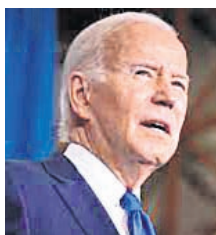




## PC REPRIMANDS FANS

Actor Priyanka Chopra Jonas, who is here in India for an event, lashes out at fans at Delhi airport

LEISURE P2



## US MIDTERM FIGHT

President Joe Biden has notched an enviable record on jobs, with 10.3 million gained during his tenure

INTERNATIONAL P10



## INDIA FACE ZIMBABWE

Rohit Sharma would look to get runs under his belt when India face Zimbabwe in a must-win game at T20 World Cup

SPORTS P12



**BURNING ISSUE:** A farm labourer burns paddy stubble in a field in Patiala district of Punjab as pollution levels remain in the severe category mark in Delhi NCR, Saturday

PTI PHOTO

## Climate change deadlier than cancer: UNDP data

Higher temperatures and a warmer climate stress cardiovascular and respiratory systems around the world

INDO-ASIAN NEWS SERVICE

**United States, Nov 5:** Climate change could be twice as deadly as cancer in some parts of the world if carbon emissions remain high, according to new data released by the UN Development Programme (UNDP) and the Climate Impact Lab.

Using Dhaka, Bangladesh, as an example, according to the data released Friday, additional deaths from climate change would be nearly twice the country's current all-cancer death rate and 10 times its road traffic death rate by 2100, reports Xinhua news agency.

"Because of human action, the concentration of carbon dioxide in our atmosphere is reaching dangerous levels, driving earth's temperatures higher and amplifying the frequency of intensity of extreme events," says the newly-

launched Human Climate Horizons platform, adding that without concerted and urgent action, climate change will further exacerbate inequalities, and uneven development.

In addition to the analyses from the Human Development Reports of 2020, 2021, and 2022, the data shows how climate change impacts people's lives - from mortality to livelihoods.

Higher temperatures and a warmer climate stress cardiovascular and respiratory systems around the world, but the effects will differ depending on how well communities are equipped to adapt.

According to the data, climate change could lead to nearly 67 deaths per 1 lakh population in Faisalabad, Pakistan - more deaths than strokes, the third leading cause of death.

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## SHORT TAKES

### LEOPARD HIDE SEIZED; 1 HELD

**Bhubaneswar:** The Special Task Force (STF) of Crime Branch has nabbed a wildlife criminal from Daspalla area of Nayagarh district for possessing leopard skins and pangolin scales. The accused Bhagabat Majhi alias Ramesh belongs to Bhogabadi village under Daspalla police limits. Acting on a tip-off, the STF sleuths and the officials of Banigochha Forest department Friday carried out a raid at a secluded place near the Kuanria Dam in Daspalla and arrested Majhi. The team seized two leopard skins, several pangolin scales and other wildlife products from his possession.

### INDIA'S FIRST VOTER IN HIMACHAL DIES

**Shimla:** India's first voter Shyam Saran Negi died Saturday morning at his residence in Himachal Pradesh's Kinnaur. He was 106. On November 2, Negi had cast his vote for the Assembly polls through postal ballot, the Election Commission said. Chief Minister Jai Ram Thakur took to Twitter to condole the death and said the thought that Negi exercised his right a few days ago despite ill health will always make him emotional. Kinnaur Deputy Commissioner Abid Hussain Sadiq said Negi will be cremated with full state honours. The officer had felicitated the centenarian at his residence after the vote two days ago.

## Fresh row over Daya as part of Mahanadi basin

Controversies erupt over delineation of Mahanadi and Shivnath basin boundaries as Odisha and Chhattisgarh oppose the assessors' views

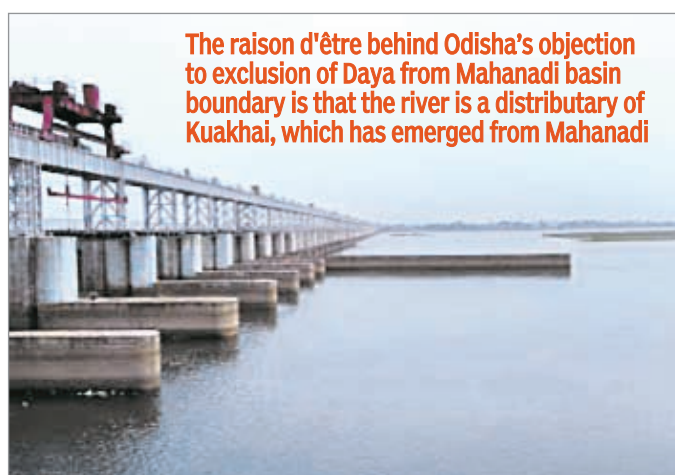
POST NEWS NETWORK

**New Delhi, Nov 5:** Adding further uncertainties to the resolution of Mahanadi water disputes, the Mahanadi Water Disputes Tribunal Saturday asked the two assessors appointed by it to hold meetings with Odisha and Chhattisgarh to delineate the Mahanadi river basin and sub-basin boundaries and clear the controversy whether Daya river forms part of Mahanadi Basin.

A bench of the tribunal headed by retired Supreme Court judge Justice AM Khanwilkar granted two weeks time to both states and the assessors to hold meetings to clear the controversy over Daya river. It posted the matter for hearing to November 19. The dispute arose over the boundary of River Mahanadi in Delta region in Odisha and Shivnath basin in Chhattisgarh.

The assessors delineated the boundary of Mahanadi basin by excluding Daya river which feeds Chilika Lake. They also excluded Shivnath basin in Chhattisgarh. The assessors used a mathematical model to arrive at the conclusion.

Both states, however, opposed the delineation by assessors. Odisha claimed that Daya river forms part



The raison d'être behind Odisha's objection to exclusion of Daya from Mahanadi basin boundary is that the river is a distributary of Kuakhal, which has emerged from Mahanadi

of Mahanadi basin while Chhattisgarh claimed Mahanadi to be part of Shivnath basin.

The tribunal also asked the state of Maharashtra to file affidavit of named witnesses.

The state of Odisha also submitted to the tribunal that it has received documents related to Mahanadi basin from the Central agencies. However, Chhattisgarh said that it is yet to receive some documents.

It is to be mentioned here that Odisha has filed a petition before the tribunal against Chhattisgarh

government for constructing several barrages on Mahanadi river that resulted in obstruction of Mahanadi water to the state.

Odisha also pleaded the tribunal to direct Chhattisgarh to maintain specific flow of water during the non-monsoon months and close the construction as well as operation of barrages in its territory.

Significantly, the tribunal heard the case in physical mode after over two years. It was hearing the case through videoconferencing mode due to Covid-19 pandemic.

## Violence in Dhamnagar ahead of results day

POST NEWS NETWORK

**Bhadrak, Nov 5:** With a few hours left for counting of votes for Dhamnagar byelection, the Assembly segment reported some cases of violence and arson.

According to sources, some people made an organised attack on a grocer identified as Sashikant Jena at Paikasahi of Talagopabindha panchayat under Thidi block, Friday evening. Police registered a case after a complaint was lodged in this connection.

According to reports, some people had purchased ration from Jena's grocery shop on credit during electioneering. When Jena asked for payment, they abused and kicked him before attacking him with an iron rod, said the complainant.

Jena, who sustained head injuries, was admitted to the district headquarters hospital (DHH) in a critical condition. The attackers also abused a nearby shopkeeper Babaji Behera who witnessed the scene. When Babaji's daughter Sanjibani opposed their hooliganism, she was also not spared by the miscreants following which her family members filed a complaint at Dhusuri police station. The girl is being treated at the DHH.

In another case, Sujal Kumar Sethi of Kharpada has lodged a complaint with Dhusuri police al-

### Padampur bypoll Dec 5

**BHUBANESWAR:** Byelection to Padampur Assembly seat in Bargarh district will be held December 5, Chief Electoral Officer SK Lohani said here Saturday. Model Code of Conduct came into force in Bargarh district from Saturday, he said. The seat fell vacant following the demise of BJD MLA Bijay Ranjan Singh Bariha October 2. As per the schedule announced by the Election Commission, November 17 has been fixed as the last date for filing nominations. The scrutiny of nomination papers will be made November 18 and the last date for withdrawal of candidature is November 21.

legating that supporters of a particular party had set ablaze his house. He alleged that he had taken her grandmother to the polling booth on the bypoll day when workers of a particular party warned him against letting her grandmother to

vote. When Sujal opposed it, they abused him and set his house afire. Saturday morning, a video went viral showing a woman, identified as Gurubari, being attacked by a local sarpanch's son Gourab Sahu in Dhusuri area. In Bodak panchayat, BJD worker Pitambar Nayak was sipping tea in the bazaar when one Ranapratap Nayak of BJD had a verbal duel and they came to blows.

Pitambar was injured and admitted to the DHH. **MORE P3**

In Bodak panchayat, BJD worker Pitambar Nayak was allegedly attacked by Ranapratap Nayak of BJD and was admitted to Bhadrak DHH

## Jana Gana Mana, Vande Mataram equal: Centre



AGENCIES

**New Delhi, Nov 5:** The Centre has told the Delhi High Court that the national anthem 'Jana Gana Mana' and the national song 'Vande Mataram' "stand on the same level" and citizens should show equal respect to both.

While unlike the national anthem there are no penal provisions or official instructions about singing or playing 'Vande Mataram', the song occupies a unique place in the emotions and psyche of Indians and all directions of the High Courts and the Supreme Court concerning the song are being followed, it said.

The submission was made by the Ministry of Home Affairs on an affidavit filed in response to a public interest litigation by lawyer Ashwini Kumar Upadhyay to ensure that the song 'Vande Mataram' is as honoured and given equal status as the national anthem.

Emphasising that both the national song and the national anthem have their own sanctity and deserve equal respect, the Centre stated that the subject matter of the present proceedings can never be a subject matter of a writ petition.

"Both Jana Gana Mana and Vande Mataram stand on the same level and every citizen of the country should show equal respect to both. National song occupies a unique and special place in the emotions and psyche of the people of India," said the "short counter affidavit" filed through Central government lawyer Manish Mohan.

The court was informed that the issue of promoting 'Vande Mataram' was earlier dealt with by the top court which refused to "enter into any debate" as there was no reference to a national song in the Constitution.

Subsequently, the HC, the response added, dismissed another petition seeking guidelines for singing and playing 'Vande Mataram' while noting that there could be no dispute that the song deserves the regard and respect, which has been recognised by the authorities.

"The National Anthem and the National Song both have their sanctity and deserve equal respect. However, the subject matter of the present proceedings can never be a subject matter seeking a writ of the Hon'ble High Court more particularly in view of the settled position," the response by Centre said.

## Indian musical instruments sell like hot cakes abroad

■ The majority of India's musical instruments and accessories are exported to Germany, Japan, and the US

■ Between April and November of the years 2020 and 2021, India exported musical instruments valued at \$19.39 million

AGENCIES

**New Delhi, Nov 5:** Indian music is famous globally, so are the musical instruments. Now what may sound as music to many ears is that the export of Indian musical instruments has increased to ₹172 crore, as compared to the same period in 2013-14.

It is a 3.5 times jump from eight years ago. During that time the exports were worth just ₹49 crore, India's Commerce Minister

Piyush Goyal said.

According to Facts and Factors, the global market for musical instruments was worth about \$13 billion in 2021, and it is expected to grow by about \$15.2 billion by 2028.

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As per the report of MusicWatch, a music consumer research company, 90 per cent of consumers, use social media platforms to search for new music and learn about local music events. Live music concerts have become increasingly popular on social media as well, reported Indiatimes.com.

The Indian musical instrument market is segmented by electronic musical instruments, stringed musical instruments, wind instruments, string-based instruments, percussion instruments; other mu-



sical instruments: parts and accessories and distribution channel: online and offline, an article in Newsonair stated.

Recently, Yamaha Corporation, a Japanese multi-national corporation and conglomerate, constructed a musical instrument plant in India, intending to make it an export hub. The first phase involved ₹380 crore worth of investment. It is said that they are currently producing portable keyboards, and can create 1.50 lakh

portable keyboards and 2 lakh acoustic guitars each year.

The company said: "We have been selling our musical products in India since 2008. Till now, they were being imported from China. We posted a revenue of ₹200 crore. We are coming to India at the right time."

People had more time for themselves during the Covid-19 pandemic, and music was one way to make use of that time. It was also said that this had an impact on

the trend in the global market.

Educators opted for online classes and music enthusiasts now have easy access to instruments as these instruments can be ordered online. The rise in demand for electronic music has also contributed to the growth of the market, Indiatimes cited this as the reason.

As the world moves towards more technical advancements, the demand for electronic music has also increased. Music composers can tune in sound with more control in electronic music devices. The ability of composers to customise and personalise instruments can further boost the growth of the market.

Also, the National Electronics Policy 2019 of the Indian government aims to establish a \$400 billion electronics manufacturing ecosystem by 2025 in the country. This would also significantly increase the investments in the electronic musical instrument segment.

## IRREGULAR by MANJUL



Twitter charging its users is great for us. We can now slap GST on those transactions!

| WEATHER  |            | FORECAST |                    |
|----------|------------|----------|--------------------|
|          | BHUB       | CTK      |                    |
| TEMP     | MAX 32.6°C | 32.6°C   | Dry weather likely |
|          | MIN 20.1°C | 20.4°C   |                    |
| Humidity | 68%        | 66%      |                    |
| Rainfall | Nil        | Nil      |                    |

# leisure



## SELENA OPENS UP ABOUT HER SPLIT WITH BEIBER

Singer Selena Gomez said that breaking up with pop singer Justin Bieber was the "best thing" that ever happened to her. The 30-year-old singer said: "Everything was so public. I felt haunted by a past relationship that no one wanted to let go of. Then I just moved past it, and I wasn't afraid anymore".

## MARIAH RECALLS WHEN SHE DIDN'T FIT IN WITH BEAUTY IDEALS

Singer Mariah Carey has recalled a moment when she felt she "didn't fit in" with beauty ideals. The 52-year-old singer said that her biracial heritage set her apart as "other" when she was growing up in a small town on New York's Long Island. My family at that time didn't have the money for her to spend after her appearance".



### FORTUNE FORECAST

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**ARIES**  
It is a sunny, sparkling day, and the stars spell success. If you're feeling creative, simply pick up a paintbrush or try a new recipe. However, care and caution should be the buzzwords if you are driving alone, suggest Ganesh.

**TAURUS**  
Your romantic relationship will be working on an overdrive today, says Ganesh. You will discover answers to the finer aspects of your love life. Overall, you will have a refreshingly creative outlook all through the day. It is a favourable day for those who cherish unrequited love, says Ganesh.

**GEMINI**  
You need to bear in mind that you need to concentrate on your own image and standing in society rather than worry about the actions of others. Those in the retail business will see an unprecedented spurt in their profits today, says Ganesh.

**CANCER**  
You will try to improve ties with beloved ones. Your devotion and dedication will reap benefits for the future. You will have physical and mental happiness. You will keep your future in mind. This will boost your self-confidence. Ganesh's blessings are with you.

**LEO**  
You will be confused with issues relating to the workplace today. You need to accept your present circumstances for what they are, and work towards resolving your immediate concerns to find your way ahead in life. This period of doubt will pass very soon, says Ganesh.

**VIRGO**  
Your beloved will not only give you a surprise today but also demand one, says Ganesh. There may be some good news on the business front. Ganesh says own up to your old mistakes so that you don't repeat them, and chalk out the plans for the future.

**LIBRA**  
Ganesh says you will get the answers to all your questions. You will tend to worry about small things and issues. You will be able to earn from different sources today. Ganeshji assures that if you keep your mind balanced you will achieve amazing results in your work.

**SCORPIO**  
You may bump into people with different tastes and temperaments, says Ganesh. Some may surprise you, while some may just shock you. Sometimes, it is difficult to understand when people react indifferently to your success. Handle it with smartness and diplomacy.

**SAGITTARIUS**  
You have been experiencing the adverse effects of stressful lifestyle off-late. But not anymore, as you realise the importance of good health. Maintaining good health will begin with good news of either promotion or increment at work. This leaves you happy and satisfied, says Ganesh.

**CAPRICORN**  
Today, you'll like to hold a cup of hot coffee in one hand, relax and go down the memory lane to cherish some golden moments. You may want to give another chance to your romantic relationship as you develop likings for your ex-boyfriend/girlfriend. Ganesh finds you to be busy in a lot social gatherings today.

**AQUARIUS**  
You speed up your pace and try to do everything in order to complete your targets, but you won't be able to complete the tasks on time. Don't lose hope as tomorrow will be a different day, says Ganesh. Give yourself some time to relax and unwind. You have worked very hard and Ganesh assures that your efforts will not go unnoticed.

**PISCES**  
You need to concentrate more on your personal life, and seriously think about the changes you need to make. You are guided more by your heart in these matters. However, there is nothing to worry about, as this is a golden period for you.



# Parineeti takes dig at YRF

**Mumbai:** Actor Parineeti Chopra's cryptic post on Instagram stories was interpreted by several fans as a dig at Yash Raj Films. The actor parted ways with the production house's talent management agency this week which has been

managing her for almost her entire career in the industry, so far. The news was met with surprise in the entertainment circles, more so when Ranveer Singh also split with YRF a few days earlier.

Parineeti's post had just two emojis – a smiley face and the dancing girl – with a background that many said resembled a blurred close-up of some part of the YRF logo. YRF is known for having actors sign three-film contracts. Parineeti worked in the PR department of YRF for a couple of years before making her debut as an actor in Ladies vs Ricky Bahl (2011), produced by YRF. She went on to work in a few more films from the production house, following which she took a three-year hiatus from films.

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## Varun diagnosed with vestibular hypofunction

**Mumbai:** Actor Varun Dhawan revealed that after being diagnosed with vestibular hypofunction, he 'shut down'. He added that he did not know what had happened to him. He also added that after the Covid-19 pandemic people 'went back to the same rat race'.

Speaking about recent times post the pandemic, he said "How many people here can say that they have changed? I see people working even harder! In fact, I started pushing so much harder (with) my film JugJugg Jeeyo, it felt like I was running for an election. I don't know why, but I put so much pressure on myself."

The 'Badlapur' actor revealed, "Recently, I just shut down. I didn't know what had happened to me. I had this thing called vestibular hypofunction, (where) basically your balance goes off. But I just pushed myself so hard. We are just running in this race, nobody is asking why. I think there is a greater purpose (why) we are all here. I am trying to find mine, and hopefully, people will find theirs."

AGENCIES

## Big B's daughter worked for ₹3K a month

**Mumbai:** Entrepreneur and columnist Shweta Bachchan Nanda, the daughter of veteran megastar Amitabh Bachchan, recently revealed that she worked at a salary of Rs 3,000 per month as an assistant teacher. Her daughter Navya Naveli Nanda spoke to her mother and actress Jaya Bachchan about their relationship with money and topic of financial independence for women in recent episode of Navya's podcast 'What The Hell Navya'.

Going down the memory lane, Shweta spoke about working as an assistant teacher at a kindergarten school when she moved to Delhi after marriage with businessman Nikhil Nanda. Recollecting, she said, "I was borrowing money from Abhishek Bachchan not just in college but in school as well for buying food. When you are in boarding school, food is the number one commodity you can't live without. I was never educated on managing finances".

