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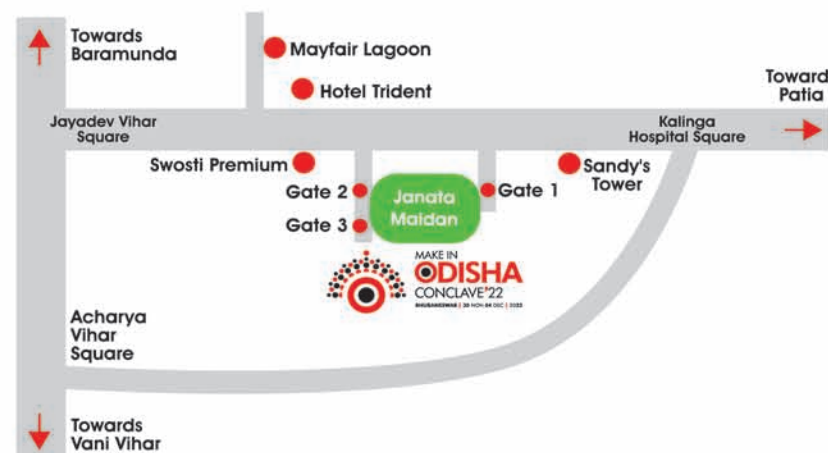
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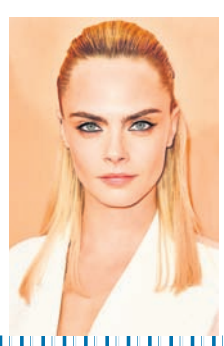
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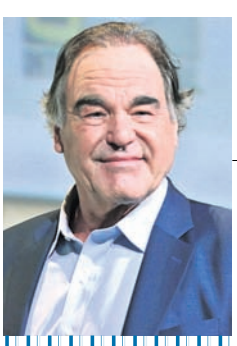


## CARA THINKS MEN LACK 'RIGHT TOOLS' TO SATISFY WOMEN SEXUALLY

Supermodel-actress Cara Delevingne said in her new documentary 'Planet Sex', which sees her travel the globe to explore gender, sexuality and bedroom fantasies that men lack the "right tools" to satisfy women sexually.

## ANOTHER JURY CHIEF, ANOTHER DISPUTE: OLIVER SLAMS US RIGHTS RECORD

As Red Sea Film Festival jury President, Oliver Stone is taking his role seriously. He sees the festival as an opportunity to explore the cinema. "You see the changes that are coming here, the reforms. I think people who judge too harshly should come and visit this place and see for themselves."



### FORTUNE FORECAST

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**ARIES**  
You are in high spirits today. This is a good time to do all those things that you have been procrastinating for a long time. You may do all the things you dislike doing, like arranging your wardrobe. If you are planning to introduce a new strategy, Ganesh says go ahead.

**TAURUS**  
This day, Ganesh sees you acting crabby and irritable. You'll be itching to pick up fights and quarrels, getting into arguments and confrontations. Act resolutely and firmly and keep your wild moods and snappiness in check. Later in the day, you will again become cheerful and carefree.

**GEMINI**  
You will be able to run through all your tasks today. The fruits that you reap today will be in much higher proportion to the efforts that you put in, and this will make you happy. You need to pay more attention to your societal ties, says Ganesh.

**CANCER**  
You will decide to expose certain unreasonable conventions and traditions, and you will be able to do so successfully, predicts Ganesh. In the afternoon, you may incur the displeasure of your bosses. In the evening, you will be able to draw pleasure from whatever you do.

**LEO**  
You will be bound closer to your near and dear ones. They will be able to understand your feelings and expressions. Your day will be spent in pleasurable company. If you have been desirous of something for quite some time, you will attain it now.

**VIRGO**  
You obviously provide all the basic necessities of life to your family, but today you will remain preoccupied with the thoughts of how to provide them some luxurious things too. At work, try to adopt a new line of thought.

**LIBRA**  
Ganesh sure hopes that you packed your kit right and are ready to take on anything, as today promises to be an action-packed day. Most of this action might concentrate around your family members. Towards the afternoon, you may begin to feel weighed down by household responsibilities. But on the upshot, look forward to a new relationship that might develop in the evening, says Ganesh.

**SCORPIO**  
Your stars are shining bright today. Relationships prove lucky for you as you are blessed to have great family and friends. Sort out differences if any and vote for harmony. In short, you are on a winning spree today and shall glorify the path you take up.

**SAGITTARIUS**  
You shall push your limits to make sure your authority goes unquestioned. Colleagues and seniors will give you a round of applause for your commitment. Expect your bank accounts to soar as unexpected monetary gains is on the cards, says Ganesh.

**CAPRICORN**  
You like being a part of the social circuit. Today, as new people are added in your team and family, you will be expanding your social circle as well, predicts Ganesh. During the second half of the day, you will spend time reading books and widening your knowledge. At night, you may visit temple and meet some spiritual gurus to find peace in life.

**AQUARIUS**  
When you are least expecting, you may find the one from your dreams. You will be love struck today and barely concentrate on work or studies. You will be unable to identify your emotions and probably spend most of the day gazing in the sky, smiles Ganesh.

**PISCES**  
The day will start on a great note and some news of success or profit will bid a smile on your face early during the day. If you are working or conducting a business then be willing to take risks.

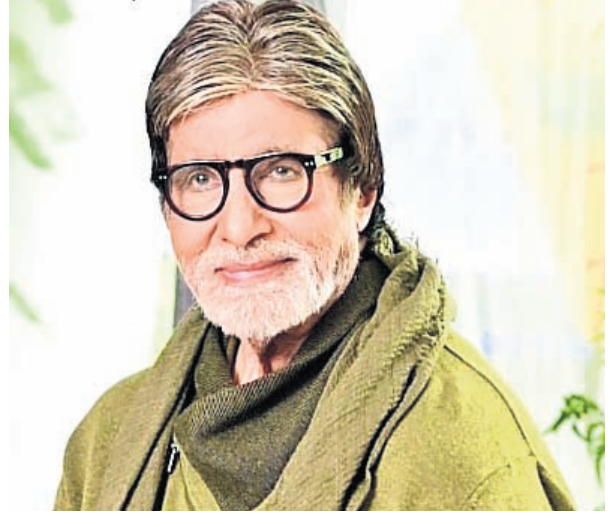
## Kiara roped in as brand ambassador for Kimirica

**Mumbai:** Actress Kiara Advani has been announced as the face of the brand Kimirica, the luxurious personal care brand that curates its products with the finest detail and care. "A few months ago, I was traveling to Mumbai from Hyderabad after a shoot and I came across this beautiful-looking store at the airport that had amazing products," says Kiara Advani. "The store was so inviting and I ended up picking up a gift for my mum as she loves bath products and beautifully scented candles. The best part was that everything was 100% vegan & cruelty-free. Soon after the brand reached out to me and having used the products, I was sure this

is a brand to watch out for." "I particularly adore the Love Story Collection. It smells amazing," Kiara shared. Founder Kimi Jain, said, "We are pleased to announce our partnership with Kiara Advani. I couldn't think of a better face to promote our brand. The story of Kimirica, in a true sense, is a Love Story, and I am elated to see that Kiara loves the brand as much as we do."



## Big B got screamed at on 'Anand' set



**Mumbai:** Megastar Amitabh Bachchan was complimented by a lady over his lips on the sets of 'Kaun Banega Crorepati'. He shared an anecdote from his film 'Anand', where he said that the director and DOP screamed at him for his "unusually red lips".

Big B took to his blog and shared a still from 'Anand', which was released in 1971. He wrote: "On the picture above a short revert, nothing stimulating or exciting as being made out to

be by some friends .. or intriguing .. just a laugh .. a dear lady commented on my lips on KBC and liked them .. ahhheemmm .. so I put this out."

"It's a picture form ANAND .. and I retorted to say .. my lips not now but then as seen in the picture had a story .. which was that my lips were unusually red, and often when I went in front of the camera , the Director and the DOP , would scream at me: "why have you put lip-

## Rational about my emotions: Rashmika

**TAMIL NADU:** Actress Rashmika Mandanna seems to be one to reach on top and still handle the stardom wisely. The actress, who's a well-known face down south, says, "Well, I have a lot of patience," she reasons when asked how she deals with shuttling between south and Hindi film industry. The actress also says that she doesn't get triggered that easily. "During a shoot there are so many things to be coordinated. Glitches do happen, but I hardly ever get annoyed. My mom does get irri-

tated with this attitude of mine. She says it is high time I start talking," she says. She adds, "If sometime somewhere goes wrong during the shoot I hardly point it out and complain, but my team members tell me that I should start bringing this to notice. They say okay you have patience, but we don't have (laughs). So, then I ask them to go and complain (laughs). I hardly ever lose my cool." The actress concluded saying, "I believe that everyone is working hard. It is not an easy job. So, how can I go against them? As it is not directly their fault. I am very rational and logical when it comes to showing my emotions."



## Loved delivering punchlines: Bhumi

**Mumbai:** Actress Bhumi Pednekar, who plays Vicky Kaushal's bombshell wife in the upcoming streaming movie 'Govinda Naam Mera', shares that her character has the most hilarious dialogues in the film and that the makers have subverted the industry norm by giving the punchlines to the female character. The actress says, "I honestly have loved delivering the punches in the film and I have to admit that I have been given some of the most hi-

larious punchlines by Shashank (Khaitan, the director). What I love the most about my dialoguebaazi (punchy dialogues) in 'Govinda Naam Mera' is that they are from the heroine's side and that's refreshing for a romantic comedy in the Hindi film industry because traditionally only heroes used to get all the great dialogues in a genre like this and make people laugh. Gauri Waghmare is literally one of my most favourite characters that I have played on screen."



