there. Even after the Twitter acquisition, he has enough cash to buy almost any company and fire anyone who doesn't think he's a genius.

He has already begun cleaning house at Twitter, sweeping out several executives, including CEO Parag Agrawal and CFO Ned Segal. They all have golden parachutes — severance packages worth millions

— and will easily land on their feet, as long as Musk hasn't tampered with those parachutes.

Musk is also expected to lay off a large portion of Twitter's 7,500 employees. Some of them have already started searching for jobs, while others are comforting themselves with the thought of staying home for a while and retweeting unflattering photos of Elon Musk.

Musk has said that he plans to promote free speech on Twitter and is creating a content moderation council that will decide what's permissible and whether to reinstate the accounts of Trump and others. White supremacists and other racists will probably not be allowed to tweet whatever they want and a few of them may have to resort to just sending press releases from their offices in the US Congress.

Musk is trying hard to reassure advertisers that Twitter will not become a space for unrestrained hate speech. He has told them he plans to make Twitter the most re-

spected advertising platform in the world owned by a South African with a goofy grin.

Here are three other changes you can expect at Twitter:

1. Every Tesla will soon be equipped with hands-free tweeting. This will be a useful feature when you spot something on the side of the road and want to tweet about it: "Just spotted a man holding a sign that says, 'Please Help. Need Money for Rent. Just been laid off. I hate Elon Musk.'"

2. Twitter will add subscription services. You may soon have to pay a few rupees a month to see what Kim Kardashian is wearing on her birthday, where she is vacationing, and whom she plans to marry next.

3. Like China's WeChat platform, Musk will turn Twitter into a super app, allowing you to do everything on the app: track your fitness, order restaurant food, get a date, find a job, hire a therapist to help you with your phone addiction.

Gut-wrenching mishap

Sir, The gut-wrenching bridge collapse over the Machchu river in the town of Morbi in Gujarat, which consumed several precious human lives, could have been averted but for the utter negligence by the local administration. The bridge had reportedly been shut for over seven months for repairs, and was reopened to the public on the Gujarat New Year day of October 26, shockingly without obtaining a fitness certificate from the civic authorities. It is said that the renovation of the bridge had been carried out by the Morbi-based Oreva Group, which manufactures the popular Ajanta wall clocks as a part of its diversified businesses, and allegedly has no previous experience in repairing bridges. Yet, the contract was awarded to this group by the local municipality to maintain and manage the bridge. Dishearteningly in the last ten years many bridge collapses had taken place in India, which shook the stability of the nation. As is customary, cash compensations to the families of the victims have been announced by the Central and state governments. But the question remains that is not the task of affixing monetary value to human life an awkward and intransigent one?

Ranganathan Sivakumar, CHENNAI

Gone too far

Sir, It is but natural that an elected government strives to maintain a good relation with the press. But the Karnataka government, in its eagerness to please the fourth estate, seems to have gone too far. As per reports, around twelve top state journalists were gifted sweets as per Diwali traditions. But each one of them was in for a shock; an envelope stacked with one lakh rupees cash accompanied the 'sweet box'. It is said some sweet hampers contained nearly two lakh fifty thousand rupees; the amount gifted varied with the designation of the scribes. The incident has sent shockwaves across the state because this is without reported precedent. Even the present issue would have gone unnoticed but for two journalists who brought this to the notice of their respective editors. Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai has a lot to explain about the cash gift. The Chief Minister cannot evade serious questions on the issue by saying he was unaware of cash being gifted to journalists. It is both surprising and amusing that his office has denied knowledge about the cash boxes.

Ganapathi Bhat, AKOLA

Letters

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of the day quote

UP is going to become a hub of data centres. State government's data centre policy has achieved a total targeted investment of ₹20,000 crore in its first year of commencement. We have received investment proposals from Indian and global data centre investors of over 600 megawatt data centres

YOGI ADITYANATH | UP CM

It is our resolve to build a corruption-free Jammu and Kashmir and no one indulging in corrupt practices will be spared

MANOJ SINHA | J&K LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR

Mamata is telling the truth about West Bengal because TMC party has scant regard for the Judiciary and no respect for the judges. And democracy is bleeding, and crying in West Bengal

KIREN RIJU | UNION LAW MINISTER

SHORT TAKES

4-year-old raped, dumped in bush

Khandwa (MP): A 4-year-old girl was raped by a man and abandoned in a sugarcane field in Madhya Pradesh's Khandwa district, police said Tuesday. The child, who was found unconscious in the bushes on the field on Monday, is undergoing treatment at a hospital in Indore, an official said. The incident came to light when the girl was reported missing from her relative's house in Jaswadi on Monday morning, superintendent of police (SP) Vivek Singh said. The police were informed and a search was launched for the missing girl, he said.

Two dead in factory fire

New Delhi: Two people were killed and three others rescued after a fire broke out at a footwear factory in Delhi's Narela industrial area on Tuesday, fire officials said. The officials added that a rescue operation is underway to locate people suspected to be trapped. Police said that few people were also injured and are getting treated at a hospital.

BJP, TRS workers clash in Telangana

Hyderabad: Workers of BJP and TRS clashed Tuesday in Telangana's Munugode Assembly constituency where a by-election is scheduled on Thursday. Few workers of both the parties were injured in the incident that occurred at Pulivela when leaders of both the parties were busy campaigning. Some supporters of Telangana Rashtra Samithi (TRS) allegedly pelted stones on the convoy of BJP MLA Eatala Rajender who was campaigning in the village. Both the groups attacked each other with stones and sticks. Police intervened to disperse the clashing groups.

Elephant tramples farmer to death

Hassan (Karnataka): A wild elephant trampled a farmer to death at Hebbanahalli village in Hassan district Tuesday. The deceased farmer has been identified as Manu (34). According to the police, the incident took place when Manu was returning after offering prayers at a local temple. The elephant suddenly came on his way and crushed Manu to death. Officials from the forest department and district administration have visited the spot.



The auctioning of girls on stamp papers in the panchayats of Rajasthan for loan repayment is a very sad incident which shames the social and government system

MAYAWATI | BSP SUPREMO

MANY FAINT DUE TO GAS LEAK

Many people fainted in Punjab's industrial town Ludhiana Tuesday due to a gas leak in an oxygen manufacturing factory in Giaspura area, police said. Most of the people who fainted were employees of the factory



MORBI BRIDGE TRAGEDY

PM calls for detailed probe

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

Morbi (Gujarat), Nov 1: Prime Minister Narendra Modi Tuesday called for a "detailed and extensive" inquiry into the Morbi bridge collapse tragedy and said its key learnings must be implemented at the earliest.

Modi, who chaired a high-level meeting here to review the situation, was also briefed on the rescue operation and the assistance provided to the affected families, the Prime Minister's Office (PMO) said in a statement.

"The need of the hour is to conduct a detailed and extensive inquiry which will identify all aspects relating to this mishap," Modi said. Authorities must stay in touch with the affected families and ensure that they receive all possible help in this tragic hour, he said. Gujarat Chief Minister Bhupendra Patel and Home Minister Harsh Sanghavi, who holds the minister of state rank, were among those who attended the meeting.

Earlier, Modi visited the site of the bridge collapse and also went to the local hospital where the injured are recovering. He also interacted with those involved in rescue and relief work and lauded



Prime Minister Narendra Modi meets a victim injured after an old suspension bridge over the Machchu river collapsed Sunday evening, at Civil Hospital in Morbi district

So far, 56 people have been discharged, he added. The Congress tweeted images that showed repair work going on inside the Morbi hospital, to launch a tirade against the BJP. The photos posted by Congress on Twitter showed overnight repair work going on inside the Morbi hospital, which included a fresh coat of paint, new tiles on the walls, and minor construction work to beautify the hospital ahead of PM Modi's visit to the facility.

Slamming the BJP for this "eventbaazi", the Congress said people have died but the ruling party is making an event out of this tragedy. "Trasadi ka event (event of tragedy)," it tweeted. The Congress claimed that these arrangements are being made for PM Modi's photo op in the hospital. "They are not ashamed. So many people died, and they are preparing for an event," it said. Aam Aadmi Party, which is contesting all the 182 Gujarat Assembly seats, posted a video of the hospital being painted. "Morbi civil hospital is being painted overnight so that the poor condition of the building does not get exposed during PM Modi's photo shoot," AAP claimed.

their efforts. At least 135 people died in Sunday's Morbi bridge collapse tragedy and 170 others rescued. Gujarat minister Rajendra Trivedi said Tuesday.

Meanwhile, workers were seen cleaning and painting a portion of the 300-bed government hospital here, ahead Prime Minister Narendra Modi's visit to the facility on Tuesday to meet those injured in the suspension bridge

collapse which claimed 135 lives. Portions of the entry gate have been painted in yellow, while some areas inside the hospital have got a coat of white paint. Six of those injured in Sunday's bridge collapse are undergoing treatment at the hospital, which is a ground plus two-storey structure of three wings. Four to five injured are being treated at a private hospital, a doctor said.

Alcoholic monkey troubles liquor vendors in UP

INDO-ASIAN NEWS SERVICE

Rae Bareilly, Nov 1: An alcohol loving monkey in Uttar Pradesh's Rae Bareilly district has become a nuisance for liquor vendors.

The monkey that has an alcohol addiction, is known to break into liquor shops and decamp with liquor.

The monkey even snatches liquor bottles from people who buy from these shops.

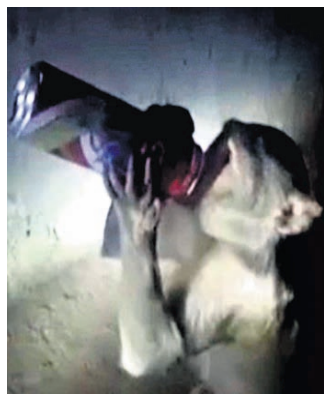
A video of the monkey guzzling beer has gone viral on the social media. District Excise Officer Rajendra Pratap Singh said efforts are being made to catch this monkey with the help of the Forest Department.

A liquor shop owner said that the monkey turns aggressive if any attempt is made to prevent it from taking a bottle.

A similar case had been reported from Nawabganj area on the Lucknow-Kanpur road where a monkey was a 'permanent customer' at a liquor vend.

The monkey relished chilled beer and often, a customer would buy a bottle of beer for him.

Later, the monkey developed an enlarged liver due to which he died.