She further mentioned, "Then when I got married, and I was in Delhi, I had a job as an assistant teacher in a kindergarten, Learning Tree. There I got a salary, I think it was ₹3,000 a month". IANS

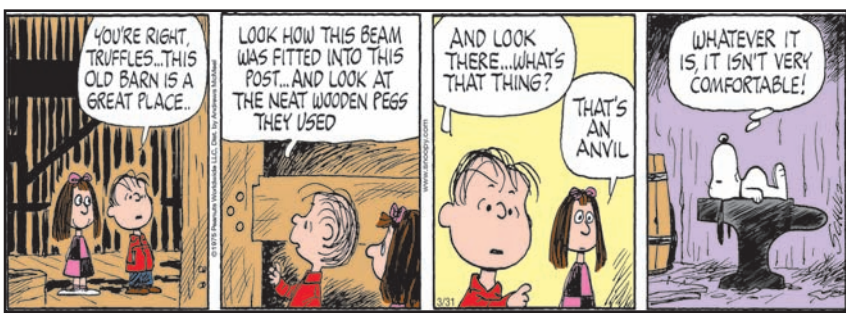
## Priyanka miffed on being pestered by fans for selfies

**New Delhi:** Actor Priyanka Chopra Jonas has been grabbing all the limelight and attention ever since she has landed in India. The actress is here for an event and has been gracing a social media feeds with some amazing and stylish looks each day. Well, last night the desi girl was spotted at Mumbai airport as she left the city. Several pictures and videos from the Mumbai airport have come out but one of her videos, after she landed at the Delhi airport, is

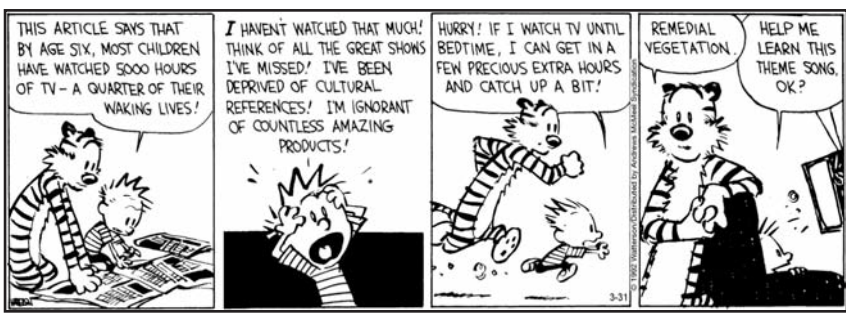
going viral. In the video, the actress seems to be miffed with fans. In the video which is going viral, we can see Priyanka Chopra, walking out of the Delhi airport. She is surrounded by a couple of fans as the airport staff escorts her outside. We can hear fans asking her for a selfie and autograph. She looked irritated as she walked towards her car. When the paparazzi asked her to remove her mask, Priyanka sternly replied 'mask nahi utrega'. AGENCIES



### PEANUTS



### CALVIN AND HOBBS

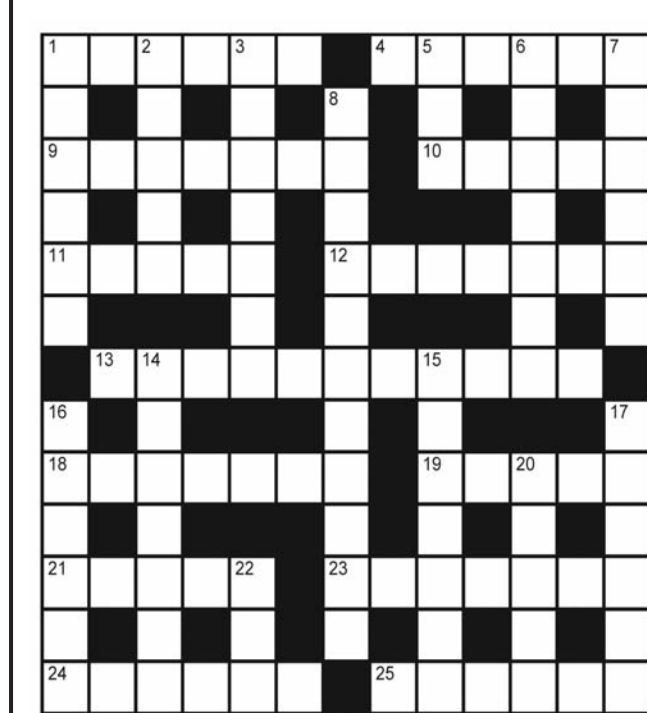


### BREVITY



### FUN post

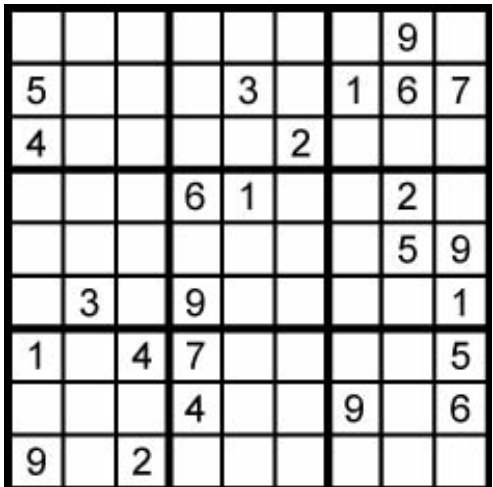
### CROSSWORD



- Across**
- 1 In need of exercise
  - 4 Barrel parts
  - 9 Denounce
  - 10 Fragrant oil
  - 11 One way to be taken
  - 12 Native
  - 13 Dictatorial
  - 18 Emotionally stable
  - 19 Hosiery material
  - 21 Precipice
  - 23 Table linens
  - 24 Ancient Greek city
  - 25 Double-cross
  - 5 Argentine aunt
  - 6 Folic acid, e.g.
  - 7 Conifer
  - 8 Self-sufficient
  - 14 Stoker's villain
  - 15 Backslide
  - 16 Melodic
  - 17 Spirited
  - 20 Winter
  - 21 Olympian
  - 22 Invoice amount
- Down**
- 1 Type of hair
  - 2 Sleeper's woe
  - 3 More hopeless

### SUDOKU

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



### SOLUTIONS



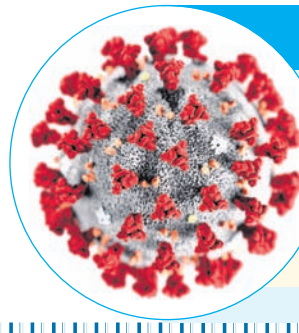
CHECK FOR SOLUTIONS OF THE PUZZLES TOMORROW

# downtown



## IN SYNC

Artistes perform during the second day of dance and song festival by Kala Vikash Kendra in Cuttack, Saturday



## COVID-19 TRACKER

|        | INFECTED     | RECOVERED    | DEAD      |
|--------|--------------|--------------|-----------|
| World  | 63,74,62,395 | 61,69,93,483 | 66,04,884 |
| India  | 4,46,59,447  | 4,41,13,761  | 5,30,486  |
| Odisha | 13,36,255    | 13,26,840    | 9,203     |

# Counting amid tight vigil today



AGENCIES

**Bhubaneswar, Nov 5:** All eyes are on the results of the Dhamnagar by-election with elaborate arrangements having been made for vote counting Sunday.

State Chief Electoral Office (CEO) SK Lohani said that tight security is in place for the counting of votes at Sanskruti Bhawan, located close to the Collector's office in Bhadrak town.

The counting of votes polled in 252 polling booths in the constituency November 3 will begin at 8 am and the entire process is likely to be completed by 2 pm, he said.

Postal ballots will be counted in the first round, and votes polled in EVMs will be counted from 8.30 am onwards, Lohani said.

Fourteen tables have been arranged for the counting of votes as 1,64,465 of 2,38,417 (68.98 per cent) of eligible electors had exercised their franchise.

There will be 18 rounds of counting and VVPATs of randomly selected five booths will be taken up for cross-verification, he said.

The Election Commission has deputed an observer to oversee the counting process, and there will

be one counting supervisor and one assistant at each table. In addition, one micro-observer of the central government will be deputed and that person will report to the observer, Lohani said.

Noting that arrangements have been made for the dissemination of round-wise results, Lohani said the counting agents nominated by candidates will also be present to observe the counting. Candidates or their election agents can also be present inside the counting hall.

Three-tier security arrangements are in place, with the central paramilitary forces manning the innermost layer, state armed police the second and state police the outermost one.

The result is anxiously awaited as a stiff contest is expected between ruling BJD candidate Abanti Das and BJP nominee Suryabanshi Suraj, the son of former legislator Bishnu Charan Sethi, whose death necessitated the by-election.

Apart from this, the candidature of BJD rebel and former MLA Rajendra Das as an Independent nominee has added colour to the poll battle.

He is expected to cut some BJD votes, while Suraj may get sym-

## DHAMNAGAR BYELECTION

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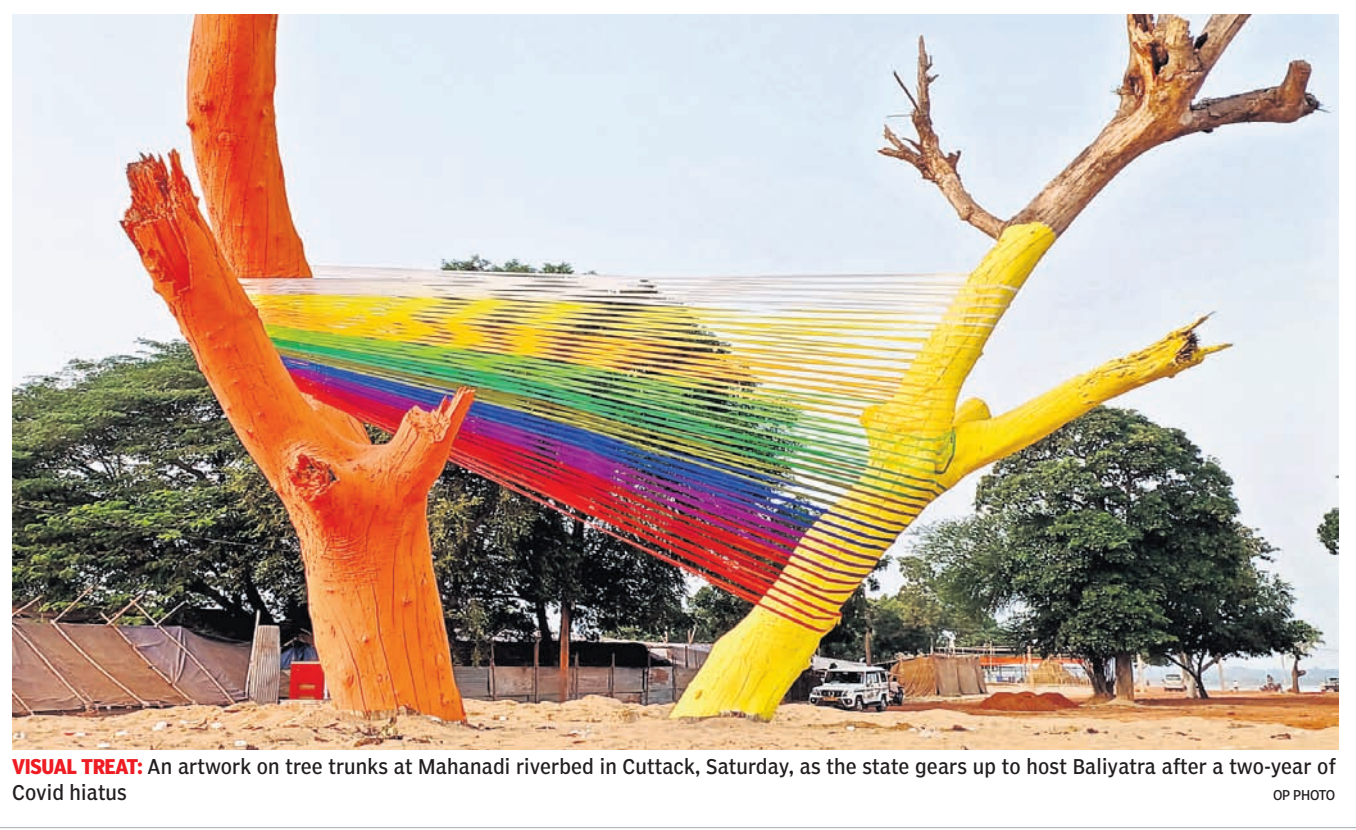
pathy votes.

Meanwhile, Congress legislator of Jatani constituency, Suresh Routray, said that party candidate Baba Harekrushna Sethi, for whom he had campaigned extensively, might lose due to deeper pockets of the BJD and BJP.

Senior BJD leader and minister Pramila Mallick exuded confidence that party candidate Abanti Das, also a leader of a women self-help group, will win by a margin of over 20,000 votes.

State BJP president Samir Mohanty also hoped that Suraj will win the by-election.

Bishnu Charan Sethi as the BJD candidate had secured the Dhamnagar assembly segment by defeating his nearest rival Rajendra Das of the BJD by a margin of 4,625 votes in the 2019 elections.



**VISUAL TREAT:** An artwork on tree trunks at Mahanadi riverbed in Cuttack, Saturday, as the state gears up to host Baliyatra after a two-year of Covid hiatus

## Nod to appointment of 130 asst professors

AGENCIES

**Bhubaneswar, Nov 5:** Chief Minister Naveen Patnaik has approved the appointment of 130 assistant professors of Odisha Medical Education Service (OMES) cadre in nine Broad-Speciality disciplines.

The approval was made on the basis of recommendation of the Odisha Public Service Commission. Earlier, Patnaik had appointments of 65 assistant professors in seven Broad-Speciality disciplines in September and October, 2022.

With this, 195 assistant professors in 16 Broad-Specialities were appointed in the state during 2022 so far.

# Mental wellness assumed urgency after Cov: Experts



POST NEWS NETWORK

**Bhubaneswar, Nov 5:** Mental wellness has assumed significance after Covid pandemic, according to experts at the awareness programme on mental wellness organised at the Press Club of Odisha here, Saturday.

Organised by Humancontext Solutions Private Limited and Bhubaneswar Institute of Interventional Psychiatry, Behavioral Sciences and Research (BIIPBSAR), the programme saw brainstorming on mental wellness by people from various walks of life.

The expert panel on mental health included BIIPBSAR founder JPR Ravan, a team comprising Udit Panda and Jigyansa Patnaik and senior psychotherapist and Humancontext Solutions Private Limited founder Sushree Mishra. Among others, Centre for Youth and

Social Development (CYSD) member Secretary Jagadanand, Odisha Women Commission ex-member Namrata Chadha, Team Group of Companies CMD Nishikant Mishra and DIG Sarthak Sarangi attended the awareness programme.

According to Humancontext Solutions Private Limited's co-founder Santosh Mishra, mental wellness has assumed significance after Covid pandemic.

"Interest in mental wellness has increased after the pandemic. This is probably due to the challenges people around the world faced during those trying times," added Mishra.

There was a question-answer session for audience. The panellists spoke of ways to find better emotional balance and effectiveness in life. They also highlighted the professional services available currently in the city.

The winners of the elocution and poster painting competition were awarded by the guests.

Students from several government and private schools in the City attended the competitions and beautiful posters were exhibited for the audience.

# Leopard hide seized in Nayagarh; 1 held

POST NEWS NETWORK

**Bhubaneswar, Nov 5:** The Special Task Force (STF) of the state Crime Branch has nabbed a wildlife criminal from Daspalla area of Nayagarh district for possessing leopard skins and pangolin scales.

The accused Bhagabat Majhi alias Ramesh belongs to Bhogabadi village under Daspalla police limits.

Acting on a tip-off, a team of STF and the officials of Banigochha Forest department Friday carried out a raid at a secluded place near the Kuanrini Dam in Daspalla and arrested Majhi.

The team seized two leopard skins, pangolin scales and other Wildlife products from his possession. Sources claimed that Majhi was waiting for unknown buyers for il-

legal wildlife products.

"An STF police case No 25 dated 04.11.2022 U/s 379/411/120(B) IPC r/w Sec.25/27 Arms Act, 1959 & Sec.51 of Wild Life (Protection) Act, 1972 was registered," STF officials said.

Earlier in October, the STF had seized three leopard skin and arrested three persons on the charge of smuggling in wildlife body parts. Based on reliable information, a

team of STF conducted a raid with the help of Jharsuguda and Sambalpur district police at Malidhi Chhaka in between Jharsuguda-Kuchinda road.

Apart from the seizure of three leopard skin, the STF during the raid arrested three wildlife miscreants. Three leopard skin were seized from the possession of three wildlife miscreants.

# HC validates NIOS single Odia subject certificate for govt jobs

POST NEWS NETWORK

**Cuttack, Nov 5:** The Orissa High Court has ruled that the single subject Odia examination conducted by the National Institute of Open Schooling (NIOS) is on par with the one of the Board of Secondary Education (BSE), Odisha, an official said Saturday.

The ruling came from a single judge bench of Justice Biraja Prasanna Satpathy while hearing a plea filed by Sanjeev Kumar Sahu of Madhusudan Nagar in Jatni.

A lawyer by profession, Sahu had applied for the post of Assistant Public Prosecutor (Group-B) conducted by the Odisha Public Service Commission in July 2021.

As he had passed the Class X ex-

amination from CBSE, Sahu submitted the single subject Odia examination certificate of NIOS.

Sahu qualified the written exam. The OPSC, however, did not allow him to appear in the interview on the ground of not having a 'valid' Odia certificate which is a must for the examination.

Aggrieved by the rejection of NIOS certificate, Sahu moved the HC. The court took up the plea and, as an interim relief, asked the OPSC to reserve a post till the disposal of the case.

The court observed that rejecting the single subject Odia examination certificate issued by the NIOS is arbitrary and violates the principle of equality enumerated under Article 14 of the Constitution.



**PREPARATORY MEET:** A meeting of district administration officials in progress at Puri Circuit House, Saturday, for President's visit to the Pilgrim City November 10

# 1 more held for duping CPSE-2013 aspirants

POST NEWS NETWORK

**Bhubaneswar, Nov 5:** The Economic Offences Wing (EOW) of the state Crime Branch Saturday arrested absconding fraudster, who was on the run, on the charges of duping at least 38 job aspirants to the tune of over ₹1.47 crore promising to get their names featured in the supplementary list of selected candidates appeared for the Combined Police Service Examination (CPSE) held in 2013.

The accused was identified as Jayanta Mohanty of Chandaneswar area in Balasore district.

"The accused had fled the state to evade arrest. After a lot of exercise, he was arrested on the basis of intelligence input," informed a senior EOW official.

The EOW started investigation into the job fraud case after registering a case (15/21) on the basis of a complaint filed by Badal Kumar Raul against the three persons, including Jayanta, for cheating Rahul and 37 other job aspirants to a tune of ₹1.47 crore on the pretext of enlisting their names in the supplementary selection list of CPSE-2013.

Raul along with 37 other victims had appeared the CPSE-2013 conducted by the Odisha Staff Selection Commission for the post of Sub-Inspectors of Police, Sergeant and Deputy Subedar. As per EOW, the final merit list of the selected candidates published in December, 2016.

The accused had spread a false supposition that a second/ supplementary list would come out and the victim aspirants who had appeared the viva-voce test became hopeful of getting job in case of publication of any supplementary list.

The accused duo- Baikuntha Naik, impersonating as Asst. Section Officer, Home Department and Bhimsen Moharana impersonated as high official of Home Department gave false assurance to the victim aspirants to get their names enlisted in the supplementary selection list.



"Baikuntha Naik had shown them fake Identity Card of Asst. Section Officer and demanded ₹5 to 6 lakhs from each of them. Being persuaded, the complainant and others collected money and paid the amount to fraudsters. During the period from May to November, 2020, the accused persons took ₹1.47 crore from them. The amount was paid both through account and in cash," EOW said in a release.

Later, several incriminating documents including 12 ATM cards and fake ID cards of ASO were seized following raid on the house of accused Baikunth Naik.

Earlier, the EOW succeeded in arresting two of his aides including Baikunthanath Naik and Bhimsen Moharana for cheating several candidates who had appeared in the CPSE, 2013 conducted by the Odisha Staff Selection Commission (OSSC).

# Long-term exposure to air pollution ups kidney disease risk

As air pollution worsens in Delhi-NCR, a new study has warned that long-term exposure to air pollution may increase kidney disease risk.

Among adults with normal kidney function, exposure to higher concentrations of components of air pollution was linked with higher risks of later developing chronic kidney disease (CKD).

