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ARIES

You will experience a profound connection with the cosmos today. And you will be very grateful to the almighty for showering his grace on you. Your love for your kith and kin deepens today, says Ganesh, and you will spend extravagantly on them.

TAURUS

You may feel suspicious about the people around you, feels Ganesh. You are also likely to emerge victorious in visa matters. You will take time to let your loved ones know how much you care for them. Have a positive attitude and it will win many hearts for you, advises Ganesh.

GEMINI

You will be seized by a desire to go on a trip with friends and family. This trip may have been some time in the planning as well. The day will be filled with fun and frolic and entertainment. Marital life will be blissful as well, says Ganesh.

CANCER

Though you work with dedication, you will be dejected as higher-ups do not fully appreciate your devotion. Don't take it to heart, says Ganesh, and suggests not to be sad. In the end, you will succeed with your firmness and boldness. By evening, you may have tense moments.

LEO

Your competitors will try to malign your reputation today. They will try to spoil your image and impression in front of others. You need to be courageous and nip their efforts in the bud. You need to delegate decision-making activities to others today. Your wrong decisions need to be buried by you, says Ganesh.

VIRGO

Ganesh says a turning point in life is important if you wish to understand it in a better way. You will excel in whatever you do today. Financial matters and relationships are on top of the priority list, but perhaps not in the same order. You will spend a lot of time praying to God.

LIBRA

Ganesh says that you will be a different person today, full of vigor and enthusiasm. You will be able to showcase your creative skills in your personal life and at the same time you will be able to go ahead in your chosen field and gain prestige too. You will have to make a decision about studying further in the field of higher education abroad.

SCORPIO

Elegance personified, you are loaded with compliments today. This may encourage you to do better work and have good equations with people. However, make sure your success does not go to your head and affect your work, warns Ganesh. Watch your words while communicating.

SAGITTARIUS

Upholding all that is right and just will be the high-point today. You will be in the right spirits to fight injustice and discrimination. The day promises to be as splendid as your will. Ganesh advises you to stand up and conquer all today.

CAPRICORN

It is always easy to lose mental balance when going gets tough, but Ganesh advises you to hold on to your patience as it will help you reach your destination. Don't enter into war of words with anyone at work as the conflicts may harm you very badly. On personal front, you will open up to your partner, and make him/her feel how important he/she is for you.

AQUARIUS

Today, you will decide to clean up the pile of files on the desk at work. Also, you will do everything that it requires to lighten the burden. Ganesh advises you to plan out your career wisely and set targets for the future.

PISCES

You are not too much of a money-minded person. Planning your finances for the future may not really be your cup of tea. You take every day as it comes. However, you will have an epiphany of sorts today and decide to become more serious towards life.



KIM, YE SETTLE DIVORCE, AVERTING CUSTODY TRIAL

Kim Kardashian and Ye have reached a settlement in their divorce, averting a trial that had been set for next month. The terms, the former couple have agreed on, including USD 200,000 per month child support payments from Ye, formerly known as Kanye West, to Kardashian.

JOE PESCI SUFFERED SERIOUS BURNS FILMING HOME ALONE SEQUEL

Actor Joe Pesci sustained serious burns on his head while filming a scene where his hat was set on fire in *Home Alone 2: Lost in New York*. The 79-year-old star reprised his role as criminal Harry in the 1992 sequel.



Nora sets stage on fire at FIFA fanfest

The 'Thank God' actress' performance makes her the only actor to represent India at the ongoing FIFA World Cup 2022

MUMBAI: Known for her immaculate dance moves, Nora Fatehi enjoys a huge fan base all across the world. The Toronto-born, 30-year-old, who has been part of some hit numbers like *Dilbar*, *Manike* and *Kusu Kusu* recently performed at the ongoing FIFA World Cup 2022 and left her fans in awe of her talent.

Dressed up in a shimmering number, Nora could be seen setting the stage on fire as she danced on her hit songs such as *O Saki Saki* (inset) and others. She could also be seen shaking a leg on the official FIFA World Cup 2022 and left her fans in awe of her talent.

Earlier, the performer took to her insta handle to share her excitement on being welcomed at the event and hearing her name being called out in the stadium. She wrote, "That moment when u hear ur voice at the world cup stadium @fifa-worldcup this was so surreal! Its milestones like this that make the journey so worth it. i Always envisioned moments like this, im Just a Dreamer with a hunger to make those dreams come alive! From a regular shmaggular girl in the hood to this! Believe in ur self guys, never let anybody tell you You Can't! Ur dreams are never too big! Many laughed at me at the start but we out here!! And this is just the beginning."



'Haven't looked for female-led movies'

MUMBAI: Nushratt Bharucha, who is currently shooting for her upcoming film, *Chhorii 2*, has another female-led film, *Akelli* in the pipeline. According to her, she hasn't looked for female-led movies.

Speaking to a news portal, Nushratt said that she has actually never gone out looking for a heroine-centric movie and it has always come to her. The actress added that she looks at a film as a film, and whether it has a male or female protagonist, she will be a part of it if it's interesting.

According to her, she has never made a conscious choice to work towards only female lead films. *Janhit Mein Jaari*, *Chhorii 2*, *Akelli*, all have happened organically. Her heart lies in the story of the film, when it comes to deciding on a film, Nushratt said.

Nushratt also discussed films with social messages and whether they are becoming overrated. According to her, it is about what the audiences like or don't like. If it does get overrated, people will stop wanting to watch such films. The actress added that there isn't a conscious choice that everybody should make a film with a social message. AGENCIES



Fatima looks euphoric in black

MUMBAI: Fatima Sana Shaikh can definitely be counted among the list of Hindi film industry's most fashionable A-listers. The actress can pull off any look, from glitzy gowns to super-chic casual attire, with ease. Her enormous following adores and admires her exquisite appearance and fashion sense. Fatima is the queen of donning creative attire in her distinct fashion, which looks wonderful and serves as an inspiration to many.

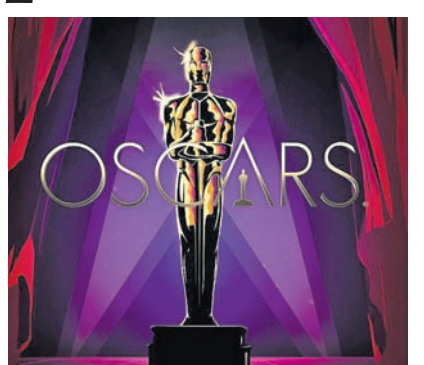
Whatever the *Ludo* actress wears, whether it is an expensive shimmering gown or an Indian traditional dress, she enchants. Her existence is ecstatic and she captivates with her earthly beauty. Fatima posted a photo of herself on social media looking strong in a black outfit. She chose a bodycon skirt with ruching and a v-shaped waist. The centre of the skirt includes a thigh-high slit, giving it a sensual edge. She matched her skirt with a black bralette that was embellished with silver chains and was studded with silver stones, giving the top a dazzling edge.

She chose a pair of arm gloves that matched her top as an accessory. Fatima also picked up a set of dangling earrings to match with the dress and let her mane open in curls. The bare makeup on Fatima, the pink lip colour, and the glistening eyes wonderfully complement the stylish outfit. AGENCIES

Oscars 2023 will include all 23 categories presented live on air

Los Angeles: All 23 categories will be aired during the Oscars 2023 telecast. Bill Kramer, CEO of the Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences, announced the news exclusively to *Variety* Tuesday. "I can confirm that all categories will be included in the live telecast," he said.

The news comes after eight different Oscar categories - original score, makeup and hairstyling, documentary short, film editing, production design, animated short, live action short and sound - were cut from the main telecast at the 2022 Academy Awards, leading to much outrage across the film industry. "We are committed to having



a show that celebrates the artisans, the arts and sciences and the collaborative nature of moviemaking. This is very much what the mission of the Academy is, and I am very

hopeful that we can do a show that celebrates all components of moviemaking in an entertaining and engaging way," Kramer told *Variety*.

Since his appointment in June, Kramer said he's had many conversations about restoring the missing categories. "We are thrilled to be in a position to execute that."

Jimmy Kimmel will return for the third time to host the Oscars. Kramer said he was excited to have the late-night host back. "I love having someone hosting the show who knows live television. I think that's so critical," he said.

The 95th Academy Awards will take place March 12, 2023, live from the Dolby Theatre at Ovation Hollywood.

The ceremony will be televised live on ABC and in more than 200 territories worldwide. AGENCIES



PEANUTS



CALVIN AND HOBBS

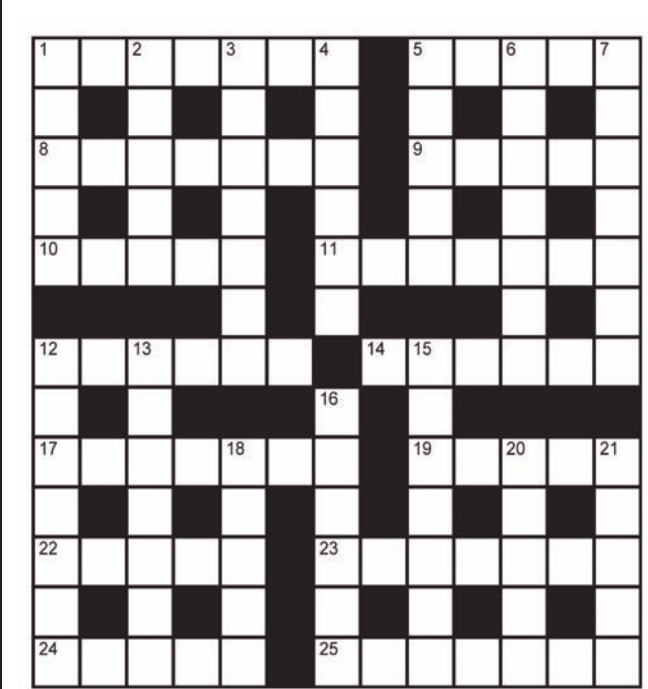


BREVITY



FUN post

CROSSWORD



- Across
- 1 Freeloaded
 - 5 Wears out the carpet?
 - 8 Like some diets (3-4)
 - 9 Excuse
 - 10 Rubberneck
 - 11 Resentment
 - 12 Fireside
 - 14 Minded
 - 17 Incarcerates
 - 19 Run-of-the-mill
 - 22 Duffers' hangouts
 - 23 Question substitute
 - 24 Emulate Cicero
 - 25 Stage background
 - 5 Big shrimp
 - 6 Coffee
 - 7 Agitated
 - 12 Spanish nobleman
 - 13 Lobster part
 - 15 Snippy
 - 16 Ledger column
 - 18 Matter of debate
 - 20 Bring together
 - 21 Skeptical
- Down
- 1 Irritates
 - 2 Old Roman port
 - 3 Farming season
 - 4 Depressing

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.