### PEANUTS



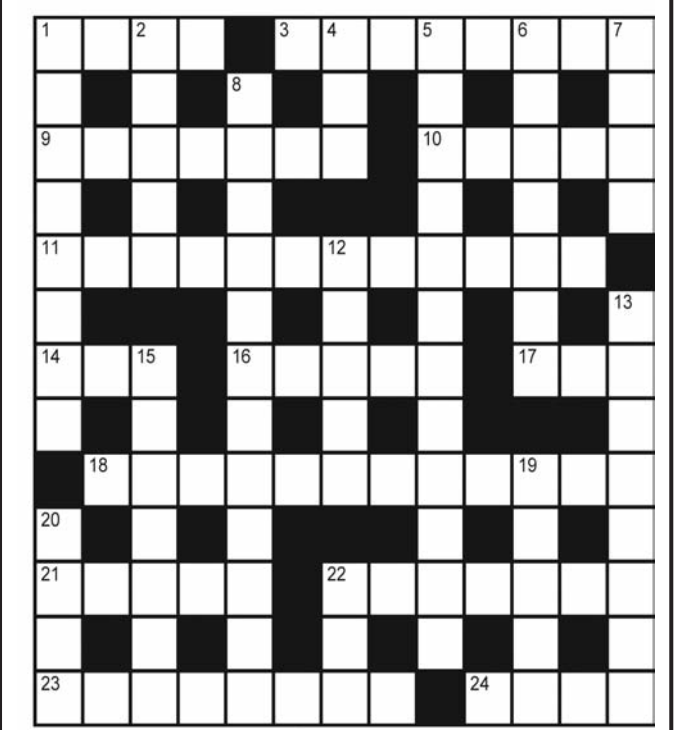
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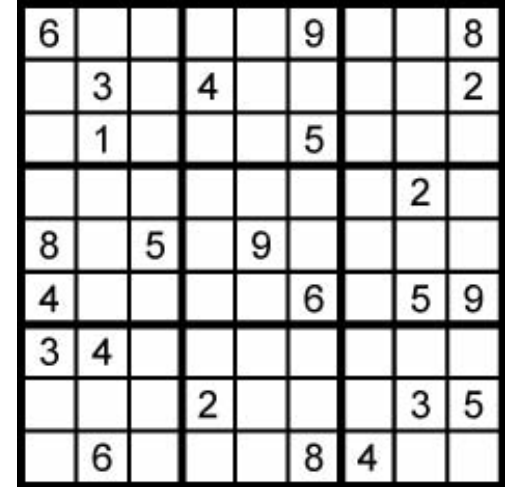
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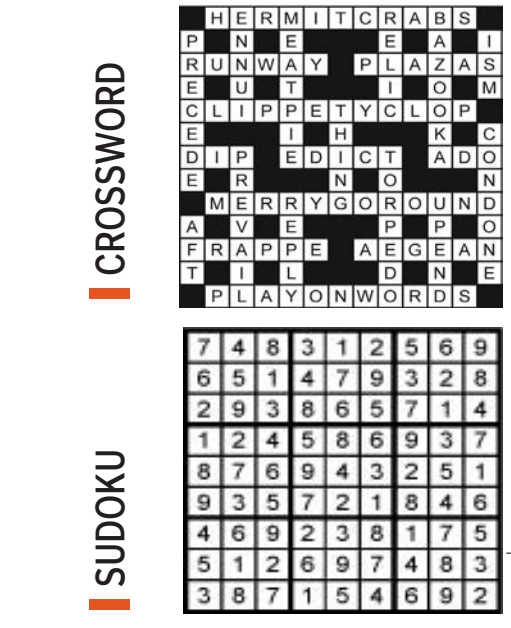
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  - 15 College's fee
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  - 22 Perceive

### 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



## RATIONAL RASHMIKA

Actor Rashmika says that she's pretty rational about her emotions while shuttling between Hindi and south film industries

LEISURE



## PRICE CAP IS 'DANGEROUS'

Russia 'will not accept' a price cap on its oil and is analysing how to respond, the Kremlin says

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## LAKSHYA IN TROUBLE

An FIR has been filed against Lakshya Sen, his family and former national coach Vimal Kumar for cheating and age fraud

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## ROYAL BENGAL TIGER SIGHTED IN DEBRIGARH

POST NEWS NETWORK

**Sambalpur, Dec 3:** A Royal Bengal Tiger was sighted at the entry point of Debrigarh Wildlife Sanctuary in Bargarh after a gap of four years, a senior wildlife official said Saturday.

The big cat was seen entering the sanctuary at around 5 pm December 1 by forest officials, safari vehicles and tourists, DFO of Hirakud wildlife division (Debrigarh sanctuary) Anshu Pragyan Das said.



The tourists and the forest workers had watched it walk majestically on the forest road for some time without fear in the absence of disturbance. The onlookers even took pictures of the tiger for around five to ten minutes, a forest official said.

Das said, "After 2018 no tiger was recorded inside Debrigarh. This particular one appears to be a male sub-adult in dispersal stage. It might stay in Debrigarh or may look for its own territory in the nearby landscape."

The DFO said a round-the-clock patrolling has been launched in the periphery of the sanctuary and surrounding villages following the sighting of the tiger. Intelligence network has been strengthened and any illegal entry into Debrigarh will be immediately arrested. "It's a huge task now to protect and monitor the big cat inside our domain. We are on the job," she said.

## IRREGULAR by MANJUL



Sir, I'm here for that 50-year-old case you called for hearing

WEATHER		BHUB	CTK
TEMP		29.8°C	28.6°C
MAX		29.8°C	28.6°C
MIN		18.1°C	16.8°C
Humidity		69%	71%
Rainfall		Nil	Nil
	Forecast	Mainly clear sky	



POMP & GAITY: Artistes perform during the Make in Odisha Conclave 2022, at Janata Maidan in Bhubaneswar, Saturday (More P3)

PHOTO: BIKASH NAYAK

## Locals beat dog to death after it bites 22 people

POST NEWS NETWORK

**Balasore, Dec 3:** In a shocking incident, angry locals beat a stray dog to death after it bit 22 persons in Balasore town, Saturday.

The rabid dog bit whosoever came on its way as it went on a rampage in Pul Bazaar, Khuajabag, Kasab Mohalla, Balu Bazaar, Rezaullah Lane, Munipada areas under the ward no-4 of Balasore municipality.

Among the injured were Sheikh Akbar, 72, Gopal Chandra Sethi, 62, Sheikh Anadulla, 11, Sheikh Abdulla, 25, Sheikh Qadir, 73, Tumrun Biwi, 40, Sheikh Piauddin, 35, Sheikh Idris, 60, Srustidhar Dey, 75. The dog triggered panic in the area as people ran helter-skelter to save themselves from its attack.

All the 22 injured persons were admitted to the district headquarters hospital, while irate locals beat the animal to death.

Injured Sheikh Qadir held the local administration responsible for the incident. He blamed the municipal authorities for the stray dog menace which has increased in the town.

# MiO fetches ₹10.5L-cr

"WE WILL WALK THE TALK. IT WILL BE A WIN-WIN SITUATION," CHIEF MINISTER NAVEEN PATNAIK TELLS INVESTORS

POST NEWS NETWORK

**Bhubaneswar, Dec 3:** The state government has received 741 investment intents worth ₹10.50 lakh crore during the Make in Odisha (MiO) Conclave 2022.

Addressing at the valedictory session of the MiO Conclave Saturday, Chief Minister Naveen Patnaik announced that the conclave has generated investment intents of ₹10.50 lakh crore with potential for 10.50 lakh direct and indirect employment opportunities.

"It's heartening to see the huge response we have got especially in the post Covid-19 scenario," the Chief Minister said.

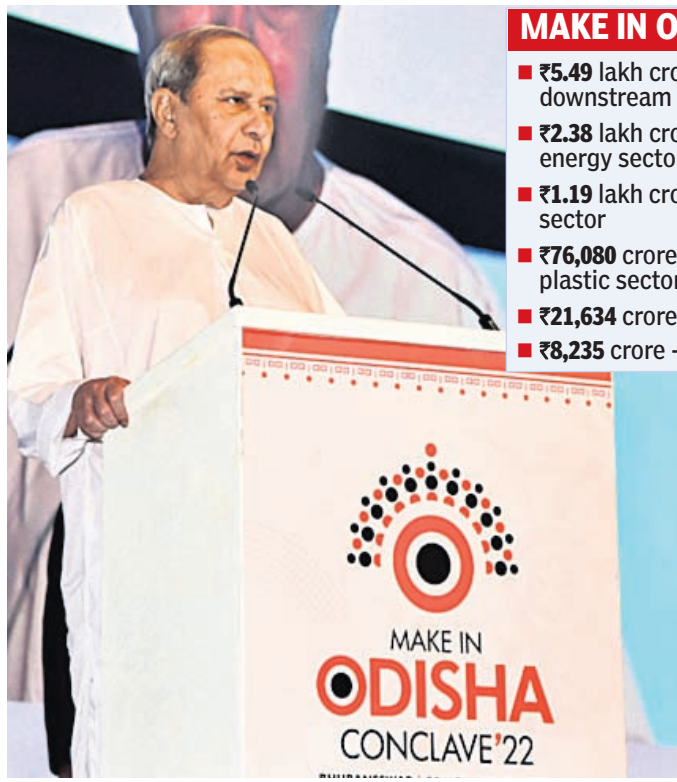
Patnaik urged the officials to work hard to implement these investment proposals on the ground and take Odisha to a new era of growth.

He assured all the investors that his government will walk the extra mile for them. "We will walk the talk. It will be a win-win situation," the CM told the investors.

The CM thanked the FICCI team, the country partners — Japan, Norway, and Germany — for their support to make the conclave a grand success.

"I hope that we further strengthen our relationships and create more opportunities for mutual trade, commerce, and people-to-people relationships," Patnaik said, adding, "Let the juggernaut move on."

Briefing media persons, Industries Secretary Hemant



## MAKE IN ODISHA CONCLAVE 2022

- ₹5.49 lakh crore -- minerals, metals & metal downstream sector
- ₹2.38 lakh crore -- power, renewable & green energy sector
- ₹1.19 lakh crore -- logistics & infrastructure sector
- ₹76,080 crore -- chemicals, fertilizers & plastic sector
- ₹21,634 crore -- manufacturing sector
- ₹8,235 crore -- tourism sector

Sharma said, a total of 741 investment intents worth ₹10,48,807 crore have been received during the MiO Conclave.

Out of the total amount, highest ₹5.49 lakh crore investment proposals have been received from minerals, metals and metal downstream sector, followed by ₹2.38 lakh crore from power, renewable and green energy sector, ₹1.19 lakh crore from logistics and infra-

structure, ₹76,080 crore from chemicals, fertilizers and plastic sector, ₹21,634 crore from manufacturing sector and ₹8,235 crore from the tourism sector.

Similarly, investment proposals worth ₹7,740 crore have been received from the IT & Electronics System Design & Manufacturing sector, ₹7,249 crore from agriculture and food processing, ₹5,306 crore from paper, wood and for-

## 'Women empowerment a non-negotiable code'

**Bhubaneswar:** No society can be great if its women are not empowered and the state government through its Mission Shakti programme has empowered more than 70 lakh women, said Chief Minister Naveen Patnaik at the Make in Odisha Conclave, Saturday. The CM said, "Women empowerment is not just a slogan, it's a non-negotiable code for the state government." Six lakh SHGs are working in the state and the government is doing everything possible to help them. Five MoUs were signed by Mission Shakti in the presence of the Chief Minister at the conclave, Saturday.

est-based industries, ₹5,012 crore from cement, ₹3,935 crore from health sector, ₹2,640 crore from textile and ₹2,055 crore from aerospace and defence sector, the Secretary said. **MORE P3**

## PADAMPUR BYPOLL CAMPAIGN ENDS ON BITTER NOTE

PNN & AGENCIES

**Bhubaneswar/Bargarh, Dec 3:** Campaigning in poll-bound Padampur ended on a bitter note Saturday with senior BJP leader and Union Minister Dharmendra Pradhan urging the voters not to trust the ruling BJD, a statement which was strongly objected to by the regional party.