Compared with individuals with high genetic risk of developing kidney disease, those with high air pollution exposure and low genetic risk faced a higher risk of developing chronic kidney disease, according to new research being presented at the ASN Kidney Week 2022 in Florida state in the US.

"Long-term exposure to air pollution may increase the risk of CKD, especially in those with low genetic risk," the authors wrote in the study, titled 'Air pollution, genetic factors, and the risk of incident chronic kidney disease'.

To reach this conclusion, the investigators analysed data from 350,994 participants without CKD at baseline in the UK Biobank.

Exposure to higher concentrations of components of air pollution was linked with higher risks of developing CKD, they found. Earlier this year, researchers from King's College London found that ambient fine particulate matter (PM2.5) concentration reduction led to significant improvement in



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laboratory test results used to assess a patient's kidney function. "Long-term exposure to PM2.5 has been associated with declined kidney function. However, whether the association is causal remains unknown," said Co-author Yiqun Han, Research Associate in School of Public Health, Imperial College London.

In the study, published in the journal Health Data Science, the team identified a strong linkage between the reduced PM2.5 with improved kidney function. Air pollution is known to affect kidney function. Several studies have shown that exposure to bad air is associated with an increased chronic kidney disease-related morbidity and mortality. Exposure to PM2.5, even at relatively low concentrations, is a risk factor for a lower kidney function and a faster decline in kidney function.

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## Play with positive attitude: Acharya

POST NEWS NETWORK

**Bhubaneswar, Nov 5:** The Utkal University basket ball inter-college tournament (men) final zone 2022-23 was inaugurated Saturday the Vice Chancellor, Sabita Acharya, at Biju Patnaik Sports Complex. Eight college teams participated in the intercollegiate tournament while ten colleges participated in the trials. Kirti Ranjan Mallick, Vice President, PG Athletic Club organised the event on behalf of Director of Sports, Utkal University.



Acharya, speaking on this occasion, advised the students to play with positive attitude and encouraged them to pursue the game for long to make career in sports and games. Avaya Kumar Nayak, Registrar, the chief guest at the venue inspired the players to maintain good health and hygiene and always remain fit for all weather sports. He emphasized that youth should play sports as it enhances talent as well as personalities to greater extent. He gave away trophies and certificates to the winners. BJB College emerged the champion while UN Autonomous College got the runners up trophy.

## Daman movie producer lodges complaint

POST NEWS NETWORK

**Bhubaneswar, Nov 5:** The producer of recently released Odia movie Daman Saturday sought the help of Commissionerate Police to stop the sharing of hall recorded video of the movie on YouTube, popular online video sharing site. A complaint has been lodged at the Cyber Crime and Economic Offences police station by Deependra Samal, the director of JP Motion Pictures in this regard. Samal alleged in his complaint that some YouTube users have uploaded the hall recording of Odia movie Daman without seeking any approval from the production house.

## Climate change...

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Despite higher incomes in Riyadh, Saudi Arabia, the death rate is still higher than Alzheimer's disease, which is the sixth leading cause of death worldwide.

According to the research, the earth's average temperature has risen by nearly 1.2 degrees Celsius since the late 19th century, changing the entire planet's surface.

Nevertheless, billions live in regions that have already experienced warmer temperatures than the global average. As an example, the platform points to Maracaibo, Venezuela, noting that in the 1990s it averaged 62 annual days with temperatures exceeding 35 degrees Celsius. However, by mid-century, that number will likely soar to 201 days.

Electricity availability and fuels used to generate it to power air conditioners and heaters play a crucial role in our ability to cope with extreme temperatures, according to the UNDP. As individuals, communities, and businesses adapt to changing conditions, the effects of climate change on energy use will vary locally. In Jakarta, for example, electricity consumption in response to warmer temperatures is projected to increase by roughly one-third of current household consumption in Indonesia. This will require critical additional infrastructure planning.

Increasingly frequent and severe temperature extremes also threaten livelihoods, affecting work intensity and duration as well as affecting the ability to perform tasks. "The impact of climate change differs across sectors of the economy with workers in high-risk, weather-exposed industries like agriculture, construction, mining and manufacturing most affected," according to platform data.

In Niamey, Niger, in sectors such as construction, mining and manufacturing, excessive heat was responsible for 36 fewer working hours annually, taking a 2.5 percent toll on the country's future GDP.

# 'Kaushal Mahotsav' in Dhenkanal today

The day-long event will witness more than 25 Sector Skill Councils (SSCs) and companies exhibit their offerings through a Skill Exhibition creating awareness about skill development for the youth

POST NEWS NETWORK

**Bhubaneswar, Nov 5:** National Skill Development Corporation, the strategic implementation and knowledge partner to Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship (MSDE), is organising a Kaushal Mahotsav Sunday, at Sarangadhar Stadium, Kamakhyanager in Dhenkanal bringing innumerable apprenticeship and job opportunities for the youth of Odisha.

fulfilling the government's commitment to provide opportunities of employment to the youth and empowering the #YuvaShakti with various avenues that can be explored through skill development under the Skill India Mission. This will be a series of events that will be periodically held in the state, bringing an array of opportunities to the local youth and communities of Odisha".

"We are extremely happy to witness huge participation from employers across sectors and are grateful to them for their contribution towards making this Mahotsav a success. I am certain this will open a world of new opportunities to the youth of Odisha and empower them with choices to re-imagine their future", he further added.

The day-long event will witness more than 25 Sector Skill Councils (SSCs) and companies, exhibit their offerings through a Skill Exhibition creating awareness about skill development for the youth. Candidates



The programme will be inaugurated by Dharmendra Pradhan, Union Minister for Education, Skill Development and Entrepreneurship around noon tomorrow and the event will also be graced by Mahesh Sahoo, Member of Parliament, Dhenkanal, and Prafulla Kumar Malik, Minister, Steel & Mines and Works, Odisha.

Ved Mani Tiwari, CEO, National Skill Development Corporation (NSDC) said, "Under the guidance of Dharmendra Pradhan, this initiative is yet another step towards

will also get an opportunity to take a free psychometric test at the Kaushal Mahotsav and participate in group counselling at the Kaushal Mahotsav. The event also will see demo of drones and close to 100 jobs being offered in Drone Technology.

The recruitment drive will help in bridging the demand and supply gap between industry and talent by providing a unique platform for skilled youth of Odisha to reach out to the industry and gain on-the-spot employment offers.



**RAISING EXAM ISSUE:** Members of Odisha Diploma Engineering Students' Federation staging a protest demanding changes in the examination pattern before Staff Selection Commission Office in Bhubaneswar, Saturday

## IPF to hold plastics exhibition at Kolkata

POST NEWS NETWORK

**Bhubaneswar, Nov 5:** To support the growth opportunities in plastic industry in eastern India, Indian Plastics Federation (IPF) is organising its triennial exhibition "indplas'22" in Kolkata from November 25-28. The exhibition will be held at the newly built Biswa Bangla Mela Prangan, located at the heart of the city, adjacent to ITC Royal Bengal Hotel.

IPF is one of the oldest plastics industry body in India. Indplas'22 will be the largest sector-specific business-to-business (B2B) international exhibition in the eastern region. Indplas'22 is the 9th edition of 'Indplas' series of international exhibition on plastics that will bring entire plastics industry under one roof.

Speaking on the occasion



Pradeep Naiyar, chairman Indplas 2022 said, "The exhibitions are boosters to the economy. India is the third largest global market for the plastics. The surging economy and supportive government policies have made India a polymer super power, but the best is yet to come

## CP busts rave party in City

POST NEWS NETWORK

**Bhubaneswar, Nov 5:** The Commissionerate Police busted a rave party in a bar at Chatra Bazar area under Chandaka police limits here during the wee hours Saturday. The police arrested the owner and a staff of the resort for violating the norms.

Following a tip-off, a team of Chandaka police conducted raid at Happy Moments resorts at the Chatra Bazar at around 4am Saturday Upon seeing police, the customers present at the party fled from the spot. During enquiry, the owner confessed to the cops that the resort neither has any license to serve foreign liquor to the customers nor any license for late night operations in the bar.

# Moto Souls-Healthville to spread cancer awareness

POST NEWS NETWORK

**Bhubaneswar, Nov 5:** Healthville, Bhalunka, Bhubaneswar in association with Bikers club 'Moto Souls' has organised a Cancer Awareness Ride of 2000 Kilometres from November 5-8 on the occasion of National Cancer Awareness Day which is observed November 7.

The ride which started from Acharya Vihar Square at 11:30am will connect different parts of Odisha like Berhampur, Rayagada, Deomali, Koraput, Jeypore, Nabrangapur, Bhawanipatna and Baliguda for sensitizing the common mass on cancer-awareness.

Satyabrata Minaketan, Chairman of Healthville flagged off the philanthropic ride of around 12 bikers. He also interacted with the young bikers of 'Moto Souls club' and wished them good luck



for safe and successful journey with the motto of spreading the awareness among thousands of common people.

Speaking on this occasion, Minaketan highlighted the abject ignorance of people about cancer and also their numerous ill-habits like consumption of tobacco and alcohol, unhealthy food and harmful living style, their ignorance

about prospective remedial measures and medical facilities.

He told how this deadly disease can be checked by naturopathy treatment available in Healthville, Bhalunka, Bhubaneswar. He elaborated on all kinds of naturopathic treatments available in Healthville, where he has arranged a one-day free-cancer treatment camp November 7 from 9am to 5pm.

# 28 startups selected under Sanvridhhi programme

POST NEWS NETWORK

**Bhubaneswar, Nov 5:** Startup acceleration programme Sanvridhhi was held at Atal Incubation Centre-Nalanda Institute of Technology Foundation (AIC-Nalanda), where 28 startups were selected in final round out of 76 applications received for the programme.

The Graduation Day witnessed Pitch Presentations from 21 startups of varied sectors like Agriculture, Fintech, Food & Nutrition, Education, Health & Lifestyle, Travel & Logistics to a panel of 8 renowned investor firms and technocrats followed by the Valedictory ceremony.

On this occasion Omkar Rai, Executive Chairman, Startup Odisha, shed light on the growing Startup Ecosystem of Odisha and



also congratulated the graduating startups. He opined on the fact that the Odisha ecosystem is being rightly led by the enablers and the state government is extensively supporting the cause of innovation & entrepreneurship in the state. Devjyoti Mohanty, CEO, AIC-Nalanda delivered welcome address. Malhar Potnis, Co-founder & CMO of Arthayan, in his remarks mentioned about their experience in co-organizing this programme with AIC-Nalanda

and the inclusive participation of startups.

AIC-Nalanda ran this programme from July'22 to October'22 for Odisha-based startups at Market Entry & Early Revenue.

The programme was supported by Arthayan as the knowledge partner, Startup Odisha as the state partner, DBS as the banking partner, NRDC as the IP partner and Headstart Network Foundation as the ecosystem partner.

# 63% of millennials plan weddings through online platforms

Large gatherings, rich food with finest cutleries, week-long exuberant ceremonies, and unrestricted guestlists - this was how Indian weddings used to be defined mostly before Covid. However, a considerable change in priorities of people ready to say 'I Do' took place in a post-pandemic world. Online wedding platform, Weddingz.in has recently revealed emerging trends around the wedding industry in its recent Trend Survey, conducted in October 2022.

The survey demonstrates that the pandemic has given a significant push to 'digitisation' accelerating the growth of online wedding platforms. This has come up as the trend ruling the wedding scenes. There has been a rise in awareness and usage of online wedding platforms. In fact, the

survey shows that over 63 percent of millennials prefer planning weddings through online platforms.

The study also reveals the reasons for the inclination toward online wedding platforms. Over 60 percent of individuals prefer to plan weddings online as it is an affordable choice. Nearly 70 percent of consumers feel that online wedding mediums are easy to use, and offer better customization and a variety of options. In all, an online wedding platform is a one-stop solution for multiple requirements. In addition, over 78 percent of respondents prefer online wedding platforms as they provide them with better options in terms of venues. The survey also reveals that the most searched services on online wedding platforms are catering/ F&B, entertainment, and decoration.



Furthermore, the survey highlights that although people are still splurging on their weddings, couples are choosing to be more conscious about the outcome. They are preferring quality over

quantity and also trimming the guest lists. This is led by couples now focusing on more customized and personalised experiences.

Across several trending wedding styles, over 43 percent of Indian couples prefer to have in-

time celebrations with only a chosen few present on their special day, followed by big-scale weddings (23.2 percent), intimate and luxurious weddings (17.6 percent), big-scale weddings with luxurious amenities (13.6 percent) and others (2.4 percent).

Interestingly, actress Anushka Sharma and cricketer Virat Kohli's wedding in Italy has topped the charts as the most-wished dream wedding. Furthermore, Goa has come up as the most preferred wedding destination. Sharing his insights on wedding trends observed in 2022, Aditya Sharma, Business Head, Weddingz.in said, "Post-pandemic there have been considerable changes in terms of how families are approaching weddings. Hence, this survey was undertaken to study the changing dynamics of the wedding industry, along with changing consumer behaviour; wedding arrangements, and other crucial factors. We witnessed emerging trends such as the increasing use of technology by the younger generation to plan their weddings."

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## Tension erupts as coal mining starts at Jamkani

**Sundargarh/Hemgiri, Nov 5:** As coal mining from Jamkani mines under Hemgiri block of Sundargarh district started Saturday, people to be affected by it staged protests. Hundreds of local residents from Jamkani, Girasima, Jharpalam and Mendra panchayats vehemently opposed the mining activities by Vedanta.

A confrontation ensued between the police and the agitators. Later, police had to resort to mild lathi-charge on the protesters.

The residents demanded compensation and rehabilitation as per the Rehabilitation and Resettlement Policy, 2013.

13 platoons of police personnel were deployed in the area. There were talks among villagers, the company and the administration.

The mine was first allotted to Bhushan Company and IDCO had acquired the land. Compensation amounts were paid to the land losers as per the Rehabilitation and Resettlement Policy-2006. In 2020, the lease term of the coal mine with Bhushan company was scrapped and allotted to Vedanta Limited.

Well before the coal mining work, Vedanta and the district administration had held talks with the affected people. The company had assured to pay ₹6 lakh compensation per acre, apart from carrying out peripheral development activities.

## Man awarded life term for murder

AGENCIES

**Baripada, Nov 5:** A court in Mayurbhanj district Saturday sentenced a 38-year-old man to undergo life imprisonment on the charges of murder.

Rairangpur Additional District and Sessions Judge Deepak Kumar convicted Chotray Dehuri and imposed a fine of ₹10,000. Additional Public Prosecutor Pankaj Kumar Das said. On October 20, 2020, Chotray Dehuri had killed Samara Dehuri following an old dispute, Das said.

The judgment was based on the statements of 13 witnesses and the post-mortem report, Das said.

## TRANSPORTATION OF EXCESS IRON ORE

# Probe starts; mines owner showcaused

POST NEWS NETWORK

**Joda, Nov 5:** The deputy director (Mines) of the Joda mining circle in Keonjhar district has launched an investigation into the alleged excess transportation of iron ore in 12 trucks which were carrying cargo more than the prescribed limit.

A show-cause notice has been served to the mines owner concerned Thursday, Joda deputy director of mines Dinesh Agarwal said.

The trucks have been detained at Rugudi and kept in the custody of the Mines department after officials found the vehicles transporting iron ore beyond the prescribed limits, he said.

Sources said that Orissa Minerals Development Company Ltd(OMDC) has its mines at Bhadrashahi under the Joda mining circle. Iron ore was being transported to an industrial firm Shyam Metals which has its plant in Sambalpur.

Mines officials intercepted the vehicles and found 2 MT of iron ore in excess being transported by each truck, which is more than the prescribed limit, Agarwal said. Meanwhile, police have joined

the investigation and are collecting details about the mineral transportation from the mines. The needle of suspicion points towards the transport contractor, sources said.

The mine is lying closed and further extraction of ore has been barred. However, as per a Supreme Court order, the Mines department had given permission for transportation of the stock of ore already extracted from the mines. The permission was given after officials of the Mines department, deputy director, chemical analysis and Indian Bureau of Mines (IBM) jointly verified the mineral stocks.

Requesting anonymity, some youths in Roida area said such investigation into the excess transportation of minerals had been conducted by the police officials in the past. Saroj Khandual, senior officer of OMDC

mines said that iron ore is transported on trucks to their destinations after going through a check in the weigh bridge of the mines. However, he is unaware as to how this error cropped up. The weigh bridge has undergone stamping and verification a month back. This is beyond his control, he added.

**MINES OFFICIALS INTERCEPTED 12 TRUCKS AND FOUND 2 MT OF IRON ORE BEING TRANSPORTED IN EXCESS ON EACH OF THEM**



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**CHILDREN'S FESTIVAL:** Girls performed Sambalpur dance at the district-level Sishu Mahotsav 'Suravi' at Tapaswini auditorium in Sambalpur, Saturday

## 400 Red sympathisers return to mainstream

POST NEWS NETWORK

**Chitrakonda, Nov 5:** As many as 400 Maoists sympathisers surrendered before the security forces to join the mainstream after taking a pledge to shun violence at Lauguda in Papameta panchayat of Swabhimana Anchal under this block in Malkangiri district, Saturday.

The Maoist sympathisers from Dhuliput and Papameta panchayats returned to the mainstream at a special civic action programme organised by the state police.

They took a pledge on this occasion and announced their return to the mainstream in the presence of DIG Rajesh Pandit (Southern Range), Malkangiri SP Nitish Wadwani, Chitrakonda SDPO Arcel Kispota, senior police officer Lakshmi Narayan Muduli, Jodambo IIC Chandrakanta Tandi and his Papameta counterpart Rajanikanth Deep.

They also burned the effigy of Maoists and their fatigues. They said that they are influenced by the developmental initiatives by the Centre and state government.

## Drive to save turtle habitats from trespassers

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

**Kendrapara/Berhampur, Nov 5:** Forest personnel arrested nine sea-going fishermen on the charge of carrying out unlawful fishing activity in Gahirmatha marine sanctuary in Kendrapara district, officials said Saturday.

A vessel used by the intruders for fishing along the prohibited sanctuary area was seized by the forest patrol team. The intruders were later remanded to judicial custody Saturday, said officials.

Thirty quintal of sea fish besides 12 fishing nets were seized from their possession.

Currently, a ban has been clamped on sea fishing activity within 20 km of the coast at the river mouths of Dhamara, Devi and Rushikulya in view of the nesting season of Olive Ridley sea turtles. Prohibition remains round the year in Gahirmatha marine sanctuary.

The fishing vessel had trespassed into prohibited sanctuary corridors contravening the provisions of wildlife protection act, Orissa Marine fishing regulation act (OMFRA)



and mandatory rules of marine sanctuary, said Forest officials.

Meanwhile, a report from Berhampur said that in a bid to facilitate the annual mass nesting of endangered Olive Ridley turtles near the river Rushikulya river mouth, in Ganjam district, forest personnel along with the local fishermen on Saturday launched a beach cleaning and awareness drive.

The beach near Old Podampeta was cleaned and it will continue from time to time, said Amlan Nayak, Divisional Forest Officer (DFO) Berhampur.

Around 50 persons, including forest staff of Khallikote forest range, picked up the debris from the beach during their clean-up drive. The mass nesting of Olive Ridley turtles is likely to take place in the last week of February or first week of March, while their mating will start in the sea from December.

Cleaning of the beach before the mass nesting was one of the strategies adopted by the forest department for safe and smooth nesting of sea turtles. Before mass nesting, every year, we organise cleaning of the main site of the mass nest-

ing with involvement of the local community, said the DFO. This practice was going on for last some years, he said. After Gahirmatha, Rushikulya river mouth has emerged as the second largest rookery of Olive Ridley turtles.

A record number of over 5,50,317 turtles had laid eggs in the Rushikulya beach during the eight day mass nesting in the last time, which started from March 27, 2022, sources said.

