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Actor Nushratt Bharuccha wants a husband with humour and hero qualities

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Chennai Super Kings give a splendid performance to beat Delhi Capitals in their last league match and seal playoff berth

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## Police Recruitment Board on the anvil

POST NEWS NETWORK

**Bhubaneswar, May 20:** Chief Minister Naveen Patnaik Saturday approved a proposal for setting up of a Police Recruitment Board (PRB) in Odisha.

The board will consist of a chairman and two members, an official statement issued by the CMO said.

Patnaik also approved a proposal to create 24 administrative and other posts in the board. ADG or Additional DG-rank officer of Odisha Police will be appointed as the chairman of the board. Of the two members, one will be of the rank of Additional DG or IG Police, while the other will be of the rank of DIG or SP.

The board will be responsible for the recruitment of sepoy, sub-inspectors and ministerial staffers in Odisha Police. "It will help expedite the recruitment of police personnel in the state," it said.

## Two new railway projects for state

POST NEWS NETWORK

**Bhubaneswar, May 20:** The Ministry of Railways has sanctioned construction of two new projects for Odisha - Barghar Road to Nuapada Road via Padampur and Railway BG line between Talcher and Angul with 'Y' connection at Talcher— as special projects, an official said, Saturday.

During the Padampur bypoll in December 2022, the Barghar-Nuapada railway line via Padampur took a centre stage as both BJP and BJD indulged in blame game over delay in starting the project. Chief Minister Naveen Patnaik along with many BJD leaders and Transport Minister Sahu criticised the Centre and Railway Minister Ashwini Vaishnav over delay in execution of the project.

### IRREGULAR by MANJUL



Non-BJP govts in a couple of states are good for us. We can finally do some anti-establishment journalism

WEATHER		
	BHUB	CTK
TEMP MAX	39.7°C	37.8°C
TEMP MIN	24.8°C	20.5°C
Humidity	58%	64%
Rainfall	Nil	Nil
Forecast		
Clear sky		

## Dark web sees over 2.7mn daily users

AGENCIES

**New Delhi, May 20:** While the dark web - the hidden collective of internet sites accessible by a specialised web browser or authorisation - only comprises an estimated 5 per cent of the entire internet, it has 2.7 million daily users (as of April) and the volume of illegal activities being executed is alarming, a report has warned.

Whilst its intended purpose is to allow people access to a censorship-free internet where they cannot be tracked by governments or any other parties, data acquired by niche news publisher BanklessTimes.com revealed that in fact 56.8 per cent of Dark Web activities are illegal in some way.

"Thus, it's estimated that over half of the 2.5 million daily dark web visitors in 2023 have participated in illegal activi-



ties. Even more so alarming is that this number is on the rise, as of April 2023 this figure rose 200,000 to 2.7 million daily Dark web users," the report noted.

Those most familiar with the dark web are those from BRICS countries - amounting to 28 per cent of those who cited being familiar with it.

Latin America and the Asia Pacific region were next with 26 per cent of respondents claiming some familiarity with

the dark net. The Middle East and Africa stood at 23 per cent, while the global average was 24 per cent, the report noted.

There are a variety of functions on the dark net and some individuals do use it for more lawful reasons such as citizens in different countries looking to access uncensored information, or help researchers find the right data.

The dark web market is listed with various illicit goods and services. The most listed items on the market are paypal account logins - with 50 accounts costing just \$200 in 2022.

Another prevalent product on offer is hacked crypto accounts which are becoming more affordable.

The price for a Kraken verified account dropped from \$810 in 2021 to only \$250 in 2022 and similarly, the numbers for Coinbase decreased from \$610 to \$120, said the report.

# CABINET REJIG LIKELY MONDAY

PNN & AGENCIES

**Bhubaneswar, May 20:** Chief Minister Naveen Patnaik is likely to reshuffle his Cabinet Monday (May 22), official sources said.

There are three vacancies in the state Cabinet, and the new ministers are likely to be inducted at a simple ceremony around 9.30am Monday at the Lok Seva Bhawan, they said. This will be Patnaik's second Cabinet reshuffle in his fifth term as the chief minister of the state.

Governor Ganeshi Lal, who will administer the oath to the new ministers, is at present on a visit to his home state, Haryana, and was scheduled to return Monday. But, he has been requested to return Sunday, sources said.

Last week, School and Mass Education (S&ME) Minister Samir Ranjan Dash and Labour Minister Srikanta Sahu resigned. No appointment was made in place of Health Minister Naba Kishore Das, who was assassinated January 29, 2023. Along with the two ministers, Speaker Bikram Keshari Arukha also resigned a few days back.

The Parliamentary Affairs department was preparing in full swing for the swearing-in ceremony Monday. Invitation cards were being printed and the convention centre of Lok Seva Bhawan was being decorated, the sources said.

Patnaik reshuffled his cabinet in June last year. The Odisha's Council of Ministers can have 22 ministers, including the chief minister, but has 19 ministers at present.

Prafulla Samal, Debi Prasad Mishra,



**SHOW OF STRENGTH:** Karnataka CM Siddaramaiah and his deputy DK Shivakumar with leaders of Opposition parties pose for a photo after the oath-taking ceremony in Bangalore, Saturday

cian Kamal Haasan, Jharkhand CM Hemant Soren and CPI(M) General Secretary Sitaram Yechury and CPI General Secretary D Raja were also present.

West Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee, however, was conspicuous by her absence at the event, which was attended by tens of thousands of people as the Congress sought to promote opposition unity. Banerjee has des-

ignated TMC's Kakoli Ghosh Dastidar for the programme.

"Banerjee skipping the event has come as some kind of a dampener, especially after her recent statement that in the 2024 Lok Sabha elections, her party will support the Congress where it is strong," a Congress leader said.

"Wherever the Congress is strong, let them fight. We will give them support; there is nothing

wrong (in that). But they also have to support other political parties," Banerjee said recently.

Her statement came soon after Congress scored the emphatic victory over the BJP in the southern state bagging 135 seats in the 224-member Assembly. "I have been invited by the Congress president (Mallikarjun Kharge). It (Karnataka Assembly poll) was an important election. Also, I have an old friend-

ship with him (Siddaramaiah). I will be going tomorrow," Nitish Kumar told reporters in Darbhanga Friday.

Kumar asked journalists to hold their horses upon being repeatedly asked about a meeting of Opposition leaders, which his West Bengal counterpart Mamata Banerjee has asked him to hold in Bihar.

"Let me come back from the function tomorrow. We will take a call in due course," said the JD(U) supremo.

## Mahanadi Tribunal visits Sambalpur

AGENCIES

**Sambalpur, May 20:** Members of the Mahanadi Water Disputes Tribunal (MWDT) visited Sambalpur district to study the ground situation, Saturday.

The tribunal, headed by retired Supreme Court judge AM Khanwilkar, was formed in 2018 to resolve the disputes between Odisha and Chhattisgarh over the sharing of Mahanadi's water.

The members of the tribunal were accompanied by officials of the Water Resources departments of the two states, technical teams, assessors, and law experts during the visit to the Hirakud dam and other places in Sambalpur.

They took stock of the dam, and conducted a detailed study on water management - inflow and outflow of water, an official said.

They also visited the operational gallery (left spillway), Burla powerhouse and mega lift point at Rampela. On Sunday, they will visit the Chiplima powerhouse of the Hirakud system, the Attabira branch canal, the additional spillway, the Sambalpur distributaries and the Sason canal.

The team will visit the OPGC intake point and IB thermal power station in Jharsuguda, and the IB dam project in Sundargarh district Monday. And Tuesday, it will visit the Saipala dam and the Upper Jonk dam in Nuapada.

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**ARIES**  
If your work has anything to do with money, today you will be busy counting your riches! If you've applied for a loan, it may get sanctioned today. Look for variety, says Ganesha, and you may find your day filled with smiles and what not.

**TAURUS**  
You are likely to be mentally alert and watchful today, says Ganesha. Creativity will run through your veins no matter what you attempt. You may dabble in performing arts, designing, graphics or special effects. Your charm will play Pled Piper to the opposite gender today.

**GEMINI**  
Your physical appearance and personal attitude will see a marked improvement today, predicts Ganesha. A well-groomed you will climb up the popularity chart among peers, friends and members of the opposite sex. You will keep people under your spell with your wit and wisdom both at the workplace and at social gatherings. Romance is also in the air.

**CANCER**  
You will be firing all cylinders in the creativity department, says Ganesha. Even your colleagues may pitch in, and will give you new ideas to make your work better. Those looking for a new job will ace the interview and clear the selection process as easily as clearing the fog from their glasses.

**LEO**  
Karmic balance dictates an equitable distribution of joy and sorrow, says Ganesha. So if your day seems drab and depressing today, rest assured, your evening shall be all the more refreshing and exciting. Surround yourself with family and friends, as you will receive royal treatment from them.

**VIRGO**  
Play dodge ball with prejudice today. Do not let intolerance find shelter in you today, advises Ganesha. Instead, chances are you will seek to find love, affection and goodwill among those around you. Stay away from negativity as it may bog you down. Ganesha counsels you to have the courage to stand by your convictions.

**LIBRA**  
Lights, camera, and action! Be prepared as the limelight is focused on you on this very motivating and inspiring day, enabling you to attract excellent public praise. Today is an encouraging day to set in motion innovative projects, especially for those who desire to be their own masters and embark upon fulfilling self-financed ideas.

**SCORPIO**  
You are most likely to resent the dominating and overbearing nature of your partner today. Patience will probably go to the dumps in this case then. But Ganesha advises you to sit together and resolve all personality clashes and quarrels in view of the larger scheme of things.

**SAGITTARIUS**  
Expect a call to late-night revelry and a chance to binge. But you don't seem to be in the mood to let your hair loose and party, says Ganesha. However tempting it may be, your serious side will take over and you shall deny the offer.

**CAPRICORN**  
You will start the day with verve and vigour, and will appear a completely different person at work. There will be a discernible change in your way of working, especially in terms of the level of energy and concentration you will put in. The switch to the new strategy will better your performance considerably and will make you feel that it was a good change after all.

**AQUARIUS**  
A productive day, as you will receive unrestrained support from your bosses and colleagues. Your creativity will reach its zenith and the resulting work will augment your reputation. The day will seem complete when you spend quality time with your family in the evening, says Ganesha.

**PISCES**  
Happiness shared is double the joy; sorrows shared are half the burden. Your family is the foundation of your success, and it is to them you will turn to in times of failure as well. With their support, getting back to the top of the game will take no time, says Ganesha.



BEYONCE DROPS REMIX WITH KENDRICK LAMAR

Singer Beyonce surprise dropped a remix of her *Renaissance* hit *America Has a Problem* featuring Kendrick Lamar. The new version of the song launches right into a tight verse from Lamar, in which he raps about everything from AI to the Beyhive, reports *Variety*.

ARNOLD SCHWARZENEGGER RETIRES FROM *TERMINATOR* FRANCHISE

Actor Arnold Schwarzenegger has decided to retire from playing the iconic *Terminator* character. Despite reprising the role multiple times since the original 1984 film directed by James Cameron, he has decided to bid farewell to the character following the lukewarm response to recent *Terminator* movies, reports The Hollywood Reporter.



Nushrrat on qualities of an ideal hubby

**Mumbai:** Actress Nushrratt Bharuchra says her ideal husband should have great humour and hero qualities.

The *Chhalaang* actress will be seen on *The Kapil Sharma Show* which airs on Entertainment Television alongside Bellamkonda Sai Sreenivas, Bhagyashree, Karan Singh Chhabra, Palak Muchhal, director V.V. Vinayak, and producer Jayantilal Gada as they will be coming for their film *Chatrapathi*.

In the episode, host Kapil will face an interrogation by an internationally renowned talk show host, Karan Singh Chhabra. He would also take the opportunity to pose a question to his co-actress Nushrratt, asking her about the qualities her husband should possess.

Nushrratt said: "I believe the person should be able to make me laugh a lot, have a great sense of humour; is single, and also has the qualities of a hero."

Further, Kapil will intervene and jokingly mention that he is married in Andheri West and single in film city, implying that he meets the criteria and is fully eligible.

Nushrratt will appear in the recently released movie *Chatrapathi*. IANS



I RESPECT SRK FOR WHAT HE IS: MANOJ

**Mumbai:** Actor Manoj Bajpayee who has been in the industry for decades reveals how Shah Rukh Khan rebuilt his life and family after he lost at a very young age.

Manoj Bajpayee recalled watching the superstar emerge from difficulties and prove himself like no one else.

During a conversation with a media, the *Rajneeti* actor said, "Mujhe bohot khushi hoti hain usko uss mukaam pe dekh ke, jiss tarah ke duniya usne khadi ke apne liye. Ek vyakti jiska pura duniya ujadh chuka tha, 26 saal ke umar mein, aur uska pura parivaar ja chuka tha, phir usne apni duniya khadi ki, parivaar apna create kiya, apne liye itna bada naam, izaat banaya. Main isliye respect karta hoon kyunki main unke aas paas saare doston mein tha, jisne dekha tha uske saath yeh sab hote hue. Mere liye kabhi Shah Rukh ke liye koi kadvahat nahi ho sakti."

Shah Rukh Khan and Manoj Bajpayee have acted together twice in films *In Which Annie Gives It Those Ones* and *Veer-Zaara*. AGENCIES

When Kangana agreed to film for money

**Mumbai:** Actress Kangana Ranaut's response of 'Yes' received praise when asked if she would do a film for money, while Deepika Padukone is being criticized for her statement of 'No..Never'.

The rivalry between Kangana and Deepika dates back to when Deepika won an award for *Happy New Year*, overshadowing Kangana's *Queen*. Since then, the *Fashion* actress has openly taken jabs at Deepika. However, during a round table discussion hosted by Rajeev Masand in 2014, he invited the best actresses of the year, including Vidya Balan, Nimrat Kaur, Deepika, and Kangana, and asked if they had ever worked in a film for money. Deepika immediately rejected the idea, stating "No, never!" On

the other hand, Kangana humbly admitted to doing so. Netizens reacted strongly to Deepika's response, considering it privileged and prudish. They pointed out her inconsistency in taking projects solely for financial gain, citing films like *Chandni Chowk to China*, *Housefull*, *Desi Boyz*, and *Race 2*. Some users defended Kangana's honesty and resilience as an outsider in the industry.

Deepika's upcoming project is *Project K* with Prabhas and Amitabh Bachchan, while Kangana is preparing for her directorial film called *Emergency*. AGENCIES

Internet prefers Diana over Ash

**Mumbai:** Actress Diana Pentty received praises from the online community for her appearance at Cannes. Internet users enthusiastically declare that Diana Pentty's Cannes appearance surpasses Aishwarya Rai and Sara Ali Khan.