Reacting over Pradhan's remarks that Patnaik tells 'lies', that he was tired, unable to think and "repeated the words of his gumastas" (agents, officers), BJD MP and spokesperson Sasmit Patra asked him to maintain "dignity and respect" of the Chief Minister.

"Patnaik is the tallest leader in Odisha. Please maintain dignity and respect at least when you (Pradhan) are speaking about the Chief Minister," he said adding the people of the state will not like any attack on Patnaik.

Continuing his criticism of

Pradhan, Patra said, "It seems you are disturbed and scared after seeing the massive response to the Chief Minister's rallies yesterday (Friday) in Padampur. You have already seen the writing on the wall that the BJP is headed for a massive defeat (in the Padampur bypoll). Please accept this fact."

Earlier in the day, Pradhan bringing the campaigning for the December 5 bypoll to a close hit out at Patnaik for pledging to accord district status to Padampur sub-division by 2023.

"The BJD president simply utters lies though he claims that he works more and speaks less. He had assured a delegation to make Padampur a district in 2019. Now he is saying that he will do it by 2023. Therefore, do not trust him."

The Padampur byelection is important in that it is likely to be the last poll before the Lok Sabha and state elections in 2024 and impact the politics of the state.



## EC flags urban voters' apathy

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**New Delhi, Dec 3:** The Election Commission Saturday said the voting percentage increased in many constituencies in Gujarat in the first-phase polling but the overall turnout was diminished by the urban apathy to voting in key districts such as Surat, Rajkot and Jamnagar.

In urban constituencies in Himachal Pradesh too many voters shied away from polling stations in the assembly elections held last month. The urban Assembly seat of Shimla in Himachal Pradesh recorded the lowest turnout in the state at 62.53 per cent, 13 percentage points less than the state average of 75.6 per cent.

Cities in Gujarat have also shown the trend of urban apathy to voting, pulling down the overall turnout in the first phase, the EC said.

Voter turnout in Surat, Rajkot and Jamnagar was lower than the overall 63.3 per cent in the first phase of Gujarat Assembly elections, the poll panel said.

Chief Election Commissioner Rajiv Kumar appealed to the voters of Gujarat to come out in large numbers during the second-phase polling December 5 to make up for the low voting in the first phase.

The Gandhidham seat in Kachchh district, which has industrial establishments, recorded the lowest polling percentage of 47.8 per cent, a sharp decline of 6.34 percentage points from the 2017 turnout. The latest turnout was a new low, the EC said.

Major cities and urban areas of Gujarat have not only recorded decline in voting percentage as compared to the 2017 elections, they have also voted much less than the state average of 63.3 per cent, the poll panel said.

## Learn to play an instrument, keep blues at bay

APART FROM IMPROVEMENTS IN COGNITIVE ABILITIES, PLAYING A MUSICAL INSTRUMENT ALSO REDUCES DEPRESSION, ANXIETY & STRESS

AGENCIES

**London, Dec 3:** A new study demonstrated the positive impact learning to play a musical instrument has on the brain's ability to process sights and sounds, and showed how it could also help to lift a blue mood.

The team at the University of Bath behind the study showed how beginners who undertook piano lessons for just one hour a week over 11 weeks reported significant improvements in recognising audio-visual changes in the environment and reported less depression, stress and anxiety.

The findings have been published in the journal Nature Scientific Reports.

The researchers found that

within just a few weeks of starting lessons, people's ability to process multisensory information - sight and sound - was enhanced. Improved 'multisensory process' has benefits for almost every activity we participate in - from driving a car and crossing a road, to finding someone in a crowd or watching TV.

These multisensory improvements extended beyond musical abilities. With musical training, people's audio-visual processing became more accurate across other tasks. Those who received piano lessons showed greater accuracy in tests where participants were asked to determine whether sound and vision 'events' occurred at the same time.

In addition, the findings went



beyond improvements in cognitive abilities, showing that participants also had reduced depression, anxiety and stress scores after the training compared to before it.

The authors suggest that music training could be beneficial for people with mental health diffi-

culties, and further research is currently underway to test this.

"We know that playing and listening to music often brings joy to our lives, but with this study we were interested in learning more about the direct effects a short period of music learning can have on our cognitive abilities," explained Dr Karin Petrini, cognitive psychologist and music specialist, University of Bath.

"Learning to play an instrument like the piano is a complex task: it requires a musician to read a score, generate movements and monitor the auditory and tactile feedback to adjust their further actions. In scientific terms, the process couples visual with auditory cues and results in a multisensory training for individuals," said Petrini.





# The many facets of MiO Conclave 3.0



Chief Minister Naveen Patnaik, 5T Secretary VK Pandian, Chief Secretary SC Mahapatra and others during a plenary session on 'Building Economic Independence for Women Empowerment' at Make in Odisha Conclave-2022 in Bhubaneswar, Saturday



Elated Mission Shakti woman SHG members at the conclave



Mission Shakti commissioner-cum-secretary Sujata R Karthikeyan addressed the event



A plenary session on Defence and Aviation



Models walked the ramp during a fashion show at MiO Conclave



Entrepreneurs and other participants during a photo-op with Chief Minister Naveen Patnaik

OP PHOTOS

## Transformation in school edu a reality now: Naveen

POST NEWS NETWORK

**Bhubaneswar, Dec 3:** Transformation in education is not a dream anymore, it's a reality now in Odisha, said Chief Minister Naveen Patnaik while addressing a session on Transformation of School Education at MiO Conclave here, Saturday.

### Boost to OAV infra

CM Naveen Patnaik Saturday inaugurated six academic buildings of Odisha Adarsha Vidyalayas and 32 girls' hostels of these schools. He also dedicated 30 district resource centres for children with special needs at the session organised by School and Mass Education department on the penultimate day of MiO Conclave 2022.

Patnaik said the transformation initiative of Odisha in the school education sector has de-



livered stellar results. Today, the government schools in Odisha are highly sought-after ones, competing with their counterparts across the nation, he added.

"Our school transformation initiative, driven by 5T principles, unlocked new aspirations and opened the door of new horizons for the high school students of Odisha," the CM said. He said his government's Mo School and Odisha

Adarsha Vidyalaya Sangathan initiatives have ushered in a visible transformation in the school education sector, and made history in the national platform.

Under Mo School initiative, one of the largest alumni connect programmes of the world, over 50,000 government schools of Odisha have been revamped with the help of more than 30 lakh alumni and community members.

## Tourism policy 2022 unveiled

Tourism Minister Aswini Kumar Patra unveiled the new 'Odisha Tourism Policy 2022' during a session on 'Tourism Industry' at the MiO Conclave 2022 here, Saturday.

Patra said that the state has received investment intents of over ₹7,800 crore from 85 investors in the sector.

The Tourism Minister highlighted the focus areas on which the new policy is drafted.

## ₹1,250cr for biotech sector

The Science and Technology department Saturday signed an MoU with Association of Biotechnology Led Enterprise (ABLE) to bring biotechnology industries to Odisha and to prepare a conducive Biotech Policy for the state.

Global Network of Entrepreneurs and Professionals for Odisha (GNEPO) has also signed an MoU to facilitate Global-Odisha entrepreneurial exchanges, to provide a platform for bio-entrepre-

neurship development in Odisha with global outreach, identify and submit a mix of 10 potential contacts every year from across the globe those who have commitment and desire to help bio-startups from Odisha.

Altogether, ₹1,250 crore investment including Huwel Lifesciences' ₹50 crore and CropGini's ₹500 crore has come during the conclave for biotechnology sector. The investment will generate employment opportunities for over 8,000 people.

## UK firm to invest ₹2L cr for semiconductor unit

United Kingdom-based SRAM & MRAM Group vice-chairman Gurujee Kumar Swami Saturday announced that the group will invest ₹2 lakh crore in Odisha to set up semiconductor unit in the state. The announcement was made at the MiO

Conclave, 2022 here. Swami and the company's Odisha in-charge Debadutta Singh Deo said the group will invest ₹30,000 crore in the first phase.

Earlier, they met Chief Minister Naveen Patnaik and briefed him on the proposed project.

They also discussed in details about the project with Chief Secretary SC Mahapatra, Industries secretary Hemant Sharma and other officials.

Meanwhile, a direct investment commitment of ₹8,200 crore has been received which is likely

to create over 40,000 jobs in the state. The big names which made investment commitments or signed MoUs include Intel, Oracle, Global Foundries, Jupiter Solar, Deloitte, IBM, Happiest Minds, Adani Group, EY, and Aaron Capital.

## State gets ₹58K crore real estate investment intents

The fourth day of the third edition of state's flagship investors' summit—Make in Odisha (MiO) Conclave 2022 here Saturday saw the launch of 'Odisha Housing for All Policy for Urban Areas 2022' and real estate giants signing pacts for investing ₹58,502.55 crore in the sector.

During a session on 'Real Estate and Urban Infrastructure', the Housing and Urban Development (H&UD) department launched the 'Odisha Housing for All Policy for Urban Areas 2022'.

According to the H&UD department, the policy brings 60 per cent government land for commercial development and a volley of benefits for creating affordable houses upto 60 sqm in PPP mode.

On the occasion, 22 real estate firms signed memorandums of understanding with the state government for investing ₹58,502.55 crore in the sector.

The session also witnessed the launch of a white paper 'Emerging hotspots of Odisha towards inclusive growth', highlighting the pro industry features envisaged in various policies and reformative initiatives of the state government to enable investment in the real estate sector in urban Odisha and to foster inclusive growth.

H&UD Minister Usha Devi said state's real estate sector has been witnessing radical changes due to the progressive and proactive policy reforms like Uniform Building and Planning Standards Rules, Housing for All Policy and CAF Rule introduced by the department.