The DFO said sea patrolling was intensified in the Bay of Bengal to crackdown on illegal fishing. The government has imposed seven-month fishing ban in the coastal area from Prayag to Arjeeppalli in the district, from November 1 for protection of turtles.

The olive ridley turtles, accorded as schedule-1 animal under wildlife protection act for its highly threatened status, get entangled in the fishing nets and die of asphyxiation. The turtles also perish in large numbers after getting hit by the fast moving propellers of the fishing trawlers and crafts, forest personnel said.

## Dhanu Yatra to celebrate 75th anniversary



AGENCIES

**Bargarh, Nov 5:** The famed 'Dhanu Yatra' here, known to be the world's largest open-air theatre, turns 75 this year and an one-of-its-kind contest is being keenly fought for the role of the demon king Kansa of Mahabharata as 57 actors have applied for it.

Gopal Sahoo, an Odisha police officer who played the role of the tyrannical maternal uncle of Lord Krishna for as many as 23 years, bowed out this year as he turned 60. A man of large physique with a stentorian voice, he is famous across the state for his acting in 'Dhanu Yatra'.

Two other actors in the festival too have reached the age of superannuation and will be replaced, the Dhanu Yatra Mahotsav Committee said.

There are aspirants for other roles too in the festival. In fact, a record 223

**The 'Dhanu Yatra', which marks the victory of good over evil, came into existence in this western Odisha town in 1947-48 to celebrate the country's Independence and is held annually since then**

actors are vying for roles in the 11-day festival that is set to begin December 27 after a gap of two years of the Covid-19 pandemic, it said.

The 'Dhanu Yatra', which marks the victory of good over evil, came into existence in this western Odisha town in 1947-48 to celebrate the country's Independence and is held annually since then.

Among the applicants this time, 22 have applied to play the role of Mahamantri Vidur, four for Satyaki, 17 for Akrura, 14 for Lord Narada, seven for Ugrasen, the father of King Kansa, eight for the role of Devaki, Lord Krishna's biological mother, and 17 for his father Vasudev.

The selection of the actor for playing King Kansa will be held November 10, while those for the other roles will be held on that day and also November 7 and 9, said Miridha Toppo, the additional district magistrate of Bargarh.

The artistes will be selected by a jury on the basis of their demo performance at the Town Hall here.

The importance of the role of King Kansa in 'Dhanu Yatra' is that during its duration of 11 days he rules the town, which then is transformed into his capital Mathura and its residents become his obedient subjects.

For an actor, the lure of a role in 'Dhanu Yatra' is due to its popularity in the state and among tourists and the opulence of the programme.

Prabhas Tripathi, an artiste, said the reason for his interest for a role in 'Dhanu Yatra' is because it provides "a chance to act in the open theatre". "Though I do not have much experience, I hope that I get a role," he said.

The plays in 'Dhanu Yatra' festival start with the dethroning of Emperor Ugrasen of Mathura by the angry Prince Kansa over the marriage of his sister Devaki with Vasudev and end with the death of Kansa and restoration of the throne to Ugrasen. There is, however, no written script.

The entire drama is based on 'Harivamsa Purana' which chronicles the early life of Lord Krishna.

As Bargarh becomes King Kansa's Mathura, Amapali, located about eight km away, becomes Gopapura, where Lord Krishna is said to have spent his childhood. The Jeera river which flows between the two places becomes the Yamuna river.

The rule of Kansa, his death and the exploits of Lord Krishna are enacted in 14 places across the area during the 11 days of the open-air festival.

Politicians and government officers get sucked into the show as the rule of King Kansa holds sway during the duration of 'Dhanu Yatra'. Once in the early 1990s, Kansa had summoned the then chief minister Biju Patnaik to present himself at his durbar. Patnaik had sportingly flown down from Bhubaneswar in a chopper to Bargarh to appear before the 'king' and to discuss the 'issues of the kingdom'.

Once Kansa had ordered the district police to ensure that all two-wheeler riders wear helmets, which was carried out by the force during the festival.

No offence is taken and no one holds a grudge for these, said a town resident. "Many local problems get resolved during the festival due to the intervention of the tyrannical King Kansa," he said.

'Dhanu Yatra' has been mentioned in the Guinness Book of World Records too. The department of culture of the Centre accorded the national festival status to it in November 2014.

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## UAIL's project Udyamee galvanises rural entrepreneurs

POST NEWS NETWORK

**Bhubaneswar/Tikiri, Nov 5:** A couple of years ago, Suresh Naik of Surugunja village in Rayagada district, used to work as a migrant labourer in Kerala to eke out a living and meet the basic needs of his family. But now he is a happy man who not only became an entrepreneur and head of one fabrication unit but also offers jobs to others. He is trying to replicate his smile in their face. For this transformation in his life, he gives all credit to project Udyamee. This project, the brainchild of Utkal Alumina, an Aditya Birla Group company, has been instrumental in transforming lives not just for



Suresh but several others in the region. This unique sustainable livelihood programme which was kickstarted in July '21 by Utkal Alumina in association with Entrepreneurship Development Institute of India (EDII), aims to promote 300 entrepreneurs in non-farm and agri-allied sectors through Rural Business

Incubation Model which is one of its kind across India in such large scale.

Going in line with the clarion call of Atmanirbhar Bharat and to fulfil the objective of MDG, this project has been implemented in the inaccessible areas of Kashipur in Rayagada, and Thummul Rampur in Kalahandi districts, to transform the lives of the local population for a socio-economic uplift of people.

Informing about the project, Unit Head of Utkal Alumina Mazhar Beig says, "This unique sustainable livelihood programme supports the government ecosystem of MSME, SMEs, OLM in the state while bringing the plan to fruition on the ground for a long-lasting outcome."

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In the middle of an ocean on board a ship, one can get a sense of vastness.

SRI AUROBINDO



## Our Rowlatt Acts

Last week my new book was out and its subject is peaceful protest by individuals. The question is why should one protest in a democracy. There are many reasons. Let us take a look at one today. In 1919 Gandhi led an all-India strike against the Rowlatt Act. In support a crowd gathered in Amritsar to join the protest at Jallianwala Bagh. Punjab's governor Sir Michael O'Dwyer claimed British rule was under threat and responded with violence, unleashing the Gurkha and Baloch Regiments on the civilians, killing over 300.

The British passed the Rowlatt Act in the face of opposition from all of the Indian members of the Imperial Legislative Council. The British claimed the law would affect very few Indians. However, Gandhi called it an "affront to the nation."

So what was so offensive about the Rowlatt Act (more properly, the Anarchical and Revolutionary Crimes Act, 1919)? Why were Indians so angered by it that they were holding public demonstrations and opposing it in the Council?

The Act did away with fundamental principles of the rule of law. It could hold people without charge or trial and it did away with jury trials, in favour of in-camera trials by judges. This is called administrative detention, meaning the jailing of someone without a crime having been committed, merely on the suspicion that they will commit a crime in future.

Now let us have a look at the India of today, when we are being a free people. In 2015, over 3200 people were held in 'administrative detention' in India. Gujarat has the Prevention of Anti-Social Activities Act of 1984. It allows for detention without charge or trial for a year. Uttar Pradesh has the National Security Act allowing detention without charge or trial for a year to prevent a person "from acting in any manner prejudicial to the defence of India, the relations of India with foreign powers, or the security of India" or "from acting in any manner prejudicial to the security of the State or from acting in any manner prejudicial to the maintenance of public order or from acting in any manner prejudicial to the maintenance of supplies and services essential to the community."

Recently this law has been used to jail Muslims accused of cattle smuggling and slaughter in Madhya Pradesh. Tamil Nadu has the Prevention of Dangerous Activities of Bootleggers, Drug-offenders, Forest-offenders, Goondas, Immoral Traffic Offenders, Sand-offenders, Sexual Offenders, Slum-grabbers and Video Pirates Act, 1982. It allows the state to jail without trial or charge "any bootlegger or drug offender or forest offender or goonda or immoral traffic offender or sand offender or offender or slum grabber or video pirate...to prevent him from acting in any manner prejudicial to the maintenance of public order."

Karnataka has the Prevention of Dangerous Activities of Acid Attackers, Bootleggers, Depredator of Environment, Digital Offenders, Drug Offenders, Gamblers, Goondas, Immoral Traffic Offenders, Land Grabbers, Money Launderers, Sexual Predators and Video or Audio Pirates Act, 1985. It allows for detention without charge or trial of up to 12 months of "any acid attacker or bootlegger or depredator of environment or digital offender or drug offender or gambler or goonda or immoral traffic offender or land-grabber or money launderer or sexual predator or video or audio pirate...to prevent him from acting in any manner prejudicial to the maintenance of public order."

Some states have less ornate and more direct phrasing. Assam has the Preventive Detention Act, 1980. It can jail individual for two years, without charge or trial.

Bihar has the Conservation of Foreign Exchange and Prevention of Smuggling Act, 1984. It allows for "detention without charge or trial for up to two years to prevent a person from i) smuggling goods, or (ii) abetting the smuggling of goods, or (iii) engaging in transporting or concealing or keeping smuggled goods, or (iv) dealing in, smuggled goods otherwise than by engaging in transporting or concealing or keeping smuggled goods, or (v) harbouring persons engaged in smuggling goods or in abetting the smuggling of goods."

Kashmir has three laws, one allowing detention without charge or trial for six months, another for a year and third for two years. West Bengal has the Prevention of Violent Activities Act of 1970. Journalists in Chhattisgarh are regularly jailed under the NSA and kept in prison for a year for their reporting.

As we can see from the dates, none of these are so-called colonial laws. These are laws we have gifted ourselves. Every state uses them liberally and there is no resistance from the judiciary. These days we have classified sections of the Indian people as the enemy through the use of the phrase anti-national.

The Rowlatt Act was never implemented nationwide. But our Rowlatt Acts are used against Indians in every state. Why do we not have Jallianwala Bagh type gatherings today? Why do our legislators not resist the oppression by the state of its citizens as did those of the Imperial Legislative Council? Is it that we no longer care about tyranny and due process and individual rights? Or is that it has become fine because it's not foreigners doing it?



Aakar Patel

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Sagameel Sinha

THE BJP, WHICH HAS BEEN CRITICISING THE CONGRESS PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION, IS NOT REALLY ANY DIFFERENT

### FOCUS NATION

# DEMOCRACY IN PARTIES

The recent All India Congress Committee elections for the post of president, where Mallikarjun Kharge defeated Shashi Tharoor, has yet again brought into spotlight the issue of intraparty democracy within political parties in the world's largest democracy. Whatever the claims of the grand old party and its loyalists are made, there is no denying that the contest wasn't actually viewed as free and fair. Kharge was seen as the official candidate backed by the powerful Gandhi family while Tharoor was viewed as outsider.

That many aren't satisfied with the Congress presidential election is a testimony to the fact that on the issue of intraparty democracy, political parties of the country have a long way to go. After 25 years, elections for Congress president were held and it should have been a historic moment in Indian politics. Instead, this contest was largely seen as a carefully orchestrated event, where ultimately the keys of the party would remain with the Gandhis.

Supporters of the Gandhi family often say that without the Gandhis, the Congress would break up and get divided into many parties. They are not exactly wrong. The Congress structure itself is such that the Gandhi family can't be disassociated from the power centre. There was a time when it gave fruitful results but in early 2010s the popularity of the Gandhi family brand started declining, coinciding with the rise of BJP's Narendra Modi. This became amply clear when the party lost the Lok Sabha elections for the second time consecutively in 2019 as the party's face, Rahul Gandhi, who even lost the family bastion of Amethi, failed to connect with the masses. Despite the electoral drubbing, the Congress is yet to seriously analyse the reasons for its decline and continues to train its guns on Modi and the BJP alone.

Today, the party is in power only in two states - Rajasthan and Chhattisgarh - and is a coalition partner in Jharkhand (not count-



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ing Tamil Nadu as all ministers are from ruling DMK, which has ignored its ally Congress). An assessment of the prevailing situation in the party would show that one of the main reasons is the lack of accountability at the power centre. For most of the failures, the blame rests on the Gandhis. But how can the party blame the Gandhis, who actually control it? Party leaders are well aware that blaming the Gandhis for the current crisis will only leave them isolated within it. Had there been true intraparty democracy, the party wouldn't have been where it has reached today!

Meanwhile, the BJP, which has been criticising the Congress presidential election, is not really any different. It would do well to introspect on intraparty democracy within itself. True, it is better off than the others but since the rise of Modi and his right-hand man and Union Home Minister Amit Shah, there have been signs of erosion of democracy within the party.

The problem is particularly not with the selection of JP Nadda as BJP President without any elections. But there are some obvious reasons for the party to avoid direct elections for the post of pres-

ident and rely on consensus - the same process is followed by communist parties like the CPM. After all, consensus-building process is also a part of intraparty democracy where the opinions of others within the party are also valued. But the allegations that the party president is now reduced to only executing the wishes of Modi and Shah doesn't bode well for the BJP, which often boasts of being "a party with a difference". It can't ignore these allegations.

Modi supporters, as usual, would say that it is because of his popularity that today the BJP has become the new pole of Indian politics, the space once occupied by the Congress. True, Modi is not only the most popular leader of the BJP but also the country, however, it doesn't mean every decision taken by him is right or would be right. The recent exclusion of Union Transport Minister Nitin Gadkari and Madhya Pradesh CM Shivraj Singh Chouhan from the BJP parliamentary board, the highest decision-making body, does indicate the consolidation of Modi-Shah within the party. Shivraj is an old-timer and Gadkari had been the party national president before the rise of Modi in national

politics and unlike many of the Cabinet ministers, who are only seen singing praises for Modi, is one of the most hard-working ministers. He is also known to be close to the RSS, the ideological parent of the BJP. The exclusion suggests political rivalry within.

Insofar as regional political parties are concerned such as the NC, SP, BSP, RJD, JD(U), BJD, TMC, DMK, TDP, YSR Congress, intraparty democracy is missing too, with most controlled by a single leader or by families. An exception is the Left parties, wherein CPM, the major party, has a system of intra-party democracy where even the national general secretary (equivalent to the president) can't take decisions alone. Sometimes even voting takes place in the party politburo and central committee and there have been incidents where the general secretary's decision has been rejected. However, it could do better with more openness. The Left parties speak of accountability at the senior leadership level, however, very often it is seen that dissenting voices are not welcome and this hampers democratic functioning. There have been such incidents, one including the expulsion of Somnath Chatterjee, who was the party's most respected and popular parliamentarian, from the party after he refused to resign as Lok Sabha Speaker when the Left Front withdrew support from UPA-1 government in 2008.

This year India is celebrating 75 years of Independence and it can't be denied that tremendous progress has been made economically, politically and socially. Still, one major gap remains - fair and transparent procedure in selecting leaders within political parties, which eventually may be at the helm of governments. The country is viewed as the world's largest democracy but the irony is there's a big question mark on internal democracy within political parties. This needs regular debate and action. Words would not suffice.

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### SPECTRUM SUSTAINABILITY

# The climate movement's racial blind spots

Across Europe, the climate movement is dominated by middle-class white people, whether one looks to informal "peoples' movements" collectives, such as Extinction Rebellion and Fridays for Future, or nonprofits, such as those united under the "Green 10" coalition. Inevitably, the interests of white, middle-class people determine the movement's priorities and activities.

As such, one of the climate movement's dominant narratives is that the climate crisis will affect young people over the course of their lifetimes, and that action today is necessary to save the planet for future generations. That, no doubt, is true. But the climate crisis and the emissions that are causing it are already killing people, and not only in Pakistan, where this summer's floods have taken at least 1,300 lives, or in Latin America, where researchers estimate that extreme temperatures caused almost 900,000 deaths in major cities between 2002 and 2015. People are also dying in Europe, but the issue has not received nearly enough attention.

Consider Ella Kissi-Debrah, a nine-year-old black girl living in Lewisham (southeast London), who died in 2013 following repeated asthma attacks caused by air pollution. Her mother, Rosamund, had

to fight a long legal battle for her daughter's cause of death to be officially recognised. But she eventually prevailed, and Ella became the first person in the world to have air pollution listed on her death certificate. A recent legislative proposal - "Ella's Law" - aims to establish access to clean air as a human right in the United Kingdom.

As Ella's story demonstrates, environmental conditions are not experienced equally across our societies. Studies conducted in the Netherlands, the UK, France, and Germany have shown that polluting industries are more frequently located in cities and neighbourhoods with higher proportions of migrants. This is the human cost of air pollution. It is no coincidence that mothers and children from marginalised communities have long been at the forefront of the fight against it.

Heatwaves, too, tend to have a disproportionately larger effect on the poor and people of colour. In 2019, the United Nations rapporteur on extreme poverty and human rights warned of "climate apartheid" as deadly heat is hitting these people the hardest.

There is also an undeniable link between the effects of the climate crisis and other manifestations of social inequality, such as those in-

volving housing, social protection, and living conditions. According to a report from the European Environmental Bureau, Europe's Roma communities often live on polluted land that is excluded from basic services such as running water or sanitation - a clear case of environmental racism.

Similarly, people with disabilities are more likely to suffer from climate change, as an Austrian with a form of temperature-dependent multiple sclerosis showed in a recent court case against the Austrian government. This list could go on.

It is clear that the climate movement in Europe has failed to reflect the experiences and perspectives of those who are already bearing the brunt of climate-driven damage. Instead, most big NGOs seem to have convinced themselves that it is sufficient to adopt buzzwords like "decolonisation." While some might see it as progress that language long used by grassroots organisers to expose oppressive power dynamics is finally going mainstream, could we also just be witnessing yet another instance of appropriation by white-dominated organisations?

Rather than paying lip service to marginalised communities, the climate movement needs to shift its focus toward understanding and ad-

ressing all the ways the climate crisis is fueling and creating new forms of inequality and injustice today. That will take more than a change in terminology and investments in diversity, equity, and inclusion. What the movement really needs is a shift in the composition of its dominant players. That is the only way fully to acknowledge, learn from, and build on the work that people of colour have been doing for decades to tackle environmental issues.

These frontline activists, organisers, and community advocates need support, tools, and resources to continue their work. That is something that the big climate organisations can help with - but only if they can resist the urge to co-opt grassroots narratives and hog center stage.

To ensure that this planet remains livable for all of us, we need to shift our focus to find more ways to prevent climate-driven harms in the here and now. We should follow those who have already been suffering from, and fighting against, climate injustices for many years. If we can do that, future generations will already have far less to worry about.

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### WISDOM CORNER

- We are what we repeatedly do. Excellence, then, is not an act, but a habit. WILL DURANT
- All men's miseries derive from not being able to sit in a quiet room alone. BLAISE PASCAL
- We don't see things as they are, we see them as we are. ANAIS NIN

### WORDSWORTH

#### Cohobation

Many alchemists throughout history have held the curious belief that for a process to be successful it must be repeated many times. So it was common for substances not only to be distilled, but for the products of distillation to be returned to their residue and distilled again, perhaps several hundred times. This process of alchemical redistillation was called cohobation. It was so common a technique that a special piece of apparatus was designed to make the whole process automatic, a flask with return tubes from the neck for the vapour to condense and pass back into the base of the vessel. It was called a blind alembic or a pelican. The latter name derives from the medieval heraldic image representing the ancient legend of the long-necked pelican wounding its breast to feed its young on its blood, the curve of the bird's neck resembling one of the curved return tubes on the flask.

### LOL

#### Is he a good dentist?

A couple of old guys were golfing when one said he was going to Dr. Taylor for a new set of dentures in the morning. His friend remarked that he had gone to the same dentist a few years before. "Is that so?" the first said. "Did he do a



good job?" "Well, I was on the course yesterday when the fellow on the ninth hole hooked a shot," he said. "The ball must have been going 200 mph when it hit me in the stomach. That," he added, "was the first time in two years my teeth didn't hurt."