A farmer releases Muga silkworms on a Som tree, on the outskirts of Guwahati. Muga silkworms are endemic to Assam and silk produced from them is known for its glossy fine texture and durability

POLL FREEBIES

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

New Delhi, Nov 1: The Supreme Court Tuesday said the pleas against the practice of political parties promising pre-election freebies will be heard "in entirety" by a three-judge bench.

A bench comprising Chief Justice Uday Umesh Lalit and Justice Bela M Trivedi said it was sitting in a combination of two and according to a reference order on the matter, it should go before a bench of three judges for disposal.

"Once there is a reference order that the matter has to be heard by a three judges bench then it will be heard by a three judges bench," the CJI said, adding the judicial records be placed before the Chief Justice in his administrative capacity for listing these cases before an appropriate bench.

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3-judge bench to hear pleas, says SC

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Controller and Auditor General, Secretary of GST Council and presidents of the Institute of Chartered Accountants of India and the Institute of Cost Accountants of India be made members of the panel. The bench, however, said it would not be able to consider any such request and they will be taken note of by the

appropriate bench. Earlier, a bench headed by then CJI N V Ramana, since retired, had directed on August 26 that the pleas be listed before a three-judge bench as they needed an "extensive" hearing. The bench had said that the 2013 judgement delivered by a two-judge bench of the apex court in the matter of S

Subramaniam Balaji vs the Government of Tamil Nadu and others required reconsideration. "Looking into the complexities of the issues involved and the prayer to overrule the judgement rendered by a two-judge bench of this court in Subramaniam Balaji, we direct listing of the set of petitions before a three-judge bench after obtaining the orders from the Chief Justice of India," it had said.

In its 2013 judgement, the apex court had noted that after examining and considering the parameters laid in section 123 of the Representation of People Act (RPA), it arrived at a conclusion that the promises in the election manifesto cannot be read into section 123 for declaring it to be a corrupt practice.

India may have to wait longer for winter: IMD

IMD DIRECTOR GENERAL MRUTYUNJAY MOHAPATRA SAID MINIMUM TEMPERATURES WERE EXPECTED TO BE ABOVE NORMAL DURING NOVEMBER OVER MOST PARTS OF THE COUNTRY

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

New Delhi, Nov 1: India may have to wait a bit longer for winter as the weather office on Tuesday forecast above-normal night temperatures for most parts of the country in November.

Addressing a press conference here, India Meteorological Department (IMD) Director General Mrutyunjay Mohapatra said minimum temperatures were expected

to be above normal during November over most parts of the country.

Large parts of Jammu and Kashmir, Ladakh, Himachal Pradesh, Uttarakhand are also likely to experience above-normal day temperatures, Mohapatra said, virtually ruling out cold wave conditions during the month.

"There could be cloudy conditions in the region as minimum temperatures are likely to be above



normal. This would mean that cold wave conditions were less likely during November," he said. In north India, the indication of winter starts from mid-November when minimum temperatures drop grad-

ually to settle below 15 degrees Celsius and nights turn chilly. According to the long range forecast for rainfall and temperature for November, Mohapatra said south peninsular India was likely

to experience above-normal rainfall during the month as northeast monsoon showers were set to drench the region.

The long period average rainfall for south peninsular India for November is 118.7 mm with an error margin of 23 per cent. Mohapatra said the northeast monsoon set in over Tamil Nadu and adjoining areas on October 29, almost a fortnight later than the normal onset date of October 15.

He said withdrawal of the south-west monsoon, which starts from extreme west Rajasthan on September 15, too had been delayed over the past few years.

Mohapatra said the current sea surface temperatures and atmospheric conditions over the equatorial Pacific Ocean indicated La Niña conditions, which

are likely to continue during the upcoming season. Other factors such as the negative Indian Ocean Dipole conditions are prevailing over the equatorial Indian Ocean, which are expected to gradually weaken by the end of the year, he said.

Mohapatra said the weather office had issued the extended range outlook about Cyclone Sitrang on October 13, nine days before the formation of a depression over the north Andaman Sea and also forecast its landfall in Bangladesh four days in advance.

He said regular updates were issued to Bangladesh since October 6 and 23 special tropical weather outlook & tropical cyclone advisories were shared with the neighbouring country on the formation of the cyclonic storm.

Chennai receives record rain in 30 yrs, schools shut



and Charitable Endowments P K Sekar Babu also listed localities that had witnessed flooding during monsoon in previous years (during the AIADMK regime). He underlined that in view of implementation of upgradation and improvement of storm water drain work there was no water stagnation in flooding-prone localities.

Greater Chennai Corporation authorities inspected several areas and said that there was no rain water stagnation in localities like KK Nagar in view of preparatory measures and storm water drain work. Flood monitoring cameras have been installed by authorities in localities vulnerable to flooding.

In view of the ongoing storm water drain improvement work and Chennai Metrorail phase-2 project, barricades have been put up in many stretches of roads. While such infra-initiatives have already made traffic congestion the order of the day, the rains and waterlogging are the fresh woes people face during the monsoon.

Balachandran said that from October 1 to November 1, Chennai District received 20 CM rainfall while the average for this period was 28 CM and it is 29 per cent less than normal. However, when the period between 1 to 31 October is considered, the city received 14 CM showers while the normal was 27 CM which was 48 per cent less than normal. The current spell of rain, in a single day, has narrowed that gap by 18 per cent.

For the next 3 days, most areas in Tamil Nadu Pondicherry-Karaikal are expected to receive moderate rainfall, he said. During the next 24-hours, some places in Chennai, Kanchipuram, Tiruvallur, Chengelpet, and other northern districts including Vellore could witness heavy to very heavy downpour.

A couple of areas in districts falling under Cauvery delta zone, Ramanathapuram and Sivaganga may also witness heavy rainfall. Fishermen are advised to not venture into sea.

WB: Teaching job aspirants detained for blocking road

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

Kolkata, Nov 1: Nearly 100 teaching job aspirants demanding appointment in schools were detained in the Salt Lake area here Tuesday for blocking a thoroughfare here without informing the authorities, a police officer said.

The protestors claimed to have been deprived of teaching jobs in state-run and state-aided upper primary, secondary and higher secondary schools despite having qualified in the recruitment tests

The incident happened at Karunamoyee crossing near Bikash Bhavan, the headquarters of the State Education Department.

A police officer said the protestors suddenly blocked the road and started shouting slogans demanding immediate appointment in schools.

All of them were detained when they refused to clear the thoroughfare ignoring requests by the police, he said. "The protestors did not notify the authorities about their stir and blocked the road around noon. We have reports they had plans to march towards Bikash Bhavan. They were detained and taken into waiting vehicles to the police station and later released," the officer said.

A placard displayed by one of the protestors Pijus Das read, "We are being physically manhandled for raising our rightful demand to get a job."

Meanwhile, the sit-in protests by another 100 SSC candidates, who claim to have qualified in past years but "did not find place in merit lists", continued for 594 days on the side of Mayo Road in the heart of the city.

COIMBATORE CAR BLAST

NIA waiting for forensic reports

INDO-ASIAN NEWS SERVICE

New Delhi, Nov 1: In the Coimbatore car bomb blast, the National Investigation Agency (NIA) has identified the suspects who will be asked to join the probe in the coming days. The agency was also waiting for the forensic reports of the seized articles to speed up their probe.

The Tamil Nadu Police had handed over all the documents to the NIA a few days ago.

So far six accused have been arrested. On October 23 a blast took place near a temple in which Jameesha Mubin, an engineer, was killed. Initially, the TN Police were looking into the matter and later the Union Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA) on October 27 ordered the NIA to take over the probe. The



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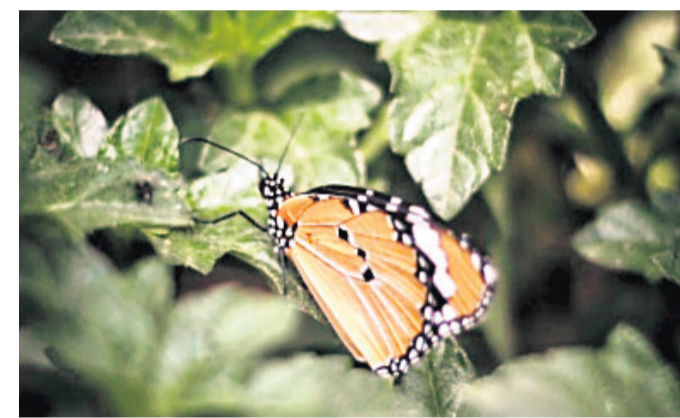
FIR filed by the NIA reads that a search operation was conducted at the house of the deceased Jameesha Mubin in which a number of incriminating documents were found.

As many as 109 articles were seized during that raid. The source

said that notebooks were recovered in which their missions regarding jihad were mentioned.

"We recovered black powder, potassium nitrate, nitroglycerin, PETN powder, aluminium powder, sulphur powder and sterile surgical equipment," said the official.

Five new butterfly families traced in TN



INDO-ASIAN NEWS SERVICE

Chennai, Nov 1: A recent butterfly survey held at Siurmala hills in Tamil Nadu has detected the presence of five new butterfly families.

The traced butterfly families are Swallowtails, Whites and Yellows, Brush-footed Butterflies, Blues, and Skippers.

The study was coordinated by the Sirumalai range office of the forest department along with the NGO, The Nature and Butterfly

Society (TNBS). A total of 22 volunteers from TNBS joined hands with the forest officials under the guidance of Divisional Forest Range officer, A Mathivannan.

Sirumalai range of forests has a total of 13,987 hectares ranging from a height of 400 metres to 1600 meters. With its pleasant weather throughout the year, the forest range has rare species of flora and fauna.

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According to the volunteers of TNBS, who had actively participated in the survey, the sighting of Palani Bushbrown of the Nymphalidae butterfly family was a major highlight as it is one of the rarest species that could be seen.

The volunteers also sighted Plane, a species from the Lycaenidae family which was sighted for the first time in the Eastern Ghats.

CYBER SECURITY

Bengal govt plans to launch mobile exhibition

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

Kolkata, Nov 1: The West Bengal government is planning to start a mobile exhibition on cyber security to make people aware of how to keep their computers, cell phones and other such devices safe from malicious attackers, an official said Friday.

The police and information technology (IT) departments are working together on the project in which posters and models on cyber security will be displayed in a large vehicle which will travel to various areas.

"The Kolkata Police has made a proposal for a cyber security van.