Cannes Film Festival 2023 kicked off on May 16, and it's already brought together some of the biggest and brightest Indian celebrities. After Sara Ali Khan, who made her Cannes debut this year with a heavy lehenga by Abujani Sandeep Khosla, while Aishwarya Rai grabbed attention for her glittering silver gown by Sophie Couture, actor Diana Pentty is the latest Indian celebrity to make her mark at Cannes Film Festival 2023. Her glamorous first look is even being lauded as the 'best' among all desi celebs, thus far.

On Saturday, Diana shared fresh photos of herself from Cannes 2023, in which she was all decked up in a crop top and matching skirt by designer duo Falguni and Shane Peacock. She wrote in her caption, "All that glitters..." Diana was dressed in a glittering nude outfit embellished with red and blue stones. AGENCIES



5-day nat'l theatre festival in City starts today

**Bhubaneswar:** Bidyakanak Srujanusthan, one of the prominent theatre troupes of the City, is organising its fifth National Theatre Festival -2023 here at Rabindra Mandap starting Sunday.

The five-day event will have one play in Odia and four others in different Indian languages.

On the first evening, the host organisation will present the Odia play *Aei Bodhe Prema* (written by Dilip Balabanta Ray and directed by Jagadish Prasad Maharana).

Day 2 will witness Hindi play *Bhumi* (Story- Ashis Pathak and



Direction-Swati Dubey) to be presented by Samagam Rangamandal of Jabalpur. Three other plays of the festival are -Hindi plays *A Boring*

*Story* (Story- Anton Chekhov, Direction-Baharul Islam) by Seagull Theatre of Guwahati;

*Andho Ka Hati* (Story-Sarad Joshi, Direction-Sanjay Upadhyay) by Nirmal Kalamanch of Patna and Bengali play *KunjoR Bhut* (Story -Upendra Kishore Roychoudhury, Direction-Shaibal Das) by Nahli of Kolkata.

This was stated by organisation's president Sudhakar Patri and secretary Shubhankata Padhi at a press meet Friday.

PEANUTS



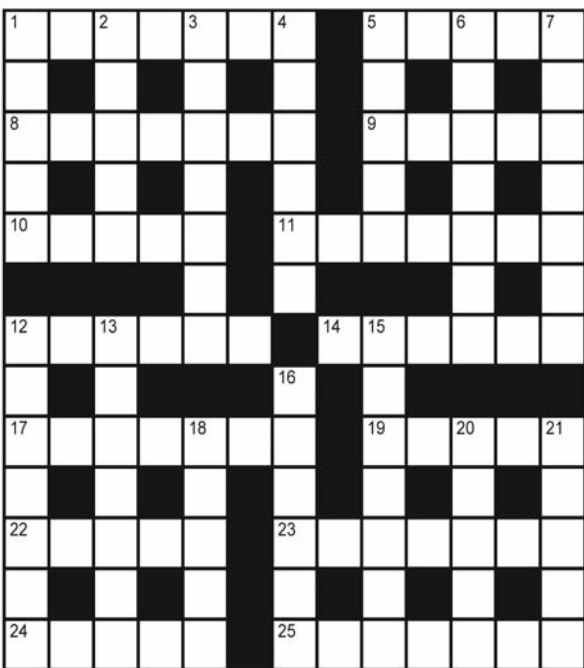
CALVIN AND HOBBS



BREVITY



CROSSWORD



- Across**
- 1 Mourful
  - 5 Cowboy's rope
  - 8 Domain
  - 9 Grownup
  - 10 Move very slightly
  - 11 Zero
  - 12 Sufferer
  - 14 Load
  - 17 A brisk and lively tempo
- Down**
- 19 A silly and inept person
  - 22 Up to
  - 23 Spanish explorer
  - 24 Ceased
  - 25 Horse opera
  - 4 Bemoan
  - 5 To the lowest degree
  - 6 Analyzed
  - 7 Eight-sided
  - 12 Amount
  - 13 Associated
  - 15 Higher position
  - 16 Russian capital
  - 18 Frigid
  - 20 Slack
  - 21 Ache

CHECK FOR SOLUTIONS OF THE PUZZLES TOMORROW

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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5							3	1
		8					9	2
6		2					8	

SOLUTIONS

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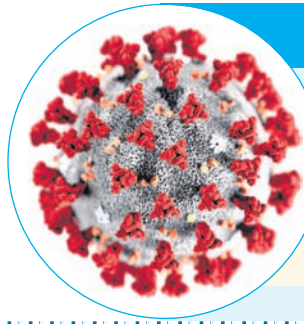
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4	9	6	5	7	8	1	2	3





HEALTH PRIORITY

An awareness walkathon was organised on International Clinical Trials Day by CRO Pharmatrendz at Master Canteen in Bhubaneswar, Saturday



COVID-19 TRACKER

	INFECTED	RECOVERED	DEAD
World	688,769,151	661,135,465	6,877,660
India	4,49,85,705	4,44,45,206	5,31,824
Odisha	13,36,304	13,26,915	9,204



**LOGO INAUGURATION:** Dharitri and OrissaPOST Editor Tathagata Satpathy and CEO Adyasha Satpathy along with employees during the inauguration of Dharitri Golden Jubilee Logo on newspapers' office premises in Bhubaneswar, Saturday

Favourable conditions for southwest monsoon: IMD

POST NEWS NETWORK

**Bhubaneswar, May 20:** The regional office of the India Meteorological Department (IMD) here Saturday informed that the prevailing conditions are favourable for further advancement of south-west monsoon into new areas of the south Bay of Bengal, Andaman Sea, and Andaman & Nicobar Islands during the next three days.

In addition, it said that a trough runs from western Bihar to Telangana and another one from north interior Karnataka to Tamil Nadu at lower tropospheric levels.

"A fresh western disturbance is likely to affect northwest India from May 23," said the IMD.

Under the influence of a fresh western disturbance, fairly widespread to widespread rainfall with thunderstorm/lightning/gusty winds over the western Himalayan region.

Drones to keep eye on crowds in City

POST NEWS NETWORK

**Bhubaneswar, May 20:** The Commissionerate Police is all set to deploy drones or unmanned aerial vehicles (UAVs) to keep a watch on traffic movements and crowd during large gatherings in the Temple City, deputy commissioner of police (DCP) Prateek Singh said Saturday.

According to the DCP, the twin city Commissionerate Police has been relying on technology to strengthen law and order, surveillance and crowd management.

Singh said advanced drones will be used for traffic management and surveillance during rallies, gheraos and other international events in the City.

"During VIP visits and large gatherings like public meetings, festivals and protest rallies in the Capital city, we have so far been deploying police personnel on



strategic locations like rooftops for better surveillance," the Bhubaneswar DCP said, adding that drones will help reduce the burden on police personnel.

One drone has been procured and more will be bought after reviewing its utility, Singh said.

"The drones can cover a radius of 5km and go up to 500 metres high. With high-definition cameras, the drones will provide real-time pictures for better surveillance," Singh pointed out.

The experts of the company supplying the drones have been imparting training to a group of selected officials of the commissionerate police. The city police team will operate the drones equipped with advanced and complex technologies.

According to cyber experts, drones can help police in several ways like reducing time of stake-outs or secret surveillance of buildings and take pictures of concealed locations, monitoring large events like concerts, parades, public meetings and sporting events giving a wider coverage from the above and can remotely assess threats, proper study of crime scenes or road accidents and bomb disposal.

Drones have been widely used for traffic surveillance and crime investigation by police departments of various states in India.

6 AIIMS to provide cashless treatment facilities now

POST NEWS NETWORK

**Bhubaneswar, May 20:** Cashless treatment facilities will now be available to all Central Government Health Scheme (CGHS) beneficiaries (serving and pensioners) at six AIIMS located at Bhubaneswar, Bhopal, Patna, Jodhpur, Raipur and Rishikesh. This significant decision was taken Saturday, as MoUs were signed between these six AIIMS and CGHS, Union Health Ministry in the presence of Union Health Secretary Rajesh Bhushan.

Patient care facilities available at six fully functional AIIMS at Bhubaneswar, Bhopal, Patna, Jodhpur, Raipur and Rishikesh shall be extended to the CGHS beneficiaries on cashless basis. It will be particularly beneficial for the senior citizens (retired pensioner beneficiaries of CGHS) who find it difficult to submit individual reimbursement claims and follow up approvals. The CGHS beneficiaries will have the advantage of accessing state of art treatment facilities available in these AIIMS, without the hassle of first making payments and then seeking reimbursements from CGHS. This initiative will save time, reduce paperwork and also delays in settlement of individual claims. Till now, CGHS pensioner beneficiaries, availing treatment at AIIMS, are required to first make payment and claim reimbursement later from CGHS.

The Health Secretary lauded this development stating "CGHS is a significant service-oriented



SALIENT FEATURES

- The CGHS pensioners and other entitled categories of CGHS beneficiaries will be eligible for cashless treatment in OPD, investigations and Indoor treatment
- AIIMS shall raise credit bills of CGHS pensioners and other categories of eligible beneficiaries to CGHS and CGHS shall preferably make payment within 30 days of receipt of the bills
- Admission of the CGHS beneficiary shall be made only against production of valid CGHS beneficiary ID Card for the treatment at AIIMS
- Medicines prescribed by the doctors at AIIMS, for OPD treatment or at the time of discharge from AIIMS, will be collected by the beneficiaries through CGHS

vertical of the Health Ministry through which existing and retired employees can avail medical services. He further added that "the government endeavors to expand the number of hospitals empaneled under CGHS providing excellent tertiary care facilities aligned with the rising requirements of the patients."

The event was attended by Additional Secretary V Hekali Zhimomi, Joint Secretary Ankita Mishra, Joint Secretary Manashvi Kumar, Director, CGHS, Jain among senior government officials. Executive Directors of AIIMS Bhubaneswar, AIIMS Patna, AIIMS Raipur, AIIMS Jodhpur and representatives from AIIMS Bhopal and AIIMS.

WODC chairman reviews devpt work at Bargarh

POST NEWS NETWORK

**Bhubaneswar, May 20:** Towards the last phase of his 3-day long tour to several parts of Western Odisha, the Principal Advisor to Chief Minister and Chairman of Western Odisha Development Council (WODC), Asit Tripathy reviewed various developmental works implemented with WODC grants. He inaugurated the Mango Sale Point of WSHGs & Farmers of Bargarh at the heart of the town, organised by Mission Shakti and ORMAS named 'Gaon Amba Pasara'.

He lauded the efforts of Mission Shakti for accelerating the pace of women's empowerment through income generation activities. Tripathy laid the foundation stone of Mini Stadium at Jamurda High School play field with a project cost of ₹50 lakh. Five acres of land has been alienated for this purpose. The district collector was advised to explore some more land adjoining to the play field for different sports related infrastructures to make it a model stadium in the district in line with Kalinga Stadium.



'India's superiority, unity visible in Yuva Sangam'

POST NEWS NETWORK

**Bhubaneswar, May 20:** The glimpse of India's superiority and unity is visible in Yuva Sangam. The concept of Ek Bharat Shreshtha Bharat is also being realized, Union Minister for Education, Skill Development and Entrepreneurship, Dharmendra Pradhan said while addressing the participants of the second phase of Yuva Sangam Abhiyan at Shiksha O' Anusandhan University in City Saturday.

Pradhan said that every youth seems happy with the enthusiasm being seen among the youth in the second phase of 'Yuva Sangam Abhiyan'. "Today we have young friends from Rajasthan, while there are also young friends who have re-

turned from Odisha after visiting Rajasthan, and also those who have returned with the knowledge of a different culture. This shows the unity in diversity of our culture," he added. Pradhan narrated how the youth of Ladakh are getting to know about the culture, civilisation and tourism of Goa. On the other hand, teams from hilly states like Uttarakhand are engaged in excursion tour of Telangana. The youths are so excited that after the success of the first phase of Yuva Sangam, the time has come to continue with the second, third and fourth phase. Pradhan said how today the world's economy is trembling, but due to the vision of the PM, India achieved 5th rank in the world in terms of economic development during the same period.

UBI LOAN FRAUD CASE  
₹1.13cr gold ornaments, ₹15L cash seized by ED



POST NEWS NETWORK

**Bhubaneswar, May 20:** The Enforcement Directorate (ED) has seized around 2 kg gold along with cash and other incriminating material during raids at various commercial and residential properties belonging to two real estate firms in the City in connection with a loan fraud case. The central agency sleuths conducted raids at 8 places related to M/s GDS Builders Pvt. Ltd., M/s Surnag Builders Pvt. Ltd. and other persons Thursday.

"ED has carried out search operations under the provisions of PMLA, 2002 on 18.5.2023 8 residential and commercial premises in Bhubaneswar in bank fraud

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cases pertaining to M/s GDS Builders Pvt. Ltd., M/s Surnag Builders Pvt. Ltd. and others," ED reveals on its official twitter handle.

ED sources also asserted that gold jewellery weighing 1.978 kilograms worth ₹1.13 crore, ₹15 Lakh in cash, sale deeds of certain properties, various incriminating documents and certain electronic de-

vices were seized after the search. Notably, the Central Bureau of investigation (CBI) had registered three separate cases on the basis of complaint lodged by one Roop Lal Meena, then Deputy General Manager, Regional Office of Union Bank of India (UBI), Bhubaneswar region July 1, 2019.

As per the complaint, three officers of the UBI, Bhubaneswar Mohapatra, Ashwini Kumar Patra and Rajesh Kumar Patanga, deployed at the Nayapalli branch here in connivance with the directors of M/s GDS Builders Pvt. Ltd. and M/s Surnag Builders Pvt. Ltd. and 44 borrowers duped the bank to the tune of ₹30 crores on the pretext of housing loans in 2017. The accused submitted forged documents to secure the loan from the bank. The CBI had arrested five persons including the accused former bank employees in December 2020.

Later, ED registered a case against the accused realtor and others under the PMLA act and launched investigation of allegations of money laundering by the accused in the case.

'Utkarsh-2023' organised by ODM Public School



POST NEWS NETWORK

**Bhubaneswar, May 20:** An award ceremony-Utkarsh-2023 was organised by ODM Public School, Bhubaneswar to felicitate the children who secured more than 95 per cent in AISSE and AISSEE conducted by CBSE this year. The founder-cum-chairperson S Minaketan presided over the felicitation ceremony in the presence of Prof. Pravat Kumar Roul, the chief guest on the occasion. In his address, Roul lauded the effort of the students who have brought laurels for the school. He emphasised on the consistency and hard work as the key to all success. He felicitated and appreciated the commendable effort of Swati Sucharita Sahoo who stood first in the state and brought laurels for the school. Minaketan

praised the hard work, dedication and commitment of children and wished them to be wonderful asset for the country.