## Letters

### TO THE EDITOR

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#### Welcome move

Sir, The Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs (CCEA), headed by PM Narendra Modi raised the price of ethanol of all varieties as the government is planning to blend 20% ethanol in petrol from April 2023 onwards. Now the government is blending 10% of ethanol in petrol. India is the third largest oil-consuming country worldwide and a significant part of it comes from imports which are around 85%. Doubling the ethanol blending will reduce the dependency on imports from other countries. This will also cut down the expenses in Forex and will also benefit farmers. This kind of fuel is considered to be a very good alternative and an eco-friendly fuel. The vehicles after little engine modifications can be saved from the corrosion from this fuel. This step from the government is very effective in the long run. It will help in boosting the economy and be a big step towards achieving cleaner energy. Deba Prasad Nayak, CUTTACK

#### Transcending pressure

Sir, Justice Hemant Gupta, who retired from the Supreme Court last month, made a pertinent point: the duty of judges is not to please the public. In fact, they are not assigned work to pacify the people. There cannot be two opinions on Justice Gupta's remark. The role of judges is almost akin to that of the umpires in a top sport discipline. They are here to apply rules albeit in a more exhaustive and refined manner. Judges pass judgements based on rules of law, not on public opinion. Their honesty and independence matter much more than their articulation and erudition. It is true that a vibrant press and proactive social media tend to have a bearing on the philosophy of many judges. But it is the way they transcend these pressures that define their greatness. Being aloof, keeping to oneself, unwilling to share dias with politicians or public figures are all pristine values of an excellent judge. Ganapathi Bhat, AKOLA

#### Twitter layoffs

Sir, Twitter laying off nearly 180 of 230 Indian employees has raised eyebrows. The company spread the layoffs across content, partnerships, content curation, sales, and social marketing teams. 'Survivors' mainly were in groups that worked on highly critical maintenance operations and government engagement functions, but the company will decide on their roles soon. However, how Twitter showed its employees the door (job status was alerted by email) has come in for stick. NJ Ravi Chander, BANGALORE



**The state government has taken historical decisions on social security and welfare schemes for people. We have implemented Old Pension Scheme while it has not been implemented in any of the BJP-ruled states yet**  
ASHOK GEHLOT | RAJASTHAN CM

## CHILD-FRIENDLY LIBRARIES SOON

Students of government primary schools in Jharkhand will soon have access to child-friendly libraries where they will get books of their interest, which would help develop their reading habits and enhance learning capacity, officials said



## of the day quote

What is the argument he (Kejriwal) gives -- you make the metro (travel) free, you prevent pollution since instead of 65 lakh people 90 lakh people will travel (on it) and everybody will be happy. This is one set of arguments. Luckily, Kejriwal doesn't have to run the Delhi Metro as the Delhi government is only responsible for the 50 per cent share of funding

HARDEEP SINGH PURI | UNION MINISTER

While many developed nations are mulling over universal health coverage, PM Narendra Modi Ji has ensured equal access to health services without financial hardship

MANOJ SINHA | J-K LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR

There is a need to get best global practices for road engineering projects by giving priority to entities having joint ventures international consultants

NITIN GADKARI | UNION ROADS MINISTER

# Conman Sukesh targets Kejriwal

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

New Delhi, Nov 5: Jailed conman Sukesh Chandrashekhar has made fresh accusations against AAP leaders, alleging that Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal asked him to collect ₹500 crore for the party and Delhi minister Satyender Jain threatened him. The AAP has dismissed his charges.

In a letter addressed to the media, Chandrashekhar, who is lodged in Mandoli Jail here, also claimed that he gave more than ₹50 crore to AAP which promised to nominate him to Rajya Sabha and after that Kejriwal attended a dinner party with Jain hosted by Chandrashekhar in 2016.

AAP leader and Delhi Deputy Chief Minister Manish Sisodia on Saturday alleged that the BJP had struck a deal with the "conman sitting in Tihar". He will level absurd allegations against Kejriwal every day and in return, the BJP will help him in the case, he tweeted.

Senior AAP leader Atishi alleged that after the failures of the ED, CBI, Income Tax, LG, and Delhi Police, the BJP has turned to the country's "biggest conman" for help against the AAP. However, the national spokesperson of BJP, Shezad Poonawala, asked Kejriwal if he had met the conman "at the farmhouse of his minister Kailash Gahlot" and sought to know what discussions were held.

He demanded that Kejriwal sack both Jain and Gahlot from his Cabinet. Jain is in jail in connection



with a money laundering case. In a letter to Lieutenant Governor VK Saxena, Chandrashekhar had alleged that Jain extorted ₹10 crore in 2019 for his "safety" in the prison.

He has now alleged that Jain, along with the former Tihar Director General, threatened him after his letter to the LG became public. He claimed that he has submitted another complaint to the LG on Thursday detailing the allegations of corruption against Kejriwal, Jain and another AAP minister Kailash Gahlot.

Chandrashekhar alleged that Kejriwal forced him to bring "over 20 people to contribute ₹500 crore towards his party". "If you think I am the biggest 'thug', why did you accept ₹50 crore from me," he asked Kejriwal. The letter to the LG had alleged that he gave more than ₹50 crore to AAP which promised to give Chandrashekhar an important post in the party in South Zone and also help him get nominated to Rajya

Sabha following the expansion.

He had alleged that after his arrest in 2017 for the 'two leaf symbol corruption case' he was lodged in Tihar Jail and was visited by Jain, who held the portfolio of the Jail ministry multiple times, asking him if he had disclosed anything related to his contribution to AAP to the investigating agency.

"Thereafter in 2019 again I was visited by Satyender Jain and his Secretary and his close friend Sushil in jail, and asked me to pay ₹2 crore every month to him as protection money to live safely in Jail, and to get even basic facilities," he alleged. He claimed that Jain "asked me to pay ₹1.50 crore to DG prison Sandeep Goel, who he said was a loyal associate of his. He forced me to pay and the total amount of ₹10 crore in a matter of 2 to 3 months was extorted from me through constant pressure." He added that all the money was collected in Kolkata through his associate.

## CYRUS MISTRY'S DEATH

# Dr Anahita booked for rash driving

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

Palghar (Maha), Nov 5: Two months after former Tata Sons chairman Cyrus Mistry died in a car accident, police in Maharashtra's Palghar district Saturday registered a case against Dr Anahita Pandole for alleged rash driving.

A case under Indian Penal Code sections 304(A) (causing death by rash and negligent act), 279 (rash driving on a public road) and 337 (causing death by act endangering life and personal safety of others) besides the Motor Vehicles Act was registered at Kasa police station, officials said.

Mistry (54) and his friend Jahangir Pandole died in a car crash on a bridge on the Surya river on the Mumbai-Ahmedabad highway in Palghar district adjoining Mumbai on September 4, 2022. They were riding in the back seat of the Mercedes car.

Anahita Pandole, a Mumbai gynaecologist who was driving the car, and her husband Darius Pandole who was sitting next to her, were seriously injured. During the investigation, witnesses were questioned and reports were obtained from the Regional Transport Office and Mercedes Benz India Pune, said a police release here.

"Based on the reports and probe it has been established that the accident was the result of rash and



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negligent driving," and hence a case was registered against Dr Anahita Pandole, it added.

A police official had claimed on Friday that Darius Pandole (60) told police in his statement that his wife Dr Anahita could not merge the vehicle into the second lane from the third lane of

the road that turned narrow near the Surya river bridge.

Darius Pandole was discharged from a Mumbai hospital last week. "In his statement, Darius Pandole said his wife Anahita was driving the Mercedes-Benz car when they were on their way to Mumbai. A car which was ahead of their vehicle went to the second lane from the third and Anahita also tried to follow the same," the official said.

When she tried to take the car to the second lane, she found that there was a truck on the right side (in the second lane) due to which she was not able to merge into that lane, he said, adding the lane turned narrow near the bridge. The statement of Anahita Pandole was yet to be recorded as she was still undergoing treatment at a hospital, police had said.

## SHORT TAKES

### 7 women dead

**Bidar (Karnataka):** At least seven women were killed and 11 people injured in a road accident on Saturday in Karnataka's Bidar district, police said. The accident took place in Bemalkhedra village when an auto carrying the victims collided with a truck. While six women were killed on the spot, one succumbed to her injuries at the hospital.

### Six injured

**Kolkata:** At least six people were injured, two of them seriously, as a man went on a rampage with a knife on Saturday, attacking his neighbours over a dispute about a boundary wall in Kolkata, police said. The accused was arrested after the incident took place in Sarsuna area in the southern part of the city, a police officer said. There was a long-time dispute between the man and his neighbours over the construction of a boundary wall by the accused on Rakhal Mukherjee Road.

### 1 killed, 2 hurt

**New Delhi:** In a tragic incident, a 20-year-old youth was killed while his younger brother and neighbour were seriously injured after their bike collided with a concrete railing on the capital's Signature Bridge, police said Friday. The deceased has been identified as Akash, a resident of Chandan Vihar, Nangloi while his injured brother has been identified as Badal and their neighbour as Harshit.

### Drugs seized

**Guwahati:** Assam police Saturday seized drugs worth ₹15 crore in Kamrup (M) district and arrested one person on charges of drug peddling, officials said. The drugs were seized at a toll gate in the Sonapur area of the district. The arrested person has been identified as Mohammad Ajmal Khan, a resident of Thoubal district in Manipur. Based on a tip-off received by the police, a team led by the Joint Commissioner Partha Sarathi Mahanta intercepted a vehicle at the Nazirakhat toll gate near Sonapur.

### Two killed

**Raipur:** Two personnel of the district reserve guard were killed when a trailer-truck collided with their motorcycle in Chhattisgarh's Sukma district Saturday, police said. The accident took place on Sukma-Dornapal road when the duo were returning after an anti-Maoist operation, an official said.

## Former Gujarat minister quits BJP

INDO-ASIAN NEWS SERVICE

Ahmedabad, Nov 5: Jay Narayan Vyas, a former Gujarat Minister, on Saturday announced that he has resigned from the BJP after being associated with the party for almost 30 years.



Vyas said that he will be contesting the state Assembly elections next month, but is keeping his options open.

Addressing reporters, Vyas said that he had sent his resignation to the party state president on Friday.

He further said that he was unhappy with the Patan district BJP committee, its functioning and constant humiliation. Vyas claimed that he had taken up the issues with the state president.

He said he would contest the upcoming polls from the Siddhpur constituency of the Patan district, but not as an independent.

Vyas also said that will decide on a party only after discussing with his supporters, for which he has called a meeting.



Congress leader Rahul Gandhi during the Bharat Jodo Yatra in Jogipet, Telangana

PTI PHOTO

# India to focus on climate finance at COP 27

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

New Delhi, Nov 5: The 27th edition of the Conference of Parties (COP) to UNFCCC will start Sunday and it will see India seeking clarity on the definition of climate finance and nudging developed countries to enhance supply of technology and finance needed to address climate change and reducing disasters.

Union Environment Minister Bhopendra Yadav will lead the Indian delegation at the conference which will run from November 6 to 8 at Sharm El-Sheikh, Egypt. One hundred and ninety eight parties to UNFCCC gather once a year to discuss how to jointly address climate change.

US President Joe Biden, UK Prime Minister Rishi Sunak and more than 100 heads of states are expected to attend the conference.



It is not yet clear if Prime Minister Narendra Modi will attend it. According to the Union Environment Ministry, India looks

forward to substantial progress on the discussions related to climate finance and clarity on its definition.

"As it is a saying that 'what gets measured gets done', more clarity is needed on the definition of climate finance for the developing countries to be able to accurately assess the extent of finance flows for climate action," it said in a statement. The absence of a definition allows developed countries

to greenwash their finances and pass off loans as climate-related aid.

"India will seek clarity as to what constitutes climate finance whether it is grants, loans or subsidies," Yadav said. At COP15 in Copenhagen in 2009, developed countries had committed to jointly mobilise \$100 billion per year by 2020 to help developing countries tackle climate change, but they have miserably failed in doing so.

# Raj BJP to counter Bharat Jodo Yatra with 200 'raths'

Two-hundred individual 'raths' or air-conditioned buses converted as chariots, will be deputed to all of the state's 200 constituencies from November 17 to December 17

INDO-ASIAN NEWS SERVICE

**Jaipur, Nov 5:** In a counter to Rahul Gandhi's Bharat Jodo Yatra, the BJP in Rajasthan will launch a mega Rath Yatra in an effort to expose the alleged failures of the incumbent state government.

Two-hundred individual 'raths' or air-conditioned buses converted as chariots, will be deputed to all of the state's 200 constituencies

from November 17 to December 17.

These raths will be taken out for seven to 10 days. During this, the BJP will cover all its 1,100 mandals and 52,000 polling booths. Every Assembly constituency will include party district presidents, sitting MLAs, former BJP candidates, office bearers, members of various fronts, among others.

BJP workers have said that the mega initiative would prove to



be a strong force for the party as there will be an infusion of enthusiasm and confidence amongst the members. "We have started preparations for it. Any MLA, former candidate or district president can call any senior politician in a particular area if he wants to be called in the Rath Yatra," they added.

There will also be arrangements for seating, mike, decoration for about 10 people. All the chariots will have the pictures of Prime Minister Narendra Modi, posters of the schemes of the Central government and policies of the BJP.

Wherever a chariot will pass through, people will be told about the policies and achievements of the BJP. The chariots will stop at many places during which small meetings will be conducted to tell the people about the failures of the Congress government in the state, deteriorating law and order and unemployment.

A fixed route chart is also being prepared. Meanwhile on December 6, the Bharat Jodo Yatra will enter Rajasthan from Jhalawar district and travel towards Haryana via Sawai Madhopur, Dausa and Alwar.



## Kerala CM now plumps for legal route to take on Guv

INDO-ASIAN NEWS SERVICE

**Thiruvananthapuram, Nov 5:** With the battle lines firmly drawn between Kerala Governor Arif Mohammed Khan and Chief Minister Pinarayi Vijayan and the former showing no signs of backing down, Vijayan has now approached the best legal brains in the country including Fali S Nariman for advice on if there is a legal solution to their tussle.

Even as the state is passing through one of its worst-ever financial crisis, a sum of Rs 46.90 lakh has been sanctioned for Nariman and his team.

The Government Order, that has now found its way to the public domain, says this is the professional fee for providing written legal opinion with regards to Kerala legislative bills.

Vijayan appears to be in the corner after veiled threats launched by him and his CPI-M leaders that this is Kerala and Khan should behave, the Governor appears firm on his stand.

The reason why Vijayan decided to approach Nariman is to see if there is a legal way out to see Khan signs on the dotted line on a few Bills he is sitting upon.

These include the tweaked Lok Ayukta Bill and also a Bill which amends the powers of the Chancellor - a post held by the



**KHAN FRIDAY SENT A LETTER TO HIS APPOINTING AUTHORITY - THE PRESIDENT OF INDIA - COMPLAINING OF VIJAYAN'S VIOLATION OF PRECEDENTS, CONVENTIONS, AND PROTOCOLS**

Kerala Governor for a while.

Vijayan is seeking to find if there is any way in which the state can approach the judiciary to see Khan provides assent to these Bills, which are crucial for the chief minister.

Khan, for a while, has not been

quiet and recently was in threatening mode when he warned that if the Chief Minister's Office is involved in gold smuggling, he will intervene and it's after this that Vijayan seemed to have started to think on taking on Khan in the legal way.

Khan was travelling for the past 10 days and has returned to the state Saturday. Meanwhile, the last date for the 10 state varsity Vice Chancellors, whom he had ordered to quit, to reply to his show cause notice or in case, any of them wishes to meet him, is Monday, after which he is expected to take a position, as he is now armed with an apex court order which asked the Vice Chancellor of the APJ Abdul Kalam Technological University of Kerala to quit as appointment norms were not followed.

## AAP set for big gains in Modi's home state

*A strong showing in Gujarat, a prosperous state of more than 60 million, could indicate whether the party's appeal has widened beyond smaller states ahead of the 2024 general election*

REUTERS

**Surat, Nov 5:** Aam Aadmi Party (AAP), formed only a decade ago and having claimed power in Delhi and Punjab state, is set to be the biggest gainer in assembly elections in Prime Minister Narendra Modi's home state of Gujarat next month.

AAP boss and Delhi Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal is known to have national ambitions. A strong showing in Gujarat, a prosperous state of more than 60 million, could indicate whether his party's appeal has widened beyond smaller states ahead of the 2024 general election.

According to a projection by ABP-CVoter, AAP's vote share in Gujarat is expected to rise to 20% from zero five years ago, mainly at the expense of the main opposition Congress party, which dominated Indian politics before being drubbed by Modi's Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) in the last two general elections.

Seven voters in Gujarat's Surat city, a diamond cutting and polishing hub, told Reuters they had been drawn to AAP's promise to improve education and healthcare - both areas where the party



says it has delivered results in Delhi since 2015.

"Ninety-nine per cent I am going to vote for Aam Adam Party," said diamond worker Bharat Patel.

"Many in my personal and professional circles are also going to do the same. I have heard a lot about their work in education and healthcare in Delhi and I feel they deserve a chance," he added.

The BJP has been in power in Gujarat since 1998, with Modi serving as its chief minister for nearly 13 years. Current projections show Congress will stay the second-biggest party in the 182 member-assembly, but that could change.

It looks like the surge of the Aam Aadmi Party is not going down, Yashwant Deshmukh, founder of polling agency CVoter, told Reuters. If the trajectory continues, and they end up with a 25-26% vote share, they could trump Congress.

Gujarat will vote in two phases December 1 and 5. Results are due December 8.

AAP which grew out of an anti-corruption movement in 2012, has been strengthening its presence

in Gujarat, including in its second-largest city of Surat.

Early last year, it won 27 of the 120 seats in Surat's municipal elections, emerging as the main contender to the BJP.

Across Surat, large hoardings of the BJP and AAP dominate the streets. With pictures of Modi, the ruling party is underlining the advantages of having a BJP government at the state and nationally.

How many votes the AAP gets and how many seats it can win remains to be seen, said Virang Bhatt, a Surat-based political analyst. But the party has certainly managed to create strong visibility and appeal here.

### 'AGRESAR GUJARAT'

## BJP campaigns to get public opinion for party manifesto

**Gandhinagar:** The BJP Saturday launched 'Agresar Gujarat' (Leading Gujarat) campaign aimed to strike a chord will people of the state and seek their opinion on points to be included in the party manifesto for the state assembly polls. People of Gujarat can share their views either by leaving notes in suggestion boxes to be put up in public places, or by messaging on cell number 7878182182 or by visiting [www.agresargujarat.com](http://www.agresargujarat.com) and sharing their views on the website. On veteran leader Jay Narayan Vyas quitting the saffron party, BJP state unit president CR Patil said the party has accepted his resignation. Vyas, 75, resigned from the party Friday, saying that he was unhappy with the Patan district BJP committee, its functioning and constant humiliation. Talking to mediapersons, Patil reminded that the BJP will not nominate candidates who are 75 year old or above. It will also not nominate family members of BJP leaders, MLAs, and MPs. In another development, Khodal dham trustee Naresh Patel and other trustee Ramesh Tilawala had a one-on-one meeting with Union Home and Cooperation Minister Amit Shah earlier in the day. Ramesh Tilawala is interested in contesting elections on BJP symbol from Rajkot South Constituency. Congress party's national secretary Himanshu Vyas has resigned from the party and is likely to join the BJP. He claims that the party was constantly ignoring his service and contribution to the party.

## AAP leaders bring cash in chartered flights: Guj Cong

INDO-ASIAN NEWS SERVICE

**Ahmedabad, Nov 5:** The Gujarat unit of Congress Saturday alleged that despite the Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) managing to bring Rs 20 crore into the poll-bound state through various means, the BJP has maintained a stoic silence.

According to Congress leaders, whenever AAP leaders land in chartered flights, they carry huge cash with them to meet the election expenses. Besides, the party in the national capital has also used 'Angadia Pedhi (traditional courier service)' to send cash to Gujarat.