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SOLUTIONS

CROSSWORD

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SUDOKU

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CHECK FOR SOLUTIONS OF THE PUZZLES TOMORROW

SHORT TAKES

CM sanctions land, aid for Kulta Samaj

Bhubaneswar: Chief Minister Naveen Patnaik sanctioned Wednesday an amount ₹3 crore and an acre of land for construction of a dharmasala in Puri for the people of Kulta community. The proposed dharmasala will come up at Sunamuhna Mouza in Puri. It should be stated here that a delegation of Odisha Kulta Samaj comprising members from Boudh, Sonepur and Sambalpur districts had November 28 met the CM at his residence here and requested him to allot a plot of land in Puri for the lodge which will provide accommodation to devotees who visit the Temple town. Patnaik has directed the Puri district collector to identify land within a week and also see to it that work is completed in a year.

India's GDP growth slips to 6.3% in Q2

New Delhi: India's economic growth slowed down to 6.3 per cent in the July-September quarter of this fiscal, dragged down mainly by the poor performance of manufacturing and mining sectors, official data showed Wednesday. However, India remained the fastest-growing major economy as China registered an economic growth of 3.9% for the same period. The second quarter GDP growth is almost at par with the RBI's projection of 6.1 per cent to 6.3% released earlier this month in one of the articles published in its bulletin. The Indian economy grew by 8.4 per cent in July-September as per the data released by the National Statistical Office. **P9**

IRREGULAR by MANJUL



Of course, it is a fact-based movie. I myself have read those facts... on WhatsApp

MARKET WATCH

INDEX	VALUE	VARIATION
SENSEX	63099.65	↑ 417.81
NIFTY	18758.35	↑ 140.30
DOLLAR	81.67	↑ ₹0.08
EURO	84.4170	↑ ₹0.13
GOLD	₹52,532	↑ ₹224
SILVER	₹62,327	↑ ₹117

WEATHER

	BHUB	CTK
TEMP MAX	29.9°C	29.0°C
TEMP MIN	19.4°C	18.5°C
Humidity	72%	78%
Rainfall	0.0mm	0.0mm

Forecast: Dry weather likely

CM woos biz barons



Chief Minister Naveen Patnaik inaugurates state's third flagship investors' summit—Make in Odisha Conclave 2022— at Janata Maidan in Bhubaneswar, Wednesday

POST NEWS NETWORK

Bhubaneswar, Nov 30: Chief Minister Naveen Patnaik Wednesday inaugurated the five-day long Make in Odisha (MiO) Conclave 2022 at Janata Maidan here, in a bid to attract big investors to the state.

Before declaring the conclave open, Patnaik addressed the Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce and Industry (FICCI) national executive council meeting.

Stating that Odisha is fast emerging as a fulcrum of trade, commerce and industrialisation in eastern India and the Bay of Bengal region, Patnaik urged FICCI to promote Odisha as a destination of choice for the investor community through all of their channels.

The state will continue to work with the industrial organisation to continue to work together in the near future towards bringing in investment and prosperity to Odisha, Patnaik said.

"Through Mission Shakti, our goal is to empower the women of our state to be model entrepreneurs and leaders," he added.

The CM urged the FICCI FLO team, the women wing of FICCI, to work closely with the Mission Shakti department to develop strategies for further strengthening the entrepreneurship ecosystem at the grassroots while at the same time creating opportunities for local women entrepreneurs.

Over 11,600 delegations will participate in the conclave, which will continue till December 4. The or-

ganisers have successfully managed to line up 124 speakers and schedule 38 events spanning three days.

It was expected that some eminent industry captains like LN Mittal, Executive Chairman of Arcelor Mittal, Kumar Mangalam Birla, Chairman of Aditya Birla Group, Anil Agarwal, Chairman of Vedanta Resources Limited, Sajjan Jindal, Chairman of JSW Group, Naveen Jindal, Chairman of JSPL and TV Narendran, CEO&MD of Tata Steel will attend the MiO Conclave.

Representatives from partner countries of Japan, Norway and Germany are also participating in the business summit.

In the third edition of the biennial investment summit, the state is expecting investment intents of over ₹6 lakh crore.

City woman dies as truck hits bike

POST NEWS NETWORK

Bhubaneswar, Nov 30: A 54-year-old woman died and her relative suffered grievous injuries after their motorcycle was hit by a truck deployed by the civic body to transport waste near the dump yard at Dhirikuti Slum under Saheed Nagar police limits here, Wednesday. The incident took place when Sukanti Nayak, who hails from Berhampur and resides at Kalyan Slum in Gadkan area here, was on her way home pillion-riding with a relative.

"A truck deployed by the BMC hit the motorcycle from the rear. Sukanti, who fell off the bike, was dragged by the speeding truck for around 100 metres. She died on the spot," an official said.



Soon, locals placed the body on the road and staged a sit-in on VSS Nagar-Sainik School Road, demanding justice for the woman. Hundreds of vehicles remained stranded on either side of the road.

Later, Saheed Nagar police intervened and placated the agitators following which the protest was called off. They sent the body to Capital Hospital here for autopsy, it was learnt.

Agitating lawyers clash with police in Sambalpur



POST NEWS NETWORK

Sambalpur, Nov 30: Despite the Supreme Court threatening to revoke their licences, lawyers here clashed with the police at Kacheri Chhak locality creating tension in this town. Allegations and counter-allegations flew thick and fast as the situation seemed to get out of hand.

The lawyers have been demanding a permanent bench of the Orissa High Court here for some time now. However, the Supreme Court has said that it is not possible to have a high court at every doorstep and had expressed resentment at the agitation by the lawyers.

The agitating advocates said that the police tried to evict them from the spot and pulled down the temporary camps set up by them. They alleged that like every Wednesday, they were holding their agitations peacefully when the police unnecessarily used force.

On the other hand, police said that

they were compelled to take action after it was alleged that the agitating lawyers were trying to prevent the judges from entering the court premises forcibly. They said a number of judges were compelled to return home as they could not enter the court due to the protests.

Police tried to take the judges inside the court but the lawyers prevented them from doing so. They said that if the judges want to go inside the court then they would have to trample over the protesting advocates. In the ensuing scuffle, three lawyers were injured.

On being informed, Sambalpur SP, Battula Gangadhar rushed to the spot and talked to the lawyers and managed to diffuse the situation. However, large number of police personnel was deployed at strategic parts of this town to avoid any untoward incidents. The lawyers also held demonstration in front of some government offices. **Contd...2**

Govt clears 7 policies to attract investment

Decision taken to scrap 15-year-old vehicles to reduce air pollution

PNN & AGENCIES

Bhubaneswar, Nov 30: The Naveen Patnaik-led government has approved at least seven different policies to attract investment in the state and boost the economy. The decision regarding the state Cabinet approving seven policies and other decisions was announced Wednesday by Revenue and Disaster Management Minister Pramila Mallick in the Assembly.

The policies that have been approved were: Registered Vehicle Scrapping Facility Policy-2022, Industrial Policy Resolution (IPR) 2022, Odisha Logistics Policy 2022,



Odisha Apparel and Technical Textiles Policy-2022, Export Promotion Policy 2022, Odisha Civil Aviation Policy 2022 and Odisha Tourism Policy 2022.

The new 'Registered Vehicle Scrapping Facility Policy-2022' is expected to play a major role in reducing vehicular air pollution and boost manufacture in the automobile sector. As per the provision, all old vehicles that have completed 15 years will be scrapped. Vehicle owners will get incentives to buy new vehicles.

The Cabinet has also approved 'Industrial Policy Resolution (IPR)-2022' for next five years. This policy aims to transform Odisha into an 'Industrial Hub of Eastern India' by promoting industries in thrust and priority sectors of the state.

The 'Odisha Logistics Policy 2022' is also expected to create integrated logistics system to enhance competitiveness, operational efficiency and sustainability. The policy is expected to strengthen Odisha's position as a preferred destination for trade and commerce. **Contd...2**

HSRP deadline extended again

Bhubaneswar: The State Transport Authority (STA) extended Wednesday the deadline for affixation of High Security Registration Plate (HSRP) on vehicles having registration numbers ending with 1, 2, 3 and 4 by one month. Now the last date for registration will be December 31, 2022. The Odisha government has submitted an affidavit in this regard in the Orissa High Court. The advocate general appearing for the government told the high court that the HSRP slot booking capacity has been increased from 25,000 to 57,000 per day.

New method to generate power

AGENCIES

Mandi, Nov 30: A team, including researchers from the Indian Institute of Technology (IIT), Mandi, has developed a new material that can generate electricity from household light sources like LED or CFL.

The research paper, published in the journal 'Solar Energy', supports the internet of things (IoT) technology that is being increasingly used in mobile phones, smart homes, and other applications that require various kinds of real-time data.

These IoT devices are required to run independently without being dependent on electrical grids for power supply. Primary and secondary batteries are currently used to power such devices, the researchers said.

All batteries, irrespective of their kind, have a finite lifespan and are neither cost effective nor eco-friendly. Light-induced power generators are promising alternatives to batteries for powering such devices, the researchers



pointed out.

Solar cells use the light from the Sun to produce power, but since many of the IoT are used indoors, solar light is not an option. An alternative is to find methods to harness light from indoor lighting sources to generate enough power to run indoor devices such as sensors, gadgets, Wi-Fi routers, Radio-frequency identification (RFID) readers and many more gadgets.

The multi-institutional team has developed thin-film efficient photovoltaic cells that can generate power from any kind of light. These cells are based on 'perovskites'—a family of crystals that can absorb sunlight and generate power.

'Perovskites' have been studied for a long time for solar power generation.

The researchers explored new 'perovskite' materials that can be used to harvest indoor artificial light, and not just sunlight. "We have synthesised a photoactive quasi-cubic structured 'perovskite' material by incorporating Formamidinium (FA+) in Methylammonium Lead Iodide (MAPbI3) 'perovskite' material," said Dr Ranbir Singh, from IIT Mandi. "The fabricated 'perovskites' (PVs) demonstrated a photoelectric conversion efficiency of 34.07 per cent within indoor illumination conditions," he added.