REPRESENTATIONAL IMAGE

It will be executed after getting the approval of the government," state IT Joint Secretary Sanjay Kumar Das told reporters on the sidelines of Cyber Security Congress, a seminar organised here.

The van will be managed by the police and available for organisations to reserve, Additional Commissioner of Police Hari Kishore Kusumakar said.

The officer of Kolkata Police, however, said that such specifics will be decided in due course.

"The state government is taking a number of steps to raise awareness about cyber security, and we are supporting those efforts," said Sushobhan Mukherjee, chairman of the Infocse Foundation, a non-profit organisation dedicated to cyber security which organised the seminar. Speaking at the programme, state IT Minister Babul Supriyo praised those working in the field of cyber security and said what these people do in the digital domain, the police and fire brigade personnel carry out the same task in the real world.

TMC criticises PM over Guj bridge collapse

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

Kolkata, Nov 1: Criticising the BJP government in Gujarat for the collapse of the Morbi bridge, TMC Tuesday wondered whether Prime Minister Narendra Modi will condemn that state as he did during a similar incident in Bengal in 2016.

The TMC was evidently referring to the collapse of a portion of the under construction Vivekananda Road flyover in central Kolkata during the assembly poll in Bengal in March 2016. It had led to the death of 27 people and left many others injured.

"When a bridge had collapsed in Kolkata during the 2016 assembly polls, the prime minister while campaigning for his party had blamed corruption as the main reason for it. Now let him say the same thing about the incident in Gujarat," TMC state general secretary Kunal Ghosh said.

TMC also shared a video clip of Prime Minister Narendra Modi criticising the TMC government for the 2016 bridge collapse in the state.

PTI could not, however, independently verify the authenticity of the video clip. TMC Rajya Sabha



MP Sushmita Dev said the bridge collapse at Morbi has exposed BJP's much-hyped 'Gujarat Model'. "In 2016 PM Narendra Modi came to West Bengal and criticised the state government over the bridge collapse. The PM has a habit of politicising every issue if it transpires in an opposition-ruled state. But a tragic incident has taken place in Gujarat, a state ruled by BJP. So what will he say now? The incident has exposed the Gujarat model," she said.

The BJP on its part slammed the TMC for trying to play politics

over the tragic incident at Morbi. "It is shameful that TMC is trying to politicise the incident in Gujarat. TMC and its leaders should be the last to talk about corruption. They should stop this vulture politics. The two incidents (at Morbi and Kolkata) have no similarities," state BJP spokesperson Samik Bhattacharya said.

As poll campaign was on in Bengal during the Vivekananda Road bridge collapse, several opposition parties including the BJP, had panned the TMC government in the state for it. The TMC had dubbed the criticisms as "base-

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less". Meanwhile, the body of Habibul Sheikh, a victim of the bridge collapse was Tuesday brought back to his ancestral residence at Purbasthali in East Burdwan district. A political slugfest ensued between the ruling Trinamool Congress and the opposition BJP after the return of the body.

As Sheikh's body reached his ancestral residence, Trinamool Congress' East Burdwan President, Rabindranath Chattopadhyay, arrived there.

Accompanied by the family members of the deceased, Chhattopadhyay told media persons present there that despite assurance, the family members did not receive any assistance either from the Union government or the Gujarat government to bring back the body.

Vigil intensified to tackle smuggling of rice in TN

INDO-ASIAN NEWS SERVICE

Chennai, Nov 1: The Tamil Nadu Civil Supplies Corporation is in the process of increasing the staff strength of the Crime Investigation Department (CID) in the corporation.

The move follows widespread allegations of the involvement of staff in smuggling of rice and other Public Distribution System (PDS) material into other states.

The department has already suspended some staff who were involved in assisting rice smugglers. Interestingly, most of the CCTV cameras of the Civil supplies department have not been working for the past several months. The department is now calling a tender for the repair of 2869 CCTV cameras in the Tamil Nadu Civil Supplies Corporation godowns. The Tamil Nadu police

have also decided to install CCTV cameras at border check posts to prevent rice smuggling which has become rampant in the state. Sources in the state police told IANS that CCTV cameras will be installed in Coimbatore, Kanyakumari, Dharmapuri, Vellore, Ranipet, Tiruvallur, Tenkasi and Pollachi in Tamil Nadu which have check posts sharing borders with other neighbouring states.

According to a statement by the Civil Supplies Corporation of Tamil Nadu, between May 2021 and October 25, 2022, as many as 12,721 people were arrested for rice smuggling. A total of 2607 vehicles were seized and 128 people arrested under the Goonda Act for smuggling rice. Around 90,122 quintals of rice were seized at check posts while trying to smuggle to neighbouring states.

At present, around 80 electric buses operate in the eastern metropolis, which were acquired under the capex (capital expenditure) model – the WBTC procured the vehicles and has been operating these on its own

kilometre-running basis," he said, adding, the drivers will be provided by the firm, while conductors

will be from the WBTC. The transport department official said the new CNG-run buses will be acquired by the two other state transport undertakings (STUs) – Durgapur-headquartered SBSTC (South Bengal State Transport Corporation) and Coochbehar-headquartered NBSTC (North Bengal State Transport Corporation).

He said since the experience of retrofitting diesel-run buses with CNG kits has been "bad", new buses with CNG-run engines will be bought for the two STUs. Deliberations on the nitty-gritty of acquiring the CNG buses are underway, he said.

COMBATING AIR POLLUTION

BENGAL TO LAUNCH MORE ELECTRIC, CNG BUSES

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

Kolkata, Nov 1: In a bid to bring down air pollution, the West Bengal government is set to launch nearly 1,200 electric buses in Kolkata over the next two years, of which 400 will be operational by January 2023, a senior transport official said. The transport department is also working to introduce CNG-run buses in the northern and western parts of the state, he said.

"The department will introduce 1,180 buses to be run by the West Bengal Transport Corporation (WBTC) within the Kolkata municipal area over the next two years," the official told PTI.

Out of these, 400 buses will hit the streets by January next year, he said. Environmental activist Subhas Dutta welcomed the move and called it a "good start".

He said that even though minuscule in scale given that around 10 to 12 lakh vehicles ply in the Kolkata metropolitan area, it is a positive step.

"Let there be a start for a better environment; the electric buses will definitely reduce carbon emission," he said.

The WBTC official said that another 50 electric buses are being bought for Salt Lake and New Town areas adjoining Kolkata. Of these, 11 are already operational.



The new 1,180 buses are being acquired under the opex (operating expenditure) model – the Tata-made electric buses will be provided by an agency that is the

owner of the vehicles, he said. While around 750 buses will be of 12-metre length, the rest will be eight-metre long, the official said. "We will pay the company on a

of the day quote

Pernicious tendency of systemic corruption has to be rooted out by the bureaucracy, the civil society and people at large

JAGDEEP DHANKHAR | VICE PRESIDENT

I gave great respect to Ram Vilas Paswan and also supported him in the early part of our politics. I had been meeting him in Delhi when he was alive. Our relationship was very old. It is extremely unfortunate that he is no longer with us. After his departure, his son is saying anything he wants to me

NITISH KUMAR | BIHAR CM

As police treated land grab cases in the state as routine affairs, the government was forced to establish a Special Investigation Team (SIT) for a thorough investigation to nab the land grabbers

PRAMOD SAWANT | GOA CM



The connect of the Congress party with the people has not broken in any way, but it has weakened. This is a good first step in connecting with the people, it (Yatra) is not a magic wand, but it is a good step

RAHUL GANDHI | CONGRESS LEADER

GIRIDHAR ARAMANE TAKES CHARGE

Giridhar Aramane, a 1988-batch IAS officer of Andhra Pradesh cadre, took charge as the Defence Secretary Tuesday. Before taking charge, Aramane laid a wreath at the National War Memorial in New Delhi and paid homage to the fallen heroes



AAP's Jain extorted ₹10cr: Suresh

While the BJP called the AAP a "maha thug" party, saying "the conman has been conned", Delhi Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal rubbished the allegations saying it was an attempt to divert attention from the Morbi bridge collapse incident in Gujarat

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

New Delhi, Nov 1: Jailed conman Suresh Chandrashekhar has written to the Delhi Lt Governor alleging that AAP leader Satyendar Jain 'extorted' Rs 10 crore from him in 2019 to ensure his safety in prison, triggering a political slugfest between the AAP and the BJP.

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Chandrashekhar, who is lodged in Mandoli jail here in connection with Rs 200 crore money laundering case, submitted a letter to LG V K Saxena on October 8 through his advocate Ashok K Singh, making the startling allegations against the AAP.

According to the LG office sources, the letter from



Chandrashekhar was received by the LG office and was forwarded to the Chief Secretary of the Delhi government for necessary action on October 18.

The letter alleged that more than Rs 50 crore was given to the AAP on a promise of giving Chandrashekhar an important

post in the party in South Zone, and also help him in getting nominated to the Rajya Sabha.

Chandrashekhar also alleged that he was visited by Jain in Tihar jail, where he was lodged after his arrest in 2017 in the 'two leaf symbol corruption case'.

Jain, who held the portfolio of

the Jail ministry, asked him if he had disclosed anything to the probe agency related to his contribution to the AAP he alleged. Tihar Jail is run by the Department of Delhi Prisons, Government of Delhi. "Thereafter in 2019 again I was visited by Satyendar Jain and his secretary and his close friend Sushil in jail, asking me to pay Rs two crore every month to him as protection money to live safely in jail, and to get even basic facilities," he alleged.

"Jain asked me to pay Rs 1.50 crore to DG prison Sandeep Goel, who, he said, was a loyal associate of his. He forced me to pay and an amount of Rs 10 crore was extorted from me through constant pressure in a matter of two-three months," he alleged in the letter. He also alleged that the amounts were collected in Kolkata through Jain's associates.

"Hence a total amount of Rs 10 crore was paid to Satyendar Jain,

and Rs 12.50 crore to DG prison Sandeep Goel," Chandrashekhar alleged and added that he has already given this information to the Enforcement Directorate. There was no immediate reaction available from Goel to the allegations. Chandrashekhar was shifted to Mandoli after he requested the Supreme Court for the same, saying that his life was under threat. His shift was ordered by the court in August.

Chandrashekhar further said that he also filed a petition before the Delhi High Court seeking a CBI inquiry, and the court has issued a notice and the matter is scheduled for hearing next month.

"As Jain is lodged in Tihar; he has been threatening me through DG Prison and the jail administration, asking me to withdraw the complaint filed in the high court, and I have been severely harassed and threatened," he alleged, urging the LG to direct the probe agencies to investigate the matter.