Levelling allegations against the AAP, Congress spokesman Pawan Khara said, "Till Friday evening, Indranil Rajyaguru - who was AAP's internal man -, told Congress leaders that on October 1, when Delhi Chief Minister and Punjab Chief Minister landed at Rajkot airport, they were carrying bags full of cash. Asked how they manage to bring in such a huge amount, they gesture that the money was brought by flight."

Questioning BJP's silence on the "hawala" money, he questioned whether the state police, Income Tax department, and enforcement directorate are just a mute spectator or are hand in gloves with AAP.

## Movie based on floods that ravaged Kerala titled '2018'

INDO-ASIAN NEWS SERVICE

**Chennai, Nov 5:** Director Jude Antony's upcoming film on the great floods that ravaged Kerala recently has been titled '2018'.

Anto Joseph, who is one of the producers of the film, wrote a lengthy post in Malayalam about the film.



He said, "2018 is a constant memory of the great flood for Kerala. We still have sleepless nights, nightmares thinking about the flood that washed away everything... But Malayalees survived that too..."

"... We defeated the flood with sore hands and minds. The world was amazed at the unity and determination of Malayalees. When that story is told in Abhraphali, it's name is 2018 nothing else!"

## LITANY OF LAPSES

## Why Morbi municipality is responsible for tragedy

INDO-ASIAN NEWS SERVICE

**Ahmedabad, Nov 5:** The recent Morbi bridge tragedy that claimed over 140 lives points to gross negligence of Morbi Nagar Palika as it handed over the renovation contract to an agency without due diligence, says a Bridge Structural Engineer expert.

Speaking on condition of anonymity, the expert told IANS, "The nagar palika was duty-bound to carry out structural analysis before giving out the renovation contract. Also, it should have taken into consideration the wind & live load, steel structure, load test, and stability test. Based on these data, it should have assessed and prepared a structural design meeting present and the future requirement and then placed an order for the renovation, which meets the Bureau of Indian Standards for Building structures."

The British-era bridge was built 143 years ago based on wind and live load of that time and earthquake resistance.

Even the water salinity issue should have been taken into account. Over a period of time, the bridge would have undergone several changes, hence even the minutest of things should have been considered as every factor matters in bridge design and construction. Citing the SA's Tacoma narrow



bridge collapse in 1940, the expert said that was the first suspension bridge tragedy. It failed to withstand the 40 miles per hour wind velocity. Even when the bridge was under construction, in a little breeze, ripples were running along the bridge.

In another case, he said, a suspension bridge during World War II managed to even withstand the vibration created by the marching of Army over it as they refrained from putting undue pressure on it and crossed it in relaxed mode.

Coming back to the Morbi bridge, the expert said while redesigning

the suspension bridge, the nagar palika seems to have ignored the Indian standards (IS) for earthquake (seismic load), IS 875 for wind loads on buildings, IS 800 general code for steel structure. Also, it should have carried out live and dead load, erection stresses.

When asked to issue certificates for bridges constructed by the government or semi government agencies, he personally carries out load and stability tests, only after verifying that standards are met, does he issue certificates, the expert stated.

"Was this followed in the Morbi bridge case?" he wondered.

## No lesson learnt from 2003 Daman tragedy

**Daman:** The recent Morbi bridge collapse that snuffed out 141 lives comes as a grim reminder that despite losing 30 people to a similar tragedy October 28, 2003, in Daman, no lessons were learnt. Recalling the horrific Daman incident, Keshavbhai Batak, who had lost two sons to it, said, The Daman tragedy will always remain the darkest day of my life as it pulled down my world in seconds. The Morbi bridge collapse brought back the black memories of the Daman tragedy. The saddest part is that the Gujarat government did not learn any lessons from it. If there is even an iota of remorse, Bhopendra Patel should step down as the Chief Minister, visit every victim's house and apologise. He said after the Daman incident, the victims' families had to wait for 19 years for justice. Despite the never-ending wait, the district sessions court judgement did not come out satisfactory. It was a long-drawn legal battle forcing the victim families to form the Daman Bridge Collapse Victims Committee. When the investigation and then the trial progressed at a snail's pace, the Victim Committee moved the Mumbai High Court. It was only after its intervention that the trial picked up pace.



**AEROBATICS DISPLAY:** Indian Air Force's Surya Kiran team performs during an air show in Vadodara

## Kathak maestro's documentation of Gita Govinda nearing completion

*Jayadeva, who is believed to be from present-day Odisha, went on to become popular in the subcontinent's southern peninsula with Gita Govinda, the earliest-known poem dealing with the theme of the divine lovers, Radha and Krishna*

INDO-ASIAN NEWS SERVICE

**Thiruvananthapuram, Nov 5:** Kathak is set to be enriched with a complete portrayal of the Gita Govinda, as its senior exponent Dr Pali Chandra is currently composing and choreographing all the 24 songs of the 12th century Sanskrit poem to record them as performances in the classical north Indian dance.

Switzerland-settled Chandra has been working for five years on the pioneering endeavour in her native country's heritage, aiming to fulfil the mission.

Roping in 150 people, the artist's project is being realised in Kerala with the cooperation of disciples from her Gurukul with units in India as well as abroad.

A highlight of the unique initiative is its exclusive stage, a forested location off Thiruvananthapuram using the famed model of Japanese botanist-ecologist Akira Miyawaki (1928-2021).

The recordings are being shot on that green 120-square metre plot at suburban Puliyaarakonam, also considering that Jayadeva's Gita Govinda mentions around 40 plants. Most of these in the vegetation are in the vicinity of our stage, says Lucknow-born Dr Chandra, now settled in Zurich.

Just six years ago, the entire area was barren. Today we have grown more than 400 species.

The project by Dr Chandra, who received training under the illustrious Vikrama Singha and Kapila



Mishra, will host detailed online teaching sessions for students.

The idea is to continue the gurus' shishya parampara through a platform named Natyasutraonline, she says about the 2017-initiated series with Kerala-based Invis founding Managing Director MR Hari as the creative director.

Natyasutraonline.com is the classical dance platform of the 1995-founded Invis headquartered in Kerala.

Jayadeva, who is believed to be from eastern India's present-day Odisha, went on to become popular in the subcontinent's southern peninsula. Dances such as Bharatanatyam and Kuchipudi besides Kathakali and subsequently Mohiniyattam employ Gita Govinda compositions popularly in the form of eight-line Ashtapadis that are a chief feature of the work.

"No dance in our country has presented all the stanzas and songs

of the Gita Govinda. This persuaded Invis to take up the task in Kathak," says 55-year-old Dr Chandra, who is associated with prestigious international festivals for the past three decades.

Her Gurukul has organised workshops for research, choreography and training in no less than three continents.

Dr Chandra notes that choreographing and composing Gita Govinda in Kathak has been tough.

For one, we face difficulty in identifying a single text of the classic, she says about visualising its aesthetics in the dance that got a major impetus during the 16th century of the Mughal era (1526-1857). There are several authors Indian and foreign who compiled, interpreted or translated the poem, resulting in variations, however minor. Hence, we chose to take different songs from different books, estimating their proximity to the original text.

The music is being recorded with a team of singers from various parts of India, led by composer B Sivaramakrishna Rao and keyboard

and rhythm arranger Venky DC. The production and post-production assignments are being undertaken by an Invis team of 100 members. Anitha Jayakumar, CEO of Natyasutraonline, is the project coordinator.

The structure of the content of this project is also interesting, points out Dr Chandra. Besides classical dance performance, the artiste presents the content of the songs for the audience using dance as the language. The guru teaches the students the content and choreography and also guides them in the performance. The objective of the whole project is to present the classical text, its content richness and poetic beauty. The project will elaborately portray Radha, who is one of the most popular characters of Indian mythology, thanks to the classical poem.

The organisers are also reading a coffee-table book on the Gita Govinda. The text is being prepared by Dr Radhika Menon with mural paintings of artists VS Sudheer and KK Baiju in two different styles.



of the day quote

I am agriculture minister and represent the farming community. If pollution in Delhi rises due to farmers, I feel they are blaming me. It is everyone's responsibility to get rid of this stigma on farmers

NARENDRA SINGH TOMAR | UNION AGRICULTURE MINISTER

The Delhi government will engage with the Consortium for Global Education to a much greater depth and work together for the betterment of education in the national capital

MANISH SIDODIA | DELHI DEPUTY CM

We work for the welfare of people, whereas the Congress works so that they can enjoy the benefits of power... We work with a mission while the Congress works for commission and corruption

J P NADDA | BJP PRESIDENT

SHORT TAKES

6 killed, 3 injured

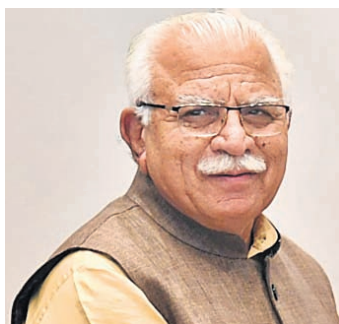
Bhopal: Six persons were killed and three others injured in two separate road accidents that occurred in Niwari and Shajapur districts in Madhya Pradesh in the last 24 hours, police officials said Saturday. Three persons were killed and one injured when a sports utility vehicle (SUV) crashed into a tree near Negua village, some 25 kilometres from Niwari district headquarters, on Friday night, Prithvipur Sub Divisional Officer of Police Santosh Patel said. In another accident, three persons, aged between 50 and 65, were killed after their car hit a tractor-trolley at Jethda intersection on Shujalpur-Ashta road, some 60 kms from Shajapur district headquarters.

Rain claims two

Chennai: The rain claimed three more lives in Tamil Nadu, taking the total number of rain-related deaths in the state to 26 so far, the state government said Saturday. While two persons died in the state capital, Tiruvurur district reported a rain-related death. Steps have been taken to provide a relief of ₹4 lakh each to the family of the victims. The northeast monsoon had commenced on October 29. Tamil Nadu received 10.04 mm rainfall during the last 24 hours.

ED arrests Ansari

New Delhi: The Enforcement Directorate has arrested Abbas Ansari, the son of gangster-turned-politician Mukhtar Ansari, in connection with a Prevention of Money Laundering case, officials said Saturday. He was placed under arrest late on Friday night after nine hours of questioning. According to the officials, the probe agency had enough crucial evidence based on which he was placed under arrest. The ED had initiated investigation under PMLA, 2002 against Mukhtar Ansari (Ex MLA) and his aides on the bases of multiple FIRs lodged by Uttar Pradesh Police.



With the changing nature of traditional farming, peasants can earn more income by adopting new technologies in the agriculture sector

MANOHAR LAL KHATTAR | HARYANA CM

WANGALA FESTIVAL TO BEGIN NOV 10

The 46th edition of Wangala Festival, also known as 100 drums festival which is Meghalaya's one of the most famous post harvest carnivals, will begin at Wangala dam Chibrage near Tura in West Garo Hills district on November 10



WORK IN PROGRESS: Construction work of new Parliament building underway in New Delhi

PTI PHOTO

NHRC notice to Delhi govt over missing women

INDO-ASIAN NEWS SERVICE

New Delhi, Nov 5: The NHRC has issued notices to the Delhi government and the city's police chief after five of the seven Uzbek women who were allegedly trafficked and sexually exploited in India went missing from a private shelter home here.

The National Human Rights Commission in a statement on Saturday observed that "the State is under an obligation to protect the life of foreign nationals in the country as it is for its own citizens".

The NHRC said it has taken 'suo motu cognisance of media reports that five of the seven Uzbek women, rescued from a sex trafficking racket by the Delhi Police in August 2022, went missing from a shelter home in Dwarka, last week'.

Reportedly, the women were brought to India via Nepal and forced into sex work. In August, seven of them were rescued by the Delhi Police with the help of Uzbekistan Embassy and an NGO, it said.

Accordingly, considering the gravity and the peculiar facts and circumstances of the incident, as reported in the media, it has issued a notice to the Delhi chief secretary, seeking a detailed report, along with the action taken report against the shelter home, the statement said.

"A report has also been sought from the Delhi Police Commissioner about the status of the investigation, recovery of the missing Uzbek women and progress in finding out the conspirators of sex racket in operation in Delhi and nearby places, arrest if any," the rights panel said.

"It must be ensured that once the missing Uzbek women are rescued, their health and safety must be protected," the statement said. The report of police commissioner must also contain the outcome of the NHRC's standard operating procedure (SOP) for combating trafficking of persons in India, and its implementation within Delhi-NCR to prevent such repeated offences of trafficking of citizens and non-citizens, girls and women. The response is expected within two weeks, it added.

Congress ignored Himachal: PM

AGENCIES

Sundernagar (HP), Nov 5: In a scathing attack on the Congress, Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Saturday accused it of neglecting Himachal Pradesh as it was a small state that sends only four MPs to Lok Sabha and playing with many lives by indulging in corruption in defence deals.

Stressing that every single vote cast on November 12 will define the development journey of the hill state for the next 25 years, Modi, at an election rally here, urged the people to start a new tradition by voting back the BJP into power to ensure stability and progress. With the state having the precedent of the incumbent being voted out, Modi said when ever Congress came back, all development works came to a standstill.

Changing medicines frequently neither helps in curing the ailment nor benefits anyone, he said, while seeking another term for the ruling BJP. "If you want to seek accountability and answers from the



government, you should give it a chance again. Together, we will take Himachal forward, start new 'riwaaz' (custom), and bring BJP back to power."

Making false promises and giving false guarantees has been the Congress' old trick, he alleged, adding that it never even opened its manifesto while the BJP is known for toiling day and night to fulfil

what it says and referred to the abrogation of Article 370 from Jammu and Kashmir and building Ram Temple at Ayodhya.

"Did we not fulfill the promise of abrogation of 370? We had promised Ram Temple. Today, Ram Mandir is being built," he said. After Independence, Congress committed the country's first scam in the defence sector, Prime Minister Modi

CONG RELEASES MANIFESTO

Shimla: Reviving the old pension scheme, 300 units of free power, a ₹680-crore StartUp fund, one lakh jobs and ₹1,500 per month for women between 18 to 60 years are among the promises the Congress made in its manifesto for the Himachal Pradesh polls. The party also said it is contesting the November 12 election under a collective leadership and will decide on the chief ministerial candidate after discussion with elected MLAs and the party's high command. The Congress' poll manifesto committee chairman Dhani Ram Shandil alleged the BJP has failed to live up to people's expectations and has not fulfilled its promises made five years ago.

alleged. During its regime, Congress always took commissions in defence deals. It committed scams of thousands of crores, he alleged at the poll rally in Sundernagar in Mandi district which is the home district of Chief Minister Jairam Thakur, who also addressed the gathering.

'Be ready for mid-term polls'

The term of the Maharashtra Assembly is set to expire in 2024. The Thackeray faction of the Sena has been demanding that the party MLAs who rebelled along with Eknath Shinde resign and face the electorate afresh

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Mumbai, Nov 5: Shiv Sena (Uddhav Balasaheb Thackeray) chief Uddhav Thackeray Saturday predicted mid-term elections in Maharashtra and asked party workers to start preparations.

He was speaking at a meeting of the party's Assembly constituency-level functionaries at the party headquarters 'Sena Bhavan' here. The Shiv Sena (UBT) chief spokesperson Arvind Sawant briefed reporters about the meeting.

Thackeray predicted mid-term Assembly elections in the state soon and asked the cadres to start preparations, Sawant said. Mid-term polls were inevitable as Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Thursday announced projects



worth ₹2 lakh crore for Maharashtra, Sawant said.

"Just like voters in Himachal Pradesh and Gujarat are being lured with packages and announcements, this announcement by the PM is also an indicator that Maharashtra will have elections," said the South Mumbai

MP. But there was no clarity about the details of the projects the PM was talking about, he added.

The term of the Maharashtra Assembly is set to expire in 2024. The Thackeray faction of the Sena has been demanding that the party MLAs who rebelled along with Eknath Shinde resign and face the electorate afresh.

The Eknath Shinde-led Maharashtra government which came to power in June after his rebellion toppled the Thackeray-led government has been accused of letting several big-ticket projects go to Gujarat.

These include the ₹1.54 lakh crore Vedanta Foxconn semiconductor chip manufacturing project and ₹22,000 crore Tata-Airbus C-295 military transport aircraft project.

BAR CODES ON 300 TOP SELLING MEDICINES SOON

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New Delhi, Nov 5: To curb the menace of spurious medicines, the government is finalising the process of mandating pharmaceutical companies to print bar code on the packages of 300 drug formulations so that information such as manufacturing licence and batch number can be accessed upon scanning.

The amendments to Drugs and Cosmetic Rules, 1945 which, once approved, will come into force from May next year. "A sizable of the drugs mentioned in the list are mostly bought over the counter

exposing people to the possibility of consuming counterfeit medicines. This amendment aims to prevent supply of fake medicines and ensure improvement in public healthcare," an official source said.

"A bar code or QR code will authenticate whether a particular drug is original or not," the official added. The Union health ministry had issued a draft gazette notification regarding the same in June seeking comments and feedback from the public.

Based on the comments and further deliberations, the ministry is

in the process of finalising it. Manufacturers of 300 drug formulation products as specified in the Schedule H2 of the Rule 96 of Drugs and Cosmetics Act will be required to print or affix bar code or quick response code on its primary packaging or secondary package label that store data or information legible with software application to facilitate authentication

The stored data or information shall include particulars such as unique product identification code, proper and generic name of the drug, brand name, name and address of the manufacturer, batch number, date of manufacturing

and expiry and manufacturing license number. In the first phase, 300 drugs from top pharma brands having around 35 per cent of the total market share will be brought under this ambit and by December next year, all drugs may be covered

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Air pollution hits 4 in 5 Delhi-NCR families: Survey

The survey found that 80 per cent of the surveyed families have at least one member who is experiencing some kind of respiratory problem due to air pollution

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New Delhi, Nov 5: Four out of every five families in Delhi-NCR have claimed to have experienced pollution-related ailments in the last few weeks, according to a survey.

Meanwhile, 18 per cent of the total 19,000 people surveyed by LocalCircles have already visited



a doctor. The survey also found that 80 per cent of the surveyed families have at least one member

who is experiencing some kind of respiratory problem due to air pollution.

The responses were sought from the residents of Delhi, Noida, Ghaziabad, Gurugram and Faridabad with 63 per cent of respondents being male.

"Four in five Delhi-NCR (National Capital Region) families surveyed have someone experiencing pollution-related ailments: 18 per cent have already visited a doctor or a hospital," the survey mentioned.

Answering the question on the nature of the ailment, 80 per cent families said their members are "facing multiple issues due to the pollution", while 7 per cent denied having any issue at all due to the pollution.

Meanwhile, 13 per cent were said to be unaffected by air pollution as they are not living in

Delhi-NCR at the time. In effect, to avoid the impact of air pollution, some have temporarily moved out of the national capital region, while the majority of those remaining are paying a price - court ill health.

When a similar question was asked five days after Diwali, 70 per cent citizens had complained that someone in their family was experiencing the same pollution-related illness.

This number has risen by 10 per cent in a matter of five days, during which 13 per cent of the respondents have left Delhi-NCR temporarily. LocalCircles is a community social media platform that holds surveys on issues of governance, public and consumer interest.