He thanked the Vice-Principal Sandhyarani Swain (Secondary) and Rajesh Kumar Padhy (Senior Secondary) and the entire teaching fraternity whose collective effect has brought this glory for the school. He also mentioned the unconditional support of all the parents. On this occasion, ODM Public School released a hand book of UTKARSH highlighting the phenomenal result of the school. Director of (F & A) Indumati Ray and COO Swayan Satyendu appreciated the outstanding results and wished the children a bright future. AT Mishra, Director (Academics), BN Rout, Academic Counselor and the parents of children were present on this occasion.

New AI voice coach may help treat depression, anxiety

Artificial intelligence (AI) could be a useful tool in mental health treatment, according to a new study.

The study, which was the first to test an AI voice-based virtual coach for behavioural therapy, found changes in patients' brain activity along with improved depression and anxiety symptoms after using Lumen -- an AI voice assistant that delivered a form of psychotherapy.

The results, published in the journal Translational Psychiatry, offer encouraging evidence that virtual therapy can play a role in filling the gaps in mental health care, where waitlists and disparities in access are often hurdles that patients, particularly from vulnerable communities, must overcome to receive treatment.

"We've had an incredible explosion of need, especially in the wake of Covid, with soaring rates of

anxiety and depression and not enough practitioners," said Dr. Olusola A. Ajilore, professor of psychiatry at the University of Illinois Chicago (UIC).

"This kind of technology may serve as a bridge. It's not meant to be a replacement for traditional therapy, but it may be an important stop-gap before somebody can seek treatment," Ajilore added.

The researchers recruited over 60 patients for the clinical study exploring the application's effect on mild-to-moderate depression and anxiety symptoms, and activity in brain areas previously shown to be associated with the benefits of problem-solving therapy.

Two-thirds of the patients used Lumen on a study-provided iPad for eight problem-solving therapy sessions, with the rest serving as a "waitlist" control receiving no intervention.

After the intervention, study



participants using the Lumen app showed decreased scores for depression, anxiety and psychological distress compared with the control group.

The Lumen group also showed improvements in problem-solving

skills that correlated with increased activity in the dorsolateral prefrontal cortex, a brain area associated with cognitive control. Promising results for women and underrepresented populations also were found.

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"It's about changing the way people think about problems and how to address them, and not being emotionally overwhelmed," said Dr. Jun Ma, Professor of Medicine at UIC.

"It's a pragmatic and patient-driven behaviour therapy that's well established, which makes it a good fit for delivery using voice-based technology," Ma added.



# Centre sanctions 2 new rly projects for Odisha



POST NEWS NETWORK

**Bhubaneswar, May 20:** The Railways Ministry has sanctioned construction of two new railway line projects in Odisha including the Bargarh Road to Nuapada Road line via Padampur as Special Railway Project, for which both the Centre and state government had locked their horns during the Padampur by-election.

“In exercise of the powers, conferred by Clause (37A) of Section-2 of the Railways Act, 1989, the Central government hereby notifies the two projects as Special Railway Project in the state of Odisha, with effect from the date of publication of this notification in Official Gazette,” read the gazette notification.

The other project is the new Railway BG line between Talcher & Angul with ‘Y’ Connection at Talcher (16.50 km) of East Coast Railway. The new rail line from Bargarh Road to Nuapada Road

(142 km) comes under Sambalpur division of East Coast Railway.

In December 2022, during the Padampur by-poll, the Bargarh-Nuapada railway line via Padampur took a center stage as both BJP and BJD indulged in blame game over delay in the project.

Chief Minister Naveen Patnaik along with many BJD leaders and Transport Minister Sahu took a dig at Centre and Railway Minister Ashwini Vaishnaw over pro-long delay in execution of the project. Sahu had written a letter to Vaishnaw and requested him to reconsider the 142 km new broad-gauge rail line from Bargarh Road to Nuapada Road via Padampur, which was announced in 2018. The project was “shelved” by the Centre in 2019 for not being financially viable.

In his reply, the Railway Minister had said the project work will start as soon as the state government hands over land for the project. Vaishnaw had blamed the state

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government for not approving the DPR for the project.

Later, Transport Minister Tukuni Sahu Thursday cleared the air and said the DPR is under approval process.

The Railway Board has accorded In-Principle Approval (IPA) to Odisha Railway Infrastructure Development Limited (ORIDL) for taking up preparation of a DPR for Bargarh Road-Nuapada Road new railway line factoring conditions such as the land and RR cost to be borne by Government of Odisha.

Subsequently, ORIDL has prepared the detailed project report (DPR) of the new railway line and the same is under approval process before submission to the Ministry of Railways for further action, she clarified.



**DISCHARGING DUTY:** CMC Mayor Subhash Singh and Commissioner Nikhil Pawan Kalyan inspect damages to public property caused by a nor'wester in Bali Sahi area of Cuttack, Saturday

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## Talents felicitated at KIIT fashion show

POST NEWS NETWORK

**Bhubaneswar, May 20:** The ‘Kirti Kalpana’ graduation fashion show 2023 was conducted here by the School of Fashion Technology in the presence of IAS Arabinda Padhee, SRFTI director Himanshu Shekhar Khatua, and KIIT & KISS founder Achyuta Samanta, and KIIT DU registrar Jynana Ranjana Mohanty.

During the event, Revathi Mohanty was felicitated for achieving the title of Miss Global Asia Pacific 2023 held at Melaka, Malaysia, and Trishna was felici-



tated for bagging the title of Miss Teen Universe India-2023 held in Jaipur, Rajasthan, from April 6 to 13, 2023.

Student Designer Payal Rout got

the award for ‘best design collection’ in fashion, while Aishwarya Urmila Mahapatra for best design collection in Textile; Banshika Pattanaik was awarded for winning 1st po-

sition in face painting; Akankshya was awarded for best logo design for KIIT Souvenir Shop; Siddhanta Gupta and Devapreet Maharana also got awarded for their contribution as videographer and photo editor for the show.

Tilakraj Bihari (staff) and Gedeon Mugisho (student) bagged the title of Mr Best Dressed while on the other hand Aparupa Paranaik (staff) and Simran Rout (student) owned the title of Ms Best Dressed of the event. The final year students showcased their collection. During this occasion the brochure for Kirti Kalpana was launched.

## EXCLUSIVE JEWELLERY SHOW AT MALABAR GOLD & DIAMONDS



POST NEWS NETWORK

**Bhubaneswar, May 20:** Malabar Gold & Diamonds, Saheed Nagar, Bhubaneswar has started ‘Exclusive Branded Jewellery Show’, an exhibition and sale of gold, diamond, and other precious gems jewellery.

“The featured ornaments, having timeless elegance, are creations of master craftsmen. These jewels are shining examples of their expertise and ingenious skills. EBJ show inaugurated by chief guest Sukirti Patnaik, chairperson INWEC National, founder & managing director of Indulge, the chain of salons and the first bridal mall of India in the presence of Malabar Gold & Diamonds management team, distinguished guests and well-wishers. This show offers ruby, emerald, uncut diamond and diamonds jewellery,” explained a showroom manager.

The show features exclusive brands of Malabar Gold & Diamonds: MINE - diamond jewellery, ERA - uncut diamond jewellery, PRECIA - precious gems jewellery, ETHNIX - handcrafted jewellery, DIVINE - Indian heritage jewellery, and Starlet - kid’s jewellery. The show, held from May 15 to MAY 22 is being held exclusively at Malabar Gold & Diamonds, Saheed Nagar, Bhubaneswar, showroom.

Notably, Malabar Gold & Diamonds, is one amongst the most trusted jewellery brands in the flagship company of the Malabar Group, a fastest growing business conglomerate of India. The group earmarks a distinct share of its annual profit for Corporate Social Responsibility activities in the field of health, education, and housing for the poor; woman’s empowerment and environment conservation initiatives. Malabar is a trend-setter in the retail gold industry with 300 plus showrooms across India, Singapore and the GCC, informed one company management representatives.

## Rare surgery performed at Shanti Memorial Hosp

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POST NEWS NETWORK

**Bhubaneswar, May 20:** LECS, a rare surgical procedure combining Laparoscopy and endoscopy simultaneously on a patient, was recently conducted successfully at Shanti Memorial Hospital.

A 58 years old male patient was admitted to the hospital recently, with complaints of recurrent episodes of vomiting and pain. An upper GI endoscopy was done and a polyp was diagnosed in the duodenum. Reports confirmed a neuro-endocrine tumor (NET) having the characteristics of high malignant potential.

The patient underwent LECS, with a combination of efforts from endoscopist Gautam Nath and lap surgeon Sreejoy Patnaik and the surgical procedure was completed successfully with minimal blood loss.

The patient was discharged after 48 hours. “The advantage of this procedure is that it makes it possible to operate on a lesion as small as possible, and to preserve the anatomical function of the stomach or duo-



denum, without causing deformation. Also the procedural timing is less and there is very little blood loss. It really feels good to implement technological advancements to surgical procedures for better outcomes,” said Sreejoy Patnaik.

“The lesions are resected completely in almost all cases and precise diagnosis is possible in all the resected specimens. Also it is a safe and secured procedure as compared to if done alone either with endoscopy or laparoscopy,” added Gautam Nath.

The LECS (laparoscopic &amp; endoscopic cooperative surgery), a combined surgical procedure involving a laparoscopic surgeon and an endoscopist working in tandem is a newly developed technique, first reported by Hiki et al. (Japan) for local resection of tumors in the upper GI tract. The cooperation of endoscopists and laparoscopists is essential for implementation of LECS procedures.

## ‘TECHNOLOGY WILL BRING CHANGE IN JOB SCENARIO’

POST NEWS NETWORK

**Bhubaneswar, May 20:** The introduction of cutting-edge technologies like AI, robotics, big data, IOT, and ARVR will bring a disruptive change in job scenario, Vedant Aluminium Limited President TK Chand said Saturday while addressing the AIMS eastern region Deans and Directors Round Table Conference on the theme “Education 4.0 and impact of National Education Policy (NEP) 2020 on Management education.”

The introduction of technology would also eliminate repetitive jobs and emergence of new jobs in the areas of creativity, innovation, research and development, he said.

Elaborating the disruption in job profiles, Chand said tenurial employment will slowly give way to assignment-based employment. No more a talented will have one employer; it will be a scenario of talent serving many employers due to need of specialized skills. Moonlighting will be the accepted way of engagement, he said.

Large industries will no more be the source of employment but they will facilitate employment in MSMEs who will benefit from the



scope of large-scale outsourcing brought in by new technology.

Chand gave the example of introduction of Automated Robotic Processing (ARP) in commercial functions introduced by Vedanta aligning thousands of suppliers & thousands materials.

He suggested that Business schools should have study subjects on problems and prospects of MSMEs, ecosystem on start-ups. Chand said flexible curriculum, interdisciplinary learning and multiple exit and entry during the study will better suite business executives and B-schools should introduce these changes as provided in NEP-2020. Chand said industries are now at the threshold of a fourth in-

dustrial revolution. This revolution is getting powered by a cluster of cutting-edge technology like AI, Robotics, big data, IOT, ARVR.

Introduction of these technologies is inevitable as it has in built incentives of reducing specific capex and opex and making the goods and products cost competitive with better quality. He said Industry requires job ready professionals trained in AI and other cutting edge technology focus will be on creativity and research.

Chand said new education policy has rightly envisioned India to emerge as knowledge super power at global level for which creativity and research will be the main focus.

## Only around 13% of global methane emissions regulated: Study

Researchers have showed through a review that only around 13 per cent of global methane emissions are regulated, despite methane emissions causing at least 25 per cent of current global warming.

The researchers from Queen Mary University of London, UK, also found that little is known about the effectiveness of the policies that exist, with potentially unrepresentative methane emission estimations used rather than actual measurements.

This global review of methane policies, published in the journal One Earth, systematically looked at all major man-made emission sources, agriculture, energy and waste. The researchers focused on 281 policies worldwide, 255 of them currently in force, that aim to mon-

itor and reduce methane emissions examining the geographical coverage, strength and effectiveness of the policies.

90 per cent of identified national policies have been adopted in three regions: North America (39 per cent), Europe (30 per cent) and Asia Pacific (21 per cent).

Globally, the research showed there has been a gradual increase in methane policies since 1974. But fossil methane policies, e.g., targeting emissions from coal, oil and gas sectors tend to be less stringent than those targeting biogenic methane sources, especially in the waste sector.

One of the main challenges to measuring methane emissions, the researchers said, is accurately identifying and quantifying sources. Developing and using technolo-



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gies such as satellites to monitor methane emissions can help policymakers with measurement, verification, compliance and detection of super-emitters.

Introducing policies with greater policy coverage, mitigation solutions including for major sources, and measurable objectives could lead to a significant methane emissions

reduction, they said.

Inaccurate estimations can also mean the issue is taken less seriously by decision-makers by masking its severity, they said,

and argued that the lack of regulation and clarity into their impact must urgently be addressed if we were to meet our global climate targets.

Their review suggested a consistent approach worldwide with robust quantification and reporting could unlock new opportunities to drastically reduce global warming levels.

To meet the Paris Agreement 1.5 degrees Celsius objective, man-made methane emissions should be reduced by at least 40 to 45 per cent by 2030, compared to the 2020 levels. Methane mitigation is not only a cost-effective strategy to reduce global warming but could also improve the air quality.

Today methane emissions are increasing faster than at any time since the 1980s, they said.

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# Industries stare at closure, job loss as OMC's e-auction fails once again

POST NEWS NETWORK

**Jajpur, May 20:** E-auction of iron ore by Odisha Mining Corporation (OMC), the largest state-owned merchant miner, conducted Thursday has failed miserably once again due to wrong policies and high floor price fixed by the OMC. It is apprehended that the failure of the e-auction may seriously affect production of the industrial firms at Kalinganagar in Jajpur district which do not have their own captive mines.

As profits are declining the industrial firms are contemplating to stop making further investments for a brief period in their units, said sources. Many of them have already made announcements in this regard. This has sparked fear of closure of many industrial houses and led to panic over job loss. This is quite visible as the dismissal of employees is more than the appointments taking place in various plants in Kalinganagar Industrial Complex.

Industrial plants like Visa Steel, Ferrochrome, Rohit Ferrotech, KJ Ispat and others do not have their own captive mines. With the state government's policy of 'no mines



without industries' is not being applicable to Kalinganagar area, many industrial plants are dependent on OMC for raw materials. However, whimsical fixation of floor price by OMC has hit the plants and sparked fears of insolvency.

Sources said that the OMC conducted its auction, Thursday. A negligible quantity of only 0.150 million tonne of iron ore was sold out of total 1.364 million tonne put on auction.

Out of 0.746 million tonne of iron ore, only 0.016 million tonne was sold at minimum base price and 0.135 million tonne of iron ore CLO was sold

out of 0.618 million tonne, all at base price without any premium.