The research presents a potential candidate for the development of photovoltaic material to capture the energy of indoor light using 'perovskites', the researchers said. Indoor light-induced power generation will be increasingly sought in the near future due to the exponential growth in use of smart devices in applications such as wellness and health monitoring and smart homes, they added.

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Discover the evolution of logistics operations and the way forward.

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- Role of Information Technology (IT) and the future of logistics
- Impact of CoVID-19 led pandemic on the sector and lessons learnt
- Regulatory or policy level revisions required by governments

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CEO, Bahwan CyberTek Group

Sri Subrata Barman
Leader, Transportation & Logistics, IFC

Sri (Prof) R P Mohanty
Chief Consultant & Former VC, S'O'A University

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ASPIRING ENTREPRENEURS' PARADIGM SHIFT

MAMITA MURDER CASE

Witness gets threats, records statement in in-camera proceeding

POST NEWS NETWORK

Bolangir, Nov 30: The additional district and sessions judge (ADJ) at Kantabanji in Bolangir district conducted an in-camera proceeding for a witness after he alleged of receiving threat from some persons regarding the much-hyped Mamita Meher murder case, Wednesday.

ADJ Himanshu Sekhar Mallick issued a direction in this regard and the statement of the witness was recorded in an in-camera proceeding.



Reports said that Gurdu Harijan of Mahaling village deposed in the ADJ court during the trial Wednesday as the witness no-9 in the Mamita Meher murder case. The prime accused in the case Gobinda Sahu was also produced in the court for trial.

While deposing in the court, Harijan submitted an application before the ADJ claiming that some persons have threatened to put him in trouble if he testifies against the prime accused Gobinda Sahu in the case.

After receiving the application, the ADJ directed to conduct an in-camera proceeding of Harijan and record his statement in the case.

A curtain was drawn between the prime accused Gobinda Sahu and Harijan so that they will not be able to see each other. Later, the statement of Harijan was recorded.

Earlier, police had said that the deceased Mamita Meher was burnt and buried inside the stadium in Mahaling village and collected some evidences after excavating the spot. Harijan, as witness to the seizure, had recorded his statement in the court.

and startups. The youth population consists of highly motivated students and young minds with diverse aspirations. Since time immemorial, the state has been a land of diversity, favoured with an assortment of various topographies, ethnographies and demographics. And with initiatives like such, we are very sure about the paradigm shift going to happen in the ever evolving startup ecosystem in the upcoming years.

We have a million problems, but we also have more than billion people to tackle those problems with real-time solutions. This Yatra is an ambitious and adventurous journey of discovery and transformation that takes thousands of highly motivated youths, from all over Odisha on an odyssey to be the next entrepreneurs of the state. The Yatra will pertain to a constructive evolution in Odisha's startup ecosystem.

The writer is Executive Chairman, Startup Odisha, Government of Odisha

ulty members, teachers and received a lot of traction on the ground level. Not only this, but also the huge numbers pouring in to participate in Van Campaigns and Bootcamps was a turning point in this 60-day long Yatra. The media coverage is an assertion to the buzz built up by the Yatra. The wide coverage helped us reach the masses and instilled a positive approach towards innovation and entrepreneurship among the reader communities.

To further deepen the culture of innovation and amplify the startup ecosystem, Startup Odisha is now conducting "Startup Xpress" to cultivate the essence of entrepreneurship across 30 schools in 15 districts. This aims to scout ideas from school students and support them in prototype development and innovation protection besides providing them with knowledge sessions on design thinking.

Odisha, the land of opportunities, has been ranked as one of the best destinations for businesses



bringing in demographic shifts and inspiring the next generation of women entrepreneurs. At least 40-50% of the ideas collected have been women-led and it's very evident that these ideas when turned into enterprises, will focus more on solving real-life problems in areas like technology, agriculture, air purification and water man-

agement. Ideas from the themes of agriculture, education, e-commerce, food processing, health, deep tech, fin-tech, energy-led, handicraft and apparel, and many more were pitched by the innovators of tomorrow at various Van Campaigns and Bootcamps. The Yatra created a wave of excitement among the students, fac-



DR OMKAR RAI

many small towns of Odisha. This implies how the Yatra has helped the youth to nurture their innovation and realise their passion of doing something for the state. The ongoing Startup Odisha Yatra has outreached more than 10,000 students and garnered 1500+ ideas from every nook and corner of Odisha. 100+ Van Campaigns have been carried out and the Bootcamps were in full swing to fetch innovative ideas from student entrepreneurs and grassroots innovators. What has inspired me is the number of student participation the Yatra has fetched. The Van Campaign outreached to 2000+ students at districts like Boudh, Deogarh, Kandhamal, Nayagarh, Bolangir and collected numerous ideas from student entrepreneurs.

Man hacks lover's brother to death

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

Jajpur, Nov 30: A jilted lover killed his girlfriend's brother and injured her father critically after they objected to his relationship with her in Jajpur district, police said Wednesday.

The accused has been identified as Biren Samal alias Santanu of Ransol village while the deceased has been identified as Jitendra Mahapatra of Bambilo village, the police said.

According to police, Samal came to Tarini Chhak in Kaliapani where his girlfriend's brother, Jitendra has a shop in the market and attacked him with a sharp weapon Tuesday. Hearing Mahapatra's scream, his father

Santosh came to his rescue, but Samal also attacked him, police said.

Shopkeepers of Tarini Chhak and locals present in the market overpowered the accused and brutally thrashed him before handing him over to the police. The accused was taken to the police station.

Police rescued both the injured persons and rushed them to Sukinda Community Health Centre where Jitendra succumbed to the injuries Tuesday night.

Later, Santosh was shifted to SCB Medical College and Hospital in Cuttack after his condition deteriorated, police said. According to sources, the accused had a relationship with Jitendra's sister.

However, her brother and father were against it as Samal was already married.

In an act of revenge, Samal attacked the woman's father and brother with a sharp-edged weapon, police said. Irrate over the incident, locals demolished the accused's house and set his truck on fire Wednesday. Later, they staged a dharna near Tarini Chhak, demanding stringent action against the accused.

Police have seized the body and sent it for post mortem after registering a case of murder.

"We have arrested the accused and further investigation is underway," said Kaliapani police station Inspector-in-Charge Susanta Kumar Dash.

Woman sets self ablaze over hubby's alcoholism

Rupsa: A woman allegedly committed suicide by setting herself ablaze following a tiff with her husband over his regular drinking habit at Taradabudhia village under Sadar block in Balasore district, Tuesday night. The deceased was identified as Reena Khanda, 21, wife of Shibananda Khanda. Shibananda sustained critical burn injuries while trying to save his wife. The couple had a fight over the issue Tuesday night. Enraged, Reena poured kerosene on her body and set herself afire. Seeing smoke billowing out of house, Shibananda rushed inside and tried to save his wife but sustained critical burn injuries in the process. Local people rescued them and rushed them to SCB Medical College and Hospital in Cuttack after primary treatment in a local hospital.

Secies hold review meet in Malkangiri



POST NEWS NETWORK

Malkangiri, Nov 30: Secretary of Works Department Vir Vikram Yadav and Secretary of Fisheries & Animal Resource Development, Suresh Kumar Vashishth visited Malkangiri Wednesday. They reached MV-3 BSF camp in a special helicopter.

They met Collector Vishal Singh, SP Nitesh Wadhvani and DFO Pratap Katapalli before leaving for

review of the ongoing construction work of an airstrip. They also took stock of the progress of works of an indoor stadium, a Covid Hospital and various other development projects. Later, the secretaries held a review meeting on progress of activities of Fisheries & Animal Resource Development in the district.

There has been provision of attractive subsidies for farmers preferring hybrid livestock farming. Vashishth directed field officials of the Fisheries & Animal Resource Development to ensure that schemes reach to the beneficiaries in time.

He underscored the need for holding district-level meetings of the fisheries and the livestock routinely so as to assess the progress of the schemes and action plans.

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Festivals like Sangai boost the local economy, and attract investors as well as industries. I am confident that it will become a gateway to development of the region

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The Reserve Bank of India in its industrial report had stated that Tamil Nadu has become the number one state in the country and that was only because of the steps taken by the AIADMK government

SHORT TAKES

2 Naxalites killed in encounter

Mandla/Balaghat (MP): Two Naxalites were killed in an encounter with security forces on the border of Balaghat and Mandla districts in Madhya Pradesh in the early hours of Wednesday, police said.

Court refuses bail to Nawab Malik

Mumbai: A special court here Wednesday refused bail to former Maharashtra minister Nawab Malik in an alleged money laundering case linked to a land deal in which fugitive gangster Dawood Ibrahim and his aides were involved.

Conman Suresh's close aide arrested

New Delhi: The Economic Offences Wing (EOW) of Delhi Police has arrested Pinky rani, close aide of incarcerated conman Suresh Chandrasekar, in connection with a ₹200 crore extortion case.

Three govt officials held for taking bribe

Jaipur: The Anti-Corruption Bureau (ACB) of Rajasthan Police Wednesday arrested three government officials for allegedly taking bribes in two separate cases.



About 1.25 lakh are under process and 1 lakh more have been announced. In such a situation, Rajasthan has become the leading state in the whole country in providing employment

LAKSHMI DIES OF CARDIAC ARREST A 32-year-old female elephant of Sri Manakula Vinagayar temple collapsed on the road and died Wednesday. Two mahouts were accompanying the elephant when it went out in the morning.



Bilkis challenges apex court order

New Delhi, Nov 30: Bilkis Bano, who was gang-raped and seven members of her family slaughtered during the 2002 Gujarat riots, Wednesday moved the Supreme Court challenging the remission of sentence of 11 convicts in the case by the state government.

- Bilkis Bano was 21 years old and five months pregnant when she was gang-raped while fleeing the riots that broke out after the Godhra train burning incident. Her three-year-old daughter was among the seven family members killed. The probe in the case was handed over to the CBI and the trial was transferred to a Maharashtra court by the Supreme Court. A special CBI court in Mumbai had January 21, 2008 sentenced the 11 to life imprisonment. Their conviction was later upheld by the Bombay High Court and the Supreme Court. The 11 men walked out of the Godhra sub-jail August 15 after the Gujarat government allowed their release under its remission policy. They had completed more than 15 years in jail.