H&UD dept launches Odisha Housing for All Policy for Urban Areas 2022

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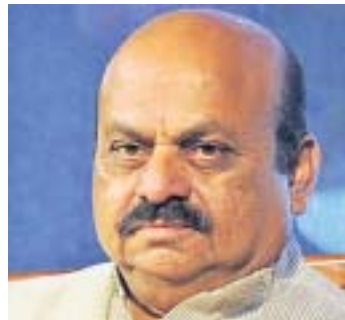
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It is not appropriate for the ministers of Maharashtra to visit Belagavi, the bordering district of the state amid the tension between the two states

BASAVARAJ BOMMAI | KARNATAKA CM

RTI REVELATION

A whopping ₹43 lakh were spent on Kerala Chief Minister Pinarayi Vijayan and his team's London visit in October, an RTI reply has revealed. The RTI queries were answered by the Indian High Commission's London office



of the day quote

3 killed, several hurt in blast near TMC rally venue

Farmers are not getting fertilizer and are being harassed for not repaying loans of ₹50,000 to ₹1 lakh, while big loans of industrialists are waived by the banks by rolling out red carpets

As per an interim report submitted, an aggregate of 7,504 bighas (1,898 hectares) of land belonging to 303 Satras (Vaishnavite monasteries) are under encroachment in various parts of the state

The Charilam violence was a glaring example that a fascist-style rule is going on in Tripura where Constitution doesn't work. People have no right to raise their voice



PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

Contai (WB), Dec 3: At least three people were killed and several others injured in a blast near the venue of senior Trinamool Congress leader Abhishek Banerjee's rally in West Bengal's Purba Medinipur district, police said on Saturday. The incident took place in Block 2 of Arjunnagar in Bhupatinagar area, 1.5 km from Contai town where TMC national general secretary Abhishek Banerjee addressed a public meeting on Saturday, a police officer said. "The blast was reported in a house around 11.15 pm on Friday and three bodies were recovered on Saturday morning. A few others are injured. The cause of the blast is yet to be ascertained and further investigation is underway. "The impact was so powerful that the mud house with a thatched roof was blown off in the incident," the senior officer of Bhupatinagar Police Station said. The three deceased were identified as Rajkumar Manna, who is reportedly a TMC worker, Debkumar Manna and Biswajit Gayen, he said.

The incident took place in Block 2 of Arjunnagar in Bhupatinagar area, 1.5 km from Contai town where TMC national general secretary Abhishek Banerjee addressed a public meeting on Saturday, a police officer said. A forensic team later reached the spot and collected samples and a huge police team was deployed there

hurled at Contai. Bombs are WB's most successful Cottage Industry products & are widely produced in TMC leaders' homes across Bengal," the senior BJP leader also tweeted. BJP national vice president Dilip Ghosh held the TMC "responsible" for the incident and said that "only bomb-making industry is flourishing in the state". The TMC leadership expressed their "shock" over the incident and alleged that it was a plot by the BJP to kill the party's Diamond Harbour MP. Taking a cue from Adhikari's tweet, senior TMC leader and state Finance minister Chandrima Bhattacharya alleged that Adhikari's certainty about TMC's involvement is an admission to the plot to assassinate Banerjee. "SHOCKING! This is clearly an open assassination plot that the BJP has admitted to. LoP @SuvenduWB's certainty about the usage of the bombs at Contai where our National Gen Sec @abhishekaic is to hold a rally is a PROOF of their plan," Bhattacharya tweeted. Party colleague and West Bengal Industry minister Shashi Panja also reiterated Bhattacharya's allegations and said, "LoP SuvenduWB, trapped in his own words! Sure of the bombs to be hurled at Contai, did he already know who it was intended toward? Was it a shameless attempt to sabotage the meeting of our National General Secretary Shri @abhishekaic at Contai, hurt him and the people?"

No reservation for those who convert to another religion: Madras HC

INDO-ASIAN NEWS SERVICE

Chennai, Dec 3: In a major decision, the Madras high court (HC) Saturday said that a person cannot claim reservation based on caste after getting converted to another religion.

The Madras HC bench headed by Justice G.R. Swaminathan gave the order dismissing the petition by a Hindu man from the most backward community, who had converted to Islam. The petitioner subsequently sought caste-based quota in state government jobs.



The bench observed that once a Hindu man converts into another religion which does not recognise the caste system, the person ceases to belong to that caste in which he was born. The petitioner maintained that he converted to Islam in May 2008. He appeared for the Tamil Nadu Combined Civil Services exam in 2018. He failed to qualify it and upon inquiry he came to know that he was treated as a General category candidate. He maintained that he should have been treated as backward class Muslim candidate. He further said that he exercised his fundamental right by getting converted to Islam. The Tamil Nadu government considers some Muslim categories as most backward class community.

Professor arrested for misbehaving with foreign student

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

Hyderabad, Dec 3: A University of Hyderabad (UoH) professor was taken into custody for allegedly trying to misbehave with a foreign student, police said Saturday. The 62-year-old man was booked for allegedly attempting to outrage the woman's modesty and for sexual harassment and the case was registered under relevant sections of Indian Penal Code (IPC) on a complaint by a university official.

The professor has been placed under suspension by the varsity. The professor, who works in Hindi department, allegedly took the woman, who hails from Thailand, to his residence Friday evening saying he would take Hindi classes and tried to misbehave with her. He was alone at home when the incident happened. The woman, a post graduate student, could not communicate in English or Hindi and her statement was recorded by taking the help of a translator, a police official said. According to her, the professor mixed liquor in a drink without her knowledge, he said. The activists of ABVP gathered at the university and held a protest demanding stringent action against the accused.

Court extends NIA custody of Bishnoi

New Delhi: A Delhi court Saturday extended by four days the NIA custody of alleged gangster Lawrence Bishnoi, accused in Siddhu Moosewala murder case, in a matter related to conspiracy hatched by terror groups. The NIA has alleged that the conspiracy was hatched by members of a criminal syndicate based in India and abroad to raise funds and recruit youths to carry out terrorist acts in Delhi and other parts of the country.

Four tiger cubs found dead

Chandrapur: Four tiger cubs were found dead in the buffer zone of the Tadoba Andhari Tiger Reserve (TATR) in Maharashtra's Chandrapur district on Saturday, a forest official said. Injuries were found on the cubs, which indicate that they were killed by a tiger, he said. "The carcasses of two male and two female cubs, aged three to four months, were found at Shivni forest range in the buffer zone this morning," the reserve's chief conservator of forest Dr Jitendra Ramgaonkar said.

Monitoring movements of Chinese ships: Navy chief

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

New Delhi, Dec 3: The Indian Navy is looking at having a second indigenous aircraft carrier (IAC) and is set to procure a raft of other platforms including Predator drones from the US to bolster its overall military capability, Navy Chief Admiral R Hari Kumar said on Saturday in the backdrop of evolving regional security matrix and China's growing naval prowess.

Addressing a press conference a day ahead of Navy Day, he said a timeline of 2047 has been set for making the force 'Atmanirbhara' (self-reliant). Admiral Kumar also said that an exercise is underway in the force to shed the colonial past as "we strongly support the view that we have to get away from this 'Ghulami ki manskaita' (slave mentality)." The Navy Chief also said that the Indian Navy is set to open all its branches for women from next year. On possible challenges from China, he asserted that the Navy keeps a strong vigil over movements of various Chinese military research and fishing vessels in the Indian Ocean Region.



The Navy celebrates December 4 as Navy Day to commemorate its daring attack on Karachi harbour and its decisive victory in the 1971 Indo-Pak war

The Navy chief said that the Indian Navy is set to open all its branches for women from next year

Listing initiatives to bolster the Navy's operational prowess, he said a draft cabinet note is being prepared for the proposed indigenous twin-engine deck-based aircraft, adding the plan is to have a prototype of the jet by 2026 while its production would start by 2032.

The Navy celebrates December 4 as Navy Day to commemorate its daring attack on Karachi harbour and its decisive victory in the 1971 Indo-Pak war. Admiral Kumar said the Navy is contemplating whether to go for indigenous aircraft carrier (IAC) II or prefer

Gujarat polls: Campaigning ends

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

Ahmedabad, Dec 3: The high-voltage campaigning for the second and final phase of the Gujarat Assembly elections ended at 5 pm Saturday.

As many as 833 candidates are in the fray across 93 constituencies which will go to polls on December 5. Votes will be counted on December 8. Prominent candidates in the second phase include Chief Minister Bhupendra Patel from Ghatlodia, Patidar leader Hardik Patel from Virangam and OBC leader Alpesh Thakor from Gandhinagar South.

Both Hardik Patel and Thakor are contesting on BJP ticket. The first phase of voting for 89 seats in Saurashtra, Kutch and south



Samajwadi Party candidate Dimple Yadav campaigns in Mainpuri district PTI PHOTO

Delhi set for high-stakes MCD polls



This will be the first civic election after the fresh delimitation exercise, and the poll will be held days after the first phase of the Gujarat Assembly elections and a day ahead of its second phase

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

New Delhi, Dec 3: The stage is set for the high-stakes civic polls in Delhi on Sunday, with poll authorities and security forces all geared up for the elections, largely being seen as a three-way contest among the AAP, the BJP and the Congress. Over 1.45 crore electors are eligible to exercise their franchise in the elections to the 250 wards of the Municipal Corporation of Delhi, in which 1,349 candidates are in the fray. Polling will be held from 8 am to 5:30 pm and the votes will be counted on December 7. According to data shared by the State Election Commission officials, the total number of voters in Delhi is 1,45,05,358 - 78,93,418 males, 66,10,879 females and 1,061 transgender persons. There are 250 wards in the Municipal Corporation of Delhi (MCD). This will be the first civic election after the fresh delimitation exercise, and

the poll will be held days after the first phase of the Gujarat assembly elections, and a day ahead of its second phase. Authorities have set up 13,638 polling stations across Delhi for the exercise. There were 272 wards in Delhi and three corporations -- NDMC, SDMC and EDMC -- in Delhi from 2012-2022, before being reunified into a MCD that had formally come into existence on May 22. The erstwhile MCD, established in 1958, was trifurcated in 2012 during Sheila Dikshit's tenure as the chief minister. With the announcement of the MCD polling date on November 4 by State Election Commissioner Vijay Dev, the Model Code of Conduct came into immediate effect in the national capital from that day itself. Both the AAP and the BJP have exuded confidence that they will emerge victorious in the polls while the Congress is seeking to regain lost turf. The high-decibel campaigning for the

December 4 polls, which saw roadshows of AAP and BJP heavyweights criss-cross through the national capital amid a political slugfest, concluded on Friday. Giving campaigns of their parties one final push on Friday, BJP leaders held over 200 public meetings and roadshows, while Delhi Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal and his deputy Manish Sisodia held a town hall with 400 traders to discuss issues faced by them while dealing with the civic body. The SEC officials said poll authorities and its teams were all set for the big day on Sunday and adequate arrangements for deployment of forces has been done. The Commission on Friday said it has made elaborate arrangements for safe, secure and pleasant voting experience of people. These measures are required to keep the electoral field free and to ensure that a level playing field is afforded to all political parties and candidates.

Advertisement for Union Bank of India. Includes regional office address in Bhubaneswar and a detailed sale notice for immovable properties. The sale notice is for the PURI-1 BRANCH, INFRONT OF TOWN POLICE STATION, GRAND ROAD, PURI, and DELANGA RAILWAY STATION BAZAAR BRANCH, MAINROAD, DELANGA, P.O.: BERBOI, PURI - 752016.