This has been happening as the OMC is fixing the initial floor price as per the demands of the foreign companies. The OMC's auction remains satisfactory when the foreign companies participate in the auction and purchase iron ore at a higher price.

However, most of the OMC's e-auctions miserably fail when it expects that the foreign companies will participate in all the e-auctions and decides the floor price accordingly. This has severely hit the local companies who are de-

pendent for iron ore and chromites on the state owned OMC.

This proves that OMC is artificially keeping very high floor price and profiteering at the cost of pellet and sponge iron manufacturers in the state. The pellet plants and the sponge iron plants have started shutting down due to unviable prices of iron ore, office bearers of Kalinganagar Industries Association (KNIA) alleged.

Industry bodies in Odisha have been requesting OMC as well as the state government to reduce the floor price of iron ore but their pleas have fallen to deaf ears and are yet to be addressed. Moreover, common labourers and employees of various plants dependent on these industrial plants for their livelihood are passing their days with fear of loss of livelihood. They have again demanded the state government to intervene and address this issue which has been plaguing the survival of their companies.

As the iron ore auction has failed, OMC should reduce the floor price and should re-auction immediately or else more plants may shut in the state leading to further job losses.

# Brother held for killing man, chopping off body

POST NEWS NETWORK

**Bolangir, May 20:** Bolangir Police Saturday cracked the murder mystery of a youth whose chopped-off body parts were recovered from a locked house at Salepali village under Town police limits here.

The slain youth Rinku Meher, 27, was a native of Nuapada district living in this area. Police cracked the brutal murder and arrested the slain youth's younger brother Bhabani Shankar Meher alias Pinku in this connection.

The accused Pinku after murdering his brother chopped-off his body into eight parts and wrapped them in black polythene in a bid to destroy evidence. However, he left the chopped off body parts behind in the house and fled after he failed to dispose of the body. He committed the crime due to domestic dispute and over torture inflicted upon his parents by his slain elder brother. This was stated by Sadar SDPO Tophan Bag to mediapersons here, Saturday. After his arrest, police took him to the crime spot and recreated the crime scene, the SDPO said.

Senior officials said that Pinku, who was looking after the family, was fed up with his elder



brother's behaviour as he was always picking up quarrels with others at home and torturing his elderly parents.

Rinku had allegedly assaulted his father with a hammer, April 25 following which Pinku admitted the latter at VSS Institute of Medical Sciences and Research (VIMSAR) in Burla and returned home, May 10. His father again fell sick, May 13 following which he admitted him at Bhima Bhoi Medical College and Hospital in Bolangir.

Pinku had come home to take a bucket, mat and other materials when Rinku hurled abuses at him and attacked him with a pipe. Enraged, Pinku hacked the neck

of his brother with an axe following which he died. In a bid to destroy evidences he then chopped off his body into eight pieces, wrapped them in black polythene and stuffed them in a bag. However, he failed to dispose of the bag as it failed to shut due to some problem in its zip.

The matter came to light after neighbours alerted the police after noticing a foul smell emanating from the house.

As the house was locked, it was broken in the presence of a magistrate and the body stuffed in a bag was recovered on May 17. Police had sent the parts for autopsy and launched an investigation in this regard.

# Mo Bus catches fire in Rourkela

PNN & AGENCIES

**Bhubaneswar/Rourkela, May 20:** Capital Region Urban Trust (CRUT) Saturday clarified that an empty 'Mo Bus' caught an unexpected fire at Space Chowk in Rourkela, Saturday morning while it was on the way to the depot for maintenance.

Emergency services were immediately notified and the local fire department subsequently brought the fire under control. It was the early detection of the issue by the Mo Bus captain and the prompt response of the CRUT staff because of which there was zero fatality and damage to anyone.

The Mo Bus Captain on duty noticed a technical snag in the bus and promptly informed the route supervisor who sent another bus as a replacement to take the commuters to their destination after they were safely shifted.

The empty bus caught fire while it was on the way to depot for maintenance.

An urgent meeting was



conducted by CRUT with the local CRUT team at Rourkela, operator and original equipment manufacturer (OEM) – Tata Motors to determine the cause of the fire and to prevent any such incidents from occurring in the future.

The Tata Motors team is rushing to Rourkela to investigate the cause of the incident and take remedial action. Police have been requested to investigate the incident to find out if there is any sabotage.

The safety and well-being of 'Mo Bus' passengers and employees are of utmost importance to CRUT. In view of this incident, CRUT is reevaluating its maintenance and safety protocols to ensure that its fleet operates in the safest possible manner.

# Purusottampur lynching: 5 held

POST NEWS NETWORK

**Purusottampur, May 20:** Purusottampur police Friday evening forwarded five people to court after their arrest in the lynching case of Bahuda Sahu (40), a native of Baduragada village under Gadishagada police limits in Puri district.

The arrested persons were identified as Tapan Kumar Padhiari, Mitu Nayak, Kishore Nayak, Satya Narayan Nayak of Chingudighai village and Bhabani Shankar Sahoo of Rengidipali village, said Purusottampur SDPO Rajanikanta Samal.

The deceased was thrashed to death mercilessly in an inhuman way after being mistaken as a thief. Many people associated with the gruesome murder are still absconding and all the remaining culprits will be arrested very soon, said Samal.

As per information received from the police, a villager Kishore Nayak woke up to some sound in his backyard, at about 3am Wednesday night. He opened the door and found an unknown person standing outside.

Suspecting him as a thief he raised an alarm when the unknown person hurled a piece of brick and a tin sheet at Nayak in which the latter got injured. After he screamed for help, some co-villagers woke up from their sleep and rushed towards his house. The man ran to save himself but the villagers overpowered him. Later, they tied him to a utility pole where they beat him up black and blue leaving him critically injured and writhing in pain.

They then dumped the man under a tree inside the village primary school premises where he reportedly succumbed to his injuries.

# Brown sugar seized in Balasore; 1 arrested

**Balasore:** Brown Sugar worth ₹8 lakh was seized in Balasore district and a person was arrested in this connection, police said Saturday. Acting on a tip-off, a police team raided Sasanbad near Jaleswar town late Friday night and seized 80.10 gram of brown sugar, they said. A 42-year-old man was arrested after the drugs were seized, they added. An investigation is underway, police said.

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Description of the Immovable Property		
All that piece and parcel of residential land measuring Ac.0.516 (22476.96 sq.ft.) situated at Old Patna No-337, Old Survey No-5136 & 5137 New Khata No-702/171, New Plot No-5136 & 5137, Mouza-Kharia, Village-Kharia, PO-Kharia, PS-Aska, Dist.-Ganjam, Odisha, standing in the name of Mr. Susanta Kumar Nahak and the land is butted and bounded by:- On the North: Road and Land of Brundaban Jena      On the South: Land of Hadubandhu Swain On the East: Land of Dandasi Gouda      On the West: Land of Trinath Jena		
Place: ASKA Date: 16.05.2023	Authorized Officer The Karur Vysya Bank Limited	

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Description of the Immovable Property		
All that piece and parcel of land and building measuring land area Ac.0.033 dc situated at Khata No-341/183, Plot No-1996/4050, Mouza- Ghatakhuri under SRO-Aska, Tahasil-Aska, PS-Aska, Dist-Ganjam, Orissa, standing in the name of Sri Bhoobini Nahak. The property is butted and bounded as follows: On North: Land of Abhimanyu Panda      On South: Land of Bhagaban Panda On East: Land of Abhimanyu Panda      On West: Road and then Land of Dandapani Lenka		
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Description of the Immovable Property		
1. All that piece and parcel residential land and building measuring Ac.0.990 Dec (43124.45sq.ft.) situated at Khata No. 615/471, Old Khata No. 615/722, New Khata No. 615/862, Plot No. 1767, 1766, 1765/2181, 1765/3723, 1765/3724, 1766/2237, 1766/3725, at Mouza Babanpur, P5/Tahasil: Aska, Dist.: Ganjam, Odisha, standing in the name of Mr. Anil Kumar Nayak and the property is butted and bounded as follows:- On the North: By Road      On the South: By Land of Sasikala Das and Khali Sahu On the East: By Land of Mahadei Patra      On the West: By Land of Baccha Nayak 2. All that piece and parcel residential land and building measuring Ac.0.022 Dec (958.32 Sq.ft.) situated at old Khata No.938, New Khata No.615/401, Old Survey No.1059/2440, New Plot No. 1059/2440 at Bada Street, Mouza Babanpur, P5/Tahasil: Aska, Dist.-Ganjam, Odisha, standing in the name of Mrs. Manjulata Nayak and the property is butted and bounded as follows:- On the North: By Road      On the South: By Drain On the East: By Residential House      On the West: By Residential House		
Place: ASKA Date: 16.05.2023	Authorized Officer The Karur Vysya Bank Limited	

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Description of the Immovable Property		
All that piece and parcel of Residential Flat in "M M BISWAL HOUSE", 4th Floor, Flat No-4/E, in the building measuring undivided area Ac.0.004dec with Carpet area measuring 892 Sq.ft., situated at Mouza- Cuttack Town Unit No.16, Kathagada Sahi, Khata No-279, Plot No-1080 and 1092, DSRO-Cuttack, PS-Purighat, Thana No-1, Tahasil-Cuttack Sadar, Tahasil No-216, District-Cuttack, Cuttack Municipal Ward No-19, standing in the name of Mr. Sukadev Singh and flat is butted and bounded by: On the North: Flat No.4/D      On the South: Open Space & Stair Case On the East: Corridor      On the West: Open Space		
Place: Cuttack Date: 17.05.2023	Authorized Officer The Karur Vysya Bank Limited	

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Description of the Immovable Property		
All that piece and parcel of land admeasuring Ac.0.029 Dec (1264 sq.ft.) with 2 storied building thereon, situated at Plot No.481/951, Khata No.321, ward No.16, Old Bhopur, newly Alakapur Mouza, Old bus stand Road, Berhampur, Dist.-Ganjam, Odisha, standing in the name of Mr. Debasish Rath and the property is butted and bounded as follows: On the North: House of Siba Sankar Sahu      On the East: Drain On the South: House of Magata Sahu      On the West: Road (The above property is also mortgaged/charged to the credit facility sanctioned to M/s. Centre for advance computing and action under SARFAESI Act, 2002 initiated)		
Place: BERHAMPUR Date: 16.05.2023	Authorized Officer The Karur Vysya Bank Limited	


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Description of the Immovable Property		
All that piece and parcel of Residential Flat No.104 (2BHK) measuring 1000 sq.ft. super built up area in first floor, Block-B of the apartment "SAI LIFESTYLE" situated at Mouza-Patasahanpur, Khata No-398 (three hundred ninety eight), Shitibhan, Chaka No-88 (eighty eight), Plot No-93 (ninety three) corresponding to Hal Mutation Khata No-398 (three hundred ninety eight), Shitibhan, Plot No-93 (ninety three), area Ac.1.880 decimal, full plot, Kizam-Gharabani. The area transferred in favour of the title holder being the undivided impartible interest measuring Ac.0.006 decimals out of Ac.1.880 decimals. The flat is standing in the name of Mrs. Rutuparna Nayak and the property is butted and bounded by: On the North: By Corridor      On the East: By Stair Case On the South: by Open to Sky      On the West: by Flat No.105		
Place: Cuttack Date: 17.05.2023	Authorized Officer The Karur Vysya Bank Limited	



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The Divine Truth is greater than any religion or creed or scripture or idea or philosophy.

SRI AUROBINDO



# Welfare Over Ideology

The Congress won Karnataka though the BJP held on to its vote share. The Congress added 5 per cent to get to just under 43 per cent and the BJP lost just 0.2 per cent to get 36 per cent. How did the Congress increase its popularity? It can be many things, but ‘anti-incumbency’ is not among them. Why not? Because the BJP retained the level of its popularity and attracted the same number of voters (in fact more, given the population increase in 5 years) as it did in 2018. There is a reason for this and we will come to that later: If not anti-incumbency then what?

There are two things the party itself says were important. The five schemes they promised and the Bharat Jodo Yatra. Let us focus on the former. The five schemes are 200 units of free electricity per month; ₹2,000 to every woman head of a household; unemployment benefit for two years of ₹3000 per month (to graduates without a job) and ₹1500 per month (to diploma holders); 10 kilos of free rice per person to families identified as being below the poverty line; and free bus travel for all women in state buses.

These were the main ones but there were others. ASHAs, who are the front-line health workers in rural areas, would get a fixed salary of ₹5,000 per month, mid-day meal cooks and anganwadi workers would get an extra ₹2,400 to ₹3,500 a month. Police personnel on night duty would get an extra ₹5,000 a month plus an extra month’s pay. While the rest of us may not have known about this it’s unlikely that many of these people, particularly those working together, would be unaware. There are 65,000 anganwadis in the state. There are 1 lakh policemen.

If a woman is a household maid in Bangalore, she will get from now on ₹2,000, ₹1,200 (the cost of a monthly bus pass) and 10 kilos of rice, besides the electricity. This is a substantial sum and will make a difference to her life. Economic analyst Aunindyo Chakravarty has pointed out that the state’s average per capita monthly income is ₹22,000 but it is quite unequal. Over 60 per cent of the population makes only ₹13,800 per month. Consider what these guarantees mean to such people.

And we have to most importantly consider also what the meaning of these schemes is, and it is of course that contrary to what the Union government is saying, we have a problem, and it can be defined as the questions for which these five schemes are for many the answer. The government can dismiss India’s fall in the hunger index, but clearly the idea of free grain is meaningful to a substantial part of the population. There are two indicators on unemployment in India. One is compiled by the government. The other one, by the private firm CMIE, says that India has high unemployment, which has not gone below 6 per cent in five years, but also a poor participation rate. People who are unable to find a job, or a job of the sort that they want (graduates do not want to be delivery boys and taxi drivers) stop looking for work entirely. Even the government data here says that graduate joblessness nationwide is 15 per cent. The participation of Indian women in labour is one of the lowest in the world. This has several reasons, including social, but safe, regular and inexpensive transport is surely among them.

To accept all of the above we would have to conclude that hunger, poverty and unemployment are serious issues in India in 2023. But this is not what the government is saying, and in fact it rejects data and opinion which claims there is a problem. Which part of the Modi government’s narrative of Amritkaal, Vishwaguru and all the rest of it responds to the things that seem to have brought Congress success? The BJP and its supporters sneer at what they say is the culture of revadi. That is demeaning to the individuals who are recipients but the term is used nonetheless

The readers of this paper and what we call the middle class will not be enthused by the idea of queuing up for free rice or by 200 units of free power. These are not things we vote on. Indeed, one reason, to return to where we began, that the BJP held on to its vote share was that its base is loyal because of ideology. And this base is stronger in urban areas and with the middle class and upper castes as we know. This lot is the one for whom the Vande Bharat (executive fare for Mysore to Chennai ₹2,295) trains are being launched, providing solutions to a problem that doesn’t exist.