"The enmasse premature release of the convicts in the much talked about case of Bilkis Bano, has shaken the conscience of the society and resulted in a number of agitations across the country," she said in the plea.

Referring to past verdicts, the plea said enmasse remissions are not permissible and moreover, such a relief cannot be sought or granted as a matter of right without examining the case of each convict individually based on their peculiar facts and role played by them in the crime.

Besides the plea challenging the release of the convicts, the gang-rape survivor has also filed a separate petition seeking a review of the apex court's May 13, 2022 order on a plea by a convict.

The top court had asked the state government to consider the plea for premature release of the convicts in terms of its policy of July 9, 1992 about deciding a remission petition within a period of two months.

A bench comprising Chief Justice D Y Chandrachud and Justice P S Narasimha was urged by the counsel for Bano that her two separate pleas, one challenging the remission and the other seeking a review of the apex court's direction, be listed for urgent hearing.

The top court took note of the submission by lawyer Shobha Gupta that Justice Ajay Rastogi, who was part of the bench which had heard other similar pleas against the remission, was now part of a Constitution bench hearing.

Bano, in her plea against the grant of remission which had led to the release of the convicts August 15, said the state government passed a "mechanical order" completely ignoring the requirement of law as laid down by the Supreme Court.



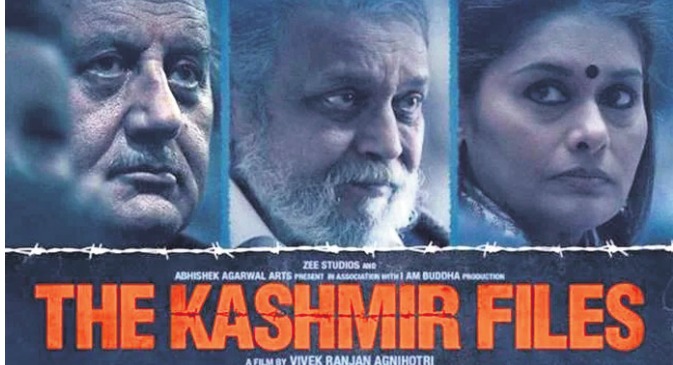
BOOSTING TIES: Indian and US Army personnel exchange greetings during a humanitarian and disaster relief exercise (HADR) amid the Indo-US joint exercise 'Yudh Abhyas' in Tapovan, Uttarakhand

'TKF' row: Israeli director stands by his remarks

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

Jerusalem, Nov 30: Unfazed by the widespread criticism of his comments against the Hindi film "The Kashmir Files", Israeli director and IFFI international jury chair Nadav Lapid said he stands by his remarks as he "knows how to recognise propaganda disguised as a movie".

According to the filmmaker, he felt it was his "duty" to speak his mind as the head of the international jury. "The truth is that I also couldn't help but imagine a similar situation that might happen one day soon in Israel, and I would be happy that in such a situation the head of a foreign jury would be willing to say things as he sees them. In a way, I felt it was my duty to the



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The award-winning filmmaker had called out "The Kashmir Files", which was screened at the International Film Festival of India (IFFI) November 22 under the Indian Panorama section, at the closing ceremony of the nine-day festival in Goa Monday.

The team of "The Kashmir Files", including writer-director Agnihotri, stars Anupam Kher and Pallavi Joshi, several BJP leaders including Goa CM Pramod Sawant as well as Israel's Ambassador to India Naor Gilon and Consul General to Midwest India Kobbi Shoshani panned Lapid. Sudipto Sen, one of the members on the jury, said remarks expressed by the Israeli filmmaker were his "personal opinion".

WhatsApp banned 23.24L Indian accounts in Oct

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

New Delhi, Nov 30: Instant messaging platform WhatsApp Wednesday said it banned 23.24 lakh accounts in India in October, including 8.11 lakh accounts which were barred proactively before being flagged by users.

The number of accounts blocked in October was about 13 per cent less than the 26.85 lakh accounts the messaging platform banned in September.

"Between 1 Oct, 2022 and 31 Oct, 2022, 2,324,000 WhatsApp accounts were banned. 8,11,000 of these ac-

counts were proactively banned, before any reports from users. An Indian account is identified via a +91 phone number," WhatsApp said in the India Monthly Report under the Information Technology Rules 2021 for the month of October.

The tougher IT rules, which came into effect last year, mandate large digital platforms (with over 50 lakh users) to publish compliance reports every month, mentioning the details of complaints received and action taken. Big social media firms have drawn flak in the past over hate speech, misinformation and fake news circulating on their



platforms. Concerns have been flagged by some quarters time and again over digital platforms acting arbitrarily in pulling down content, and 'de-platforming' users.

The government last week announced rules for setting up a grievance appeal mechanism against arbitrary content moderation, inaction, or takedown decisions of big tech companies.

According to the latest WhatsApp report, the platform received 701 grievances in September but took action only against 34.

The platform received appeal to ban 550 accounts but it took action only on 34 accounts. "We respond to all grievances received except in cases where a grievance is deemed to be a duplicate of a previous ticket. An account is ac-

tioned' when an account is banned or a previously banned account is restored, as a result of a complaint," the report said.

In addition to responding to and acting on user complaints through the grievance channel, WhatsApp also deploys tools and resources to prevent harmful behaviour on the platform, the report said. "We are particularly focused on prevention because we believe it is much better to stop harmful activity from happening in the first place than to detect it after harm has occurred," the company said.

More boys than girls being diagnosed with cancer: Study

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

New Delhi, Nov 30: More boys than girls with cancer in India are being diagnosed with the disease and the probable cause for this is gender bias in society, according to a study published in The Lancet Oncology.

The researchers collected individual data of children aged 0-19 years with cancer extracted from the hospital-based records of three cancer centres in India between January 1, 2005, and December 31, 2019.

They also used data from two population-based cancer registries: PBCRs in Delhi between January 1, 2005, and December 31, 2014 and Madras Metropolitan Tumour

Registry between January 1, 2005 and December 31, 2017.

The researchers from All India Institute of Medical Sciences, New Delhi and Cancer Institute (WIA) Chennai calculated the male to female sex ratio from the three hospitals in the context of the ratio in the corresponding PBCRs.

This ratio allowed them to see how many boys with cancer were seeking treatment for each girl seeking treatment.

The team separately analysed the male to female ratios of patients undergoing stem cell transplant which is a comparatively expensive procedure used in cancer care.

"We observed that among nearly 11,000 patients registered in the



PBCRs, there was significant skew in favour of boys for getting diagnosed with cancer. Similarly, among the 22,000 children with

cancer enrolled in the three hospitals, we saw that more boys were seeking treatment than girls," said Professor Sameer Bakhshi, from

THE RESEARCHERS NOTED THAT LESSER GIRLS WERE SEEKING TREATMENT IN HOSPITALS IN CENTRES IN NORTHERN INDIA AS COMPARED TO SOUTHERN INDIA

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tios at diagnosis, the skew in sex ratios was no longer apparent. This tells us that the bias towards boys originates at the community level. Once children are brought forward and diagnosed, there is no further gender bias in seeking treatment," Bakhshi, the corresponding author of the study, told PTI.

The study also found that lesser number of girls were coming to the hospital if the distance of the centre from their home was over 100 kilometers, signifying that if costs related to treatment increase, the bias would likely increase.

The researchers observed that the male to female ratios in Delhi have been improving over the last 15 years.

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of the **quote**

Russia and its oligarchs have to compensate Ukraine for the damage and cover the costs for rebuilding the country. We have the means to make Russia pay



URSULA VON DER LEYEN | PRESIDENT, EUROPEAN COMMISSION

(The ruling) Awami League never ever pampers terrorism and it never allows the use of Bangladesh soil for the purpose



SHEIKH HASINA | PM, BANGLADESH

I don't have sympathy for Mr Assange's actions on a whole range of matters, but...You have to reach a point whereby what is the point of...Continuing this legal action which could be caught up now for many years into the future?



ANTHONY ALBANESE | PM, AUSTRALIA

SHORT TAKES

Ex-Chinese Prez Zemin dies at 96

Beijing: Former Chinese President Jiang Zemin, who led the country for a decade of rapid economic growth after the Tiananmen crackdown in 1989, died Wednesday at the age of 96, Chinese state media reported. Jiang died in his home city of Shanghai just after noon on Wednesday of leukaemia and multiple organ failure, Xinhua news agency said, publishing a letter to the Chinese people by the ruling Communist Party, parliament, Cabinet and the military.

16 killed, 24 hurt in Afghan blast

Kabul: At least 16 people were killed and 24 others wounded Wednesday by a blast at a madrassa in Afghanistan's northern city of Aybak, a doctor at a local hospital said. There have been dozens of blasts and attacks targeting civilians since the Taliban returned to power in August last year, most claimed by the local chapter of the Islamic State group. A doctor in Aybak, about 200 kilometres (130 miles) north of the capital Kabul, said the casualties were mostly youngsters.

Jeffries first Black Democrat leader

Washington: Hakeem Jeffries was elected Wednesday to become the Democratic Party's top leader in the US House of Representatives beginning in January, making him the first Black American to hold such a high-ranking position in Congress. The vote by Jeffries' fellow Democrats also marked the rise of a younger generation of leaders in the 435-member House and the end of the Nancy Pelosi era. In 2007 she became the first woman to be elected House speaker.