# BJP uses 'Khela hobe' slogan against Mamata's party

**THE TMC HAD COINED THE SLOGAN "KHELA HOBE" BEFORE THE 2021 ASSEMBLY ELECTIONS AND IT BECAME IMMENSELY POPULAR. SEVERAL OTHER PARTIES OUTSIDE BENGAL ALSO USED IT LATER**

**Kolkata, Dec 3:** Seeking to use the Trinamool Congress' popular slogan 'khela hobe' (there will be a game) back at the ruling party of West Bengal, the BJP has said that games will be played by both in the coming elections. Asserting that the BJP believes in non-violence, the party's West

Bengal president Sukanta Majumdar said that this does not mean that it will not react if push comes to shove. "The game will be played (khela hobe) by both the parties and it will be a dangerous one," the BJP leader said at a public rally at Barrackpore in North 24 Parganas district Friday. "I assure you that the Trinamool



Congress government, which is selling out assets of the state, will be ousted in a few years," Majumdar said.

Hinting at early elections in the state, the BJP leader claimed that he will not be surprised if the assembly polls in West Bengal are

held along with the 2024 Lok Sabha elections. The Mamata Banerjee-led Trinamool Congress government came to power in the state for the third consecutive term in 2021. Claiming that around 300 TMC activists are behind bars in cases relating to post-poll violence of 2021, which are being investigated by the CBI, Majumdar asserted that more are likely to be brought to book. Anyone indulging in illegalities, in whatever big post they are holding, will not go scot-free as long as Prime Minister Narendra Modi is there, Majumdar said. He claimed that a bill will be brought in the Lok Sabha to ensure the neutrality of the police force.

# For many, armed security guards are status mascots in J&K



**OVER THE YEARS, MOVING AROUND WITH AN ARMED SECURITY GUARD PROVIDED BY THE GOVERNMENT HAS BECOME A STATUS SYMBOL IN J&K**

AGENCIES

**Srinagar, Dec 3:** In Jammu and Kashmir having an armed security guard has become more of a status symbol than an actual necessity to protect someone. Top officials responsible for identifying threats to individuals and also those detailed to provide the armed security guards are coming under increased pressure as the demands for providing security guards often go beyond the threat perceptions analysed by the authorities. "There is a list of categorised persons whose threat appraisals are reviewed from time to time. Providing security based on threat perception is an essential aspect of the security system." "But, we often get demands from persons not otherwise categorised for providing armed security guards," said a senior officer connected with providing security to protected persons.

Not many of the protected persons are provided with bullet proof vehicles and in any case, moving around with armed guards in non-bullet proof vehicles and carrying armed guards along while shopping inside malls or attending social functions is fraught with inherent risks. "Such behaviour by protected persons not only endangers their personal safety but also exposes our boys to avoidable risks." "Moving around in vehicles not meant for security purposes entails inherent risk to the occupants. You are a moving target for anyone to take a potshot," said another officer connected with security. It is very strange that in order to show off their so-called protected status, the newfound crop of protected persons do all sorts of pranks to attract public attention. They keep the guards outside shops, at entrances of other public places or at the receptions of social functions and move around with swagger that does not show even an iota of concern for personal safety or that of the guards they carry along. There are detailed SoPs about what a protected person should do or not do. In the name of belonging to this or that political party or just because of their social standing backed by wealth, most people moving around with security in J&K might not need any armed protection at all.

# Bengal to get country's 2nd submarine museum



INDO-ASIAN NEWS SERVICE

**Kolkata, Dec 3:** The country's second submarine museum is slated to come up at Digha in West Bengal, Indian Navy officials announced in Kolkata Friday, ahead of Navy Day Celebrations across the country December 4. Navy Day is celebrated to commemorate Operation Trident on the intervening night of December 3-4 in 1971 when Indian Navy missile boats attacked Karachi harbour, destroying warships and on-shore installations that crippled Pakistan Navy's efforts to participate in the decisive war that followed, resulting in the liberation of Bangladesh. "We have already set up an aircraft museum at New Town Rajarhat in Kolkata in association with the Government of West Bengal. We have installed a Tupolev TU-142M long range maritime surveillance and attack aircraft there for residents of Kolkata to get a better understanding of how the Indian Navy functions. Now, we will be setting up a submarine museum at Digha in the East Midnapore district of West Bengal. Digha is a major tourist attraction

and the museum there will add value to the seaside township," a senior Navy official said on Friday. Visakhapatnam in Andhra Pradesh has the only submarine museum in the country. The INS Kursura, a decommissioned diesel-electric submarine of the Indian Navy, is placed at a strategic location close to the R.K. Beach and draws huge crowds. Most of those who travel to Visakhapatnam as tourists are from West Bengal and the submarine museum is a must-see for them. On Friday, Commodore Rituraj Sahu, Naval Officer-in-Charge, West Bengal, briefed the media in Kolkata on the Indian Navy's activities in the region. He highlighted how West Bengal has two Fast Interceptor Crafts (FICs) now that operate from Kolkata to the Sagar Island anchorage to provide protection to shipping interests. Two more FICs will arrive soon to bolster the Navy's muscle at INS Netaji Subhas - Kolkata's naval office. INS Netaji Subhas, that played a key role in 1971, when the missile boats that struck Karachi harbour arrived at the Kolkata port, is also getting upgraded.

# Srinagar makes it to the list of top places to visit in 2023

INDO-ASIAN NEWS SERVICE

**New Delhi, Dec 3:** India's Srinagar makes it to the top places of 2023 to visit in Conde Nast Traveler's latest article, 'The 23 Best Places to Go in 2023.' The article describes Srinagar as, "an alluring and once hard-to-visit destination in the Kashmir Valley"... which, "is opening up for travellers in a big way in 2023, with new roadways making it easier than ever to get in and around." Saumya Ancheri, Features Editor at the travel magazine, details the improvements being made to the city's transportation, stays, and connectivity to create hassle-free travel experiences for both citizens and tourists. The Valley is also about to get a boost in accessibility, with a spate of highways and tunnels planned to open in 2023 that will, among other connections, make it easier to drive from Kashmir-across breathtaking landscapes to neighbouring Ladakh, even in winter. Here is a list of places to visit in the Valley to make your stay memorable in the new year. **Dal Lake** Known as *The Jewel of Srinagar*, the Dal Lake is the most exquisite of sights to behold. It is surrounded by 26 square kilometers and in addition to the famous *Shikara* rides, living on a houseboat is also an experience of a lifetime. You



can shop at the floating markets and take a leisurely cruise. **Indira Gandhi Memorial Tulip Garden** With the largest Tulip garden in Asia, 74 acres in size, your best bet is to visit in March, April, and May. You can visit Indira Gandhi Memorial Tulip Garden anytime between 7.00 a.m. to 7.30 p.m. on all weekdays at just Rs 50 for adults and Rs 25 for kids. Who needs Holland! **Aru Valley** If you enjoy activities and adventure, the Venice of the East has something for you. The greatest time to visit Aru Valley is from July to September when you can go hiking, fishing, and horseback riding without worrying about the weather. Aru Valley is located in the Anantnag District of Srinagar,

It provides a plethora of travel experiences including scenic views, monuments and architecture, handicrafts for shoppers, traditional feasts for foodies, and stays in off beat options like houseboats, glamping and waterfront villas

Jammu, and Kashmir. **Pari Mahal** Surrounded by lush green mountains Pari Mahal in Srinagar was built in the mid-17th century by Dara Shikoh, son of Shah Jahan, it used to be the emperor's summer retreat. **Dachigam National Park** Dachigam National Park in Jammu and Kashmir is home to a diverse array of flora and animals. While strolling through the park, you may come across the critically endangered Kashmir stag (hangul), a red deer found in India, as well as musk deer, Himalayan black bears, and a variety of unusual Himalayan birds such as golden eagles, bearded vultures, red Togo pans, and koklass pheasants.

# WBSSC scam: Maximum illegal recruitments made for English

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**Kolkata, Dec 3:** Maximum number of illegal recruitments of teachers in the state-run schools were made for English, as per the records of West Bengal School Service Commission (WBSSC). Following the instruction of Justice Abhijit Gangopadhyay of Calcutta High Court Thursday afternoon, the WBSSC has published on its website the names of the 183 candidates deemed by the commission to have illegally procured teachers' jobs. According to the list, the maximum number of illegal recruitments was made for the subject of English at 57, followed by geography - 30, life science - 22, Bengali - 21, Mathematics and Physical



Science - 18 each and finally history - 17. They all got appointments in 2016. Besides asking the WBSSC to publish these names on the website of the commission, Justice Gangopadhyay has also sought explanation on steps taken for termination of services of these illegally-appointed teachers. Meanwhile, the commission has pegged the number of illegal recruitments for the 9th and 10th standards at just 183, Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI), which is

conducting a probe in the teachers' recruitment scam, has submitted a separate list to court on this count where the figure has been pegged at 952. On Thursday, Justice Gangopadhyay asked the counsels of three parties - CBI, WBSSC and the petitioners - in the case to sit together December 3, discuss the documents like optical marks recognition (OMR) sheets and hard discs seized or recovered in the matter and settle out the matter related to difference in the two figures. He has also directed the CBI to submit a report to his bench on the result of the joint findings. While issuing the directions, Justice Gangopadhyay asked WBSSC and CBI not to be scared as "bigger rats will emerge" during the course of investigation.

# 'BJY to reach J&K by January end'

**Srinagar:** The Bharat Jodo Yatra (BJY) will reach Jammu and Kashmir towards the end of January and will culminate with a public meeting, a Congress leader here said Saturday. He said all the arrangements for the yatra were going on in full swing. "The Bharat Jodo Yatra led by Rahul Gandhi will reach J-K by January end. The yatra will take place between Lakhapur to Kashmir. A concluding public meeting will take place here," J-K Pradesh Congress Committee chief Vihar Rasool Wani told reporters here. Wani also welcomed the secular parties who have shown interest to become a part of the yatra and to fight hatred, unemployment and the price rise. Asked about his recent statement that the Padma Shri award, bestowed on former Congress leader Ghulam Nabi Azad, was a small award, the JKPC chief said the BJP was giving awards on political considerations.

# Kolkata to shut all hookah bars

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

**Kolkata, Dec 3:** All hookah bars in Kolkata will be shut down after allegations were received that some of these places were being used for dealing in drugs, mayor Firdah Hakim said. Licence of any bar will also be cancelled if they are found secretly selling hookah, he said. "There are allegations of illegal drug use at the hookah bars. The young generation is getting addicted to drugs. And, this is why hookah bars have been ordered to close," he said. Welcoming the decision of the Kolkata Municipal Corporation, doctors said having hookah for an hour was equivalent to consuming 100 cigarettes in terms of nicotine deposits. "At the hookah bars, which are located inside restau-



**Doctors said having hookah for an hour was equivalent to consuming 100 cigarettes in terms of nicotine deposits** rants, a lot of passive smoking also happens. It is harmful to health as one hour of hookah is equivalent to consuming 100 cigarettes" said doctor Bikash Majumdar, senior consultant interventional cardiologist at Apollo Multispecialty Hospitals.