## WISDOM CORNER

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Sometimes the situation is only a problem because it is looked at in a certain way. Looked at in another way, the right course of action may be so obvious that the problem no longer exists.

EDWARD DE BONO

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Don't believe what your eyes are telling you. All they show is limitation. Look with your understanding, find out what you already know, and you'll see the way to fly.

RICHARD BACH

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There is no passion to be found playing small - in settling for a life that is less than the one you are capable of living.

NELSON MANDELA

## WORDSWORTH

### ■ Hyetal

You may wish to reserve this adjective for a rainy day, when you can enliven the inevitable discussion about the weather by dropping it into the conversation. Do not, however, expect it to be understood, even though you’re merely referring to rain. The *Oxford English Dictionary* has no examples of it at all in its entry (written about 110 years ago), noting only that it is recorded in the 1864 edition of *Webster’s Dictionary*. A further century of opportunities for the word to be used, coupled with the magic of searchable electronic databases, allows me to do better: *The hydrologic cycle has undergone an atmospheric mutation here. They don’t measure the rain in inches but in feet. A waterproofing contractor could definitely find happiness here, while rainmakers and dousers would quickly go out of business. This is the kind of place where words like pluviose, hyetal, and affusion actually belong in conversation (Washington Post, 4 March 1990).* Hyetal comes from Greek *huetos*, rain, and is related to Greek *hyei*, it is raining. It means “relating to rain”. A *hyetal chart* is a rain chart; an *isohyeter isohyetal* is a line on a map connecting places of equal rainfall; a *hyetograph* is a self-registering rain gauge; *hyetology* is the study of the geographical variation and distribution of rainfall. Meteorologists, the principal users of the word and its compounds, have extended the meaning to include all forms of precipitation.

# LAW’S STRUGGLE FOR DIGNITY

## FOCUS DEMOCRACY

One telling development in the popular demonstrations against the Israeli government’s proposed judicial reforms has been the concentration of protesters on a small side street in Tel Aviv. Here one finds the home of the Israeli Supreme Court’s former president, Aharon Barak, now a target of both praise and obloquy depending on one’s political allegiances.

Judges are not supposed to be a direct source of political controversy, whether they handed down their most recent decision yesterday or, as in Barak’s case, almost two decades ago. They are supposed to be dispassionate and independent. But democracies in the twenty-first century are dispensing with this ideal, owing not to the conduct of judges, but to emerging autocratic populism, with governments lashing out at any institution that seeks to hold them to account.

In Israel and other democracies, the judiciary has been one of the primary checks against abuses of government power. That is why Israeli Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu focused his government’s attention on courts when he returned to power in late 2022. In draft legislation that has since been put on hold, his new government – an alliance between his Likud party and the fascist Jewish Power party – seeks to curtail the Supreme Court’s power of judicial review, and to exercise greater political control over judicial appointments.

Barak finds himself at the heart of this political conflict because he was the justice who transformed the Supreme Court into a bastion of justice and the rule of law. Appointed to the Court in 1978, having served as Israel’s Attorney General since 1975 and as the government’s legal adviser at the Camp David Accords, Barak set about redefining the court’s role and shaping Israel’s jurisprudence.

From the start of his judicial career, Barak embraced activism. He helped expand the Supreme Court’s jurisdiction, defining justiciability (by which courts decide what matters they are competent to rule on) and standing (who is qualified to bring cases) broadly thereby authorising the justices to consider cases from a wider



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range of parties and on a broader range of issues.

Barak’s judicial philosophy truly came into its own following the Knesset’s (parliament’s) enactment of Israel’s Basic Laws in the early 1990s. He did not become president of the Supreme Court until August 1995; by that November, he had already handed down his most seminal decision, transforming his belief that “the world is filled with law” into a judicial reality. In United Mizrahi Bank v. Migdal Cooperative Village, the Court declared that it had the power to invalidate statutes which conflicted with the Basic Laws.

This was Israel’s Marbury v. Madison moment. The majority opinion revolutionised the Supreme Court’s role in Israeli democracy by furnishing it with the power to scrutinise almost every facet of Israeli public life. No longer was the Court’s remit confined to ruling on the reasonableness of government action; now, it could also strike down legislation, as in the United States.

Until this point, the Knesset’s policymaking had been treated as inviolable, with Israel mirroring Britain’s embrace of absolute parliamentary sovereignty. But as Britain has discovered in the wake of the Brexit referendum, its own notion of sovereignty sometimes leaves fundamental rights and democratic norms at the mercy of malign government ministers. Simply because they command

sufficient support in the legislature, former Prime Minister Boris Johnson and current Prime Minister Rishi Sunak have been able to pass legislation limiting the right to protest, disenfranchising some voters, and persecuting asylum seekers. In response, the British courts have seen it as their constitutional responsibility mostly to watch from the sidelines.

Under the jurisprudence pioneered by Barak, Israel’s Supreme Court would be less willing to tolerate such constitutionally dubious policies. In true liberal-democratic fashion, it recognises that elected branches’ prerogative to carry out a mandate from the people must be weighed against the judiciary’s responsibility to uphold the law and its constitutional underpinnings. As Barak wrote in United Mizrahi, “judicial review of the constitutionality of the law is the soul of the constitution itself. Strip the constitution of judicial review and you have removed its very life.”

Rather than accept a thin, formal conception of democracy as mere majority rule, Barak offered a vision of “substantive democracy, which is concerned with the defense of human rights in particular.” Through this philosophy, the Court struck down a statute permitting Israel’s interior minister to detain asylum seekers without trial; ruled against the constitutionality of a “settlement regularisation” law that allowed the

government to expropriate privately owned Palestinian land; and determined that private prisons violated prisoners’ dignity.

While Barak’s critics (and critics of liberal judicial activism, like Netanyahu) claim that the court is “legislating from the bench,” the court’s defence of human dignity rests on firm, politically impartial philosophical terrain: everyone in society is free and equal under the law. By striking a “proper balance” between the “social life of the community” and “human rights, equality and justice,” Barak argues, the judiciary avoids entangling itself in the political thicket.

This sensibility can be contrasted with the more partisan approach that one finds at the US Supreme Court. There, professed judicial philosophies serve as mere fig leaves for achieving favoured political agendas. Rather than rooting their decisions in coherent principles like dignity, justices rely on capacious frameworks like originalism and textualism to impose their personal and religious views.

This approach often allows justices to avoid the charge of “activism.” When one of Netanyahu’s previous justice ministers, Ayelet Shaked, appointed six new justices to the Supreme Court, she proclaimed that the judiciary would return to a supposedly neutral textualism. As Alon Harel of the Hebrew University of Jerusalem notes, she failed to appreciate that “her passion to promote conservative causes distort[ed] her ability to discern right-wing activism.”

If Netanyahu gets his judicial reform passed, Israel’s courts will become increasingly partisan. Already, the Supreme Court has retreated from the jurisprudential high point of the Barak era, such as by reducing its support for Palestinian rights. Justices will become overtly political players, and the Court, like its US counterpart, will suffer declining trust and credibility. And, in the absence of judicial review, Israelis can expect a wave of legislation that mocks their dignity.

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## SPECTRUM ECONOMICS

# The enduring legacy of Robert Lucas

The economist who turned John Maynard’s central concept of animal spirits on its head and revolutionised macroeconomics with his concept of rational expectation orphaned his innumerable admirers last week. Keynes’ magnum opus General Theory published in 1936 debunked the classical theory that supply will create its own demand and any aberration in the economy will self-correct itself. Keynes thumbnailed the importance of public investment and fiscal stimulus during an economic depression – a policy prescription that came in handy during the economic depression of the 1930s. By 1971 even a diehard conservative like Richard Nixon observed: “We are all Keynesians now,” alluding to the importance of fiscal stimulus in a time of financial crisis. Interestingly, Keynes mooted the concept of animal spirits, referring to movements in investment that could not be explained by movements in current variables. This is where Lucas brought in the concept of rational expectation as in which people optimally use all information they have including information about government policies when forecasting the future, instead of blindly

Satya Narayan Misra

LUCAS CHALLENGED THE FOUNDATION OF THE KEYNESIAN ECONOMIC SYSTEM ARGUING THAT A MACROECONOMIC MODEL SHOULD BE BUILT AS AN AGGREGATE VERSION OF MICROECONOMIC MODELS

leaping into the future. In a 1976 article, he introduced the Lucas critique and incorporated the idea of rational expectation into a dynamic general equilibrium model. He challenged the foundation of the Keynesian economic system arguing that a macroeconomic model should be built as an aggregate version of microeconomic models, while noting that aggregation in the theoretical sense may not be possible within a given model.

One of the major concepts in economics is the Phillips curve as per which there is an inverse relationship between employment and inflation. When stagflation occurred in the 70s with rising unemployment not coinciding with declining inflation, the role of rational expectation propounded by Lucas proved prescient as workers and consumers adapted their expectation about future inflation rates based on current rates of inflation and unemployment. Lucas wrote that if an econometric model shows that a 3% drop in inflation would lead to 2% increase in unemployment, one could not use this correlation to predict the effect of a future 3% drop in inflation, because people’s expectation would not be the same. He and Thomas Sergent argued

that in thinking about the effect of alternative policies, economists should assume that people have rational expectations, that people look in to the future and do the best job they can in predicting it.

Lucas believed that neither capital gains nor any of the income from capital gains should be taxed at all. He estimated that eliminating capital income tax would increase the US capital stock by 35%. He wrote: “The supply side economists have delivered the largest genuinely free lunch that I have seen in 25 years of this businesses.” His views were sharply different from Thomas Piketty who strongly argued in favour of global capital tax as the most potent policy tool to reduce sharp and rising income inequality. For Lucas, the goal of tax policy is to usher efficiency and wealth creation rather than equity and social justice as championed by Piketty & Schiedel.

In 1979, Lucas gave a talk on ‘The Death of Keynesian Economics’ as he was leading a revival of neoclassical economics where Keynesian thinking was passe. The Chicago School and its students and leading proponents like Lucas and Milton Friedman were called fresh water economists as op-

posed to salt water economists like Keynes. For them the phenomenon of depression was consigned to the dustbin of history.

We are all Keynesians again. Be it the US financial crisis in 2007-2008 or the pandemic from 2019-2021, it’s the long hands of the government and its fiscal stimulus that have taken countries out of the quagmire of unemployment and demand deficits. Keynes had once wittily observed: “The difficulty does not lie with introducing new ideas but replacing old ones.” Lucas must be credited with a new idea that consumers are not dumb but have rational expectation that has crucial contribution to how economic systems will pan out. When Lucas and his wife got a divorce in 1988, she negotiated for 50% of Nobel Prize money that he may receive, with 31 October 1995 as the expiration date. Lucas won the Nobel Prize in Economics on 10 October 1995. Economists joked that the Lucas model applied to his wife. She had rational expectation! Lucas also sowed the seeds of behavioural economics, which found eloquent exposition in the hands of Daniel Kahneman and Richard Thaler, later day Nobel laureates.

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## Promising step forward

Sir, Despite the considerable amount of time that has passed since the emergence of the HIV epidemic, a successful vaccine to counter this disease has yet to be produced. The development of an HIV vaccine remains crucial in order to limit the spread of the virus and ultimately eliminate it. With approximately 38.4 million people still living with HIV worldwide, the urgency to continue efforts in vaccine research is undeniable. The quest for an HIV vaccine began 35 years ago with the initiation of the first clinical trial by the National Institutes of Health (NIH) in 1987. Although a breakthrough has not been achieved, recent advancements in mRNA technology, demonstrated by the successful development of COVID-19 vaccines, have sparked new interest among scientists. In March 2022, the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases (NIAID) launched a Phase I clinical trial to evaluate three experimental HIV vaccines based on mRNA platforms. This signifies a promising step forward in the ongoing pursuit of an effective and safe HIV vaccine. World AIDS Vaccine Day, is observed globally May 18. This important day aims to raise awareness about the significance of developing an HIV vaccine to prevent HIV infection and AIDS. It is also an opportunity to acknowledge and honour the invaluable contributions of volunteers, healthcare professionals, supporters, and scientists who work tirelessly towards the goal of bringing an end to this life-threatening epidemic. The urgent need for an HIV vaccine persists as millions of people worldwide continue to live with the virus. While significant progress has been made in understanding HIV and potential vaccines, ongoing research and clinical trials are necessary to overcome the challenges posed by the virus’ mutability. .

Krishna Kumar Vepakomma, HYDERABAD

## Shunted for run-ins

Sir, Kiren Rijiju’s frequent run-ins with the Supreme Court cost him dearly Prime Minister Narendra Modi shunted him out of the Law Ministry to the Union Ministry of Earth Sciences. Former bureaucrat Arjun Ram Meghwal, who hails from Rajasthan, will take over the reins. Rijiju’s recent accusation that some retired judges were part of an anti-India gang sparked heated criticism. The changes come when there’s a perception that the judiciary and the Centre are at odds.

NJ Ravi Chander, BANGALORE

# Letters

## TO THE EDITOR

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The country needs a strong government, a permanent government which only the BJP can provide. This government has made the fifth biggest economy in the world. The respect of the country has increased in the world

RAVI SHANKAR PRASAD | BJP LEADER

After the Karnataka assembly elections, the Congress tried to suppress its internal strife by making D K Shivakumar the deputy chief minister. But why neglect Dalit and Muslim communities when these unitedly voted for the Congress' victory

MAYAWATI | BSP PRESIDENT

Modi has issued another new order. Whenever he goes to Japan, he will issue a 'note bandi' notification and go. When he went to Japan last time he had done a ₹1,000 note bandi. This time when he has gone he has done ₹2,000 note bandi

MALLIKARJUN KHARGE | AICC PRESIDENT

## Manipur facing shortage of drugs

Some pharmaceutical companies have taken steps to airlift drugs, but the volume of consignments is limited, rendering this measure insufficient to meet the demand



INDO-ASIAN NEWS SERVICE

**Imphal, May 20:** Like other essential items and transport fuel, ethnic violence-hit Manipur is also facing an acute shortage of life-saving drugs.

The Manipur Chemists and Druggists Association (MCDA) has urged the state government to take immediate steps to address this critical issue arising out of the shortage of life-saving drugs. The MCDA had earlier raised the issue with Manipur Health Minister Sapam Ranjan, but no concrete steps have been taken thus far.

MCDA president R.K. Rakesh said that around 12 trucks carrying essential medicines are stranded between Mao and Senapati, while another 14 trucks are stuck in Guwahati. He said that the situation has been exacerbated due to panic buying by a large number of people and hoarding by a section of traders.