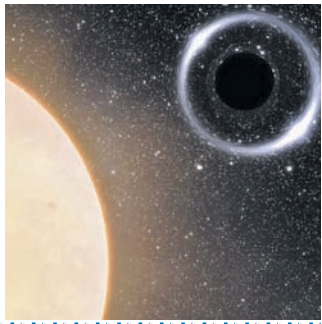
# international



**Americans think they can execute the plan they carried out in some countries like Syria and Libya here. What a false dream**  
EBRAHIM RAISI | PRESIDENT, IRAN

## CLOSEST BLACK HOLE TO EARTH

Astronomers have discovered the closest known black hole to Earth, just 1,600 light-years away. Scientists reported that this black hole is 10 times more massive than our sun. And it's three times closer than the previous record-holder



## of the day quote

We need to encourage more thinking about how it will end in order to get the idea that this needs to end, as opposed to increasing the military arsenal on both sides and the devastation to the population in Ukraine

MARY ROBINSON | CHAIRWOMAN, THE ELDERS

North Korea's staggering 59 ballistic missile launches this year are about more than advancing Pyongyang's military capabilities and seek to raise tensions and stoke fear in its neighbours

LINDA THOMAS-GREENFIELD | AMBASSADOR, US

Our aim is very clear: We, as the whole German government, want to implement effective climate policy, and we are making that clear with our determination to act

OLAF SCHOLZ | CHANCELLOR, GERMANY

## SHORT TAKES

### French far-right elects new leader

Paris: Jordan Bardella was elected Saturday to replace Marine Le Pen as president of France's leading far-right party, a symbolic changing of the guard that comes at a crucial time for the resurgent National Rally. Bardella, an ambitious 27-year-old and outspoken member of the European Parliament, won an internal party vote with 85 per cent support, according to results announced at a party congress in Paris. He becomes the first person to lead the anti-immigration party who doesn't have the Le Pen name since it was founded a half-century ago.

### Pak to get \$13bn from China, Saudi

Islamabad: Cash-strapped Pakistan has secured about \$13 billion in additional financial support from its traditional allies China and Saudi Arabia, Finance Minister Ishaq Dar has said, as the government tries to steady the country's weak economy. Dar said that under the new financial support Pakistan would be getting about \$9 billion from China and \$4 billion from Saudi on top of assurances for about \$20 billion in investments, the Dawn newspaper reported.

### Russian cafe blaze claims 15 people

Moscow: A fire in a cafe in the Russian city of Kostroma killed at least 13 people and injured five others Saturday, local authorities said. The governor of the Kostroma region, Sergei Sitnikov, said 13 people died in the fire and five more were slightly injured. Russian news agency Interfax cited local emergency officials as saying that the death toll stood at 15. The blaze erupted in the early hours after someone apparently used a flare gun, according to the authorities.

### Tornadoes hit US; one dead

Powderly: Authorities in Oklahoma say at least one person has died as tornadoes ravaged areas of that state and neighboring Texas, leaving some people trapped and dozens of homes in ruins. The twisters Friday destroyed large portions of the town of Idabel in McCurtain County, Oklahoma, flattening a church, restaurant and medical center. Officials confirm at least one death in that county. Meanwhile, 50 homes were reported damaged or destroyed in Lamar County, Texas, where at least two dozen people are reported injured, two critically.

## US MIDTERMS

# Biden stumps on job growth amid inflation fears

US Presidents have long trusted that voters would reward them for strong economic growth, but inflation has thrown a monkey wrench into the already difficult probability of Democrats' retaining control of the House and Senate

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Washington, Nov 5: President Joe Biden has notched an enviable record on jobs, with 10.3 million gained during his tenure. But voters in Tuesday's midterm elections are far more focused on inflation hovering near 40-year highs.

That's left the president trying to convince the public that the job gains mean better days ahead, even as fears of a recession build.

Economic anxieties have compounded as the Federal Reserve has repeatedly hiked its benchmark interest rates to lower inflation and possibly raise unemployment. Mortgage costs have shot upwards, while the S&P 500 stock index has dropped more than 20% so far this year as the world braces for a possible downturn.

Biden is asking voters to look beyond the current financial pain, saying that what matters are the job gains that he believes his policies are fostering. The government re-



ported Friday that employers added 261,000 jobs in October as the unemployment rate bumped up to 3.7%.

Roughly 740,000 manufacturing jobs have been added since the start of Biden's presidency, a figure that the president says will keep rising because of his funding for infrastructure projects, the production of computer chips and the switch to clean energy sources.

Yet the president is also warning that a Republican majority in Congress could make inflation worse by seeking to undo his programs and treating payments on the federal debt as a bargaining chip instead of an obligation to honour.

His challenge is that the party in power generally faces skeptical voters in US midterms and inflation looms over the public mindset more than job growth.

**America is reasserting itself — it's as simple as that. We also know folks are still struggling with inflation. It's our number one priority**

JOE BIDEN | PRESIDENT, US

"If you have a job, it's small comfort to know that the job market is strong if at the same time you feel like every paycheck is worth less and less anyway," said pollster Kristen Soltis Anderson.

"Inflation is such political poison because voters are reminded every day whenever they spend money that it is a problem we are experiencing."

As Biden tries to fend off fears that inflation is causing the country to slide into a recession, his chief evidence of the economy's resilience is the continued job growth.

"As we see the economy as a whole, we do not see it going into a recession," White House press secretary Karine Jean-Pierre told reporters in anticipation of the latest jobs report.

Going into the election, Biden and Democrats are already at a disadvantage. Voters generally favor the

### Trump eyes 2024 White House return

Washington: Kicked off Twitter and Facebook after his supporters marched into the US Capitol, Donald Trump eventually set up his own platform Truth Social, declaring in April 2022 after a stumbling launch: "I'm Back! #COVFEFE." Yet to concede his loss to Joe Biden, Trump is now signaling he will seek the White House again in 2024. And with midterm elections Tuesday, he is doubling down on voting conspiracy theories he has wielded ever since the 2016 election, which he won, and amplified since his defeat four years later.

party out of the White House in midterms, giving Republicans an automatic leg up. When Yale University economist Ray Fair looked at past elections, his model forecast that Democrats would get just 46.4% of the national vote largely because Biden was in the Oval Office.

### Five Indian-Americans in race for US Congress

Five Indian-Americans are in race for the US House of Representatives when the country goes for its mid-term polls November 8. If the pollsters and opinions of political pundits are any indication, Indian-Americans are likely to have a 100 per cent strike rate for the House of Representatives. The four incumbents — Ami Bera, Raja Krishnamoorthi, Ro Khanna and Pramila Jayapal — are likely to be re-elected. All four are from the Democratic party. Adding to the so-called Samosa Caucus of Indian-Americans in the House of Representatives would be entrepreneur and businessman Shri Thanedar, who is seeking his election from the 13th Congressional District of Michigan.

## Iran acknowledges sending drones to Russia for 1st time



ASSOCIATED PRESS

Dubai, Nov 5: Iran's foreign minister Saturday acknowledged for the first time that his country has supplied Russia with drones, insisting the transfer came before Moscow's war on Ukraine that has seen the Iranian-made drones dive-bombing Kyiv.

The comments by Iranian Foreign Minister Hossein Amirabdollahian come after months of confusing messaging from Iran about the weapons shipment, as Russia sends the drones slamming into Ukrainian energy infrastructure and civilian targets.

"We gave a limited number of drones to Russia months before the Ukraine war," Amirabdollahian told reporters after a meeting in Tehran.

Previously, Iranian officials had denied arming Russia in its war on Ukraine. Just earlier this week,

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Iran's Ambassador to the UN Amir Saeed Iravani called the allegations "totally unfounded" and reiterated Iran's position of neutrality in the war. The US and its Western allies on the Security Council have called on Secretary-General Antonio Guterres to investigate if Russia has used Iranian drones to attack civilians in Ukraine.

As he acknowledged the shipment, Amirabdollahian claimed Saturday that Iran was oblivious to the use of its drones in Ukraine. He said Iran remained committed to stopping the conflict. "If (Ukraine) has any documents in their possession that Russia used Iranian drones in Ukraine, they should provide them to us," he said.

### Satellite-carrying rocket launched

Iran's powerful paramilitary Revolutionary Guard Saturday launched a new satellite-carrying rocket, state TV reported, seeking to demonstrate the force's space prowess even as anti-government protests rage across the country. Iranian state TV said the Guard successfully launched the solid-fueled rocket — what it called a Ghaem-100 satellite carrier — and aired dramatic footage of the rocket blasting off from a desert launch pad into a cloudy sky.



Climate activists protest against environmental pollution from aviation at Amsterdam's Schiphol Airport, in Schiphol, Netherlands

REUTERS

## MILITARY MIGHT NK fires missiles as US flies bombers over SK

It marked the first time since December 2017 that the bombers were deployed to the Korean Peninsula

ASSOCIATED PRESS

Seoul, Nov 5: North Korea added to its recent barrage of weapons demonstrations by launching four ballistic missiles into the sea Saturday as the United States sent two supersonic bombers streaking over

South Korea in a duelling display of military might that underscored rising tensions in the region.

South Korea's Joint Chiefs of Staff said that the four short-range missiles fired from a western coastal area around noon flew about 130 kilometres (80 miles) toward the country's western sea.

The North has test-fired more than 30 missiles this week, including an intercontinental ballistic missile Thursday that triggered evacuation alerts in northern Japan, and flew large numbers of warplanes inside its territory in an



angry reaction to a massive combined aerial exercise between the United States and South Korea.

The South Korean military said two B-1B bombers trained with four US F-16 fighter jets and four South Korean F-35s jets during the last

day of the "Vigilant Storm" joint air force drills that wraps up Saturday. The exercise involved around 240 warplanes, including advanced F-35 fighter jets from both countries.

North Korea's Foreign Ministry late Friday described the country's military actions this week as an appropriate response to the exercise, which it called a display of US "military confrontation hysteria."

It said North Korea will respond with the "toughest counteraction" to any attempts by "hostile forces" to infringe on its sovereignty or security interests.

## Russia, China block plans for Antarctic marine protections

The reforms included an agreement on new protections for krill fishing and a commitment to meet in Chile next year to further discuss the proposal for the new marine protected areas, which combined would cover a swath of ocean larger than India

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Wellington, Nov 5: Russia and China have again blocked plans supported by the European Union, the United States and 23 other na-

tions to protect three vast stretches of ocean around Antarctica from most fishing.

But conservationists said there were some positives from a two-week international meeting on the future of Antarctica's pristine waters that concluded in Australia late Friday.

Those included an agreement on new protections for krill fishing and a commitment to meet in Chile next year to further discuss the proposal for the new marine protected areas, which combined would cover a swath of ocean larger than India.

Many nations have become frustrated at the ability of Russia — and, to a lesser extent, China — to effectively veto proposals, as the rules of the group require it reach



consensus before taking action.

The US, which has been trying to find common ground with China, laid the blame for this year's disagreements squarely on Russia, which the US said was under-

mining the group.

"Russia's repeated rejection of the best available scientific information amounts to an abuse of its commitment to participate in consensus-based decision-

making," the State Department said in a statement.

The Pew Bertarelli Ocean Legacy Project said it was pleased the group had managed to agree on some measures around krill fishing. The small, shrimp-like creatures are eaten by seabirds, penguins, seals and whales.

"While the krill conservation measure is a good first step, new evidence underscores that the best precautionary approach to Southern Ocean conservation couples ecosystem-based fishery management and marine protected areas," said Andrea Kavanagh, director of the Project's Antarctic and Southern Ocean work.

Finding consensus among the group called the Commission for the Conservation of Antarctic Marine

Living Resources has always been hard but has been exacerbated by Russia's war in Ukraine — which is also a member of the group. The meeting began last week with a mass walkout when the Russian delegates started speaking.

Kostiantyn Demianenko, who led the Ukrainian delegation, last week told The Associated Press that Russia had no right to be at the table.

"A state that kills the civilian population, destroys the air and ground civilian infrastructure of another country and defiantly violates the basic provisions of international law should definitely be limited in its right to participate in the activities of international organizations such as CCAMLR," he wrote in an email.



Overall, all things considered, including the risk of oil price, I do believe that the external situation will be manageable, of course with some anxious moments to come

**V ANANTHA NAGESWARAN** | CHIEF ECONOMIC ADVISER

## TATA CARS TO COST MORE

Tata Motors Saturday said it has increased prices of its passenger vehicles with effect from November 7. The weighted average increase will be 0.9 per cent, depending on the variant and model, the auto major said. The company has been absorbing a significant portion of the increased costs but the steep rise in overall input costs has compelled it to pass on some proportion through this minimal price hike, it added



## of the day quote

First thing is that India needs to have a lot of cybersecurity awareness programmes across the country, covering all - big and small enterprises, government departments and citizens

**NILESH JAIN** | VP (SOUTH EAST ASIA AND INDIA), TREND MICRO

We are focused on hiring diverse talent and provide opportunities across a wide range of teams and functions, both technical and non-technical, as we expand our presence in India

**NOEL GOGGIN** | CEO, CONGA

In what is seasonally a weak quarter for residential real estate, Mahindra Lifespace garnered ₹399 crore of pre-sales taking us to over ₹1,000 crore of residential sales for the first half of the fiscal

**ARVIND SUBRAMANIAN** | MD & CEO, MAHINDRA LIFESPACE DEVELOPERS

## Q2 EARNINGS

### BoB net profit skyrockets 59%

**New Delhi:** State-owned Bank of Baroda Saturday reported a jump of 59 per cent in its net profit to ₹3,313 crore for the second quarter ended September on the back of a decline in bad loans and rise in interest income. The lender had posted a net profit of ₹2,088 crore in the corresponding quarter of the previous fiscal. Its total income rose to ₹23,080.03 crore for the second quarter of 2022-23, compared to ₹20,270.74 crore a year ago, it said in a regulatory filing. Net interest income grew by 34.5 per cent to ₹10,714 crore. Net NPAs fell to 1.16 per cent from 2.83 per cent.

### Power Grid net profit up over 8%

**New Delhi:** State-owned Power Grid Corporation Saturday posted over eight per cent rise in consolidated net profit at ₹3,650.16 crore in the September quarter of FY23, mainly on the back of higher revenues. The consolidated net profit of the company was ₹3,376.38 crore in the quarter ended September 30, 2021, a BSE filing showed. The total income of the company rose to ₹11,349.44 crore in the quarter from ₹10,514.74 crore in the same period a year ago.

### DCB Bank net profit rises 73%

**New Delhi:** Private sector DCB Bank Saturday posted a 73 per cent jump in net profit at ₹112 crore for the quarter ended September 2022 on the back of reduction in bad loans. The bank had reported a profit of ₹63 crore in the year-ago period. Total income of the lender during the July-September quarter of FY23 rose to ₹510 crore against ₹421 crore in the corresponding period of FY22, DCB Bank said in a statement. Net interest income increased to ₹411 crore as against ₹323 crore in the same period of the previous fiscal.

### PPL net profit nosedives 71%

**New Delhi:** Paradeep Phosphates Ltd's consolidated net profit declined 71 per cent to ₹51.10 crore in the quarter ended September 2022 on higher expenses. Its net profit stood at ₹175.19 crore in the year-ago period. Total income, however, rose to ₹2,869.81 crore in the quarter from ₹1,937.61 crore in the corresponding period of previous year, according to a regulatory filing.

## TWITTER LAYOFFS

# 'Unfortunately, there is no choice'

New Twitter boss, Elon Musk, capped off his tumultuous first week by carrying out sweeping job cuts while complaining that advertisers have slashed their ad spending on the platform over concerns about how he will handle content moderation



- TWITTER POSTED A NET LOSS OF \$270MM IN Q2
- COMPANY IS LOSING \$4MM EVERYDAY: MUSK
- MUSK CONFIRMS \$8/MONTH BLUE TICK CHARGE
- AROUND HALF OF TWITTER'S WORKFORCE AXED

Twitter has had a massive drop in revenue, due to activist groups pressuring advertisers, even though nothing has changed with content moderation and we did everything we could to appease the activists. Extremely messed up! They're trying to destroy free speech in America

ELON MUSK | TWITTER BOSS

**New York, Nov 5:** Amid massive layoffs at Twitter across the world, including in India, and the subsequent backlash, the microblogging site's new owner Elon Musk Saturday justified the move, saying there was "no choice" when the company was losing millions of dollars daily.

The company posted a net loss of \$270 million in the second quarter ended June 30, 2022 compared to a profit of \$66 million in the same period a year ago.

"Regarding Twitter's reduction in force, unfortunately there is no choice when the company is losing over \$4M/day," Musk tweeted. "Everyone exited was offered 3 months of severance, which is 50% more than legally required," he added.

Musk has also announced Twitter will charge \$8 (around ₹660) per month from verified (blue tick) accounts - triggering intense

debate on the social media platform. "Trash me all day, but it'll cost \$8", he said.

Musk, the Tesla and SpaceX chief, is said to owe \$1 billion in annual interest alone to pay for a deal he tried to wiggle out from almost as soon as he made it in April.

Hundreds of employees were handed the pink slips at Twitter Friday as Musk, 51, started overhauling the social media platform which he bought for a whopping \$44 billion late last month.

Twitter has also fired the majority of its over 200 employees in India. Sources said the layoffs are across engineering, sales and mar-

keting, and communications teams. However, there is no clarity yet on the severance package to be paid to employees laid off in India.

The entire marketing and communications department in India has been sacked, the sources said.

Musk has blamed activists for a significant drop in the company's revenues. He, later Friday, appeared to threaten to expose advertisers that were withholding business from Twitter even though many have been public about their decision to suspend placing ads as they watch what the new Twitter owner does with the platform. "A thermonuclear name & shame is

## CENTRE RESUMES EXPORT OF SUGAR

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**New Delhi, Nov 5:** The government Saturday allowed export of 6 million tonne of sugar on quota basis till May 31, according to a food ministry notification.

As per the notification, the ministry has allocated a uniform export quota of 18.23 per cent of the three years average production of the sweetener in operational sugar seasons.

Sugar mills can export themselves or through exporters or swap with domestic sale quota of any other mills, it said. Sugar season runs from October to September.

"In order to prevent uncontrolled export of sugar or with a view to ensure sufficient availability of sugar for domestic consumption at a reasonable price, government has decided to allow export of sugar upto a reasonable limit with effect from November 1 till May 31, 2023," it said.

According to official sources, the first tranche of quota has been allowed only till May-end. Further allocation of quota for export will be decided based on the domestic sugar production.

Sugar production stood at a record 35.92 million tonne in the 2021-22 season. Maharashtra, Uttar Pradesh and Karnataka are the top three sugar producing states in the country.

## Cement cos mull hike of ₹10-30/bag

INDO-ASIAN NEWS SERVICE

**Chennai, Nov 5:** Cement companies are planning to hike the price between ₹10 and ₹30 per bag in November after an increase of about ₹3-4/bag last month, said Emkay Global Financial Services Ltd.

Emkay Global in a recent sectoral report said the average pan-India cement price increase was about ₹3-4/bag in October 2022.

On a month-on-month (MoM) basis, prices rose by 2-3 per cent in the East and South, and about one

per cent in the West; while declining 1-2 per cent in the northern and central regions, the report said.

"Cement companies are attempting price hikes of ₹10-30/bag across regions in November 22. Absorption of these price hikes will be uncovered over the next few days," said Emkay Global.

Industry volumes likely to have declined by a high single-digit YoY and a low double-digit MoM, in October 22, owing to a high base, as the festive season was spread across October-November last year.

## Gram Sabha organised by SBI

**Bhubaneswar:** A special "Gram Sabha" was organized by State Bank of India Nayagarh ADB branch and Regional Business office, Khurda November 4 at Gotsahi Gram Panchayat, Nayagarh to observe the "Vigilance Awareness Week" and percolate financial awareness among villagers. It was presided by Chandershekhar Sharma, Chief General Manager of State Bank of India, Bhubaneswar Circle. Satyanarayan Pradhan, MLA, Ranpur Constituency; Bhubadev Pradhan, Regional Manager, State Bank of India, Khurda region; Suresh Kumar Pradhan, Principal, Nayagarh Autonomous College; Lokanath Sahoo, Chairman, Odagaon Block; Kiran Hembram, SDPO, Sarankul and Dipti Ranjan Parida, Sarpanch, Gotsahi Gram Panchayat were among the other dignitaries. More than two thousand villagers, many farmers, SHG members, entrepreneurs, philanthropists, borrowers, teachers, students as well as many officials of the bank were present in the meeting. Sharma addressed the gathering and discussed the leading role of SBI in implementation of various government sponsored schemes like PMMY, PMEGP, SUI, PMFME, MKUY etc and sensitized them regarding various social security schemes like PMJBY, PMSBY, APY.