# How smart must smart city planners of Srinagar be?

INDO-ASIAN NEWS SERVICE

**Srinagar, Dec 3:** How smart would Srinagar become as a smart city? The question brooks an answer in light of the historical realities of this city. In the mid 1960s, a Jammu and Kashmir government headed by GM Sadiq as the Chief Minister took an embarrassingly misconceived decision. The serpentine canal called 'Nallah Mar' that went round the old Srinagar city and finally drained into the Jhelum River, was filled up. This canal had won Srinagar the enviable title of 'Venice of Asia'. The canal was filled and a road replaced it. There is no defence for this environmentally disastrous and administratively un-

wise decision although supporters of GM Sadiq would say in private that the decision was taken to change the population dynamics of old city Srinagar which was dominated by the followers of the Mirwaiz family. The canal was lost, while the followers of the Mirwaiz family flourished around the two sides of the road without moving to other parts of the city. The filling of the canal was advertised as a step towards making Srinagar a modern city and the result is there for everybody to lament. "Since the ambitious smart city mission was started in Srinagar, the roads here appear as if these have been bombed," said a retired chief engineer. "Roads and drains are being dug up obviously to re-



alise the dream of a smart city. The result will have to wait to be judged in future and yet what is difficult and baffling to understand is the fact that Srinagar is the only city

The fact is that smart cities cannot just be made of better - brick, mortar and concrete structures. A city with a rich heritage like Srinagar merits that its planners strike a delicate balance between its great past and its inherent fault lines. in the country where the road dividers are so broad that they choke the passage of the vehicular traffic." "Why are pedestrian malls raised 3 to 4 ft from the road sur-

face while people can hardly climb on them to avoid moving on the road?" "And what we are hearing is that to decongest the city and to decrease its pollution by fuel emission, cycles would be the only mode of transport in the smart city interiors." "That is a great decision, but our past experiences have been bitter," the retired engineer added. The cynicism of the common man and the experts in Srinagar towards modernisation of the city is based in their past experiences. Roads cannot be decongested by increasing the breadth of the dividers and raising pedestrian malls to heights unclimbable for the pedestrians.





Every form of 'elite understanding' of the democratic process that educated people are better decision-makers must be rejected

TN HEADMISTRESS HELD A primary school headmistress was arrested Saturday for allegedly making six Scheduled Caste students clean the school toilets in Erode district of Tamil Nadu



of the day quote

The Arvind Kejriwal government in Delhi has established a 'standard of corruption' that is higher in 'leaps and bounds' than that during the earlier Congress regime, and it is thriving on politics of 'chaos and freebies'

Stopping free yoga classes for people is a sin and it should not happen while the rest of the politics can go on

There is a competition going on to defame me and the state government and allegations are raised. Those who indulge in such acts cannot digest the good work being done by the Shide-Fadnavis government and hence they are indulging in such acts

Congress slams Centre over 'Chinese shelters in Depsang'

New Delhi, Dec 3: Citing media reports that China has built shelters in the Depsang area in Ladakh, the Congress on Saturday questioned the government's 'silence' over the issue and asked what steps were being taken by it to ensure status quo ante of April 2020.



enhanced its border infrastructure in recent years with the Centre giving a major boost to such efforts following the eastern Ladakh standoff.

CLASS 10 GIRL GANGRAPE, MURDERED

Hyderabad, Dec 3: A class 10 girl was allegedly gang-raped and murdered in Tirumalagiri village in Telangana's Mahabubnagar district, post which villagers staged a violent protest on Saturday.

Umar discharged in Delhi riots case



New Delhi, Dec 3: A court discharged former JNU student Umar Khalid and United Against Hate founder Khalid Saifi in a case related to the 2020 northeast Delhi riots.

SHORT TAKES

Two crushed to death

Amaravati: Two devotees were killed in a road accident in Andhra Pradesh's Kakinada district on Saturday, police said.

Drug peddler held

New Delhi: Delhi Police have arrested a 40-year-old drug peddler from Ambedkar Nagar area, an official said Saturday.

Five injured

Rajkot (Gujarat): Five workers suffered burn injuries after a fire broke out in room they were staying in here on Saturday.

Minor molested

Raichur (Karnataka): A minor girl was allegedly forced to drink alcohol and sexually harassed by her friend and his accomplice in Raichur district of Karnataka, police said Saturday.



FITNESS TEST: Aspirants undergo a physical test during an Agniveer army recruitment rally at Danapur near Patna

MP teacher suspended for joining Rahul's yatra

Barwani (MP), Dec 3: A government school teacher has been suspended for attending the Rahul Gandhi-led Bharat Jodo Yatra in Madhya Pradesh's Barwani district, an official said Saturday.

Gangster shot dead in front of house



Sikar (Rajasthan), Dec 3: A gangster was shot dead by five men at the gate of his house in Rajasthan's Sikar district on Saturday, police said.

Another man who had gone to meet his daughter studying in a coaching institute there was also hit by bullets and died

named Rohit Godara, who introduced himself as a member of the Lawrence Bishnoi gang, claimed responsibility on Facebook, saying it was to avenge the killing of Anandpal Singh and Balbir Banuda.

More open jails needed to reform prisons: Experts

Kolkata, Dec 3: High walls, barbed wire fences and armed guards to keep prisoners in check, are being frowned upon by experts who feel open prisons may be a cheaper and better way to reform prisoners.



open jails in India," she underlined. Chakraburty, who had earlier published a report on the condition of Bihar prisons, said that she was flummoxed to see that inmates in some of the packed jails of the

state barely had space to sit. "After visiting all 58 prisons in Bihar in 2014, and talking to each of the prisoners there, I realised that only a handful of people in regular jails are habitual offenders.

# international

## of the day quote

In France, Spain and Italy you have many jobs in sectors of employment where Africans can work  
**MOHAMED BAZOUM** | PRESIDENT, NIGER

This is a job killing tax hike, which, if implemented with Hungary's approval, would wipe out tens of thousands of jobs  
**VIKTOR ORBÁN** | PM, HUNGARY

I know how to complete the IMF programme. The government will not only complete the current programme, it will also make its payments in time and as per schedule. We will not default  
**ISHAQ DAR** | PAKISTAN, MINISTER OF FINANCE

## SHORT TAKES

### Quake jolts main Indonesia island

**Jakarta:** A strong earthquake shook parts of Indonesia's main island of Java on Saturday, causing panic but only minor damage just two weeks after an equally powerful quake killed hundreds. The US Geological Survey said the magnitude 5.7 quake was centred about 18 kilometers (11 miles) southeast of Banjar, a city between West Java and Central Java provinces, at a depth of 112 kilometers (70 miles). One resident was injured in Selaawi village of West Java's Garut district, and at least four houses and a school were damaged, said Suharyanto, the National Disaster Management Agency head who goes by a single name.

### Patrols resume in north Syria

**Qamishli (Syria):** US troops Saturday resumed joint patrols with Kurdish-led forces in northeast Syria days after they were stopped amid Turkish threats of a new ground incursion into the war-torn country. A patrol consisting of four American armoured vehicles and one for the US-backed Syrian Democratic Forces was seen leaving a US Base near the northeastern town of Rmeilan in Hassakeh province. The patrol was driving northeast toward another US Base near the border with Iraq.

### Pak summons Afghan diplomat

**Islamabad:** Pakistan has summoned Afghanistan's Charge d'Affaires in Islamabad and conveyed to him its deep concern over the attack on the country's Head of Mission in Kabul, it emerged Saturday. Ubaid-ur-Rehman Nizamani survived an attack on Pakistan's embassy in Kabul Friday, drawing immediate condemnation and a demand for a probe from Islamabad.

# Screenshots have generated new forms of storytelling

Screenshots are as banal as they are ubiquitous. Nowadays, virtually all computer and digital mobile devices can generate a screenshot with a quick pair of key presses. Maybe that's why they have remained largely underappreciated as a creative practice. Yet, a closer look at the screenshot tells us interesting stories about not only how media transforms over time, but also how even the humblest technical operation may give rise to sophisticated cultural forms. What began as a simple way to document electronic images has evolved into a form of expression of its own. **Portable form of annotation** Because screenshots are so sim-

# Price cap is 'dangerous': Russia

AMID WAR, THE G7 GROUP OF NATIONS AND ITS ALLIES HAVE OFFICIALLY APPROVED A \$60 PER BARREL PRICE CAP ON RUSSIAN OIL PRICES, SAYING IT WOULD COME INTO FORCE DECEMBER 5 OR "VERY SOON THEREAFTER"

**Kyiv, Dec 3:** Russia "will not accept" a price cap on its oil and is analysing how to respond, the Kremlin said in comments reported Saturday, in response to a deal by Western powers aimed at limiting a key source of funding for its war in Ukraine. Kremlin spokesman Dmitry Peskov said Moscow had made preparations for Friday's price cap announcement by the Group of Seven nations, the European Union and Australia, the Russian state news agency TASS reported. "We will not accept this cap," RIA news agency quoted him as saying. He added that Russia would conduct a rapid analysis of the agreement and respond after that, RIA reported.

Russia has repeatedly said it will not supply oil to countries that implement the cap - a stance reaffirmed by Mikhail Ulyanov, Moscow's ambassador to international organisations in Vienna, in posts on social media Saturday. "Starting from this year Europe will live without Russian oil," he said. The G7 price cap will allow non-EU countries to continue im-



## Ukraine urges tougher Western squeeze on Russian oil prices

The office of Zelenskyy called Saturday for a lower price cap on Russian oil than the one agreed to by Ukraine's Western supporters, while Russian authorities called the \$60-per-barrel cap harmful to free, stable markets. Andriy Yermak, the head of Zelenskyy's office, wrote on social media that the price ceiling set by the European Union, Australia, Britain, Canada, Japan, and the United States on Friday didn't go far enough. The cap is set to take effect Monday, along with an EU embargo on Russian oil shipped by sea. "It would be necessary to lower it to \$30 in order to destroy the enemy's economy faster," Yermak wrote on Telegram, staking out a position also favored by Poland - a leading critic of Russian President Vladimir Putin's war in Ukraine.

porting seaborne Russian crude oil, but it will prohibit shipping, insurance and re-insurance compa-

First of all, let us be clear: no panic! It is legitimate for the government to prepare for the extreme cases which would mean cutting off electricity for a few hours per day if we did not have enough power  
**EMMANUEL MACRON** | PRESIDENT, FRANCE

**RAISI HAILS 'FREEDOMS'** President Ebrahim Raisi Saturday hailed Iran's Islamic Republic as a guarantor of rights and freedoms, defending the the ruling system amid a crackdown on anti-government protests that the United Nations says has cost more than 300 lives



## Iran starts construction on new nuclear plant



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**Cairo, Dec 3:** Iran Saturday began construction on a new nuclear power plant in the country's southwest, Iranian state TV announced, amid tensions with the US over sweeping sanctions imposed after Washington pulled out of the Islamic Republic's nuclear deal with world powers. The announcement also comes as Iran has been rocked by nationwide anti-government protests that began after the death of a young woman in police custody and have challenged the country's theocratic government. The new 300-megawatt plant, known as Karoon, will take eight years to build and cost around \$2 billion, the country's state television and radio agency reported. The plant will be located in Iran's oil-rich Khuzestan province, near its western border with Iraq, it said. The construction site's inauguration ceremony was attended by Mohammed Esfandiari, head of Iran's civilian Atomic Energy Organisation, who first unveiled construction plans for Karoon in April.