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## Dantewada blast: 8 Naxalites held

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**Dantewada, May 20:** Eight Naxalites have been held in connection with last month's Arampur blast in Chhattisgarh's Dantewada district wherein 10 police personnel and a civilian lost their lives, police said Saturday.

With this development, the total number of Naxalites held in the case increased to 17, they said. Of these eight Naxalites, five were arrested on Wednesday (May 17),

while three others, including the minor boy, were held Friday during search operations by security personnel in Arampur police station area and adjoining locality a police official said.

Police gave information about it on Friday evening. Masa Kawasi, Kosa Mandavi, Arjun Kunjam, Deva Madvi and Ganga Madvi, all natives of Pedka village, were produced in a local court after their arrest on Wednesday, which sent them to police remand for three days, he added.

## Three Pak drones shot down by BSF

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**Jalandhar, May 20:** The Border Security Force (BSF) intercepted four Pakistani drones and shot down three of them along the International Border in Punjab in four different incidents in over 24 hours, a spokesperson of the force said Saturday.

While three drones were intercepted by the BSF on Friday night, the fourth one was shot down Saturday night. The first drone, a black quadcopter of "DJI Matrice 300 RTK" make, was recovered from Udhhar Dharawal village in Amritsar district, the spokesperson said.



BSF troops intercepted this unmanned aerial vehicle (UAV) by firing around 9 pm on Friday, he said. The second drone, a quadcopter of the same make, was recovered from Rattan Khurd village in Amritsar district after troops fired at it around 9.30 pm.

Two packets attached to the drone containing 2.6 kg of suspected heroin were also recovered from the UAV that was found in Rattan Khurd village, the spokesperson added. A third drone was intercepted Friday night along this front.

# Kejriwal to challenge ordinance

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**New Delhi, May 20:** The bitter tussle over control of administrative services in Delhi has again reached the Supreme Court as the Centre sought a review of its judgment which ruled in favour of the AAP government and Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal announced moving the apex court against a central ordinance that he alleged was brought in to "overturn" the verdict.

On Friday, the Centre promulgated the ordinance creating a National Capital Civil Service Authority to deal with service conditions, transfer and posting of officials, seen as a move to wrest back control after the May 11 apex court ruling that the Delhi government has legislative and executive powers over services except for public order, police and land.

Kejriwal on Saturday alleged the ordinance was "unconstitutional" and a "direct challenge" to the Supreme Court. It's an "insult" to and contempt of the apex court, the Aam Aadmi Party chief claimed, even as the BJP asserted that the measure was in consonance with the Constitution and in line with the top court's observations.

Central government sources said it was forced to promulgate the ordinance because of the Delhi government's regular "instigation"



and "acrimonious attacks" on the Centre and the city's unique character. Under its counter-offensive, the Centre has also filed the review plea in the apex court, contending that May 11 judgement ignores the fact that the functioning of the government in the capital "affects the nation as a whole", and has sought an open hearing.

"It is submitted that central government is administered by the people of the entire country who have a vital and preponderant interest in the governance of the capital of the entire country," it said. The verdict suffers from an error as it has not dealt with the arguments of the Centre that the Constitution has never contemplated a separate service cadre for Union territories, said the plea.

The Centre's review plea contends that judgement proceeds without appreciating that the nom-

**KEJRIWAL SATURDAY ALLEGED THE ORDINANCE WAS 'UNCONSTITUTIONAL' AND A 'DIRECT CHALLENGE' TO THE SUPREME COURT**

**CENTRAL GOVERNMENT SOURCES SAID IT WAS FORCED TO PROMULGATE THE ORDINANCE BECAUSE OF THE DELHI GOVERNMENT'S REGULAR 'INSTIGATION' AND 'ACRIMONIOUS ATTACKS' ON THE CENTRE AND THE CITY'S UNIQUE CHARACTER**

**THE CENTRE BROUGHT THE ORDINANCE TO OVERTURN THE SC VERDICT ON SERVICES MATTER JUST HOURS AFTER THE APEX COURT HAS SHUT FOR VACATION, KEJRIWAL TOLD A PRESS CONFERENCE**

inee of the President, the Lieutenant Governor or the Central Government, both are also "manifestations of democracy" when compared to the elected government of Delhi.

A five-judge Constitution bench headed by Chief Justice D Y Chandrachud, had given a unanimous verdict on the dispute between the Centre and the Delhi government triggered by a 2015 home ministry notification asserting its control over services, holding the National Capital Territory administration is unlike other Union Territories and has been "accorded a 'sui generis' (unique) status" by the Constitution.

After the frequent run-ins with the Centre-appointed Lieutenant Governor during the last eight years, the apex court order which clipped the wings of the LG and gave primacy to the elected government had come as a shot in the

arm for the Kejriwal dispensation but it now faces another legal and legislative battle.

"The Centre's ordinance on services matter is unconstitutional and against democracy. We will approach the Supreme Court against it. The Centre brought the ordinance to overturn the SC verdict on services matter just hours after the apex court has shut for vacation," Kejriwal told a press conference.

Calling the ordinance, which has to be ratified by Parliament within six months, an attack on the federal structure, the AAP convenor appealed to opposition parties not to let the related bill pass in Rajya Sabha and said he will also meet with leaders of these parties.

## PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice is hereby given to all concerned that Sanjukta Sahoo, W/o. Chittaranjan Sahoo, resident of Village: Siju, P.O.: Kothi, P.S.: Paradeep, Jagatsinghpur has lost original Khata No. 186/459 and Original Regd. Sale Deed No. 11131012123 Dtd.04.10.2010 executed by Rasabati Sahoo and others in favour of Rajani Pradhan relating to Plot No. 96/904 (Gharabari - 2) Area: Ac. 0.32 decimals under Khata No. 186/602 in Mauza: Baliapada, P.S.: Bhubaneswar, District: Khurda.

Sanjukta Sahoo of the above address has applied for a housing loan to the LIC Housing Finance Ltd., Cuttack by offering mortgage of the said property documents. All concerned therefore having any claim over the property purchased under the said documents, i.e. Original Khata No. 186/459 and Original Regd. Sale Deed No. 11131012123 Dtd.04.10.2010 are required to file their claim with the undersigned within 15 (Fifteen) days from the date of publication of this notice, failing which it will be presumed that the property having link with the said document is free from encumbrances and any claim in respect thereof against the applicant as a mortgagor and the Company as the mortgagee shall be void and ineffective after the lapse of 15 (Fifteen) days of publication of this notice.

**Cuttack Dt.20.05.2023**  
Sd./- (U.K. Mishra), Advocate  
LIC Housing Finance Ltd.  
Cuttack Area Office, Link Road, Cuttack

## CBI quizzes Wankhede for more than 5 hrs

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**Mumbai, May 20:** The CBI Saturday quizzed former Mumbai NCB chief Sameer Wankhede for more than five hours in a case in which he is accused of demanding a ₹25 crore bribe from superstar Shah Rukh Khan for not implicating his son Aryan in the Cordelia cruise 'drug bust' case,

an official said.


Wankhede reached the CBI office in Bandra-Kurla Complex (BKC) around 10:15 am. Talking to media persons while entering the agency office, Wankhede just said "Satyameva Jayate" (truth alone triumphs).

The Indian Revenue Service (IRS) officer was given a lunch break for around 30 minutes at around 2 pm. He returned to the

CBI office and joined the investigation. He left for the day at around 4:30 pm, the official said. It was his first appearance before the agency after the case was registered against him, the official said. The CBI had summoned the former Mumbai Narcotics Control Bureau (NCB) zonal director for questioning on Thursday in connection with the case,

but he did not appear that day.

The central agency booked Wankhede and four others on May 11 for alleged criminal conspiracy and threat of extortion, besides under provisions pertaining to bribery under the Prevention of Corruption Act on a complaint by the NCB.

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The Borrower/Partners/Guarantors having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the borrower/Partners/Guarantor and the public in general that the undersigned has taken possession of the properties described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him under sub-section (4) of section 13 of Act read with Rule 8 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 on this **16th day of May of the year 2023**.


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2. All that piece and parcel of land situated at Village Sahapur, Aska Ganjam, Odisha, Khata No.269/94, 269/71, Plot No.834/1659, 764/1635 measuring about Ac.0.4150DC standing in the name of Mr. Panchanan Patra and the property is butted and bounded by:				
<b>North:</b> Land of Panchanan Patra	<b>East:</b> Land of Khalia Gouda			
<b>South:</b> Land of Jhuna Barik	<b>West:</b> Land of Kartika Gouda			
3. All that piece and parcel of residential land and building thereon situated at Sabik Patna No.409, 223, Sabik Plot No.4765, 4749, Hal Khata No.942, 451, Hal Plot No.5466, 5449, measuring about Ac.0.0340DC standing in the name of Mrs. Sulabha Patra and the property is butted and bounded by:				
<b>North:</b> Road	<b>East:</b> Land of Chandra Sekhar Moharana			
<b>South:</b> Sasanka Sekhar Subudhi	<b>West:</b> Land of Saroj Nalini Moharana and others			

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The Borrower/Guarantor having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the borrower/Guarantor and the public in general that the undersigned has taken possession of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him under sub-section (4) of section 13 of Act read with Rule 8 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 on this **16th day of May of the year 2023**.


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Description of the Immovable Property	
1. All that piece and parcel of land admeasuring Ac.0.029 Dec (1264 sq.ft.) with 2 storied building thereon, situated at Plot No.481/951, Khata No.321, ward No.16, Old Bhopur, newly Alakapur Mouza, Old bus stand Road, Berhampur, Dist.-Ganjam, Odisha, standing in the name of Mr. Debasish Rath and the property is butted and bounded as follows: <b>On the North:</b> House of Siba Sankar Sahu <b>On the South:</b> House of Magata Sahu <b>On the East:</b> Drain <b>On the West:</b> Road <i>(The above property is also mortgaged/charged to the credit facility sanctioned to Mr. Debasish Rath and Mrs. Manasee Rath and action under SARFAESI Act, 2002 initiated)</i>	
2. All that piece and parcel of residential vacant land measuring Ac.0.062 Dec (2700sq.ft.) situated at Plot No.302/4445, Khata No.26, (Mutation Khata No.442/2119) Mouja-Ambapua, Near Gopalpur Over Bridge, Dist.-Ganjam, Odisha, standing in the name of Mr. Debasish Rath and the property is butted and bounded as follows: <b>On the North:</b> Land of Sri Ghanasyam Mishra <b>On the South:</b> Road <b>On the East:</b> Land of Smt Nilachala Panda <b>On the West:</b> Land of Sril. Jayanti Senapati	

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The borrower/Legal heirs having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the borrowers/Guarantor and the public in general that the undersigned has taken possession of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him under sub-section (4) of section 13 of Act read with Rule 8 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 on this **17th day of May of the year 2023**.

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**The borrower's attention is invited to provisions of sub-section (8) of section 13 of the Act, in respect of time available, to redeem the secured assets.**

Description of the Immovable Property	
All that piece and parcel of residential Land and Building thereon measuring Area Ac.0.040dc(1742sq.ft.), situated at Plot No.1408 (Corresponding to Sabak Plot No.-1759/2816), Khata No.773 (Corresponding to Sabak Khata No-624/13), Mouza Gopalpur, PS Cuttack Sadar, No.39, Tehsil-Cuttack Sadar, No-254 Dist Cuttack Pin753011 standing in the name of all legal heir of Late Pramila Rout. since deceased it is to be noted that Bijay Kumar Rout son of Late Pramila Rout died intestate leaving behind his wife Priti Priyadarshini Rout and 2 minor children, and the land is butted and bounded by <b>On the North:</b> by Road <b>On the South:</b> by Niranjan Nayak (Plot No.1407) <b>On the East:</b> by Road <i>(The property mentioned above is also charged to the credit facilities of Housing Loan (Happy Loan) sanctioned to Mrs. Priti Priyadarshini Rout (Borrower, as wife and Legal heir of Late Bijay Kumar Rout) (As mother and natural guardian of Amritmaya Rout (Minor) and Devanshi Rout (Minor) Legal heir of Late Bijay Kumar Rout), Mrs. Sipra Rout (Legal heir of Late Pramila Rout), Mrs. Sandhyarani Nayak (Legal heir of Late Pramila Rout), Mrs. Shubhasri Rout (Legal heir of Late Pramila Rout) and action under SARFAESI act, initiated)</i>	
<b>On the West:</b> by Bichitrnanda Parida (Plot No.1405)	

Place: Cuttack  
Date: 17.05.2023

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The Karur Vysya Bank Limited



# NIA searches multiple locations to dismantle terror support system



Extensive searches were conducted in Srinagar, Budgam, Pulwama, Shopian, Awantipora, Anantnag and Kupwara districts in Kashmir and Poonch district in Jammu division

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

**Srinagar/Jammu, May 20:** The National Investigation Agency (NIA) Saturday raided multiple locations in eight districts in Jammu and Kashmir as part of its efforts to dismantle terror support systems in the Union territory, an official said.

Extensive searches were conducted in Srinagar, Budgam, Pulwama, Shopian, Awantipora, Anantnag and Kupwara districts in Kashmir and Poonch district in Jammu division, a spokesperson of the federal agency said.

The official said the raids were conducted at more than a dozen places in connection with various cases related to members of the banned Jamaat-e-Islami (JeI) and overground workers involved in conspiracies hatched by proscribed terrorist organisations and their affiliates.

The searches also focused on the terror funding case registered suo motu by the agency February 5, 2021, the spokesperson said, adding a large number of incriminating documents and digital devices were seized during the searches and were being scrutinised to track further links of the suspects.

The terror funding case pertains to the collection of funds by JeI (J&K) ostensibly for charitable purposes but used instead for promotion of terror activities by proscribed terrorist organisations such as Hizb-ul-Mujahideen (HM) and Lashkar-e-Taiba (LeT), the official said.

The NIA had earlier charge-sheeted four persons in the case, involving well-organised cadres of the terrorist outfits operating in Jammu and Kashmir.

On June 21 last year, the NIA registered another case against various banned terrorist organisations and their newly floated affiliates.

The case related to the conspiracies being hatched physically and in cyberspace by these outfits for carrying out violent terrorist attacks in J&K with sticky bombs, improvised explosive devices and small arms.

“The banned organisations and their affiliates have been engaged in conspiring to commit acts of terror and violence by radicalising local youth and mobilising overground workers with the aim of disrupting the peace and communal harmony of J&K,” the spokesperson said.

Continuing with its investigations in both these cases, the official said, the NIA has been moving swiftly to take action against some of the recently launched affiliates of the banned terrorist organisations such as LeT, Harkat-ul-Mujahideen, Jaish-e-Mohammed (JeM), Al-Badr and Al-Qaeda.