LANDMARK DECISION

US Senate okays same-sex marriage protection Bill

In the US, same-sex unions have been guaranteed by the SC since 2015. But after the court's historic overturning of a longstanding ruling protecting the right to abortion in June, many progressives feared that same-sex marriage may also be under threat

AGENCE FRANCE-PRESSE

Washington, Nov 30: The US Senate passed a landmark bill Tuesday protecting same-sex marriage, as lawmakers from both parties moved to forestall the possibility of the conservative-led Supreme Court taking away this right as it did with abortion. The Senate's 61-36 vote sends the bill back to the House of Representatives, which is expected

China flags US interference in its relationship with India

TIES BETWEEN INDIA AND CHINA HAVE NOSEDIVED SINCE THE WORST BORDER CLASHES BETWEEN THEM IN 45 YEARS KILLED 20 INDIAN AND FOUR CHINESE SOLDIERS

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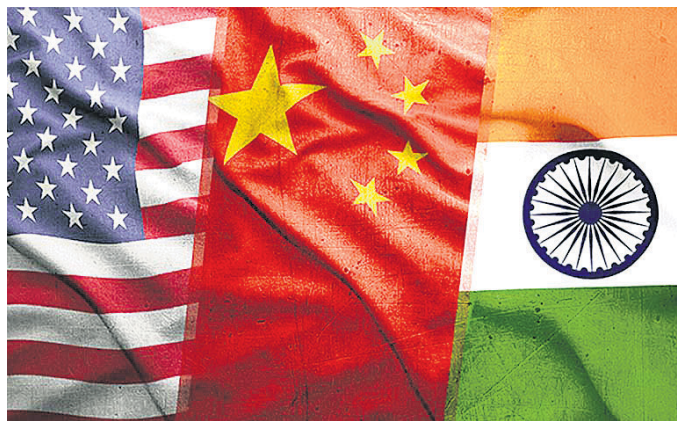
New Delhi, Nov 30: China has warned the United States to not interfere in its relationship with India following deadly border skirmishes between the Asian giants in 2020, the Pentagon said in a report.

India is part of the so-called Quad alliance with the United States, Japan and Australia that aims to keep China's influence in the Indo-Pacific region in check.

"Throughout the standoff, PRC officials sought to downplay the severity of the crisis, emphasizing Beijing's intent to preserve border stability and prevent the standoff from harming other areas of its bilateral relationship with India," the US Department of Defense said in a report to Congress released Tuesday, referring to the People's Republic of China.

"The PRC seeks to prevent border tensions from causing India to partner more closely with the United States. PRC officials have warned US officials to not interfere with the PRC's relationship with India."

Chinese foreign ministry spokesperson Zhao Lijian did not mention the Pentagon report during a daily news conference



China decries India-US drills near LAC

Beijing: China Wednesday said it was opposed to the joint Indo-US military exercises being held near the Line of Actual Control (LAC), asserting that it violates the spirit of the two border agreements signed between New Delhi and Beijing. The 18th edition of the India-US joint military exercise 'Yudh Abhyas' is currently underway in Uttarakhand, about 100 km from the Line of Actual Control (LAC). It aims to enhance interoperability and share expertise between both armies in peacekeeping and disaster relief operations. The nearly two-week exercise began earlier this month. "The joint military exercise between India and the US close to the LAC at the China-India border violates the spirit of the agreement between China and India in 1993 and 1996," Chinese Foreign Ministry spokesman Zhao Lijian told a media briefing here. "It does not serve the mutual trust between China and India", he said in response to a question posed by a correspondent from Pakistan. The Chinese Foreign Ministry's reference to the 1993 and 1996 agreements is interesting as India termed the People's Liberation Army's (PLA) attempts to move a large number of troops to the disputed areas in the LAC in eastern Ladakh in May 2020 violated the bilateral agreements which state that the boundary question is resolved through peaceful and friendly consultations.

Wednesday. He said, however, this month's US-Indian joint military exercises not very far from the Chinese border, in the northern Indian state of Uttarakhand, were "not conducive to the trust between India and China".

Brahma Chellaney, a defence and strategic affairs analyst in New Delhi, said China was able

to "advance its interests" by playing down its military stand on its Himalayan frontier while shielding other areas of its relationship with India.

"Downplaying its aggression, ironically, also aids India's efforts to save face," he said on Twitter, referring to criticism within India about its response to China.

SK scrambles jets as China, Russia warplanes enter air defence zone



REUTERS

Seoul, Nov 30: South Korea's military said it scrambled fighter jets as two Chinese and six Russian warplanes entered its air defence zone Wednesday.

The two Chinese H-6 bombers repeatedly entered and left the Korea Air Defence Identification Zone (KADIZ) off South Korea's southern and northeast coasts starting at around 5:50 am (2050 GMT) Tuesday, Seoul's Joint Chiefs of Staff (JCS) said.

They re-entered the zone hours later from the Sea of Japan, known in South Korea as the East Sea, together with the Russian warplanes, including TU-95 bombers and SU-35 fighter jets, and left after 18 minutes in the KADIZ, the JCS said.

"Our military dispatched air force fighter jets ahead of the Chinese and Russian aircraft's entry of the KADIZ to implement tactical measures in preparation for a potential contingency," the JCS said in a statement.

The planes did not violate South

Japan's Air Self Defence Force also scrambled fighter jets after the Chinese bombers flew from the East China Sea into the Sea of Japan, where they were joined by two Russian drones

Korea's airspace, it said.

An air defence zone is an area where countries demand that foreign aircraft take special steps to identify themselves. Unlike a country's airspace - the air above its territory and territorial waters - there are no international rules governing air defence zones.

Moscow does not recognise Korea's air defence zone. Beijing said the zone is not territorial airspace and all countries should enjoy freedom of movement there. China and Russia have previously said their warplanes were conducting regular joint exercises.

In August, the JCS reported Russian warplanes entering the KADIZ, three months after Chinese and Russian aircraft made an incursion in May that was the first after South Korean President Yoon Suk-yeol took office.



Members of the Cargo Truckers' Solidarity Union stage a rally against the government's return-to-work order on cement truckers in Uiwang, South Korea

Putin is failing in his brutal war of aggression in Ukraine and is responding with more brutality

JENS STOLTENBERG | SECRETARY GENERAL, NATO

HIGH LIFE OVER SPIRITUALITY

A Buddhist temple in central Thailand has been left without monks after all its holy men failed drug tests and were defrocked, a local official said. Four monks including an abbot at a temple in Phetchabun province's Bung Sam Phan district tested positive for methamphetamine



WAR ON MULTIPLE FRONTS

NATO seeks to shore up Russia's neighbours

MOLDOVA, GEORGIA AND BOSNIA ARE ALL "FACING PRESSURE FROM RUSSIA"

REUTERS

Kyiv, Nov 30: Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy said Russian forces were trying to advance in the northeast and east and "planning something" in the south, while NATO sought Wednesday to reassure other countries that fear destabilisation from Moscow.

Ukraine's General Staff said its forces had repelled six Russian attacks in the past 24 hours in the eastern Donbas region, while Russian artillery had relentlessly shelled the right bank of the Dnipro River and Kherson city further south.

Winter weather has hampered fighting on the ground, and Zelenskyy has told Ukrainians to expect a major Russian barrage this week on Ukraine's stricken electricity infrastructure, which Moscow has pounded roughly weekly since early October.

He said the Russian military was attacking the Donbas regions of Donetsk and Luhansk in the east as well as Kharkiv in the north-east, where Ukraine pushed back Russian forces in September.

"The situation at the front is difficult," he said in his nightly video address. "Despite extremely large losses, the occupiers are still trying to advance" in Donetsk, Luhansk and Kharkiv. And "they are planning something in the south," he said, without elaborating.

Foreign ministers from the NATO alliance, including US Secretary of State Antony Blinken, were set to focus on helping fragile countries concerned about their



NATO says Moscow is using winter as 'weapon of war'

Ukraine asks NATO allies for more air defences, generators

Zelenskyy says Russia plans moves in south

Russian official says Ukraine attacks cause some power cuts

own stability amid an energy crisis prompted by the Ukraine war

PATRIOTS

The ministers began their two-day meeting in Bucharest Tuesday with pledges both to help Ukrainians cope with what the defence alliance's chief said was Moscow using winter weather as "a weapon of war" and to help sustain Kyiv's military campaign.

"In a nutshell: Patriots (missile defence systems) and transformers (for our energy needs) are what Ukraine needs the most," Ukrainian Foreign Minister Dmytro Kuleba told reporters on the sidelines of the NATO meeting.

Former Russian president Dmitry Medvedev, now deputy head of Moscow's security council and a prominent hawk, warned NATO against providing Ukraine with Patriot systems and denounced the Atlantic alliance as a "criminal entity" for delivering arms to what he called "Ukrainian fanatics."

ANTI-VIRUS STIRS

China pledges strict action after largest protests in decades

ASSOCIATED PRESS

Beijing, Nov 30: China's ruling Communist Party has vowed to "resolutely crack down on infiltration and sabotage activities by hostile forces," following the largest street demonstrations in decades staged by citizens fed up with strict anti-virus restrictions.

The statement from the Central Political and Legal Affairs Commission released late on Tuesday comes amid a massive show of force by security services to deter a recurrence of the protests that broke out over the weekend in Beijing, Shanghai, Guangzhou and several other cities.

While it did not directly address the protests, the statement serves as a reminder of the party's determination to enforce its rule.

Hundreds of SUVs, vans and armoured vehicles with flashing lights were parked along city streets Wednesday while police and paramilitary forces conducted random ID checks and searched people's mobile phones for photos, banned apps or other potential evidence that they had taken part in the demonstrations. The number of people who have been detained at the demonstrations and in follow-up police actions is not known.

The commission's statement, issued after an expanded session Monday presided over by its head Chen Wenqing, a member of the party's 24-member Politburo, said the meeting aimed to review the outcomes of October's 20th party congress. At that event, Xi granted himself a third five-year term as secretary general, potentially making him China's leader for life, while stacking key bodies with loyalists and eliminating opposing voices.



after the court's historic overturning of a longstanding ruling protecting the right to abortion in June, many progressives feared that same-sex marriage may also be under threat.

Democrats have worked with urgency to get the bill passed while they still control Congress. They held on to the Senate in this month's mid-term elections but lost the House to the

With today's bipartisan Senate passage of the Respect for Marriage Act, the United States is on the brink of reaffirming a fundamental truth: love is love, and Americans should have the right to marry the person they love

JOE BIDEN | PRESIDENT, US

Republicans, although the latter eked out a much thinner majority than they had expected. So when the new Congress takes power in January, gridlock is expected.

The bill passed Tuesday does not require states to legalize same-sex marriage. But it repeals previous legislation defining marriage as a union between a man and

a woman, and does require states to recognize same-sex marriages from other states.

So if the Supreme Court were to overturn the 2015 ruling that legalized same-sex marriages, a state that bans them will still have to recognize such unions carried out in other states. The bill also applies to inter-racial marriages.