## RELIGIOUS FREEDOM VIOLATION

# US designates Iran, China as countries of particular concern

*US Secretary of State Antony Blinken said around the world, governments and non-state actors harass, threaten, jail, and even kill individuals on account of their beliefs*

stand by in the face of these abuses. "Today, I am announcing designations against Burma (Myanmar), the People's Republic of China, Cuba, Eritrea, Iran, Nicaragua, the DPRK, Pakistan, Russia, Saudi Arabia, Tajikistan, and Turkmenistan as Countries of Particular Concern under the International Religious Freedom Act of 1998 for having engaged in or tolerated particularly severe violations of religious freedom," he said.

**Washington, Dec 3:** The United States has designated 12 countries, including China, Pakistan and Myanmar, as "countries of particular concern" for the current status of religious freedom in these nations.

In some instances, they stifle individuals' freedom of religion or belief to exploit opportunities for political gain. These actions sow division, undermine economic security, and threaten political stability and peace. The US will not

Simultaneously, Blinken also placed Algeria, the Central African Republic, Comoros and Vietnam on the Special Watch List for engaging in or tolerating severe violations of religious freedom. The US also designated al-Shabab, Boko Haram, Hayat Tahrir al-Sham, the Houthis, ISIS-Greater Sahara, ISIS-West Africa, Jama'at Nusrat al-Islam wal-Muslimin, the Taliban, and the Wagner Group based on its actions in the Central African Republic as "Entities of Particular Concern".



A diver wearing a Santa Claus costume swims with fishes in a large tank during an underwater performance in Yokohama, south of Tokyo, Japan  
REUTERS

## COVID SCARE

### Beijing, Shenzhen loosen more curbs

**Shanghai, Dec 3:** Beijing residents Saturday cheered the removal of Covid-19 testing booths while Shenzhen said it would no longer require commuters to present test results to travel, as an easing of China's virus curbs gathered pace. Although daily cases are near all-time highs, some cities are taking steps to loosen Covid testing requirements and quarantine rules as China looks to make its zero-Covid policy more targeted amid a sharp economic slowdown and



public frustration that has boiled over into unrest. The southern city of Shenzhen announced it would no longer re-

quire people to show a negative Covid test result to use public transport or enter parks, following similar moves by Chengdu and Tianjin. Many testing booths in Beijing have been shut, as the capital stops demanding negative test results as a condition to enter places such as supermarkets and prepares to do so for subways from Monday. Many other venues, including offices, still require testing. A video showing workers in Beijing removing a testing booth by crane onto a truck went viral on Chinese social media Friday.

## IMF extends support to India's G20 agenda

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**Washington, Dec 3:** The IMF "fully supports" the G20 agenda of India, which is planning to use the ongoing global crises as an opportunity to seek consensus on issues that require urgent attention, a senior official from the international financial body has said. "They (India) are putting together a collective agenda for a much more prosperous future," Ceyla Pazarbasiglu, Director of the Strategy and Policy Review department at the International Monetary Fund (IMF), told a group of reporters ahead of her trip to China and India next week. "They (India) plan to use the ongoing (global) crises as an opportunity to seek consensus on issues that really require urgent attention," she said Thursday. Pazarbasiglu was apparently referring to the food and energy crises due to the ongoing Russia-Ukraine war. The IMF "fully supports" the G20 agenda of India, she said. The theme of India's G20 presidency is "One Earth, One Family, One Future."



media and representing it in other formats has existed long before personal computers were a thing. Decades ago, what if a museum needed to document the video art pieces being shown at an exhibition? Or a magazine wanted to demonstrate a new software interface to its readers? Screens had to actually be photographed. **Video game magazines** The method of photographing screens resembles reproduction photography (repro-photography), a professional technique for duplicating unique images like paint-

ings and engravings. The goal of repro-photography is complete transparency, which entails representing the image as if nothing existed between it and the viewer. It is therefore crucial for the copy to be completely faithful and not betray signs of its origin. In order to achieve this, the capture process must be strictly controlled. While this may be difficult to do well, with the proper equipment, forms of reproduction photography are accessible even to amateurs. Popular video game magazines from the 1990s invited readers to submit pictures of their screens as evidence of their high scores. **Social media alternate universe** On a different side of the cultural spectrum, there is a type of fan fiction dubbed social media alter-

nate universe, or smau. Smaus are fictional narratives created by fan communities in the spirit of old epistolary novels. They are told through the interaction of the characters via fake social media accounts on platforms like Twitter, in posts often rendered and shared as screenshots. This format elicits feelings of proximity with the characters, drawing on the allure of the parasocial relations that proliferate in social media. The fact that the dialogues are presented in the same online spaces that the audience regularly inhabits makes them feel more immersed in the story, as if they were eavesdropping on personal conversations. *The Conversation*



# DUTCH REACH QUARTERS

# FIR filed against Lakshya & co



Memphis Depay reacts after scoring against USA

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**Al Rayyan, Dec 3:** Memphis Depay and Daley Blind scored in the first half and Denzel Dumfries added a late goal as the Netherlands eliminated the United States from the World Cup with a 3-1 victory Saturday that advanced the Dutch to the quarterfinals. Second-half substitute Haji Wright cut the US deficit to 1-2 in the 76th minute when Christian Pulisic's cross hit his trailing foot and popped over goalkeeper Andries Noppert and into the net. But Dumfries, who assisted on the first two goals, scored on a volley in the 81st. Runners-up in 1974, 1978 and 2010, the Oranje extended their unbeaten streak to 19 games and face Argentina or Australia Friday. It was a disappointing end for a rebuilt US team hoping to advance past the round of 16 for the first time

since 2002. Using the second-youngest squad in the tournament, the Americans achieved the bare minimum to consider the World Cup a success, beating Iran in their group-stage finale to reach the knockout round. But just like in 2010 against Ghana and 2014 against Belgium, the United States was eliminated in the round of 16. The Americans are winless in 12 games against European opponents at the World Cup since 2002, losing six, and are 1-7 during the tournament's knockout rounds. Pulisic, playing four days after getting hurt during his game-winning goal against Iran, had a chance to put the US ahead in the third minute but Noppert blocked his point-blank shot. With the Americans seeking an equalizing goal, Noppert dived to stop Tim Weah's 25-yard effort in the 42nd. While the US had the better play

at the start, the Dutch went ahead after breaking the American press. Gio Dumfries one-timed a pass from the right flank as Depay streaked unmarked into the penalty area. His right-footed shot from 14 yards beat Matt Turner to the far post in the 10th minute for his 43rd international goal, moving him into sole possession of second place on the Dutch career scoring list behind Robin van Persie's 50. The goal was the first allowed by the US from the run of play in the tournament. In 37 World Cup matches, the Americans have never won a game in which they trailed. The Netherlands doubled the lead on virtually the final kick of the first half, in the first minute of stoppage time. After a quick series of exchanges following a throw-in, Dumfries got a cross around Tyler Adams and found Blind wide open at the penalty spot. Blind

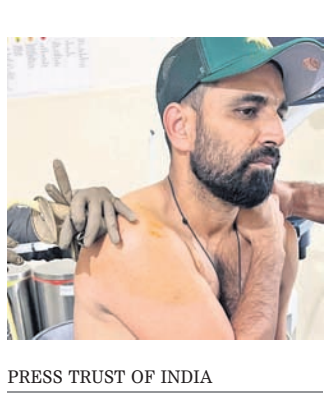
scored only his third international goal — his first in eight years. Gio Reyna fed an open Weston McKennie in the 54th, but he skied his shot over the crossbar. Wright entered in the 67th and scored his second international goal, sparking US hopes. But Dumfries was left unmarked by Tim Ream and Antonee Robinson and used his left foot to volley Blind's cross. **YOUNG & RESTLESS** The starting lineup for the US was its youngest for a World Cup knockout match at 25 years, 86 days. The previous low was 27 years, 19 days for the 1930 semifinal loss to Argentina. **UP NEXT** The Netherlands will next play the winners of the match between Argentina and Australia Friday at Lusail Stadium.

## Chahar upset with Malaysian Airlines' service during travel

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**Mirpur, Dec 3:** India seamer Deepak Chahar on Saturday claimed that the Malaysian Airlines misplaced his luggage when he was travelling to Dhaka from New Zealand and he was not served food even as he was flying business class. Chahar joined the Indian squad in Bangladesh for the three-match ODI series, starting Sunday. "Had a worse experience travelling with Malaysia airlines. First they changed our flight without telling us and no food in Business class. Now we have been waiting for our luggage from last 24 hours. Imagine we have a game to play tomorrow," Chahar tweeted Saturday morning before team's training session. Malaysian Airlines sent Chahar a complaint link on twitter but the cricketer said that it didn't open. "May be unavoidable due to operational, weather-related, and technical reasons. We apologise for the inconvenience caused," the airlines replied on twitter about the change in flight.

## Umran replaces Shami for ODIs vs Bangladesh



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**New Delhi, Dec 3:** Senior fast bowler Mohammed Shami has been ruled out of the ODI series against Bangladesh, starting Sunday, due to a right shoulder injury and replaced by Umran Malik in India's squad, the BCCI announced Saturday. It has been learnt that Shami had suffered the injury during a training session after he returned from Australia, where the Indian team made a semifinal exit from the T20 World Cup. Shami could also miss the upcoming two-Test series, beginning in Chittagong from

December 14. "Fast bowler Mohd. Shami sustained a shoulder injury during a training session in the lead up to the ODI series against Bangladesh. He is currently under the supervision of the BCCI Medical Team at the NCA, Bengaluru and will not be able to take part in the three-match series. The All-India Senior Selection Committee has named Umran Malik as Shami's replacement," BCCI Secretary Jay Shah said in a press release. The extent of Shami's injury is not known yet. Umran Malik is one of the fastest bowlers in world cricket. He made his ODI debut recently in New Zealand where he played two games and claimed two wickets. Shami himself posted a picture of getting treatment on his bowling shoulder at a medical facility but later deleted his tweet before re-posting it. Mohammed Siraj, Shardul Thakur, Deepak Chahar, Umran Malik and Kuldeep Sen will form the pace attack for the three-match ODI series against Bangladesh.