Among the affiliates under the NIA scrutiny are The Resistance Front (TRF), United Liberation Front Jammu & Kashmir (ULFJ&K), Mujahideen Gazwat-ul-Hind (MGH), Jammu & Kashmir Freedom Fighters (JKFF), Kashmir Tigers and People's Anti-Fascist Front (PAFF), the spokesperson said.

The official said the investigations so far have shown that cadres and workers of these outfits are involved in collection and distribution of sticky bombs, magnetic bombs, IEDs, funds, drugs and weapons and ammunition, as well as in spreading activities relating to terror, violence and subversion in Jammu and Kashmir.

# ₹2.31cr, 1 kg gold found in Yojna Bhawan basement

THE RECOVERY TOOK PLACE ON THE DAY WHEN RBI WITHDREW ₹2,000 CURRENCY NOTES FROM CIRCULATION

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

**Jaipur, May 20:** More than Rs 2.31 crore in cash and one kg of gold was recovered from a locked almirah in the basement of Yojana Bhawan here, police said.

According to officials, seven employees of the Yojna Bhawan having access to the basement have been detained for questioning.

The trolley suitcase kept in the almirah contained Rs 2,000 and Rs 500 denomination notes, police said, adding that the recovery took place on the day when RBI withdrew Rs 2,000 currency notes from circulation.

After the cash was seized, Chief Minister Ashok Gehlot was briefed about the matter following which Chief Secretary Usha Sharma, Director-General of Police (DGP) Umesh Mishra, Additional Director General of Police (ADGP) Dinesh MN and Jaipur Commissioner

Anand Srivastava held a joint press conference at Secretariat late Friday night.

Files were found from one almirah and the trolley suitcase full of cash and gold from another, following which the employees informed the Ashok Nagar police station, Srivastava said, adding that the cash amounted to Rs 2.31 crore and gold weighed 1 kg.

The files are being scanned and digitised under the e-filing project. Two locked cupboards were also opened today after their keys were found, he said.

Seven employees have been detained and are being interrogated. The investigation into the entire matter has started, Srivastava said.

The Jaipur Police Commissioner said he would disclose the entire matter soon. The cupboard from which the cash and gold were recovered was locked for several months. The



basement from where the cash was found was accessed by Aadhaar-UID-linked staff, the police will question the staff having access to the shelves in the basement.

“Whose money is it, how did it come, investigation is being done. CCTV footage is being scanned. It seems like this wardrobe has been closed for a long time but is not even

two or three years old,” he said. The opposition Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) has targeted the Congress government over the issue.

Leader of Opposition (LoP) Rajendra Rathore said in a Tweet, “The recovery of crores of rupees in cash and gold from the Rajasthan secretariat, where Chief Minister Ashok Gehlot sits and runs the government, is a proof that the Gehlot government is in the role of a protector of corruption.”

He said the chief minister should answer how such a large amount of cash and gold reached the Yojna Bhawan.

The BJP leader further said no officers from departments like Information Technology (IT), Enforcement Directorate (ED) and Anti-Corruption Bureau (ACB) were involved in the press conference called in a hurry to hide their black deeds.

# CUET (UG) 2023 rescheduled for J&K candidates

INDO-ASIAN NEWS SERVICE

**New Delhi, May 20:** The National Testing Agency (NTA) has rescheduled the Common University Entrance Test (CUET) UG-2023 for the students of Jammu and Kashmir. As per an official announcement made by UGC chief M Jagadeesh Kumar, the CUET UG 2023 scheduled for May 21 to May 25 has been cancelled in the UT of Jammu & Kashmir; and it will now commence from May 26 onwards.

The first phase of the CUET exams was scheduled to be held between May 21 and May 31.

The UGC chief also said that being sensitive to the needs of the candidates and to facilitate the students of Jammu and Kashmir; the NTA is exploring the possibility of creating temporary centres in Kashmir.

According to Kumar, a total of 87,309 candidates have registered for CUET UG-2023 from Jammu and Kashmir.

He also said that for further clarification, the candidates may contact 011-40759000, 011-69227700 or e-mail at cuet-ug@nta.ac.in.



ON GUARD: CRPF commandos take part in a mock drill ahead of the G20 meeting, at Dal Lake in Srinagar, Saturday

PTI PHOTO

# G20 summit: Kalhari to be served as special Dogra delicacy

INDO-ASIAN NEWS SERVICE

**Jammu, May 20:** Udhampur's delicacy Kalhari, a ripened cheese product prepared from milk, will be served as a special Dogra culinary item in the G-20 summit in Srinagar.

In Channi, Udhampur, Patnitop, among others, Kalhari, which is like cheese but has a slight sourness and is salty, is available everywhere in shops and bought by people from other parts of the country.

On May 21 and 22, the historic G20 summit in Srinagar will feature Kalhari and the step has been taken by the Union and the Jammu and Kashmir governments to promote the



dish globally. Women in Udhampur district have been making Kalhari for decades. They sell it in the market to earn a living, but they have not gained national or international fame.

The Jammu and Kashmir Rural

Livelihood Mission (UMEED) provided an opportunity to promote Kalhari. Under the mission, women in many villages of Udhampur district are earning more money from Kalhari production in a sys-

tematic way.

As part of a self-help group organised by UMEED in Dhiran village of Udhampur district, women produce large quantities of Kalhari at home and are getting a good price for their produce.

Sonia Rajput, a member of the same self-help group and a Kalhari maker, said, “They are all very excited that their Kalhari is now rapidly gaining international fame.”

“Right now, we are preparing Kalhari for the G20 meeting, which will be held in Srinagar soon. We are thankful to the UT administration that this product will be presented there,” Rajput said.

# Once sought after, horologists stare at death of their ‘art’

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

**Srinagar, May 20:** Once a thriving and profitable vocation, clock and watchmakers in Srinagar today are living a life of penury with some even converting their repair shops into tea stalls to make ends meet.

These horologists blame the advent of smartphones for replacing traditional watches and alarm clocks, leading to the current decline in their trade.

Mohammad Yousuf Khanday, who once was considered to be an expert in the craft, now sells tea at the same shop.

“Once I was a technically equipped watchmaker. Today I am a chaiwala,” Khanday told PTI, adding that he was associated with the trade for nearly 30 years.

“Due to the advent of smart phones, gradually this business started to die. We were very happy and satisfied with our profession. Being technically skilled, I used to service clocks and wristwatches and sell calculators as well,” Khanday added.

However, as the demand for horology started declining, the 48-year-old changed his line of activity. “For the survival of my family, I started selling tea. Fortunately, I had the shop which I converted into a tea stall,” he said. Another watchmaker Mohammed Hussain continued this profession for almost five decades.

“It is my family business. My



Once I was a technically equipped watchmaker. Today I am a chaiwala  
MOHAMMAD YOUSUF KHANDAY

father and uncle also used to do the same. I learned the skill of the trade at a very young age from my father. I was passionate about my work,” Hussain said.

The watchmaker said he has seen good days as well. “Earlier our work used to go on very smoothly and several people used to work in this line of profession. They were quite prosperous too. We used to be busy repairing clocks and watches of all shapes and sizes,” he recalled.

However, now smartphones have replaced the traditional clocks and watches and they have all of its features like the timer and alarm, Hussain added.

Back in those days, there used to be numerous clock-repairing shops

as well. “But now we don’t even get mechanics. No one wants to learn this skill as everyone has acknowledged that there is no future in this profession. But we are on the verge of retirement and now we can’t opt for any other profession. Presently labourers earn around five hundred rupees per day, but we only earn a meagre sum of Rs 150 a day,” he added.

Mohammad Hashim too learned his skills from his father.

“I used to help my father along with his technicians. There were four watchmakers in this area,” he said. Hussain feels that clocks are still being sold but mainly as decorative pieces.

Clocks are now used for decoration in households and that is the only reason that they are still being sold. Those who used to work in the watch-making line have now switched to modern electronic shops, he added.

# PERHAPS FOR THE FIRST TIME IN RAJASTHAN, PROFESSIONAL TEAMS ARE WORKING FOR POLITICAL PARTIES

INDO-ASIAN NEWS SERVICE

**Jaipur, May 20:** The boisterous victory of Congress in Karnataka Assembly polls undoubtedly has left the Congress confident and motivated but not without triggering a debate on whether it can pull off another 2004 in 2024.

The Gehlot government is burning midnight oil to get repeated in the state. It is not leaving any stone unturned to emerge as winner in Assembly polls which are scheduled to be held in or before December.

If it emerges victorious in the Assembly polls, definitely, it shall work harder to snatch 25 Lok Sabha seats from BJP.

In the 2018 election, Congress government came to power and Gehlot took over as the chief minister. However, surprisingly, six months after the election, the party lost all 25 seats to BJP in Lok Sabha polls.

This time, Gehlot is working



Sources said Gehlot has given the responsibility of campaigning and strategy for Assembly polls to the team handling the election campaign of Congress in Karnataka. This team is engaged in various experiments like Mehangai Rahat camps

The state government is preparing to spend more than Rs 150 crore. In fact, the same team might join the Madhya Pradesh Congress as well, claimed sources

keeping parliamentary polls in mind. He has already triggered a nationwide debate on OPS and won millions of hearts of those in government jobs. Also, he has been talking of social security for all and has implemented the right to health bill in the state.

Now, after setting these people centric schemes in place, Gehlot has been asking the Central government to introduce OPS, Right to Health and social security nationally too.

Even in the Nathdwara pro-

gramme held recently, Gehlot in presence of Modi, asked him to launch the social security act and right to health all across the nation.

Surprisingly, ever since, BJP has been quiet and has not given any reply to the demands of Gehlot. Meanwhile, Gehlot himself is monitoring the Mehangai Rahat Camp and has been travelling from one place to another as a brand ambassador of this campaign, there are crores of people who have taken benefits out of this scheme.

He is trying to get the government repeated at any cost so that he can leverage the benefits of his scheme nationally too.

While Gehlot is battling from the front foot keeping Assembly and Lok Sabha polls in mind, the former deputy Chief Minister Sachin Pilot, sources said have also hired political strategist Prashant Kishore team which once hailed Narendra Modi's BJP's campaign.

This is perhaps happening for the first time in Rajasthan, when professional teams are working for political parties planning secret of the strategists, but many types of survey, campaigning and strategy works are going on.

As Congress won in Rajasthan, Karnataka, Chhattisgarh, Punjab and Madhya Pradesh in the last decade, the recent biggest victory in Karnataka has left it motivated.

Karnataka is among the five largest states of the country and the party workers' hard work and anti-incumbency against BJP, has defined the victory in this southern state. So, party workers in Congress are confident of winning the 2024 polls too.

“With the kind of schemes Gehlot has brought in Rajasthan and the way OPS has become a national issue, we are sure to win the elections,” a party leader told IANS. “However, we need to fill in the plugs of factionism which are hampering party prospects,” he added.



**of the day quote**

The financial assistance provided to couples in mass marriages will be increased from Rs 10,000 to Rs 25,000

EKNATH SHINDE | MAHARASHTRA CM

The success of the upcoming tourism working group meeting of the G-20 countries will result in an increase in the influx of tourists and investments in Jammu and Kashmir

I am confident that the BJP will be back in power in Madhya Pradesh

SHIVRAJ SINGH CHOUHAN | MP CM

**SHORT TAKES**

**Boy rescued**

**Jaipur:** A nine-year-old boy who fell into a borewell Saturday morning in Jobner of Jaipur district was rescued after a seven-hour-long effort, an official said. The incident took place in Bhojpura village when Akshit fell into an open borewell while playing. The boy was trapped at 70 feet deep inside the borewell. "The boy was rescued by the efforts of the team. His condition is stable and has been taken to a hospital in Jobner," SDM Arun Jain said. When the word spread, the administrative staff reached the spot and started the rescue operation roping in teams from the National Disaster Response Force (NDRF), SDRF, and Civil Defence. After rescue, the boy was taken to a hospital in an ambulance for medical examination.

**Intruder shot dead**

**Jammu:** A Pakistani intruder was shot dead along the Line of Control (LoC) in Poonch district of Jammu and Kashmir on Saturday, officials said. The infiltrator was challenged by the troops guarding the Balakote sector in Mendhar sub division when he was trying to sneak into this side from across the border, the officials said. They said the intruder paid no heed to the repeated warnings and tried to flee back when troops opened fire, resulting in his death. The whole area has been cordoned off and further details are awaited, the officials said.

**Woman killed**

**Firozabad (UP):** Unidentified assailants shot dead a woman from close range in Tilak Nagar locality here on Saturday morning, police said. The deceased was identified as Uma Devi, 35, they said. Devi was walking to a hospital with her husband when motorcycle-borne assailants came there and shot her from close range, said Superintendent of Police Sarvesh Kumar Mishra, who inspected the crime scene. She sustained serious head injuries, he said. Devi was rushed to the district hospital where the doctors declared her dead, the police said. CCTV footage is being scanned to identify the assailants, they said.

**Two drown**

**Ballia (UP):** Two youths lost their lives after they drowned in the Saryu river in Duha Bihra village of this Uttar Pradesh district, police said Saturday. According to police, on Friday afternoon, Mohit (18) and Dheeraj (19) had gone to take a bath in the river and subsequently, they went missing. Police deployed divers to find them and their bodies were recovered on Saturday morning. Both the deceased were residents of Rajpur village in the Ubhanv police station area.

# IAF grounds MiG-21 squadrons

Three persons were killed after the MiG-21 aircraft crashed into a house in Hanumangarh shortly after it took off for a routine training sortie from the Air Force Station at Suratgarh May 8

The crash of the jet had again put the spotlight on the ageing fleet of Soviet-origin aircraft which were involved in around 400 accidents since their first induction in the early 1960s

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The IAF plans to start the phasing out of the three squadrons of Mig-29 fighter jets in the next five years



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**New Delhi, May 20:** The Indian Air Force (IAF) has temporarily grounded its fleet of around 50 MiG-21 fighter aircraft following the crash of one of the jets in Rajasthan's Hanumangarh nearly

two weeks ago, people familiar with the matter said Saturday. Three persons were killed after the MiG-21 aircraft crashed into a house in Hanumangarh shortly after it took off for a routine training sortie from the Air Force Station at Suratgarh May 8.