40% of Indians defrauded while shopping online



INDO-ASIAN NEWS SERVICE

New Delhi, Nov 1: Around 40 per cent of Indians surveyed have been defrauded when shopping online during festive season, finds a study. The study was conducted by The Harris Poll on behalf of Norton, a global leader in Cyber safety which released the Indian findings that explored attitudes toward cyber security and online shopping during the festive season.

According to the findings, two-third of Indian adults surveyed were concerned about their personal details being compromised (78 per cent), being defrauded by a third-party retailer (77 per cent), buying or receiving a refurbished device as a gift (72 per cent), and a device they receive as a gift being hacked (69 per cent).

"Recently, there has been an increase in the number of online shoppers, and with that the rise in online shopping scams, gift card frauds, postal delivery frauds," said Ritesh Chopra, Norton Director India and SAARC Countries at NortonLifeLock.

About 78 per cent of Indian adults surveyed agree that spending time online via their connected devices helps them feel more connected during the festive season, and 74 per cent say that it helps their mental well-being.

Sixty-five per cent of Indian adults say their mental well-being would suffer if they could not access their connected devices during the festive season, the report mentioned. "Our Norton report also suggests that many Indian adults have been defrauded while doing online shopping, the average loss of those surveyed is Rs 6,216," he added.

SHORT TAKES

BOY THRASHED

Kanpur (Uttar Pradesh): A 15-year-old boy, suspected of theft, was brutally thrashed and his head tonsured by a group of people in Jajmau area. The incident took place in the Teen Khamba Chauraha locality when a man and his aides nabbed the boy and accused him of committing theft in his house. They beat him up with plastic pipes, shaved his head and forced him to do sit-ups and posted the video of the same on the Internet, the police added.

GIRL ABDUCTED

Agra: A 17-year-old girl was kidnapped from her home by a group of men in broad daylight. The incident took place in the Tajganj area and a video clip of the incident has gone viral on social media. In the clip, some men can be seen climbing the wall of the girl's house even as others watch. Next, they attack her family with sticks and knives and walk away with her in front of neighbours and locals. According to police, the crime took place on October 26 and the girl was rescued the next day, after which an FIR was registered against 10 people.

FOUR ARRESTED

Badaun: Police in Uttar Pradesh's Badaun have arrested four persons for the triple murder of a former district panchayat member, his wife and mother. Police said they have arrested four out of the six accused and have reportedly recovered the murder weapon. Two of the accused are still at large. The murders took place on Monday night in Sathra village under Ushait police station.

DELHI SHOCKER

Fired from job, ex-employee hacks couple to death

INDO-ASIAN NEWS SERVICE

New Delhi, Nov 1: A 38-year-old man, his wife and their domestic help were killed by their former employee and his five to six associates at the couple's residence in West Delhi's Hari Nagar area. The incident occurred on Tuesday morning.

The accused even ransacked the house and took the couple's belongings, including the CCTV camera's DVR to divert police and show it as a robbery bid.

The entire conspiracy was unearthed after police nabbed two accused within six hours of the incident.

Meanwhile, a manhunt has been initiated to nab the remaining accused and the main culprit, who wanted to take revenge after being fired from the saloon owned by the couple. The deceased have been identified as Sameer Ahuja, his wife Shalu and their domestic help Sapna.

According to Ghanshyam Bansal, Deputy Commissioner of Police (west), a call was received at Hari Nagar police station at about 9.15 a.m. regarding an incident of burglary in a house at Ashok Nagar area following which Emergency Response Vehicle (ERV) was dispatched for the spot.

"When police team reached the spot, the bodies of Sameer, Shalu and their maid Sapna were found. Both Shalu and Sapna were found lying dead on the ground floor in a saloon owned by the couple, while Sameer was found lying in a pool of blood on the first floor of the building," said the DCP.

"Throat of both Shalu and Sapna had been slit with sharp-edged weapon and Sameer had multiple injuries on face and head. However, the couple's minor daughter was found alive on the first floor in the hall," said the DCP.



Tourists play with snow at Bara-lacha Pass on Manali-Leh road

PTI PHOTO

STUDENT GETS 5-YEAR JAIL FOR 'CELEBRATING' PULWAMA

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

Bangalore, Nov 1: A special court here has sentenced a 22-year-old to five years simple imprisonment and imposed a fine of Rs 25,000 for making derogatory comments on Facebook posts after the terrorist attack on CRPF jawans in Pulwama in 2019.

The order was passed by Judge Gangadhara C M of the Additional City Civil & Sessions Judge (Special Judge for trial of NIA Cases). The accused, Faiz Rasheed, was 19 and a college student at the time of the crime and has been in custody for three-and-a-half years.

The court found him guilty under Section 153A (Promoting enmity between different groups on grounds of religion,) and Section 201 (causing disappear-



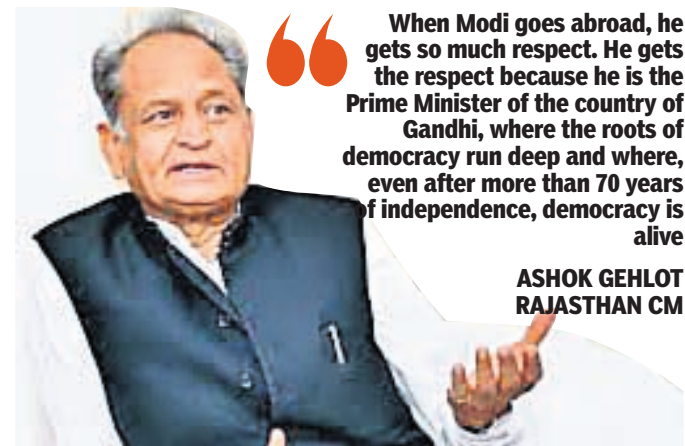
Rasheed had made 23 comments on the posts of various media outlets celebrating the terrorist attack and mocking the Army

ance of evidence). However, the trial was not conducted on

Section 124A (Sedition) and it was kept in abeyance as per the Supreme Court directions keeping it in suspension. He was sentenced to undergo simple imprisonment for a period of three years and pay a fine of Rs 10,000 for the offence under Section 153-A of the IPC. He was sentenced to simple imprisonment for a period of three years and fine of Rs 5,000 for the offence under Section 201 of the IPC.

He was sentenced to five years and imposed a fine of Rs 10,000 for the offence under Section 13 of the Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act. The sentences will run concurrently. Rasheed had made 23 comments on the posts of various media outlets celebrating the terrorist attack and mocking the Army.

Rajasthan CM hails PM's respect abroad



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ASHOK GEHLOT RAJASTHAN CM

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

Jaipur, Nov 1: Rajasthan Chief Minister Ashok Gehlot on Tuesday said Prime Minister Narendra Modi commands respect globally because he leads a country that has deep roots in democracy.

Speaking at a public function at Mangarh Dham in Rajasthan's Banswara, Gehlot said India has scripted history in the world as democracy in alive in the country even after more than 70 years since it achieved independence.

"When Modi goes abroad, he gets so much respect. He gets the respect because he is the prime minister of the country of Gandhi, where the roots of democracy run deep and where, even after more than 70 years of independence, democracy is alive," he said.

Gehlot urged Modi to declare Mangarh a national monument as well as for a review of the railway project between Ratlam-Dungarpur and Banswara, which was started by the previous Congress-led United Progressive Alliance (UPA) government at the Centre.

He apprised the prime minister that his government has done a lot for tribals, from opening colleges and universities to provid-

ing healthcare facilities." I will also urge the prime minister to examine the Chitrangeevi health scheme and I believe that you (Modi) would like to implement it across the country," the veteran Congress leader said.

He said Banswara is not connected with a rail route and that is why the UPA government had proposed the Ratlam-Dungarpur via Banswara rail link under a central scheme with 50 per cent contribution from the state government.

"We had approved the project... We even deposited Rs 250 crore with the railways, the land was allotted and the work launched. But suddenly, it was stopped. I urge you (Modi) to get the project reviewed and connect Banswara with other areas," Gehlot said.

Requesting the prime minister to declare Mangarh Dham a national monument, he said, "I am happy that recently, you spoke to the chief secretaries of Rajasthan, Gujarat and Madhya Pradesh about Mangarh Dham, which means that it was on your mind and you thought you should have information about it prior to your visit. I urge you again to declare Mangarh Dham a national monument," he said.

Develop techniques to conserve water: President

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

Greater Noida, Nov 1: President Droupadi Murmu has appealed to scientists, town planners and innovators to try to develop techniques that help conserve water resources, noting that technology can play a key role in ensuring India's water security.

Speaking at the seventh edition of the India Water Week, Murmu said providing clean water is a big challenge which requires cooperation from all sections of the society.

"There will be a need to effectively conserve water to meet the demands of our future generation and technology will play an important role in it. Hence, it is my appeal to scientists, town planners and innovators that they try to develop techniques for conservation of water resources," she said. She also appealed to the com-

mon people, farmers, industrialists and especially children to make water conservation a part of their ethics. "Only then, we will be able to gift a better and safer tomorrow to the coming generations," she said.

Noting that the present situation on water security is worrying, Murmu said "due to the increasing population, the condition of our rivers and reservoirs is deteriorating" and village ponds are drying up and many local rivers have become extinct.

"Water is being overexploited in agriculture and industries. The environmental balance on the earth is getting disturbed, weather patterns are changing and unseasonal excessive rainfall has become common. In such a situation, discussing the management of water is a very commendable step," she said. The President said the issue of water is relevant not only for India but for



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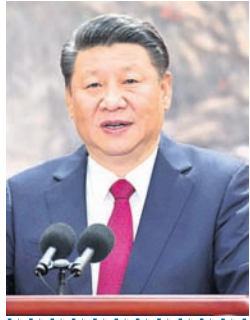
the entire world. "This issue is linked to national security too as the vast amount of available freshwater is spread between two or more countries.

Therefore, this combined water resource is an issue in which international cooperation is necessary," she said.

The President said water is a major resource for agriculture as well. According to an estimate, about 80 per cent of the water resource in our country is used for agricultural purposes.