## Oz thrash India, seal series



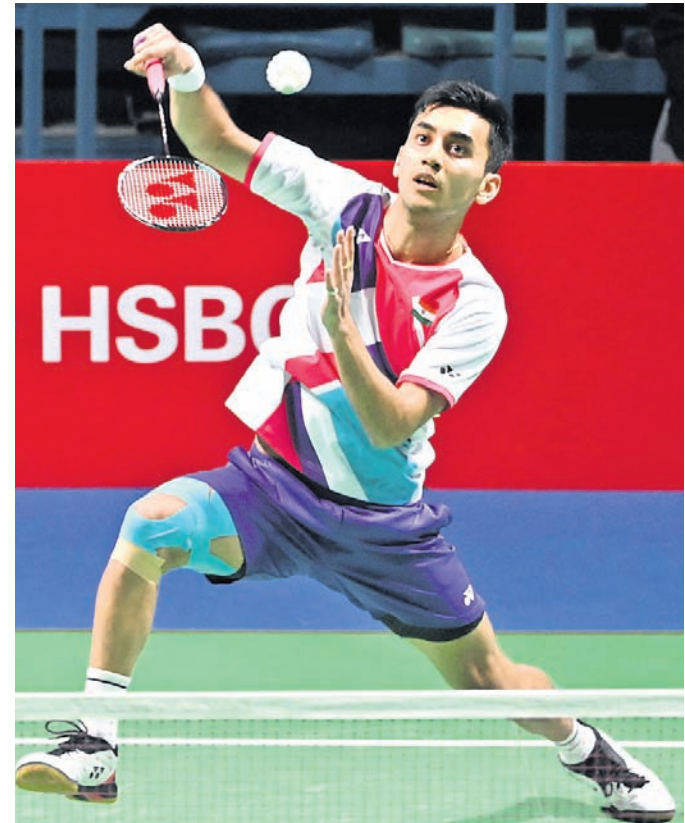
Dilpreet Singh (R) scored the lone goal for India against Australia, Saturday

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**Adelaide, Dec 3:** India made a promising start by taking a first-half lead but its defence fell apart later as the team lost the fourth hockey Test 1-5 to Australia and conceded an unassailable 3-1 lead in the five-match series, here Saturday. The final match of the series will be played Sunday; India had won the third match after losing the first two contests. Comeback man Dilpreet Singh (25th) struck early to give India the lead after a resolute

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**New Delhi, Dec 3:** India's No.1 shuttler Lakshya Sen, his family and former national coach Vimal Kumar were charged with cheating and age fraud in an FIR filed in Bangalore. The FIR, filed Thursday by M Goviappa Nagaraja, alleged that the 21-year-old reigning Commonwealth Games champion, along with his brother Chirag Sen, had fudged their age to get into playing age-group tournaments since 2010. The complaint, a copy of which is in possession of PTI, also names Sen's father Dharendra, a coach with the Sports Authority of India, mother Nirmala and Kumar who has been coaching the duo for more than 10 years. They have been charged with cheating (Section 420), forgery (468), using a forged document as genuine (471) and acts done by several persons of common intention (34) under the Indian Penal Code. The Sen brothers, who hail from Uttarakhand, train under Kumar at the Prakash Padukone Badminton Academy in Bangalore, while the complainant runs another academy in the metropolis. The complainant alleged that Kumar colluded with Lakshya's parents to forge a birth certificate in 2010 and if the charges were proven, the star Indian shuttler, who was awarded the Arjuna recently, will have to forego a lot of his records. Categorically denying the charges, Kumar told PTI: "It is very annoying. It is cheap stuff. Lakshya has done well and has started training again after a break. It is mentally very disturbing for him." Currently No.6 in the world, Lakshya was Wednesday honoured with the Arjuna Award at the Rashtrapati Bhavan. He won a World Championship bronze after going down to compatriot Kidambi Srikanth in 2021. He was also a runner-up in the All England Championships and played a key role in India's his-



toric Thomas Cup triumph earlier this year. The chief coach of Prakash Padukone Badminton Academy, Kumar further said in a statement that the allegations were "baseless, frivolous and made with malicious intent". "As all badminton lovers are aware, age verification is the sole prerogative and responsibility of the Badminton Association of India who is sole governing authority for administering the game in India," he said. "All players no matter where they train always represent their respective affiliated state units or the country while participating in any domestic or international tournament. "My focus over the 30 years as a coach has always been to groom our upcoming youngsters to the best of my ability to bring laurels for our country based on their merit. I

therefore deny all these false allegations against me. I would not like to make any further comments in this regard," he added. As per the complaint, Lakshya's age is 24, while the date of birth (August 16, 2001) registered with the Badminton Association of India makes him three years younger. His elder brother Chirag, on the other hand, is alleged to be 26, even as his BAI ID makes him 24 (July 22, 1998). According to the complaint, Lakshya deprived several children from getting access to quality badminton facilities and sponsorships by participating in several tournaments in age group category. The complainant further alleged that their family and the coach spoiled many upcoming talented shuttlers in the region and demanded legal action against the five. Lakshya and his family are yet to respond on the matter.

## Unnati creates history at Asia Junior C'ships

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**New Delhi, Dec 3:** Rising shuttler Unnati Hooda on Saturday became the first Indian to enter the U-17 women's singles final of the Badminton Asia Junior Championships in Nonthaburi, Thailand after beating Japan's Mion Yokouchi in straight games. Unnati won 21-8, 21-17 over her Japanese rival in the women's U-17 singles semifinals. She faces Sarunrak Vitidsarn of Thailand in the gold medal match Sunday. U-15 singles player Anish Thoppani and U-17 men's doubles pair of Arsh Mohammad and Sanskar Saraswat also posted brilliant victories to move into the finals.



## Brazil reach last 16 despite loss to Cameroon

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**Lusail (Qatar), Dec 3:** Vincent Aboubakar scored two minutes into stoppage time as Cameroon handed Brazil its first group-stage loss at the World Cup in 24 years Friday — a result that still allowed the five-time champions to win the group and eliminated the Africans. Aboubakar was sent off with a second yellow card for taking off his shirt during his celebration after sending his powerful header past Brazil goalkeeper Ederson. The Cameroon captain then threw his shirt to the ground near the corner flag and waited for his teammates as they rushed toward him. Cameroon hadn't won any of its last nine World Cup matches, with eight losses and a draw — against Ireland in its opening game at the 2002 tournament. Brazil, who played with their reserves, had won 17 straight group games since a 1-2 loss to Norway in 1998 in France. They had lost only one of their last 29 group matches at the tournament. The Selecao will face South Korea in the round of 16. It was the 11th



Vincent Aboubakar celebrates his goal against Brazil, Friday

straight time Brazil won their World Cup group. They finished with six points, the same as Switzerland. But the South Americans had a better goal difference. The Swiss also advanced and will face Portugal. Both teams created some good scoring chances, but couldn't capitalize on them until Boubakar's winner off a right-flank cross by Jerome Ngom Mbekeli, who had en-

tered the match in the 86th. **ALVES' RECORD** With his start Friday, the 39-year-old Dani Alves became the oldest Brazilian to play at a World Cup, ahead of 38-year-old central defender Thiago Silva, Brazil's captain in Qatar. Alves' last game at a World Cup had been in the round of 16 of the 2014 tournament in Brazil. The right back was injured before the 2018 World Cup in Russia.

## Swiss through

**Doha:** Switzerland advanced to the last 16 for the third tournament in a row after a 3-2 win over Serbia Friday. Remo Freuler scored the winning goal just after halftime as the Swiss secured second place in Group G. They will next face Portugal on Tuesday at Lusail Stadium. Xherdan Shaqiri put Switzerland ahead early in the first half before Aleksandar Mitrovic and Dusan Vlahovic responded for Serbia. Brel Embolo evened the score just before halftime. The team reached the round of 16 in 2014 and again four years later in Russia. The Swiss will be looking to reach the quarterfinals for the first time since hosting the competition in 1954. Switzerland needed a win to guarantee themselves a place in the knockout round.

## Jorginho wary of Brazilians fitness



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**E**nd of World Cup group stage with record surprise. Surprise started with the defeat of Argentina, Germany. At the end we found Germany, Denmark, Belgium, and Uruguay out of the tournament in group league. It's the rise of Asian football. Japan finished top of the group. South Korea qualified after winning 2-1 over Portugal. Australia is also in round 16 and now facing Argentina. Brazil, which already had a guaranteed qualification for the round of 16, failed to reach the next round undefeated. They lost their last group match against Cameroon. From Africa its Morocco, Senegal and USMNT, host of next World

Cup also qualified. It's surprising, no hat-trick in the group stage, which is rare in knockout. Without key players coach Tite experimented with a reserve bench but lost the match. The reserves of Brazil had greater possession of the ball, but failed to create great chances to score. In the previous World Cup, when Brazil won the title, they never lost any match in group league. Before round 16, it will be a big challenge for Tite to overcome physical problems, including an outbreak of the virus. Injury of Neymar is a big blow to the Brazil camp. After losing Neymar, Danilo and Alex Sandro, Tite now found himself without full-back Alex Telles. Report from camp says Gabriel Jesus is also in the doubtful list. They all are complaining knee problems in the last match of the group stage. Although we are hopeful to get back Neymar and Danilo. Coach experimented with reserve players and I am sure defeat against Cameroon should not affect Brazil's performance in the next round. Whoever the manager chooses to play in the next round now, the

strategy is to be defensively strong. In the absence of Neymar, it's Casemiro, the defensive midfielder who is at the heart of this Brazil team trying to end our 20-year wait to win it again. He has a great responsibility in the team. It worries me a lot, not only the lack of goals, but also the few chances created by Brazil. It contrasts the offensive performance of Brazil in this World Cup with the qualifying phase, where they scored 111 goals in 50 games, a joy that is not accompanying the forwards of Brazil. Brazil has always been a cheerful, goal scoring, offensive team, but with Tite is a team that prioritizes the defensive order. The coach thinks that it is the way to conquer the sixth star as world champion. But without goals it is impossible. If the Brazil camp overcomes injury and all other problems, I believe we have the right balance in the team. We have a good squad, quality players and a very good coach. My expectations are the best and we can be champions again.

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