"Today's vote is deeply personal for many of us in this chamber," said Schumer, who wore the same tie he had on at his lesbian daughter's wedding. A similar bill was already passed in June by the House of Representatives. All the chamber's Democrats voted in favor, along with 47 Republicans. The new vote in the House is needed to reconcile the two bills but this is seen as a formality.

business

of the day quote

Almost 70 countries in the world are facing a debt crisis. We have the challenge of a global supply chain which is disrupted. You have the challenge of climate action. But every crisis is also an opportunity. And to my mind, this is a huge opportunity for India
AMITABH KANT | CEO SHERPA, INDIA

Our vision is to double the contribution of MSME sector to India's economy by realising its full potential. We will resolve internal bottlenecks towards this objective
BHANU PRATAP SINGH VERMA | UNION MINISTER

We have been making products in India and shipping them to the US. The idea behind the acquisition was to double down on that, specifically down on renewables as a category which in this case is solar and be closer to the customers
AMRIT ACHARYA | CO-FOUNDER AND CEO, ZETWERK

SHORT TAKES

Toyota Kirloskar VC Vikram dies
New Delhi: Toyota Kirloskar Motor Vice Chairman Vikram S Kirloskar has died due to a heart attack, the automaker said Wednesday. He was 64. "We are extremely saddened to inform the untimely demise of Vikram S Kirloskar, Vice Chairman, Toyota Kirloskar Motor on 29th November 2022. At this time of grief, we request everyone to pray that his soul rests in peace," the company said in a statement.

Investment by P-notes swells
New Delhi: Investment in the Indian capital markets through participatory notes rose to ₹97,784 crore at the end of October, the highest in a year. This was also the third consecutive monthly increase in investments through such a route. Participatory notes (P-notes) are issued by registered foreign Portfolio Investors (FPIs) to overseas investors who wish to be part of the Indian stock market without registering themselves directly. They, however, need to go through a due diligence process. October P-notes investment level was the highest since October 2021, when investment through this route stood at ₹1.02 lakh crore.

Discoms' dues dip in last 6 months
New Delhi: The Ministry of Power Wednesday said outstanding dues of electricity distribution firms (discoms) towards genscos, transcos and traders have come down by ₹ 24,680 crore to ₹1,13,269 crore in the last six months. The total outstanding dues of states (discoms) which were at ₹1,37,949 crore as on June 3, 2022 have been reduced by ₹24,680 crore to ₹1,13,269 crore with timely payment of just four EMIS (equated monthly installments), it stated.

Tata plans to buy Wistron's facility
Bangalore: Tata Group is in talks to buy Wistron Corp's only manufacturing facility in India for up to ₹50 billion (\$612.6 million), the Economic Times business daily reported Wednesday, citing people familiar with the discussions. If it fails to strike a deal to buy the facility in the southern Indian state of Karnataka, Tata could consider a joint venture with Taiwan's Wistron - one of Apple Inc's top vendors in India - the report said, citing sources close to Tata.



Government has set a target that in this (digital economy) we should be easily crossing 1 crore jobs in the coming two years without any doubt
ASHWINI VAISHNAW | MINISTER FOR IT AND COMMUNICATIONS

GDP slips to 6.3% in Q2

India GDP growth halves in second quarter from first quarter but remained the fastest-growing major economy



Even as domestic growth drivers on services side continue to remain robust, weakening global demand amid tightening financial conditions remains the key risk for growth outlook for India
GARIMA KAPOOR | ECONOMIST, ELARA CAPITAL

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New Delhi, Nov 30: India's economic growth slowed down to 6.3 per cent in the July-September quarter of this fiscal, dragged down mainly by the poor performance of manufacturing and mining sectors, official data showed Wednesday. However, India remained the fastest-growing major economy as China registered an economic growth of 3.9 per cent in July-September 2022. The Indian economy grew by 8.4 per cent in July-September, 2021-22, as per the data released by the National Statistical Office (NSO). The gross domestic product (GDP) expanded by 13.5 per cent in the April-June quarter this fiscal. The second quarter GDP growth is almost at par with the RBI's projection of 6.1 per cent to 6.3 per cent released earlier this month in one of the articles published in its bulletin. "Real GDP or GDP at Constant

(2011-12) Prices in Q2 2022-23 is estimated at ₹38.17 lakh crore, as against ₹35.89 lakh crore in Q2 2021-22, showing a growth of 6.3 per cent as compared to 8.4 per cent in Q2 2021-22," the NSO said. The real GDP in absolute terms stood at ₹38.10 lakh crore in the July-September quarter of 2020. It had contracted by 6.6 per cent in the second quarter of 2020-21 on account of the staggering impact of lockdown restrictions to curb the spread of coronavirus. As per the data, Gross Value Added (GVA) grew by 5.6 per cent to ₹35.05 lakh crore in July-September this year. The GVA growth in the farm sector is 4.6 per cent in the second quarter compared to 3.2 per cent a year ago. However, the GVA in the manufacturing sector contracted 4.3 per cent during the quarter from 5.6 per cent growth during the year-ago period. GVA in mining also declined by 2.8 per cent in the quarter com-

On track to achieve 6.8-7% GDP: CEA

The Indian economy is on track to achieve a 6.8-7 per cent GDP growth in the current fiscal, Chief Economic Advisor V Anantha Nageswaran said Wednesday. He said the economic recovery momentum is continuing and the GDP is averaging the 2019-20 level. "In 2022-23, the economy is on track to reach a 6.8-7 per cent growth in the current fiscal," he said, adding festival sales, PMI, bank credit growth and auto sales data shows that the economy has maintained momentum despite global headwinds. The IMF has projected Indian economy to grow at 6.8 per cent this fiscal, while the RBI has pegged it at 7 per cent.

Core output growth slows to 20-month low of 0.1% in Oct

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

New Delhi, Nov 30: The growth rate in the production of eight key sectors slowed down to a 20-month low of 0.1 per cent in October on account of contraction in the output of crude oil, natural gas, refinery products, and cement, according to the official data released Wednesday.

In October last year, these sectors expanded by 8.7 per cent. In September this year, the core sectors' output growth stood at 7.8 per cent. Last time it was in February 2021, when the eight infrastructure sectors - coal, crude oil, natural gas, refinery products, fertiliser, steel, cement and electricity - recorded a negative growth of 3.3 per cent.



The growth rate during April-October this fiscal was 8.2 per cent as against 15.6 per cent a year ago. In October, crude oil, natural gas, refinery products, and cement output recorded negative growth rate. However, fertiliser output rose by 5.4 per cent in the month under review. The growth rate in the production of coal, steel and electricity slowed down to 3.6 per cent, 4 per cent and 0.4 per cent respectively. These numbers have implications on the IIP (index of industrial production) data. The IIP data for October is expected to be released by the government in the second week of December. The eight core industries contribute 40.27 per cent in the IIP.

Govt's fiscal deficit at 45.6% of full-yr target at end-Oct

In the corresponding period last year, the deficit was 36.3 per cent of the Budget Estimates of 2021-22

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

New Delhi, Nov 30: The government's fiscal deficit in end-October touched 45.6 per cent of the full year Budget Estimate, according to the data released by the Controller General of Accounts (CGA) Wednesday. In actual terms, the fiscal deficit - the difference between expenditure and revenue - was ₹7,58,137 crore during the April-October period of 2022-23. In the corresponding period last year, the deficit was 36.3 per cent of the Budget Estimates of 2021-22. For 2022-23, the fiscal deficit of the government is estimated to be ₹16.61 lakh crore or 6.4 per cent of the GDP. As per the CGA data, the net tax revenue at ₹11.71 lakh crore was 60.5 per cent of BE 2022-23. During the corresponding period of 2021-22, the tax revenue (net) was 68.1 per cent of that year's BE. Central government's total expenditure during April-October works out to be ₹54.3 per cent of BE 2022-23, higher than 52.4 per cent of BE in the year-ago period. Commenting on the data, Aditi Nayar, Chief Economist, ICRA said



in April-October 2022-23, while the Government of India's net tax revenues reported a healthy growth of 11 per cent, the 14 per cent contraction in non-tax revenues, combined with the 10 per cent rise in revenue expenditure, and the robust 62 per cent expansion in capex, widened the fiscal deficit to ₹7.6 lakh crore from ₹5.5 lakh crore in the first seven months of 2021-22. As per the CGA data, the central government's total receipts, including non-tax revenue, stood at ₹13.85 lakh crore or 60.7 per cent of the current year's BE. In the year-ago period, the total receipts had touched 64.7 per cent of BE 2021-22. The CGA said the fiscal deficit figure shown in monthly accounts is not necessarily an indicator of fiscal deficit for the year as it gets impacted by the temporal mismatch between the flow of non-debt receipts and expenditure up to that month. A fiscal deficit is an indicator of the government's market borrowing.

FIRST DIP SINCE JUNE 2021

Inflation in Europe eases but still in double digits

Rising prices have hit economies worldwide, but they have taken a particularly high toll in Europe because of its dependence on Russian natural gas, which exporter Gazprom has reduced to a trickle

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Frankfurt, Nov 30: Inflation in Europe has eased for the first time in more than a year as energy prices drifted down from painful highs, but the double-digit rate still hovers near a record that has robbed consumers of their spending power and led economists to predict a recession. The consumer price index in the 19 countries that use the euro currency hit 10% in November from a year earlier; the European Union statistics agency Eurostat said Wednesday. That was a drop from 10.6% in October, the first decrease since June 2021. The figure reflected prices for food, alcohol and tobacco rising faster, at a pace of 13.6% annually,



even as energy prices slipped to a 34.9% rate of increase from an astronomical 41.5% in October. Out-of-control inflation is being fed by high energy prices caused by Russia largely cutting off natural gas over the war in Ukraine as well as bottlenecks in supplies of raw materials and parts and rebounding demand after Covid-19 pandemic restrictions ended. European leaders say it's energy warfare due to their support for Ukraine. However, natural gas prices have fallen from all-time highs this summer as Europe has largely filled its storage for winter with supplies from other countries and mild weather has reduced fears of a shortage during the heating season. The November inflation figure supports predictions that the European Central Bank will slow its rapid rise in interest rates.