"Therefore, proper use and management of water in irrigation is

international



On behalf of the Chinese government and the Chinese people, I would like to express our deep condolences to the victims of Morbi bridge collapse tragedy
XI JINPING | CHINA'S PRESIDENT

CYCLONE, ABSENCES THREATEN TO DULL HK FINANCE MEETING

A tropical storm and absences of VIP guests have cast a shadow over a financial conference meant to help Hong Kong restore its image as a financial hub and destination for business travel. The first major conference since the city lifted COVID-19 quarantine restrictions was due to begin Wednesday



of the day quote

Israel is a true democracy. Millions of voters will go out today to vote and decide as to the future and direction of our nation. This is a thriving democracy with a multitude of voices
ISAAC HERZOG | ISRAELI PRESIDENT

Imran Khan's 22-year political struggle revolves around General Musharraf, Pasha, Zaheer ul Islam, and those whom he calls his eyes and ears
MARIYAM NAWAZ SHARIF | PML-N VICE PRESIDENT

We will once again monitor and do surveillance in the Amazon. We will fight every illegal activity
LUIZ INACIO LULA DA SILVA | BRAZIL'S PRESIDENT-ELECT

SHORT TAKES

'Bolsonaro to break silence'
Sao Paulo/Brasilia: Brazil's far-right President Jair Bolsonaro will not contest his electoral defeat and plans to address the nation later Tuesday, his Communications Minister Fabio Faria told Reuters. Some of Bolsonaro's hardline supporters have called for military intervention to keep Bolsonaro in power and stop leftist President-elect Luiz Inacio Lula da Silva from taking office. Pro-Bolsonaro truck drivers blocked federal highways.

N Korea warns US of "powerful" response
Seoul: North Korea's Foreign Ministry criticised the United States for expanding joint military exercises with South Korea that it claims are practice for a potential invasion, and it warned Tuesday of "more powerful follow-up measures" in response. The statement from the ministry came as the US and South Korea conduct aerial drills involving more than 200 warplanes, including their advanced F-35 fighter jets, as they step up their defense posture in the face of North Korea's increased weapons testing and growing nuclear threat.

Toll in Halloween stampede rises
Seoul: One more fatality was confirmed from the Halloween stampede in Seoul's Itaewon district, raising the death toll from the tragedy to 156, officials said Tuesday. A 20-year-old Korean woman was pronounced dead Tuesday morning while under treatment in serious condition, according to the Central Disaster and Safety Countermeasures Headquarters. A total of 29 people are still in serious condition.



DONT SCORE: People dressed up in scary costumes to participate in the annual Zombie Walk and Halloween Parade in Essen, Germany

Migos rapper Takeoff shot dead in Houston

Houston, Nov 1: Migos rapper Takeoff is dead after a shooting early Tuesday outside a bowling alley in Houston, a representative confirmed. He was 28. Takeoff — whose name was Kirsnick Khari Ball — was part of Migos along with Quavo and Offset. A representative for Migos, who was not authorised to speak publicly, confirmed to The Associated Press that Takeoff had died. Police responded shortly after 2:30 am to reports of a shooting at 810 Billiards & Bowling, where



dozens of people had gathered on a balcony outside of the bowling alley, which is on the third floor, police said. Officers discovered one man dead when they arrived. Security guards who were in the area heard the shooting but did not see who did it, a police spokesperson said. Two other people were injured and taken to hospitals in private vehicles. No arrests have been announced. The Grammy-nominated rap trio from Georgia have had four Top 10 hits on the Billboard Hot 100, including their multi-week No. 1 "Bad and Boujee" featuring Lil Uzi Vert. They put out a trilogy of albums called "Culture," "Culture II" and "Culture III," with the first two albums hitting No. 1 on the Billboard 200 album chart. They earned an ASCAP Vanguard Award in 2018, for their streaming success with multi-platinum songs like "Motorsport" (featuring Cardi B and Nicki Minaj), "Stir Fry," and "Walk It Talk It." They also played a fictional version of themselves on an episode of the hit TV show "Atlanta."

'CPEC revitalisation' in focus as PM Shehbaz reaches China

Islamabad/Beijing, Nov 1: Pakistan Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif arrived in Beijing on Tuesday on a two-day official visit to China during which he will meet the top Chinese leadership, including President Xi Jinping, for talks aimed at boosting business and strategic all-weather ties. Sharif, who is visiting China at the invitation of his Chinese counterpart Li Keqiang, was received by senior Chinese officials at the Beijing Airport. Foreign Minister Bilawal Bhutto-Zardari, Finance Minister Ishaq Dar, Planning Minister Ahsan Iqbal, Information Minister Mairiyum Aurangzeb, Railways Minister Saad Rafique and Sindh Chief Minister Murad Ali Shah are part of Sharif's delegation. During his stay, Prime Minister Sharif will meet President Xi and hold delegation level talks with Premier Li, state-owned Radio Pakistan reported. This is Sharif's first visit to China since assuming office in April this year. Sharif will be the first head of the government to felicitate 69-year-old Xi in person for securing an unprecedented third five-year term at the recently held Communist Party Congress, be-



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Sharif's visit represents the continuity of the frequent leadership-level exchanges between Pakistan and China

coming the first leader after party founder Mao Zedong to continue in power after 10-year tenure. The two sides will review the all-weather strategic cooperation partnership and exchange views on regional and global developments. The Prime Minister's Office in Islamabad said Prime Minister Sharif was looking forward to meeting the Chinese leadership for a series of "productive and fruitful meetings" aimed at boosting business, strategic and people-to-people relations. Chinese Foreign

Ministry Spokesperson Zhao Lijian during his briefing in Beijing said China warmly welcomes Prime Minister Sharif's upcoming visit, Radio Pakistan reported. He said China looks forward to further advancing high-level strategic cooperation with Pakistan and bringing more fruitful outcomes from the Sino-Pak friendship to the benefit of the two peoples. The spokesperson said no matter how the international or domestic situations evolve, the friendship between the two nations has been carried on from generation to generation. Separately, Dawn reported that Prime Minister Sharif will try to revive the multi-billion-dollar China-Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC) and expand trade and investment ties with the neighbouring country by making optimal use of the second phase of the China-Pakistan Free Trade Agreement. Launched in 2013, the CPEC is a corridor linking Pakistan's Gwadar port on the Arabian Sea with Kashgar in northwest China's Xinjiang Uygur Autonomous Region, which highlights energy, transport and industrial cooperation. The \$60 billion CPEC is part of China's ambitious Belt and Road Initiative (BRI), a pet project of President Xi.

Iran protests: University students strike

Dubai, Nov 1: Iranian university students pressed ahead with sit-down strikes Tuesday in support of some of the biggest protests since the 1979 revolution, ignoring harsh warnings by elite security forces and a bloody crackdown. The activist HRANA news agency said the sit-down strikes were taking place in several cities including Tehran and Isfahan, part of a popular revolt calling for the death of Supreme Leader Ayatollah

Ali Khamenei. One of the boldest challenges to Iran's clerical leaders in decades, the protests have been gaining more and more steam, frustrating authorities who have tried to put the blame on Iran's foreign enemies and their agents for the unrest, a narrative that few Iranians believe. "People risk their lives to go to the streets but the hope that they are able to defeat the regime is much bigger than their fears," said Omid Memarian, senior Iran analyst at Democracy for the Arab



World Now (DAWN). Asieh Bakari, the daughter of a war hero from the country's conflict with Iraq in the 1980s, lashed out at Iran's rulers. "Yes, martyrs are looking over us but they are also watching over

UN agency inspecting Russia's unfounded 'dirty bomb' claim

Kyiv, Nov 1: Experts from the United Nations' nuclear power agency inspected two sites in Ukraine Tuesday that Russia identified in unfounded claims that Ukrainian authorities planned to set off radioactive 'dirty bombs' in their own invaded country. Russian strikes targeting eight regions of southeastern Ukraine killed at least four civilians and wounded four others in 24 hours, the Ukrainian president's office said. Tens of thousands of people faced power blackouts and water shortages following Russian shelling of energy infrastructure in 10 regions Monday. International Atomic Energy Agency Director General Rafael Grossi said the inspections for evidence of a so-called dirty bomb, requested by Kyiv in the wake of the unsubstantiated Russian allegations, would be completed soon. In the wake of battlefield setbacks for Russia in its war in Ukraine, top Russian officials, including President Vladimir Putin, made unsubstantiated accusations that Ukraine was manufacturing such an explosive device, which scatters radioactive waste. The Russians, without providing evidence, alleged the Ukrainians planned to make the purported bomb look like Russia's doing. Russia's UN ambassador, Vassily Nebenzia, alleged in a letter to Security Council members last week that Ukraine's nuclear research facility and mining company "received direct orders from (President Volodymyr) Zelenskyy's regime to develop such a dirty bomb." Western nations have called

- Russia says Ukraine may use 'prohibited' methods of war
- Orders civilians to leave an area along east bank of Dnipro
- Kyiv says evacuations include forced deportations, a war crime
- Kyiv, other cities suffer power, water outages
- Putin says missile strikes 'not all we could have done'

Moscow's repeated claim "transparently false". Ukrainian authorities dismissed it as an attempt to distract attention from Moscow's own alleged plans to detonate a dirty bomb as a way to justify a further escalation of hostilities. The International Atomic Energy Agency has said the investigated sites "are under IAEA safeguards and have been visited regularly by IAEA inspectors," whose mission is detecting undeclared nuclear activities and materials related to the development of dirty bombs. "The IAEA inspected one of the two locations a month ago and no undeclared nuclear activities or materials were found there," the agency said in a statement Monday. The UN's atomic energy watchdog also has had on-site monitors at the Russian-occupied Zaporizhzhia Nuclear Power Plant. Fighting around near Europe's largest nuclear power station has created worries of a possibly catastrophic leak there. The Ukrainian president's office said Tuesday that cities and towns around the plant experienced more heavy shelling between Monday and Tuesday.



Rescuers extinguish a fire caused by missile strikes in Cherkasy region of Ukraine Monday, as Russia accuses Ukraine of planning a 'dirty bomb', Russia continues to target Ukraine's infrastructure, including power and water

Suella under fire over migrant 'invasion' claim

London, Nov 1: UK Home Secretary Suella Braverman on Tuesday came under fire from the Opposition and refugee activists for describing a surge in the number of migrants illegally crossing the English Channel and landing on the country's shores seeking asylum as an "invasion". The 42-year-old Indian-origin Cabinet minister told Parliament on Monday evening that illegal migration to the country "is out of control" and that the asylum system is "broken", with the sheer numbers arriving in small boats making it impossible to provide accommodation for all. Her statement followed a violent incident involving a petrol bomb attack at one of the migration centres on England's southern coast over the weekend. "The British people deserve to know which party is serious about stopping the invasion on our southern coast, and which party is not," Braverman told the House of Commons.