## OHPC holds Vigilance Awareness Week

**Bhubaneswar:** Odisha Hydro Power Corporation (OHPC), a Gold Rated State PSU, is observing the Vigilance Awareness Week-2022 at its corporate office and units situated at different locations of the state from October 31 to November 6. All the employees took the integrity pledge October 31. At the corporate office, all employees took the oath as administered by the Chief Minister of Odisha. On the occasion, an awareness programme was organised at the OHPC corporate office November 4. Anupama James, IPS, Superintendent of Police, Vigilance, Bhubaneswar division was chief guest for the occasion. Amresh Kumar, Managing Director; PK Mohanty, Director (HR) and other senior officials of OHPC were also present. The chief guest while speaking during the awareness programme, emphasized on the importance of corruption free environment at both individual and organizational level. Director (HR) in his inaugural address mentioned that OHPC strictly follows vigilance procedure in case of promotion, outside employment, NOC, passport, etc. The Managing Director spoke about importance of the vigilance awareness and how to deal with it.

## UNION BANK CELEBRATES VIGILANCE AWARENESS WEEK

**Bhubaneswar:** Union Bank of India, Regional Office Bhubaneswar has conducted 'walkathon' November 5 for observing Vigilance Awareness Week - 2022 at Bhubaneswar. The walkathon was attended by the Field General Manager Bhubaneswar Sarvesh Ranjan, GM, Regional Head Bhubaneswar; Satyaban Behera, DGM, Deputy Zonal Head; Sankar Hembram, DGM, Deputy Regional Head; Ashok Mishra, AGM, Regional Head Cuttack and Tushar Kanta Kar, AGM along with staff members from various offices and branches in and around Bhubaneswar. The walkathon started from Vani Vihar Square to IDBI Bank Square and return. In the event the officials of the bank took oath to follow sincerity and good practices at work.



# Ahead of COP27, world is burning more fossil fuels than ever

The IEA expects that demand for fossil fuels will peak within five years thanks to programmes like the EU's RePowerEU plan, the US Inflation Reduction Act and Japan's green transformation plan, which incentivise renewables. But despite these interventions, current emission pathways predict 2.6°C of warming by 2100 - well above the objectives of the Paris agreement

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**Coventry (UK), Nov 5:** The burning of fossil fuels caused 86% of all CO2 emissions during the past ten years. Despite being the primary culprits of global heating, coal, oil and gas were barely mentioned in the official texts of previous UN climate change summits.

That all changed at COP26 in November 2021, where the Glasgow climate pact was signed. The agreement contained the first ever acknowledgement of the role of fossil fuels in causing climate change. It also urged nations to phase out measures which subsidise the extraction or consumption of fossil fuels and

to "phase-down" coal power.

With COP27 beginning in Sharm El Sheikh in Egypt, it's time for a progress update. Unfortunately, it's not good news. The ongoing energy crisis - and the short-term responses to it by governments around the world - have made it more difficult to meet the pact's goals of ending the dominance of fossil fuels.

### The global energy crisis

The current predicament is probably the first of its kind in which prices for all fossil fuels have soared simultaneously. This has hiked electricity prices in turn.

Europe has had to rapidly adjust to Russia using its gas exports as



a weapon since its invasion of Ukraine. As the Kremlin cut pipeline gas supplies, European countries rushed onto the global market for liquified natural gas (LNG) and increased imports from traditional partners such as Norway and Algeria.

This has raised natural gas prices to dizzying heights and created a global scramble for gas in which Europe can outbid developing economies for essential LNG shipments, pushing countries like

Pakistan and Bangladesh deeper into crisis. To keep the lights on, some of these developing economies are resorting to the most polluting of all fossil fuels: coal. The International Energy Agency (IEA) expects that in 2022, global coal consumption will match its all-time high of 2013.

In the EU, demand for coal (primarily from the electricity sector) is expected to rise by 6.5%. If current demand trends continue, global coal consumption will only be 8.7%

lower in 2030 than what it was in 2021. To reach net zero emissions by 2050, this should be 32% lower. The Organisation of Petroleum Exporting Countries and its allies (OPEC+), most notably Russia, recently decided to slash oil production by 2 million barrels a day in a bid to hike oil prices. Although OPEC+ justifies its decision by saying that it is anticipating a global recession that could herald a replay of the oil price crashes of 2008, 2014 and 2020, the EU and US have slammed the move as politically-motivated.

To bring down high fossil fuel prices, governments globally are resorting to the very subsidies they agreed to phase out. These subsidies cut fuel costs for consumers by fixing the price at petrol pumps, for example.

After a noticeable dip in 2020, fossil fuel subsidies expanded in 2021. The energy crisis has prompted another sharp increase according to IEA estimate for 2022. In the past, developing economies were criticised for using these fiscal tools,

not least for subsidising fossil fuel burning. Any such criticism rings particularly hollow now as rich countries race to do the same thing.

Western leaders have also criticised China and India for buying more Russian oil and gas, financing Putin's invasion in the process. But since the start of the war, Russia has earned 108 billion (£94 billion) in fossil fuel sales to the EU alone, accounting for over half of the country's income from oil and gas exports.

While pipeline flows from Russia to the EU are down substantially, Russian LNG exports have actually gone up. Depressed demand for gas in China (due to ongoing Covid-19 restrictions) is the saving grace that allowed Europe to fill its storage tanks ahead of winter.

Simply swapping fossil fuel dependence from one exporter to another is bad for the climate and certainly does not make energy supply more secure and affordable. Rather than an energy price crisis, the world is grappling with a fossil fuel price crisis.

# Rohit & Co ready to fire

### INDIA FACE ZIMBABWE IN MUST-WIN GAME TO SEAL BERTH IN THE T20 WORLD CUP SEMIFINALS

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

Melbourne, Nov 5: Skipper Rohit Sharma will look to feast on a Zimbabwe bowling attack in his bid to play an innings that is long overdue in a must-win game of the T20 World Cup here Sunday.

With Virat Kohli in imperious form and other top-order batters such as KL Rahul and Suryakumar Yadav also playing impactful knocks each, the Indian captain (74 runs in 4 games) is in line to play one of his little gems on a ground where he has scored multiple white ball hundreds.

Rohit has been playing some good shots but save the game against the Netherlands, he hasn't fired much in other games. He is too good a player to not get those booming sixes going his way.

Exactly two weeks back, the MCG witnessed an epic Indo-Pak clash and an innings of a lifetime from Kohli but the match against Zimbabwe is no less important as a victory will clear the pathway to the last four stage.

In that context, the match against Zimbabwe is a must-win game for the Indian team, which is runaway favourites to pummel Regis Chakabva's side whose campaign started in style but tapered off towards the end.

Zimbabwe's batting hasn't exactly fired and against the current Indian attack, it would be difficult for them to put up a stellar show as Bhuvneshwar Kumar, Arshdeep Singh and Mohammed Shami have been on the money.

The only man in the Indian bowling attack, who would expect to put up a batter show than he has done so far is R Ashwin, who has been steady but not extra-ordinary.

A win will put India in pole position of group 2 but a loss might pave the way for Pakistan, who will go through to the semifinals if they beat Bangladesh in their last super 12 match with better net run-rate.

South Africa, who are currently placed in second position with five points, will also make it with a win against the Netherlands but if they lose and Pakistan win then the latter alongwith India will go through to the final four.



India skipper Rohit Sharma would like to get some runs under his belt before heading into the semifinals

If India finish at the top then they will face England in the semifinals. England's win against Sri Lanka Saturday ensured India of Adelaide trip to meet Jos Buttler's men.

While the Indian team has not tinkered much with the batting order, Axar Patel was dropped against South Africa because of the multiple left-handed players in their line-up.

With Craig Ervine, Sean Ervine, Ryan Burl and Sean Williams in the Zimbabwean batting line-up, there is a possibility that team management might once again use Deepak Hooda in the line-up like the Proteas game. However, the biggest threat for India will be Pakistan born Sikandar Raza, who is in the midst of a dream 2022 season and would like to finish the tournament on a high.

The other option will be to use Harshal Patel, the second seam bowling all-rounder, who can be used to keep the solidity of the lower middle order.

The reason why Yuzvendra Chahal, a bowler of immense calibre, isn't being played is because team management doesn't want the tail to be longer than it already is at the moment.

But considering that India, in all likelihood, could be facing England in the semifinal, Chahal could have been used as he has a good match-up record against the English batters.

Zimbabwe and India have never met in T20 World Cups over the years but a recent white ball tour of the African nation has certainly given the coaching staff enough data to figure out their strategy.

Although it was an ODI tour and India's top T20 players didn't figure in that series, the core of the Zimbabwe team is same. Had they won against the Netherlands, they could still have had an outside chance of remaining relevant in the competition.

But Zimbabwe have done one thing in this T20 World Cup and that is acting as party poopers for Pakistan, who are on the verge of elimination with South Africa playing the Netherlands in their last game.

# Upbeat India look to finish city leg on a high vs Spain



PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

Bhubaneswar, Nov 5: India will look to produce another attacking display and finish their Bhubaneswar leg on a high when they take on Spain in their reverse fixture of the FIH Hockey Pro League here Sunday.

Harmanpreet Singh and Co did a double on New Zealand when they rallied their way from a 1-3 deficit to outwit their rivals 7-4 in a high-scoring thriller here Friday.

India now have six points, same with Spain who have a match in hand, while New Zealand are yet to open their account in their 'mini tournament' of three teams. Having conceded two early goals, India roared back in style with goals from captain Harmanpreet (7th minute, 19'), Karthi Selvam (17', 38'), Raj Kumar Pal (31'), Sukhjeet Singh (50') and Jugraj Singh (53').

"Despite conceding early goals, our focus to stick to our game plan and surge ahead worked. I think every player played to his potential against New Zealand which ensured this result," Harmanpreet said after the match against New Zealand.

However, things might be a bit tougher against Spain, who had defeated India 3-2 in the first leg and the hosts will be itching to settle the score when they meet at the Kalinga Hockey Stadium again.

Spain will pose a stiff challenge and skipper Harmanpreet said they will need to stick to their own plans. "Playing consistently all through the four quarters was our main goal. We will need to play the same way against Spain who play defensive hockey compared to New Zealand and they can slow our game down," the India skipper said. "But we should just stick to

our plans."

Spain, on the other hand, have won both their games with a similar 3-2 margin and will brimming with confidence as they play New Zealand and India in the weekend in the second leg. "We will watch how they play against New Zealand today and come up with a strategy for Sunday," Harmanpreet said.

The nine-team Pro League 2022-23 has a 'mini tournament' format where three teams gather in one venue to play double-legged ties. Rourkela is the second and last venue in India where the world number five will take on Germany and Australia in the two double-legged ties in March.

India's final destination will be in Europe where they take on Belgium and England (in London) and Netherlands and Argentina in the Dutch city of Eindhoven in May-June.

# Performance graded meet hosted for Odisha athletes

POST NEWS NETWORK

Bhubaneswar, Nov 5: Odisha Government and Odisha Reliance Foundation Athletics HPC jointly hosted their Performance graded competitions, a unique competition with a primary focus to offer athletes both from HPC and outside, competitive opportunities to showcase their talent and evaluate their improvement.

As many as 289 enthusiastic boys and girls from across Odisha participated in the competition, which had a total of 16 disciplines and hosted at Kalinga Stadium.

James Hillier, athletics director of Reliance Foundation Athletics Programme, said: "As the years have progressed, we are seeing an increase in the talent that is coming through for the PGC's. What started as an opportunity for our HPC athletes to compete against themselves, to see this become a program that is enabling the development of athletes in Odisha and our athletes an opportunity to improve.

"We are also looking at PGC's as an opportunity for athletes to come and participate and de-

serving athletes to join the HPC program," he added.

The unique concept of performance graded competition introduced by Odisha Reliance Foundation HPC, is a significant departure from practice as it features athletes competing against each other entirely on the basis of their timings, irrespective of age or sex.

15 athletes from the Odisha Reliance Foundation Athletics High Performance Centre (HPC) also participated and produced some impressive results. 17-year-old Sabita Toppo, Odisha Reliance Foundation HPC athlete achieved a personal best of 13.98 in the 100M hurdles, going under the 14s mark for the first time in her career.

Sabita, who participated in the PGC, said: "I am feeling good that at the end of the year, at the PGC, I am still able to perform well and do a personal best. It helps me build a lot of confidence for the year ahead and for competitions as well. I could not have done this personal improvement without the support of the coaches, performance teams at Odisha Reliance Foundation HPC, and I want to continue to do better."

# Table toppers HFC pip Odisha FC

AGENCIES

Hyderabad, Nov 5: Mohammad Yasir's eighth minute header helped Hyderabad FC extend their lead at the top of the table, nabbing their fourth consecutive clean sheet in the process, as they edged past Odisha FC 1-0 in their Indian Super League (ISL) match at the GMC Balayogi Athletic Stadium here Saturday.

The deadlock was broken inside 10 minutes. Halicharan Narzary was twisting and turning on the left flank before whipping a cross past Meitel. The cross was headed into the bottom right corner by an unmarked Yasir in the eighth minute.

At the half-hour mark, the hosts were presented with a glorious opportunity to double their lead. Nikhil Poojary sprinted into the box from the right flank and opted for a lob towards Narzary instead of a low pass. The ball bounced right in front of the winger as his shot flew over the bar.

Odisha head coach Josep Gombau made one change at half-time as Pedro Martin came on to replace Diego Mauricio. Six minutes after coming on, the Spaniard dodged his marker before getting



Hyderabad FC players celebrate their goal against Odisha FC during their ISL match, Saturday

a shot on goal. However, the effort lacked power and was collected comfortably by the keeper.

Two minutes later, Nandhakumar Sekar crossed the ball in from the left before Jerry Mawihmingthanga's header was blocked by Akash Mishra. On the counter, Joao Victor slid the ball through to Hitesh Sharma but the midfielder could not keep his shot on target.

Ogbeche came on for Siverio

just before the hour mark. The Nigerian had a great opportunity to score in the 70th minute. His powerful close-range strike was saved by a diving Amrinder Singh.

Three points against the Juggernauts increased Hyderabad FC's lead at the top of the table. They are now four points clear of FC Goa in second place. The Juggernauts remain in third position, level on points with FC Goa.

# Minakshi, Preeti march into last 4

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

New Delhi, Nov 5: Indian pugilists Minakshi and Preeti registered contrasting wins to secure semifinal berths and assure themselves of medals in their maiden appearance at the Asian Boxing Championships in Amman, Jordan Saturday.

While Minakshi (52kg) defeated four-time Southeast Asian Games medalist Philippines' Irish Magno 4-1, Preeti (57kg) produced a spirited performance against Turdibekova Sitora of Uzbekistan to win her last eight bout 5-0.

Minakshi will face Mongolia's Lutsaikhan Altantsetseg while Preeti will take on Japan's Irie Sena in the semifinals November 9.

In the other quarterfinal, Sakshi (54kg) suffered a 0-5 defeat at the hands of the Tokyo Olympics bronze medalist Hsiao-Wen Huang of Chinese Taipei.

# Pramod in double gold contention

INDO-ASIAN NEWS SERVICE

New Delhi, Nov 5: Ace shuttler Pramod Bhagat is one step away from defending his double gold medal at the ongoing Para-Badminton World Championships in Tokyo, Japan.

Pramod, who is playing his seventh career World Championships, has won a total of five gold, one silver and three bronze medals in singles and doubles in the six championships he has played. Moreover, except for the 2007 and 2017 World Championships, Pramod has reached the finals in all the editions.

Saturday's exciting semifinal match was between Pramod and Japan's Daisuki Fujihara in which Pramod entered the final with a score of 22-20, 21-14. He will meet his countryman Nitesh Kumar in the final.



In the same way, Pramod and his doubles partner Manoj Sarkar went past the pair of Guillaume Gaily and Mathieu Thomas of France easily with a scoreline of 21-08, 21-16 and reached the final. They will meet

# Srikanth in semis

SAARBRUCKEN (GERMANY): Star Indian shuttler Kidambi Srikanth ousted World No.7 Jonatan Christie in the men's singles quarterfinals of the Hylo Open Super 300 here to stay on course for his first title in five years. The Indian World No.11, who last won a title way back in 2017, dispatched the Indonesian 21-13, 21-19 in 39 minutes to extend his head-to-head count to 6-5. Srikanth, who had clinched a historic silver at the 2021 World Championships, will face World No.6 Anthony Sinisuka Ginting in the semifinals. Anthony has a 3-2 head-to-head count against the Indian.

Indonesia's Ramdani and Ukun Runkandi in the final on Sunday.

On the other hand, World No.3 Sukant Kadam went down fighting in his semifinal match against Indonesia's Fredy Setiawan with a score of 20-22 and 15-21.

# Djoko, Tsitsipas enter Paris semis

ASSOCIATED PRESS

Paris, Nov 5: Novak Djokovic stayed on course for a record-extending seventh Paris Masters title by dispatching Lorenzo Musetti 6-0, 6-3 in the quarterfinals. Djokovic, who has titles in Israel and Kazakhstan this season, is chasing a record-extending 39th Masters title.

Djokovic next faces Stefanos Tsitsipas after the fifth-seeded Greek won 6-2, 6-4 against unseeded American Tommy Paul, who knocked out Rafael Nadal in the second round.

Earlier, top-ranked Carlos Alcaraz was stopped by unseeded Holger Rune of Denmark. In a match pitting 19-year-old former junior doubles partners, Rune was leading 6-3, 6-6 and 3-1 in the tie-breaker when the US Open champion Alcaraz retired, a few minutes after having treatment on an abdominal muscle at the changeover.

# WINLESS PEGULA TRIES TO SEE THE BRIGHT SIDE

ASSOCIATED PRESS

Fort Worth, Nov 5: Jessica Pegula dropped her head to the table in front of the microphone, smiling while hoping there might be a consolation victory awaiting the American in her WTA Finals debut.

The Buffalo native was New York honest about going winless in all three singles matches, capped by Friday's 6-3, 7-5 round-robin loss to Aryna Sabalenka, and taking an 0-2 doubles record into her finale with fellow American Coco Gauff.

Pegula also tried to remember the strong season that got her to Texas with a No.3 ranking, and made her and Gauff the first Americans to debut at the WTA Finals in singles and doubles since Lindsay Davenport in 1994.

"I keep telling myself I had such a great year, but that's the tough thing with tennis is you end the year really well and then I come here and I lose all my matches," the 28-year-old said.

"I mean, I don't think I've lost this many matches in a short amount of time, this is like the same amount in like three months or something, almost"

No.7 Sabalenka finished 2-1 in group play and advanced to the semifinals when fifth-ranked Maria Sakkari won the first set of the late match against No.2 Ons Jabeur. Sakkari is already in the semis.

Sabalenka, who didn't qualify for the semifinals in her WTA Finals debut last year in Guadalajara, knew a straight-sets

victory improved her chances of advancing.

The 24-year-old got it — and a fourth consecutive straight-sets win over Pegula — despite double-faulting three times serving for the match at 5-3. She did the same thing earlier in the second set.

Pegula had a chance to force a tiebreaker on her serve, but Sabalenka finished her off with a backhand crosscourt winner on her second match point.

The hard-hitting Sabalenka never trailed in overpowering Pegula from the start, finishing with a 26-13 edge in winners and five aces. Even with her attacking style, Sabalenka had fewer unforced errors, finishing with 23 to 26 for Pegula, who mumbled to herself after many of hers.

Pegula qualified for the WTA Finals on the indoor hard-court at Dickies Arena by reaching the semifinals in San Diego. Then a week before showing up, she got her first title of the season — and second of her career — by beating Sakkari in Guadalajara.

While saying she underestimated the difficulty of playing singles and doubles this week, Pegula didn't regret it. She and Gauff were eliminated after their second loss Wednesday. Gauff also is out of contention in singles with an 0-2 record.

American Desirae Krawczyk and Demi Schuurs of the Netherlands advanced to the semifinals in doubles with a 7-6(7-2), 6-3 victory over China's Xu Yifan and Yang Zhaoxuan.