BULL-RUN FOR 7TH DAY

SENSEX HITS 63K MARK FOR THE FIRST TIME WHILE NIFTY ENDS AT FRESH LIFETIME HIGH

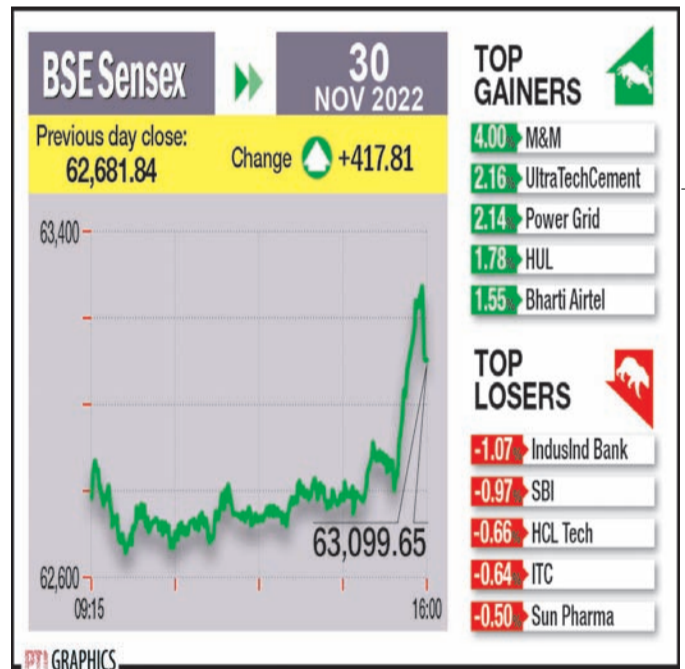
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Mumbai, Nov 30: Benchmark BSE SENSEX settled above the 63,000-level for the first time Wednesday, extending its winning momentum to seventh day amid a largely positive trend in global markets and continuous foreign fund inflows. The 30-share barometer rallied 417.81 points or 0.67 per cent to settle at 63,099.65, its fresh record closing high. During the day, the benchmark jumped 621.17 points or 0.99 per cent to 63,303.01, its lifetime intra-day peak. The broader NSE Nifty advanced 140.30 points or 0.75 per cent to end at 18,758.35, its fresh record closing high. Extending its winning momentum to seventh day, the SENSEX has rallied 1,954.81 points or 3.19 per cent during this time. Among the SENSEX pack,

M-cap of BSE-listed firms at all-time high

The market capitalisation of BSE-listed firms reached an all-time high of ₹288.50 lakh crore Wednesday amid an ongoing rally in equities. Investors' wealth also climbed ₹7,59,642.89 crore in seven days, taking the market capitalisation (mcap) of BSE-listed firms to ₹2,88,50,896.03 crore.

Markets touching new heights



Rupee rose by 41 paise to close at a two-week high of 81.41 against the US dollar

uties worth ₹9,010.41 crore on net basis in the cash segment. The Indian rupee registered the first monthly gains in the past eleven-months following a rebound in the risk assets, lower crude oil prices and foreign fund inflows, said Dilip Parmar, Research Analyst, HDFC Securities. Elsewhere in Asia, markets in Seoul, Shanghai and Hong Kong

ended higher, while Tokyo settled lower. Equity exchanges in Europe were trading higher in the afternoon trade. Wall Street had ended on a mixed note Tuesday. International oil benchmark Brent crude was trading 1.83 per cent higher at \$84.55 per barrel. Foreign Institutional Investors (FII) bought shares worth ₹9,010.41 crore Wednesday.

NDTV founders Prannoy, wife Radhika quit as Adani nears takeover

THE PORTS-TO-ENERGY CONGLOMERATE IS SEEKING AS MUCH AS 1.67CR SHARES OR 26% OF EQUITY FROM NDTV'S MINORITY INVESTORS

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

New Delhi, Nov 30: NDTV founders Prannoy Roy and his wife Radhika Roy have resigned as the directors of promoter group vehicle RRPR Holding Private Limited as the Adani Group neared takeover of the television channel. RRPR, which has been acquired by the Adani Group, held 29.18 per cent stake in the news channel. The Roys, however, still hold a 32.26 per cent stake in NDTV as promoters and have not resigned from the board of the news channel. In a stock exchange filing late Tuesday, New Delhi Television Ltd said the two have resigned as directors on the board of RRPR Holding Private Limited (RRPRH)

with immediate effect. Prannoy Roy is the Chairperson of NDTV and Radhika Roy is an Executive Director. The board of RRPR Holding has approved the appointment of Sudipta Bhattacharya, Sanjay Pugalia and Senthil Sinniah Chengalvarayan as Directors on its board with immediate effect, NDTV said. The appointments and resignations were approved by the RRPRH board at its meeting Tuesday. The three are nominees of Adani Group which earlier this week had taken control of RRPR Holdings. In 2009, Roys had taken an interest-free loan of over ₹400 crore from a firm linked to Reliance Industries, that eventually ended



up with a closely-held firm, Vishvapradhan Commercial Pvt Ltd. The loan allowed VCPL to convert warrants into shares of RRPR Holdings, which held a 29.2 per cent stake in NDTV.

Adani group in August bought VCPL and sought to convert the warrants into shares. NDTV promoters initially opposed the move saying they were not consulted but earlier this week relented and

allowed the conversion, which gave VCPL a 99.5 per cent stake in RRPR Holding. With Adani group controlled entity VCPL firmly in the saddle of RRPR Holdings, the Roys resigned as directors of the company. RRPR, or Radhika Roy Prannoy Roy Holdings Private Limited, till now was classified as a promoter entity. It held 29.18 per cent stake in the news channel. Prannoy Roy holds 15.94 per cent of NDTV and Radhika Roy another 16.32 per cent (together 32.26 per cent). Post-acquisition of VCPL, Adani group launched an open offer to acquire a 26 per cent stake in NDTV. That offer opened on November 22, and will close on December 5. The offer has so far got offers for

53.27 lakh shares or a third of the entire open offer size. This despite the deep discount of the open offer price in comparison to the current stock levels. NDTV stock is trading up 5 per cent at ₹47.70 on the BSE as against Adani group's open offer price of ₹294 apiece. The ports-to-energy conglomerate is seeking as much as 1.67 crore shares or 26 per cent of equity from NDTV's minority investors. A successful open offer will give Adani group a controlling stake of just over 55 per cent and it may then seek to oust Roys from the board of the channel. Pugalia is the chief executive officer and editor-in-chief of media initiatives at Adani Group.

Rashford props England

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Al Rayyan (Qatar), Nov 30: Marcus Rashford dropped to his knees and pointed up to the sky. The England forward had just scored against Wales at the World Cup, starting off a 3-0 victory that sent his team into the round of 16.

His celebration, he said, was in tribute to a friend who recently passed away after a long battle with cancer. It could have also been in celebration of working his way into the starting lineup in Qatar.

"Moments like this, this is what I play football for. The biggest moments, the best moments," said Rashford, who started his first game of the tournament. "I'm happy we are going through to the next round of the tournament because I have massive ambitions for this team and I think we can play even better than we did today."

Rashford scored two goals at Ahmad Bin Ali Stadium, making him the co-leading scorer at the World Cup with three goals — the same as France striker Kylian Mbappe and two others, Phil Foden, another England player who made his first start in Qatar Tuesday, got the other.

Rashford played at the last World Cup in 2018 and also at the 2020 European Championship, but the 25-year-old Manchester United forward was considered to be fortunate to make England coach Gareth Southgate's squad for this year's tournament.

Ever since his miss in the penalty shootout loss to Italy in the Euro 2020 final, Rashford has been going through a turbulent period in his career, compounded by injuries. He and teammate Bukayo Saka, both of them Black, were racially abused after missing their penalties in the shootout at Wembley Stadium.

In Qatar, Southgate opted to leave Rashford and Foden on the bench in the first two matches against Iran and the United States, starting with Saka and Raheem Sterling up front alongside captain Harry Kane.

Rashford came on a substitute in the 6-2 victory over Iran and scored one of the goals. Foden



Marcus Rashford celebrates his goal against Wales, Tuesday

played 19 minutes in that match. Against the United States, England was held to a 0-0 draw with Rashford again coming in off the bench.

The lineup changed for the final Group B match against Wales, and both Rashford and Foden took advantage of their time on the field.

Rashford put England in the lead with a free kick in the 50th minute, and followed it with that tribute to his late friend. Foden added the second only one minute later, and Rashford made it 3-0 in the 68th. The win guaranteed England first place in the group. The team will next face Senegal in the round of 16 Sunday.

Wales, which was playing at the World Cup for the first time in 64 years, finished last in the group and was eliminated.

It may have been captain Gareth Bale's last match for his national team. The former Real Madrid player had to come off the field at halftime because of a hamstring injury, but Wales coach Rob Page said he expects Bale to continue.

Gareth Southgate is coaching England at a third major tournament, and he has navigated the group stage successfully each time. England reached the semifinals at the World Cup in Russia, and then went all the way to the final at Euro 2020. The team hasn't won a major trophy since its lone World Cup success in 1966 at home.

TUNISIA STUN WORLD CHAMPS



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Al Rayyan (Qatar), Nov 30: Defending champions France won their World Cup group despite losing to Tunisia 0-1 Wednesday. Wahbi Khazri scored in the 58th minute to give the Tunisians the victory, but it wasn't enough to get them into the round of 16. Australia beat Denmark 1-0 in other Group D game and finished second on goal difference.

Khazri ran at the heart of the French defence and beat two players before poking the ball into the bottom corner. He fell to his knees and was mobbed by teammates. When he got back up, he made a heart shape to the Tunisian fans behind the goal and then limped off, appearing to hurt himself as he fell when scoring his 25th international goal and his third at World Cup.

It was Tunisia's third victory at a World Cup, and it was France's first loss at the tournament since the 2014 quarterfinals, when Germany beat the team 1-0.

France forward Antoine Griezmann thought he had evened the score in the eighth minute of stoppage time but he was ruled offside following a video review. At the same time, Tunisia's players on the bench crowded around a TV monitor hoping for a Denmark goal that would have changed the group standings.

A few minutes after Khazri's goal, a man ran onto the field at Education City Stadium with

Australia march into WC round of 16

AL WAKRAH (QATAR): Australia advanced to the round of 16 at the World Cup, beating favoured Denmark 1-0 Wednesday on Mathew Leckie's 60th-minute goal. It is Australia's first time in the knockout stage since 2006, the only other time they advanced out of the group stage.

Leckie took a pass just around the centre circle and moved in and around a Danish defender, eventually lacing a left-footed shot that beat goalkeeper Kasper

Schmeichel diving to his left. Australia finished with six points in Group D.