Israel polls tightly poised as Netanyahu bids for comeback

Jerusalem, Nov 1: Israelis began voting for the fifth time in less than four years Tuesday, with former premier Benjamin Netanyahu bidding for a comeback in a race likely to turn on the performance of a far-right party that has risen from the fringe to become a potential coalition kingmaker. After years of deadlock, voter exasperation with the political parties has been growing but surging support for the ultra-nationalist Religious Zionism bloc has galvanized the campaign for both supporters and opponents of the group and its firebrand co-leader Itamar Ben-Gvir. By 2 p.m., turnout was 38.9%, the highest at this stage in

23 years, said Orly Ades, head of Israel's Central Elections Committee, though it remains unclear how this early robust voter participation will impact the results. Israel's longest-serving premier, Netanyahu is on trial on corruption charges, which he denies, but his rightist Likud party is still expected to finish as the largest in parliament. However, the final opinion polls from last week showed him still short of the 61 seats needed for a majority in the 120-seat Knesset, opening the prospect of weeks of coalition wrangling and possibly new elections. "There's a feeling of despair at all these elections," said Hagit Cohen, a 46-year-old social worker from Tel Aviv. She said she was



Former Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu stands next to his wife Sara as they cast their ballots on the day of Israel's general election in a polling station in Jerusalem

voting for outgoing centrist Prime Minister Yair Lapid rather than the centre-left parties she normally backed. Security and surging prices have topped the list of voter concerns in a campaign triggered by defections from the unlikely ruling coalition of right-wing, centrist and Arab parties formed after the last election. The campaign, which opened weeks after a brief conflict with the militant Islamic Jihad group in Gaza in August, has also unrolled against a backdrop of months of violence in the occupied West Bank, with near-daily raids and clashes. However the conflict has had little direct impact on the campaign, which has been overshadowed by the outsized personality

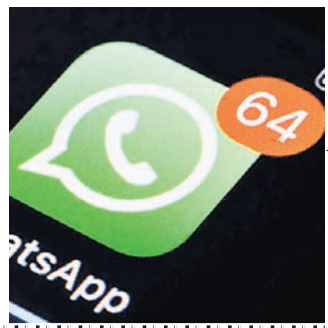
of Netanyahu, whose legal battles have fed the stalemate blocking Israel's political system since he was indicted on bribery, fraud and breach of trust charges in 2019. Casting his ballot in Jerusalem, Netanyahu, after warning supporters about potentially high turnout for his opponents, said: "I told you I was a little bit worried but God willing... we will finish the day with a smile." As Netanyahu's legal problems have continued, Ben-Gvir and fellow far-right leader Bezalel Smotrich have eaten into Likud's traditional hawkish base and the once-marginal Religious Zionism is now set to be the third-largest party in parliament.



I would say the biggest risks the world faces today aren't those of economic disruptions but the risks of despotic powers, lack of cooperation and the growing weaponisation of trade
DEEPAK PAREKH | HDFC CHAIRMAN

WHATSAPP BANS 26.85 LAKH ACCOUNTS IN INDIA IN SEPT

WhatsApp banned 26.85 lakh accounts in India in September, including 8.72 lakh accounts which were barred proactively before being flagged by users. The number of accounts blocked in September were 15% more than the accounts it banned in August.



of the day quote

We are probably at a very comfortable stage in the sense of comparing with other economies, our macroeconomic fundamentals are fine
NIRMALA SITHARAMAN | FINANCE MINISTER

We have forgotten that the pandemic, the commodity shock, and the monetary tightening in the developed world have all basically derailed the growth path that many countries would have expected at the beginning of this decade
V ANANTHA NAGESWARAN | CHIEF ECONOMIC ADVISER

It is a natural consequence of the rules that if the platforms do not comply with the obligations cast on them of making the internet safe and trusted space, then there is no consequence or obligation on part of the government to provide them safe harbour
RAJEEV CHANDRASEKHAR | UNION MINISTER

GST collection at ₹1.52L cr in Oct



New Delhi, Nov 1: GST revenues registered the second highest collection ever at ₹1.52 lakh crore in October, reflecting pickup in economic activity in the festive season. The collections in October this year recorded a 16.6 per cent rise over ₹1.30 lakh crore collected in the same month last year. Goods and Services Tax (GST) collection had touched a record high of nearly ₹1.68 lakh crore in April. In September, it was ₹1.48 lakh crore. "The gross GST collected in the month of October 2022 is ₹1,51,718 crore, of which central GST is ₹26,039 crore, state GST is ₹33,396 crore, integrated GST is ₹81,778 crore (including ₹37,297 crore collected on import of goods) and cess is ₹10,505 crore (including ₹825 crore collected on import of goods), which is second highest till date," an official statement said. The total revenue of the Centre and the states after regular as well as ad hoc settlements in the month of October 2022 is ₹74,665 crore for CGST and ₹77,279 crore for the SGST. GST mop-up has been over ₹1.40 lakh crore for eight months in a row, while for two months it has

crossed the ₹1.50 lakh crore-mark. During the month of September 2022, 8.3 crore e-way bills were generated, which was significantly higher than 7.7 crore e-way bills generated in August 2022. ICRA chief economist Aditi Nayar said the sharp sequential pickup in the headline GST collections in October 2022 reflects a combination of quarter-end flows relating to the transactions in the previous month, as well as the surge in GST e-way bills ahead of a robust festive season. "With the festive season in October 2022, the generation of GST e-way bills is expected to have remained high, which should bolster the GST collections in the month of November 2022," Nayar said. ICRA expects the CGST collections to exceed the FY23 Budget Estimates by ₹1.3-1.4 lakh crore. Deloitte India Partner M S Mani said major states have reported impressive increase in collections indicating that it is a broad based phenomenon across the country. KPMG in India Partner Indirect Tax Abhishek Jain said with the festive season continuing, GST collections are further expected to go up.

Passenger vehicle sales get festive treat in Oct

SURGE IN DEMAND FOR SUVs, MID-SEGMENT CARS

AGENCIES

New Delhi, Nov 1: Passenger vehicle sales saw a robust growth in October, with mid-segment cars and SUVs grabbing the festive demand which also lifted the entry-level category, but two-wheelers remained subdued reflecting the state of economy, industry data showed Tuesday.

Automobile makers led by Maruti Suzuki, Hyundai and Tata Motors, along with Mahindra & Mahindra, Kia India and Honda Cars India Tuesday reported strong sales of passenger vehicles in the domestic market riding on strong festive season demand.

However, in the two-wheeler segment, most of the manufacturers such as Hero MotoCorp, Bajaj Auto, Honda Motorcycle and Scooter India, and TVS Motor reported subdued sales during the festive season, which normally leads to high takeoff of motorcycles and scooters.

Market leader Maruti Suzuki India reported a 26 per cent rise in its domestic sales at 1,47,072 units last month as against 1,17,013 units in the year-ago period. The company's sales of mini segment cars, comprising Alto and S-Presso, grew to 24,936 units as against 21,831 units in October 2021. Sales of compact cars, including Baleno, Celerio, Dzire, Ignis, Swift, Tour S and WagonR, rose to 73,685 units last month as compared to 48,690 units in the year-ago month.

Maruti Suzuki India Senior Executive Officer (Marketing & Sales) Shashank Srivastava said the SUVs continued to lead the



sales charts last month while the sales of entry level models also witnessed enhanced uptake as compared with past few months.

Hyundai Motor India Ltd (HMIL) reported a 29.6 per cent jump in its domestic PV sales at 48,001 last month as compared to 37,021 units in October 2021.

HMIL Director (Sales, Marketing & Service) Tarun Garg said with the ever improving semiconductor situation, the company was able to meet the demand of its customers and deliver cars during the festive season in October.

Home-grown auto major Tata Motors said its PV sales, including electric vehicles, in the domestic market were at 45,423 units as compared to 34,155 units in the same month last year, up 33 per cent.

Similarly, M&M reported a 60 per cent rise in domestic passenger vehicle sales at 32,298 units in October 2022 as against 20,130 units sold in the same month last year.

"Our sales volume continued to grow in October on the back of strong festive demand," M&M President, Automotive Division, Veejay Nakra said.

Kia India reported a 43 per cent

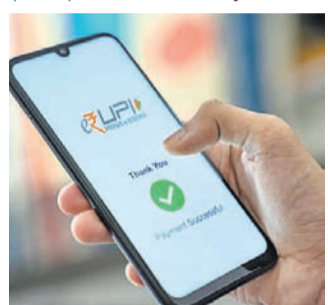
UPI transactions up 7.7% to 730cr

AGENCIES

New Delhi, Nov 1: Transactions through UPI rose 7.7 per cent to 730 crore. And the total value stood at more than ₹12.11 lakh crore in October.

In September, there were 678 crore UPI-led digital transactions worth ₹11.16 lakh crore.

The number of instant inter-bank fund transfer through IMPS (Immediate Payment Service) in October stood at 48.25 crore and the value was at ₹4.66 lakh crore. In terms of transactions, it was higher by 4.3 per cent compared to September, according to the monthly data from the National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI) released Tuesday.



The NETC FASTag, which facilitates automatic toll collection at NHAT's toll booths across the country, registered a 9.3 per cent growth in the number of transactions compared to 28.3 crore in September.

The corresponding value of transactions stood at ₹4,451.87 crore in October as against ₹4,244.76 crore in September.

While the Aadhaar card-enabled AePS, which facilitates easy, quick and safe banking transactions, increased to 11.77 crore in October compared to 10.27 crore in previous month. The value of AePS transactions rose to ₹31,112.63 crore from ₹26,665.58 crore.

Q2 EARNINGS

APSEZ profit up 65 per cent

New Delhi: Adani Ports and Special Economic Zone Ltd (APSEZ) Tuesday reported a 65.4 per cent rise in consolidated profit at ₹1,737.81 crore for the quarter ended September 2022, driven by higher revenue from operations. The company had posted a consolidated profit of ₹1,050.20 crore in the year-ago period, APSEZ said in a filing to BSE. The consolidated revenue from operations in the July-September period increased to ₹5,210.80 crore from ₹3,922.85 crore in the year-ago quarter. "H1 FY23 is a record half-year in APSEZ's history, with the highest ever cargo volume, revenue and EBITDA. Extending this strong performance into October, APSEZ achieved 200 MMT of cargo through-put within seven months, another new milestone," APSEZ CEO and Whole Time Director Karan Adani said.

Tech Mahindra net falls to ₹1,285cr

Mumbai: Tech Mahindra Tuesday reported a 4 per cent decline in consolidated profit after tax at ₹1,285 crore in the September quarter. The country's fifth largest IT services exporter had reported a net profit of ₹1,339 crore in the year-ago period. The company's overall revenue rose 20.7 per cent to ₹13,129 crore in the second quarter of the current fiscal. In the same period a year ago, it stood at ₹10,881 crore, according to a statement. Tech Mahindra's Chief Executive Officer and Managing Director CP Gurnani described the market conditions as "evolving" and said that supply side challenges continue.

Sun Pharma net rises 10.51 pc

New Delhi: Sun Pharmaceutical Industries Ltd on Tuesday reported a 10.51 per cent increase in consolidated net profit at ₹2,262.22 crore for the second quarter ended September 30, 2022. The company had posted a consolidated net profit of ₹2,047.01 crore in the same period last fiscal, Sun Pharma said in a regulatory filing. Consolidated total revenue from operations were at ₹10,952.28 crore, as against ₹9,625.93 crore in the same quarter last fiscal, it added. Total expenses in the quarter under review were higher at ₹8,625.07 crore, as compared to ₹7,562.31 crore in the same period a year ago.

Festivals propel fuel demand to 4-month high

AGENCIES

New Delhi, Nov 1: Petrol and diesel sales in India jumped to a four-month high in October, as the festive season brought back demand that had been quelled by extended monsoon rains, preliminary industry data showed Tuesday.

Petrol sales soared 12.1 per cent to 2.78 million tonnes in October, as compared to 2.48 million tonnes of consumption in the same month last year. Sales were 16.6 per cent higher than in COVID-marred October 2020 and 21.4 per cent more than in pre-pandemic October 2019.

Demand, which had dipped 1.9 per cent month-on-month in September, was up 4.3 per cent higher. Diesel, the most used fuel in the country, posted a 12 per cent rise in sales in October to 6.57 million tonnes, when compared to the same month last year. Consumption was up 6.5 per cent over October 2020 and 13.6 per cent higher than pre-COVID 2019. The fuel, which had seen a near



5 per cent drop in sales in August, when compared to the previous month of July, saw demand rise 9.7 per cent month-on-month.

Petrol and diesel sales were highest since June. Industry sources said the ending of extended monsoon rains in most parts of the country and a pick up in agricultural season led to a rise in diesel demand. Rains usually restrict mobility and demand from the farm sector, which uses diesel in irri-

gation pumps and trucking.

Rabi crop sowing as also the festival season led to a pick-up in economic activity and a rise in demand. Auto fuel sales had dipped in July and August owing to the monsoon and reduced demand.

As the aviation sector opened up, India's overall passenger traffic at airports inched closer to pre-COVID-19 levels.

Reflecting the trend, jet fuel (ATF) demand jumped 26.4 per cent

to 568,000 tonnes during October, when compared to the same month last year. It was 65.8 per cent higher than October 2020 but 14 per cent lower than pre-COVID October 2019.

Sources said while domestic air travel is back to pre-COVID levels, international traffic is lagging because of continued restrictions in some countries.

India's recovery has continued to gain momentum in recent months but has been accompanied by elevated inflation. The economy grew by 13.5 per cent y-o-y in April-June, reflecting an upturn in recovery momentum.

Healthy economic growth has supported oil demand. India's oil demand has been rising steadily since the easing of COVID-19 restrictions. Cooking gas LPG sales were however down 1.27 per cent year-on-year at 2.44 million tonnes in October. LPG consumption was 1.3 per cent higher than in October 2020 and 5.2 per cent more than in October 2019.

Manufacturing remains strong in Oct: Survey

AGENCIES

New Delhi, Nov 1: Manufacturing activities in India remained robust and price pressures were contained in October as new orders and production rose at a slower but stronger pace, according to a monthly survey released Tuesday.

The seasonally-adjusted S&P Global India Manufacturing Purchasing Managers' Index (PMI) was up from 55.1 in September to 55.3 in October. The October PMI data pointed to

an improvement in overall operating conditions for the 16th straight month. In PMI parlance, a print above 50 means expansion while a score below 50 indicates contraction.

"The Indian manufacturing industry again showed signs of resilience in October, with factory orders and production rising strongly despite losing growth momentum," Pollyanna De Lima, Economics Associate Director at S&P Global Market Intelligence, said. Firms were able to secure additional work in October, taking



the current sequence of growth to 16 months, the survey said, adding that overall, factory orders

increased at an above-trend pace that was nonetheless the weakest since June. Looking ahead, Indian manufacturers remained confident of a rise in production volumes by October 2023. Predictions of better sales and marketing efforts were among the reasons cited for upbeat projections.

On the inflation front, cost burden rose at a broadly similar rate to September's 23-month low while selling charge inflation moderated to the weakest since February, as per the survey.

CCI ORDER Google pauses enforcing proprietary billing system

Nearly 97% of India's 600 million smartphones run on Google's Android mobile operating system, and startups have banded together in the past to say the payment policy hurt their businesses

REUTERS

New Delhi, Nov 1: Alphabet Inc's Google is pausing the enforcement of a policy that requires app developers in India to use its proprietary billing system for selling

digital goods, following a ruling by the country's antitrust body.

Google had previously set an extended deadline of Oct 31 for developers in India to integrate apps with its Google Play billing system, which collects a commission

that ranges from 15%-30% for each sale.

The Competition Commission of India (CCI), however, ordered Google last week not to restrict app developers from using third-party billing or payment processing services in India, while fining it \$113 million.

In a website update to developers Tuesday, Google said the requirement to use its billing system still applied for users outside the country, adding it was review-



ing legal options in India. Globally, Google and Apple have faced criticism that the fees charged

at their mobile app stores are needlessly high and cost developers collectively billions of dollars a year

Both have lowered fees in many circumstances and have said they are needed to fund a safe and secure mobile ecosystem.

"Today's decision helps protect our revenues. We hope that Google implements this permanently as it's not good for Indian digital startups - it amounts to digital tax for us," said Murugavel Janakiraman, the CEO of BharatMatrimony Group, which runs various apps that help people find life partners.

Eyes on batters against Bangla

India have come to win WC, we haven't: Shakib

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

Adelaide, Nov 1: Rishabh Pant's flair and chutzpah at the top might be in demand but India could still persist with an out-of-form KL Rahul when it takes on a relatively weaker Bangladesh in the T20 World Cup here, Wednesday.

Matches against Bangladesh across formats are always like a proverbial banana peel where slipping remains a possibility but India would certainly start favourites in their penultimate Super 12 match.

The rude jolt the famed Indian batting line-up got on the paciest of tracks in Perth would have left the coaching staff, especially coach Rahul Dravid, pondering a few points.

The 22 runs in three matches with flop show against big teams like Pakistan and South Africa has once again raised questions about Rahul's big-match temperament and technique against quality attacks. However, Rahul might continue as opener as Dravid has unshakeable faith in the fellow Bangalore player's ability.

Bangladesh, not the most decorated of T20 sides in this competition due to their mediocre bowling attack, might just be the ideal opposition for Rahul to gain some form. The attack comprising Mustafizur Rahman, Taskin Ahmed, Mehidy Hasan Miraj, skipper Shakib al Hasan and Hasan Mahmud is decent but certainly not world class by any standards.

Suryakumar Yadav and Virat Kohli have already played brilliant knocks while Rohit Sharma looked good in his fifty against the Netherlands.

However, Pant's exclusion from the playing XI is pretty baffling as he and Suryakumar Yadav bring that x-factor in the batting line-up. Dinesh Karthik's back spasms



Rishabh Pant would be eager to perform when India take on Bangladesh, Wednesday

issue might just be a blessing in disguise for the Indian team. It may open up the opportunity for Pant's inclusion in the playing XI for the Bangladesh game.

Bangladesh have four left-hand-

ers in their batting line-up, including skipper Shakib, opens Soumya Sarkar and Najmul Hossain Shanto and middle-order batter Afif Hossain Dhrubo and it will be interesting to see if India

continue with R Ashwin, who was mauled by David Miller in the previous game, or play Axar Patel.

India's attack may not struggle much in dealing with Bangladesh as the troika of Bhuvneshwar

Kumar, Arshdeep Singh and Mohammed Shami holds a distinct edge over rival side's batting line-up.

A few numbers would corroborate how Bangladesh's batters have struggled in this tournament. Out of the two games they have won, one was a thriller against Zimbabwe while they played a close game against the Netherlands.

Despite facing minnows, Shakib's batters have struggled on bowler-friendly Australian pitches. After three games, opener Shanto is the only batter to have aggregated more than 100 runs and that too at a strike-rate of 125 which isn't commendable at all for an opener.

The second highest run getter is Afif, the middle-order enforcer. A lot will depend on how Afif and Mosaddek Hossain bat towards the back-end but against an Indian attack of this quality, they will be under pressure.

The team that opts to bowl first might make the best use of the famous Adelaide evening twilight when the ball swings a wee bit more than usual. With three potent swing bowlers, it won't be a bad idea if Rohit Sharma opts to bowls first and try to restrict Bangladesh to a low score.

For Bangladesh, the sharp slump in their only world class player Shakib's form is the reason that they aren't considered a threat for quality teams. Shakib, who has had his run-ins with the BCB even during the ongoing World Cup, isn't in the best frame of mind and the deterioration in his batting is difficult to fathom.

He is still bowling some restrictive left-arm spin but the bite is no more there and hence it could just be meat and drink for the Indian batters during their duel with the Bangladesh captain.

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

Adelaide, Nov 1: Shakib Al Hasan has no qualms in admitting that Bangladesh are not title contenders in the T20 World Cup and a win against India will be considered an upset. Both Bangladesh and India are on four points from three games.

"We haven't come here to win the World Cup, but India have. If we win tomorrow, it will be an upset victory. India are favourites tomorrow (Wednesday)," Shakib told reporters on the eve of the game.

The cold condition here does create a problem but the key will be adaptability. "It is a little difficult. Hobart was very cold and here it's cold. It is difficult to adjust to this cold but most players have

at some point played here. You can't change the weather but we have to manage it," he said.