The World Cup proved to be a major disappointment for Denmark after reaching the semifinals in the 2020 European Championship. They slogged through a 0-0 draw in their opening match with Tunisia and then recovered in a 1-2 loss against France. Danes attacked from the start against Australia but could never break through with the Socceroos.



what appeared to be a Palestinian flag. He did some acrobatic jumps before six security officials dragged him off.

With France already qualified for the knockout stage, coach Didier Deschamps rested Griezmann, Kylian Mbappé and most of his regular starters. Only

four of the team lining up at the beginning had even started a World Cup match before.

But Khazri's goal prompted Deschamps to bring on Mbappé and Griezmann and the increased urgency almost led to an equaliser. Deschamps had selected more of a "C" team than a "B" team.

India stun Australia in third hockey Test



PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

Adelaide, Nov 30: A fighting India scored a last minute goal to stun World No.1 side Australia 4-3 in the third hockey Test and notch up their first win in 13 matches here Wednesday.

It was a rare win for India against Australia, who had thrashed them 7-0 in the Birmingham Commonwealth Games final earlier this year. The famous win also kept the five-match series alive with Australia leading 2-1. India had lost 4-5 and 4-7 in the first two Tests. The fourth match will be played here Saturday and the final one Sunday.

Skipper Harmanpreet Singh (12th minute), Abhishek (47th), Shamsher Singh (57th) and Akashdeep Singh (60th) scored for India. Australia's goals came from the sticks of Jack Welch (25th), skipper Aran Zaleski (32nd) and Nathan Ephraums (59th).

It was India who took the lead in the 12th minute from a penalty corner through skipper Harmanpreet, who went for a placement rather than brute power. He placed the ball perfectly to the right of Australia goalkeeper Johan Durst.

In the 20th minute, veteran India custodian PR Sreejesh denied Australia as he was alert at the near post to keep out a reverse hit. Minutes later, Sreejesh was again at the thick of things as he made

Pulisic leads US into knockouts

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Doha, Nov 30: Christian Pulisic kicked the ball, scored the goal and crashed into the goalkeeper, a collision that sent the American star to a hospital and the United States into the second round of the World Cup. More than an hour later, he contacted his teammates by FaceTime to join the celebration.

Pulisic's 38th-minute goal had held up, and the United States had beaten Iran 1-0 Tuesday night in their politically charged rematch to advance to the World Cup's knockout stage. After finishing second in Group B with five points, two behind England, the US will play the Netherlands Saturday with the

chance to reach the quarterfinals for the first time since 2002.

Back in the World Cup after missing the 2018 tournament, the US needed a victory to reach the round of 16. Iran finished third in the group with three points and has failed to advance in six World Cup appearances.

Weston McKennie started the play for the goal when he lofted the ball from just past the center circle to Sergino Dest at the edge of the six-yard box. Dest headed the ball in front of the net on a bounce as Pulisic charged up the center of the field past Ramin Rezaei and Majid Hosseini.

Twisting his body, Pulisic redirected the ball with his right foot for his 22nd international goal and first in World Cup play. His momentum carried him into goalkeeper Alireza Beiranvand.

Pulisic was sprawled on the field and for about three minutes as he received treatment. He tried to continue playing but was substituted at the start of the second half and taken by athletic trainer Harris Patel for abdominal scans at Hamad General Hospital, where Pulisic followed the team on phone apps.

The US Soccer Federation said Pulisic was diagnosed with a pelvic contusion, returned to the team hotel and is day to day. Weah nearly doubled the lead in the seventh minute of first-half stoppage time but was ruled offside.

Sharath Kamal bestowed with Khel Ratna

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

New Delhi, Nov 30: Table tennis legend Achanta Sharath Kamal was Wednesday bestowed with the Major Dhyan Chand Khel Ratna, the country's highest sporting honour, by President Droupadi Murmu in a glittering National Sports Awards ceremony at the Rashtrapati Bhavan here.

While Sharath is the lone Khel Ratna award recipient, 25 sportspersons, including shuttlers Lakshya Sen, HS Prannoy, woman boxer Nikhat Zareen, track and field athletes Eldhose Paul and Avinash Sable, were conferred with the Arjuna Award. Odisha women's hockey star Deep Grace Ekka was also conferred with the Arjuna Award.

The creme de la creme of Indian sports were recognised for their achievements in the past few years at a specially organised ceremony. The event is traditionally held every year to commemorate the birth anniversary of hockey legend Major Dhyan Chand August 29. But last year also, the event was held on another date.

Kalinga Institute of Industrial Technology (KIIT) was conferred the Rashtriya Khel Protsahan Puruskar. The star attraction of the ceremony was Sharath, who received his Khel Ratna award amid thunderous applause from the select dignitaries present at the Durbar Hall.

The Khel Ratna is given for the



Achanta Sharath Kamal receives his award from President Droupadi Murmu at the Rashtrapati Bhavan, Wednesday

spectacular and most outstanding performances by a sports person over a period of previous four years. It carries a cash prize of Rs

LIST OF AWARD WINNERS

ARJUNA AWARDS: Deep Grace Ekka (Hockey), Seema Punia (Athletics), Eldhose Paul (Athletics), Avinash Mukund Sable (Athletics), Lakshya Sen (Badminton), HS Prannoy (Badminton), Amit (Boxing), Nikhat Zareen (Boxing), Bhakti Pradip Kulkarni (Chess), R Praggnanandhaa (Chess), Shushila Devi (Judo), Sakshi Kumari (Kabaddi), Nayan Moni Saikia (Lawn Bow), Sagar Kailas Ovhakar (Mallakhamb), Elavelil Valarivan (Shooting), Omprakash Mitharval (Shooting), Sreeja Akula (Table Tennis), Vikas Thakur (Weightlifting), Anshu (Wrestling), Sarita (Wrestling), Parveen (Wushu), Manasi Girishchandra Joshi (Para Badminton), Tarun Dhillon (Para Badminton), Swapnil Sanjay Patil (Para Swimming), Jerin Anika J (Deaf Badminton).

DRONACHARYA AWARD (Regular Category): Jiwanjot Singh Teja (Archery), Mohammad Ali Qamar (Boxing), Suma Siddharth Shirur (Para Shooting), Sujeet Maan (Wrestling), **(Lifetime Category):** Dinesh Jawahar Lad (Cricket), Bimal Prafula Ghosh (Football), Raj Singh (Wrestling).

DHYAN CHAND AWARD FOR LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT: Ashwini Akkunji C (Athletics), Dharamvir Singh (Hockey), B C Suresh (Kabaddi), Nir Bahadur Gurung (Para Athletics).

RASHTRIYA KHEL PROTSAHAN PURUSKAR: TransStadia Enterprises Private Limited, Kalinga Institute of Industrial Technology (KIIT), Ladakh Ski & Snowboard Association.

MAULANA ABUL KALAM AZAD (MAKA) TROPHY: Guru Nanak Dev University, Amritsar.

TENZING NORGAY NATIONAL ADVENTURE AWARDS: Naina Dhakad (Land Adventure), Shubham Dhananjay Vanmali (Water Adventure), Group Captain Kunwar Bhawani Singh Samyal (Life Time Achievement).

25 lakh, a medal and a scroll of honour. The Arjuna award carries a cash prize of Rs 15 lakh, a bronze statue and a scroll of honour.

The 40-year-old Sharath had returned from Birmingham Commonwealth Games as the most-decorated Indian athlete with four medals. He is the second table tennis player after Manika Batra to get the Khel Ratna. Besides a yellow

metal in the mixed doubles, Sharath also pocketed his singles gold after 16 years, the first having won at the 2006 Melbourne CWG.

While Sharath took away the spotlight, the star attractions among Arjuna awardees were shuttler Sen, World Champion boxer Zareen, boxer Amit Panghal and triple jumper Eldhose Paul, all gold medalists at Birmingham Games.

NZ WIN RAIN-HIT SERIES AGAINST INDIA

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

Christchurch, Nov 30: A sloppy India lost the three-match ODI series against New Zealand 0-1 after rain washed out the third and final game here Wednesday.

Chasing 220, New Zealand were cruising at 104/1 in 18 overs, 50 runs ahead of the Duckworth-Lewis par score, when rain interrupted the game yet again in the white-ball series. Kane Williamson and Co, needing just 116 runs from as many as 32 overs, though had to be content with a 'no result' as the game was two overs short to be technically called complete.

Having won the first ODI in Auckland by seven wickets, New

Zealand thus sealed the series 1-0. The second match in Hamilton, too, was abandoned after two stoppages.

Overall, only two matches in the six-ball white-ball series produced result, exposing the poor planning on part of the concerned authorities. The series was organised less than a week after the T20 World Cup in neighbouring Australia. As for India, the series exposed their flawed selection policy.

It all began with an inspiring bowling show by the Kiwi pacers with comeback man Adam Milne (3/57) and Daryl Mitchell (3/25) bundling out India for 219 in 47.3 overs after Kane Williamson won a good toss at an overcast Hagley Oval. The likes of Rishabh Pant (10),

Suryakumar Yadav (6) and Deepak Hooda (12) were the biggest failures as they lacked application and failed to bid time after Milne rocked the top-order. Seeking to save the series, India found themselves in a spot of bother, losing half of the side in 25.3 overs.

But thanks to the efforts by Washington Sundar (51, 64b, 5x4, 1x6) and Shreyas Iyer (49, 59b) India managed to get past the 200-run mark. Dhawan and his men were further disappointed by an inexperienced bowling attack as they struggled to get a breakthrough.

Finn Allen (57, 54b, 8x4, 1x6) smashed his fourth ODI fifty and his 97-run opening partnership with Devon Conway (38) set the tone.

ACING THE EVENT



Cuttack-A (SNR) emerged champions of the Kalahandi Cup Inter-District cricket tournament after being declared winners of the final on the basis of their first innings lead against Bhubaneswar-A (SNR) at the Bidanasi Ground in Cuttack, Wednesday. After winning the toss and opting to bat, Cuttack-A were bowled out for 208. Bikram Kishor (53 n o, 67b) and Anil Parida (49, 67b) batted well for Cuttack-A, while Asis K Pradhan (3/22) and Ansuman Bej (3/88) shared six wickets between them for Bhubaneswar-A. In response, splendid spells from Subham Nayak (6/50) and Jamal B Mohapatra (4/66) bundled Bhubaneswar-A out for 157, giving Cuttack-A a match-winning 51-run lead