While Shakib had no hesitation in calling Suryakumar Yadav India's No.1 batter in T20s over the past year but he believed Bangladesh will need to concentrate on each and every Indian batter. "If you aren't good, you won't be playing World Cup for India. It is a phenomenal batting order," he said.

Shakib didn't spell out his plans for the match. "We will have our plans in place, but not necessarily, those solutions will work. All eleven players are capable and we have to do with resources that we have," said the skipper, whose team till date has lost 10 T20s to the neighbouring nation.



England pass Kiwis test to keep semis hopes alive

BRISBANE: Captain Jos Buttler (73, 47b, 7x4, 2x6) led by example with a scintillating knock before his bowlers held their nerves and powered England to a crucial 20-run win against New Zealand in the T20 World Cup here Tuesday.

As far as New Zealand were concerned, Glenn Phillips (62, 36b, 4x4, 3x6) continued his red-hot form to smash a fiery half century, but that was not enough as England kept their semi-final hopes alive in the competition.

England rode on a solid start by Alex Hales (52, 40b, 7x4, 1x6) and Buttler to post 179/6. The openers added 81 runs in 62 balls after England opted to bat. In reply, New Zealand ended at 159/6.

The win took England past defending champions Australia to second spot. It was the first defeat for the Group 1 leaders after four



Buttler and Hales led England to a win against New Zealand in their final Super 12 league fixture Friday.

Virat's hotel room invasion disappointing: Dravid

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

Adelaide, Nov 1: Virat Kohli's invasion of privacy in a Perth hotel was disappointing as it is "one place" where the Indian cricketers get to be away from the constant public gaze, said India head coach Rahul Dravid Tuesday.

A hotel housekeeping staff at the Crown in Perth had filmed Kohli's room and posted it on social media prompting the former India captain to express his disgust.

"It's obviously disappointing. It's not very comfortable for anyone, let alone Virat. It is disappointing," Dravid said ahead of the T20 World Cup fixture against Bangladesh. For the reticent head coach, the idea of a hotel room also being in public glare is a petrifying thought.

"We have flagged it with the relevant authorities. They have taken action (staff sacked). Hopefully,



people are a lot more careful because it's the one place where you feel you are away from people's prying eyes and without the media glare on you and without the photographs that all of these players

have to deal with. It's the one place where you hope to feel secure and safe. If that's also taken away, it's not really a nice feeling." Dravid is happy that Kohli has been able to deal with it in a dignified manner.

"I think he has dealt with it really well. He is fine. He's here at training. He's absolutely perfect," Dravid added.

A flabbergasted and "paranoid" Kohli Monday denounced the "absolute invasion" of his privacy by a fan, who shot a video of his hotel room and put that in public domain. Kohli re-shared the video, that went viral on social media, on his Instagram account along with a message, saying he is not okay with such kind of "fanaticism".

DK LOOKS PATCHY AT NETS

His place in the team under the scanner, Dinesh Karthik did a lot of keeping drills during an hour and a half's indoor session at the Adelaide Oval, but didn't look fully fit. Dravid said that a call on his participation in the Bangladesh match will be taken Wednesday.

Karthik has scored 1 and 6 in the two games he has batted, and

has struggled with back spasms since trying to collect a Hardik Pandya bouncer in the match against South Africa at Perth.

"Yeah, he's (Karthik) pulled up pretty well today. It was unfortunate he had that spasm when he jumped to collect a bouncer. I think when he landed badly, he landed in a way that I think he just hurt his back a little bit. But with treatment and with the day - this morning he's pulled up pretty well," Dravid told reporters before start of the training session.

"So we'll be assessing it. We'll see how it goes, and we'll see how he pulls up tomorrow morning (Wednesday) after a good practice session today.

"We'll put him through his paces and ensure that we've given him a good workout and then see how he pulls up tomorrow morning before making a final decision," the head coach added.

Marijne restrained from publishing confidential details

INDO-ASIAN NEWS SERVICE

New Delhi, Nov 1: The Delhi High Court Tuesday temporarily restrained Sjoerd Marijne, former coach of the Indian Women's hockey team and book company HarperCollins from publishing confidential details about players in the Dutchman's new book.

"...till the next date of hearing, an ad interim injunction is passed restraining the defendants from publishing the book containing portions (of confidential information of women players) Justice Amit Bansal ordered while posting the matter for the November 18 hearing.

The court was dealing with a plea moved by Hockey India against Marijne and HarperCollins Publishers India Private Limited over the alleged violation of the code of conduct in the memoir authored by the Dutch tactician titled "Will Power: The Inside Story of the Incredible Turnaround in Indian Women's Hockey" which is not yet launched.

During the hearing, Justice Bansal relied on a September 19 order, in which the court heard the appeal of woman hockey player Gurjit Kaur who challenged the release of the book.

In her appeal, Kaur alleged that the book contains some confidential information that was shared by her with Marijne in confidence when he was the coach. The player pointed out that publishing those details on her medical condition will breach her right to privacy as well.

DANISH FOOTBALL BODY'S CANDID ACT

Qatar's migrant workers assured of cash per goal



ASSOCIATED PRESS

Copenhagen, Nov 1: Thousands of goals scored in Danish soccer in November will raise money for migrant workers who helped build World Cup projects in Qatar, Denmark's football federation.

It is the latest show of support for workers in Qatar from Denmark, whose national team will wear specially toned-down World Cup jerseys including a black option to honor those who died in the past decade.

Every goal scored in Denmark in November - from grass roots games to the top-tier Superliga - will earn 10 kroner (about USD 1.30) donated by football authorities. The Danish federation said there were 55,000 goals in November 2021. An equivalent number this year would raise about USD 73,000.

The money will go to the BWI (International Federation of Building and Wood Workers) trades

union to target construction workers in Qatar.

Qatar has been fiercely criticised for the physical and contractual conditions of workers, mostly from south Asia, needed to build stadiums, metro lines, roads and hotels needed for the month-long tournament that starts November 20.

The exact number of migrant workers who have died or were injured working in often extreme heat on projects since FIFA picked Qatar as World Cup host in December 2010 is unclear. Definitive data has been hard to verify or not published by authorities.

Denmark, the 10th-ranked team in international men's football, will play in a World Cup group with defending champion France, Australia and Tunisia. Australian players highlighted Qatar's human rights record in a video published last week that called for reform as a legacy of staging the World Cup.

T20 WR: 501 runs scored in a South African domestic tie

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

Potchefstroom, Nov 1: A world record (WR) 501 runs were scored in a South Africa domestic T20 match between Titans and Knights here, which also saw a slew of milestones being reached.

Invited to bat, the Titans posted 271/3 in their allotted 20 overs with opener Dewald Brevis scoring 162 (57b, 13x4, 13x6) in the CSA T20 Challenge match Monday. The Knights made 230/9, losing the match by 41 runs.

The previous highest aggregate in a T20 match was 497 by Central Districts and Otago in the Super Smash in 2016-17. The 36 sixes by both teams in Potchefstroom are also the third most in a T20 match.

The 271 runs scored by Titans is the fourth highest by any team in men's T20s and most in South Africa. Brevis' 162 is the third highest individual score in men's T20 after Chris Gayle's 175 not out for RCB against Pune Warriors in the 2013 IPL and Aaron Finch's 172 against Zimbabwe in 2018. It is the highest score by a South African batter in men's T20 cricket.

Brevis needed just 52 balls to reach 150, the fastest by any batter in T20 cricket. The previous quickest was 53 deliveries by Gayle during his 175.

Brevis became the youngest South African to score a century in men's T20 cricket at 19 years and 185 days. He is the sixth-youngest batter in the world to score a century in men's T20. He reached his century in 35 balls, the joint fifth-fastest in T20 cricket and joint second-fastest T20 hundred by a South African.

Sakkari edges past Pegula

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Fort Worth, Nov 1: Maria Sakkari couldn't help but smile a wide smile after taking a pair of tiebreakers to edge Jessica Pegula across more than two hours of big-hitting baseline action in front of a sparse crowd as round-robin singles play began at the WTA Finals.

Sure, the No.5-ranked Sakkari was excited about the 7-6(8-6), 7-6(7-4) victory on a temporary indoor hard court at Dickies Arena against No.3 Pegula in the season-ending tournament just eight days after losing to the American in the final of another event.

For Sakkari, who will face Aryna Sabalenka next, this was of more importance: She got to hang out with her parents and grandmother - the first time in four and half years her mom's mom had been in the stands to see the 27-year-old from Greece compete. Grandma hadn't been on hand for one of Sakkari's matches since she lost to Kiki Bertens in the first round of the Madrid Open in May 2018.



Maria Sakkari reacts after winning a point

Later on Day 1, Sabalenka came back to beat two-time Grand Slam runner-up Ons Jabeur 3-6, 7-6(7-5), 7-

5 after being two points from defeat. Jabeur led 5-3 in the tiebreaker, but Sabalenka grabbed the next four points in a row to force a third set.

Pegula and Coco Gauff were slated to team up against Xu Yifan and Yang Zhaoxuan in doubles to close out Monday's schedule. October 23, in the final of the Guadalajara Open, Pegula beat Sakkari 6-2, 6-3 to claim the first WTA 1000 title of her career.

That was part of why Sakkari has described going through what she termed a "dark phase," one she snapped out of by reminding herself that she is still a top player. This rematch against Pegula was filled with plenty of momentum swings.

FRITZ STILL IN HUNT FOR ATP FINALS SPOT

PARIS: Taylor Fritz of the United States stayed in contention for one of the two remaining ATP Finals spots by beating Alejandro Davidovich Fokina of Spain 7-5, 6-2 in the first round of the Paris Masters. The ninth-seeded Fritz rallied from a 4-2 deficit in the opening set and took the second by winning the last four games. Davidovich Fokina made 24 unforced errors to just nine for Fritz. Carlos Alcaraz, Rafael Nadal, Stefanos Tsitsipas, Casper Ruud, Daniil Medvedev and Novak Djokovic have already qualified for the ATP Finals. Fritz, Felix Auger-Aliassime, Andrey Rublev and Hubert Hurkacz are in the running to round out the eight-player field. No.13 Matteo Berrettini withdrew because of a left foot injury and was replaced by lucky loser Fabio Fognini in the main draw. No.11 seed Jannik Sinner lost to Swiss qualifier Marc-Andre Huesler 6-2, 6-3, while No.15 seed Marin Cilic was stunned by coming Italian Lorenzo Musetti 6-4, 6-4. Americans John Isner, Maxime Cressy and Frances Tiafoe also progressed.