The people cited above said all the MiG-21 aircraft are currently undergoing technical evaluation and checks, adding they will be allowed to fly only after clearance by the teams concerned carrying out the scrutiny. The crash of the jet had again put the spotlight on

the ageing fleet of Soviet-origin aircraft which were involved in around 400 accidents since their first induction in the early 1960s. The MiG-21s used to be the mainstay of the IAF for a long period of time. After the first induction, the IAF procured over 870 MiG-21 fighters to boost its overall combat prowess. However, the aircraft has a very poor safety record. According to official data, MiG-21s were involved in 400 crashes in the last six decades. At present, the IAF has three MiG-21 squadrons with a total of around 50 aircraft, according to officials. The IAF last year finalised a timeline of three years to phase out the remaining MiG-21 fighter squadrons. The IAF also plans to start the phasing out of the three squadrons of Mig-29 fighter jets in the next five years. As part of the IAF's modernisation plan, the defence ministry in February 2021 sealed a Rs 48,000 crore deal with the Hindustan Aeronautics Limited (HAL) for the procurement of 83 Tejas jets. The IAF has already procured 36 Rafale jets to enhance its combat capabilities. It is also in the process of acquiring 114 Medium Role Fighter Aircraft.

## Movie halls in West Bengal yet to screen 'The Kerala Story'

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

**Kolkata, May 20:** 'The Kerala Story' continued to remain absent from Bengal's movie halls for a second day in a row Saturday as the theatre owners remained aloof from screening the controversial film. The Supreme Court had overturned a West Bengal government ban on the movie on Thursday and its distributors had tried to interest theatre owners in picking it up, without much success till now. Satadeep Saha, distributor of the film in Bengal, said, "There is no change in the situation... no theatre owner has said yes as yet (to showing the film)". On Friday the movie's director Sudipta Sen had speculated that movie hall owners here were perhaps afraid of showing the controversial film, which the state had earlier banned fearing it may cause "communal disturbances". Sen at a press conference on Friday claimed he has been told by several hall owners that they have been threatened "by certain quarters" and asked not to screen the film. 'The Kerala Story' which was released in theatre halls on May 5, claims that women from Kerala were forced to convert to Islam and recruited by the terror group Islamic State (IS). The apex court's overturning of West Bengal's ban on the movie was accompanied by a ruling that the movie be screened with a disclaimer that it was a "fictionalised version" and there was no authentic data on claims on the number of women who converted to Islam.



Farmers wipe the dust from the harvested paddy crop in Nadia

PTI PHOTO

# 500 TOURISTS RESCUED FROM SIKKIM

The army troops vacated their barracks to accommodate the tourists and make them comfortable for the night, the defence official said. Three medical teams were formed to check the health condition of all the travellers, he said

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

**Gangtok, May 20:** The Indian Army rescued 500 stranded tourists, including 54 children, from north Sikkim as torrential rain in parts of the Himalayan state caused

landslides and roadblocks, a defence official said Saturday. Heavy rain was witnessed in Lachen, Lachung and Chungthang on Friday. As a result of the downpour, approximately 500 tourists, who were travelling to Lachung and Lachen valley, were stranded at Chungthang due to landslides and roadblocks en route, he said. "On request from SDM Chungthang, troops of Trishakti Corps, Indian Army swung into action and rescued the stranded tourists to safety."The stranded tourists included 216 men, 113



women and 54 children, and they were moved to three different army camps. They were provided with hot meals and warm clothing," the defence spokesperson said.

## 1984 ANTI-SIKH RIOTS CASE

# Charge sheet filed against Jagdish Tytler

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

**New Delhi, May 20:** The CBI Saturday filed a charge sheet against Congress leader Jagdish Tytler in the Pul Bangash case of killing of three persons and torching of a gurudwara during the 1984 anti-Sikh riots, officials said. Tytler "incited, instigated and provoked the mob assembled at Pul Bangash Gurudwara Azad Market" on November 1, 1984 that resulted in burning down of the gurudwara and killing of three Sikhs - Thakur Singh, Badal Singh and Gurcharan Singh - the CBI alleged in its charge sheet filed before a special court here. The agency has invoked charges under IPC sections 147 (rioting), 148, 149 (unlawful assembly), 153A (provocation), 109 (abetment) read with 302 (murder), 295 (defiling of religious places) among others. The court will take cognisance of the charges on June 2, they said. Former Union Minister Tytler was accused of inciting a mob that murdered the victims. However, the CBI filed three closure reports which were rejected by the special court. The agency had recently collected voice samples of Tytler, who was named in the Nanavati Commission report that probed the riots. The case pertains to the riots at Gurudwara Pul Bangash in north



Former Union Minister Tytler was accused of inciting a mob that murdered the victims. Arms dealer Abhishek Verma, who is facing CBI probe in a number of cases, had claimed that Tytler had paid money to one of the witnesses of the riots and settled his son in Canada

Delhi, where three people were killed on November 1, 1984, a day after the assassination of then Prime Minister Indira Gandhi by her Sikh bodyguards at her official residence. Arms dealer Abhishek Verma, who is facing CBI probe in a number of cases, had claimed that Tytler had paid money to one of the witnesses of the riots and settled his son in Canada. It had taken nearly three years for the CBI to conduct a polygraph test of Verma on December 4, 2018, despite orders of the court issued in 2015.

## ED files money laundering case against Patel

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

**New Delhi, May 20:** The Enforcement Directorate Saturday said it has conducted searches at a dozen locations in Gujarat against alleged conman Kiran Patel who is accused of cheating people by impersonating as a PMO official while taking the Jammu and Kashmir administration on a ride. The searches, carried out on May 19, resulted in seizure of documents related to immovable properties apart from recovery of "highly incriminating" material, the agency said in a statement. "Further investigation in respect of his activities in J-K and other places is in progress," it said. A total of 12 locations in Ahmedabad, Gandhinagar, Morbi and Mehsana in Gujarat in the investigation relating to Kiranbhai Jagdishbhai Patel and his associates Jay Savjibhai Sitapara, Hardik Kishorebhai Chandrana, Vitthalbhai Motibhai Patel, Amit Pandya and Piyush Kantibhai Vasita were searched. The ED alleged Patel, with criminal intention, employed high degree of forged means, impersonated himself as senior government official serving in PMO as 'Dr Kiran Patel, Additional Director, PMO (Strategies and Campaigns)'. By resorting to cheating, forgery and impersonation, Patel duped gullible people and also intentionally induced people to do and also to omit to do activities, under a well-knit plan for securing monetary as well as material benefits, it said.

# Centre may test drugs at govt labs before exporting

According to the proposal, exporters will have to produce the certificate of analysis of the batches issued by authorised laboratories after which only the Directorate General of Foreign Trade will clear the release of the consignment for export

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

**New Delhi, May 20:** Amid quality issues being raised globally for the cough syrups exported by Indian firms, the Centre is actively considering a proposal of testing drugs at government laboratories before

they are dispatched to other countries. The apex drug regulatory authority, the Central Drugs Standard Control Organisation (CDSCO) has proposed testing the drugs (finished products) at government labs before exporting, official sources said. According to the proposal, exporters will have to produce the certificate of analysis of the batches issued by authorised laboratories after which only the Directorate General of Foreign Trade (DGFT) will clear the release of the consignment for export. The analysis of the sample from the export consignment is proposed to be tested at Indian Pharmacopoeia Commission, Central Drugs Standard Control Organization (CDSCO) labs viz., L (Chandigarh), CDL (Kolkata), CDTI (Chennai), CDTI (Hyderabad), CDTL (Mumbai), I. (Guwahati)



and NABL-accredited drug testing labs of state governments. "The CDSCO has submitted that some intervention from the government was necessary to stop the low-quality cough syrups from entering the global supply chain from India," an official said. References have been received over quality issues coming across globally for the cough syrups exported by Indian firms. References and media reports have also been

noted where cough syrups produced by Indian manufacturers and exported have failed quality control testing abroad, an official source said. Further, communications have been received from the World Health Organization (WHO), Ministry of External Affairs (MEA), Department of Commerce (DoC) and other organisations and departments regarding such reports and results.

"The Government of India (GoI) has proactively identified such units and has initiated enforcement action in coordination with the states. Certain plants have been shut down, licenses cancelled and punitive action under the Indian laws also has been taken on a case to case basis," the official source stated. According to sources, the Secretary (Pharma) in a letter on April 26 had also raised concerns about the quality failures of cough syrups exported stating that it will harm the national image of the country disproportionately as the "Pharmacy of the World". The letter also suggested the health ministry explore the possibility of keeping the export of cough syrups under mandatory quality check. "The CDSCO has stated that the syrup-based formulations of cough compositions (cough syrups), because of the in-

solubility of the drugs used, require solvents like propylene glycol and/or glycerine and/or sorbitol. There are adulterants commonly used with these solvents where mainly di-ethylene glycol (DEG) and ethylene glycol (EG) are most common," another source in the know of the matter said. These adulterants are toxic to the kidney and cause deaths if used in high quantities, the source added. In the last eight months, questions have been raised over the quality of drugs manufactured by India-based companies. In February, the Tamil Nadu-based Global Pharma Healthcare recalled its entire lot of eye drop allegedly linked to vision loss in the US. Before that, India-made cough syrups were allegedly linked to the deaths of 66 and 18 children in the Gambia and Uzbekistan, respectively, last year.



of the day **QUOTE**

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**SATYA NADELLA** | CEO, MICROSOFT

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**SANJAY PRAKASH** | CEO AND MD, SBI FOUNDATION

**SHORT TAKES**

**China's exports to NKorea surge**

**Beijing:** China's exports to North Korea soared in April from a year earlier, with wigs and fertiliser among major shipments, Chinese customs data showed Saturday. Chinese outbound shipments to the isolated country surged 69% year-on-year to \$166 million in April, data released by China's General Administration of Customs showed. The top export items in terms of value were processed hair and wool used in wigs, worth about \$11.6 million, and diammonium hydrogen phosphate, a widely used fertiliser, worth \$8.84 million. Pyongyang purchased \$5.07 million of rice from China in April. In January-April, Chinese exports to North Korea leapt to \$603 million from \$270.59 million a year earlier, according to the customs data.

**Insta plans app to rival Twitter**

**New York:** Meta Platforms' Instagram is planning to release a text-based app that will compete with Twitter and may debut as soon as June, according to a report. The Facebook parent is testing the product with influencers and some creators, according to the report. Meta has been contacting talent agencies and celebrities to gauge their interest in trying an early version of the app, which will be integrated with Instagram, said Alex Heath, reporter at the Verge.

**Sebi proposes to cut down IPO listing timeline**

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**New Delhi, May 20:** Capital markets regulator Sebi Tuesday proposed to reduce the time taken for the listing of shares on stock exchanges after the closure of initial public offerings (IPOs) to three days from six days at present. The proposed reduction in timelines for listing and trading of shares will benefit both issuers as well as investors. "Issuers will have faster access to the capital raised thereby enhancing the ease of doing business and the investors will have opportunity for having early credit and liquidity of their investment," Sebi said in its consultation paper: The markets regulator, in November 2018, introduced Unified Payment Interface (UPI) as an additional payment mechanism with Application Supported by Blocked Amount (ASBA) for retail investors and prescribed the timelines for listing within six days of closure of issue (T+6). "T" is the day of closure of the issue. Over the last few years, Sebi has ensured that a series of systemic enhancements have been undertaken across all the key stakeholders of the IPO ecosystem to streamline the activities involved in the processing of public issues which will pave the way to reduce the listing timelines from T+6 to T+3.

**SCRUTINY RISES G7 for developing global technical standards for AI**

*The Western nations' differing approaches to AI are in contrast to China's restrictive policy. Its cyberspace regulator in April unveiled draft measures to align generative AI-powered services with the country's core socialist values*

REUTERS

**Tokyo, May 20:** Leaders of the Group of Seven (G7) nations Saturday called for the development and adoption of technical standards to keep artificial intelligence (AI) "trustworthy", saying governance of the technology has not kept pace with its growth. While the G7 leaders, meeting in Hiroshima, Japan, recognised that the approaches to achieving "the common vision and goal of trustworthy AI may vary", they said in a statement the rules for digital technologies like AI should be "in line with our shared democratic values". The agreement came after the European Union, which participates in the G7, inched closer this month to passing legislation to regulate AI technology, potentially the world's first comprehensive AI law that could form a precedent among the advanced economies. The G7 leaders said they "need to immediately take stock of the opportunities and challenges of generative AI", a subset of the technology popularised by the ChatGPT app. OpenAI's ChatGPT pushed Elon Musk and a group of AI experts to raise an alarm in March calling for a six-month pause in developing

tous default. While the White House acknowledged that "serious differences" remained with Republicans, who control the House of Representatives, President Joe Biden said he still believed a default could be avoided. "I still believe we'll be able to avoid a default and we'll get something decent done," Biden told reporters in Hiroshima, Japan, where he is attending a meeting of leaders of the Group of Seven rich nations. Republicans have said they would not approve an increase in the federal government's borrowing limit without agreement on sharp spending cuts. "That continues to be real ... differences between the parties on these issues," White House spokesperson Karine Jean-Pierre told reporters ear-



**DEMONETISATION 2.0?**

*The decision to ban the highest-value currency note is reminiscent of a shock move in 2016 when the Narendra Modi-led government had withdrawn 86% of the economy's currency in circulation overnight*

REUTERS

**Mumbai, May 20:** India will withdraw its highest denomination currency note from circulation, the central bank said Friday. The Rs 2000 note, introduced into circulation in 2016, will remain legal tender but citizens have been asked to deposit or exchange these notes by September 30, 2023. The decision is reminiscent of a shock move in 2016 when the Narendra Modi-led government had withdrawn 86% of the economy's currency in circulation overnight. This time, however, the move is expected to be less disruptive as a lower value of notes is being withdrawn over a longer period of time, according to analysts and economists. **WHY DID THE GOVERNMENT WITHDRAW 2000-RUPEE NOTES?** When Rs 2000 notes were introduced in 2016 they were intended to replenish the Indian economy's currency in circulation quickly after demonetisation. However, the central bank has frequently said that it wants to reduce high value notes in circulation and had stopped printing Rs 2000 notes over the past four years. "This denomination is not commonly used for transactions," the

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**N CHANDRABABU NAIDU** | OPPOSITION LEADER, ANDHRA PRADESH

**Effects of ₹2000 note ban on economy**

Reserve Bank of India said in its communication while explaining the decision to withdraw these notes. **WHY NOW?** While the government and the central bank did not specify the reason for the timing of the move, analysts point out that it comes ahead of state and general elections in the country when cash usage typically spikes. "Making such a move ahead of the general elections is a wise decision," said Rupa Rege Nitsure, group chief economist at L&T Finance Holdings. "People who have been using these notes as a store of value may face inconvenience," she said. **WILL THIS HURT ECONOMIC GROWTH?** The value of Rs 2000 notes in circulation is Rs 3.62 trillion (\$44.27 billion). This is about 10.8% of the currency in circulation. "This withdrawal will not create any big disruption, as the notes of smaller quantity are available in sufficient quantity," said Nitsure. "Also in the past 6-7 years, the scope of digital transactions and e-commerce has expanded significantly." **HOW WILL IT AFFECT BANKS?** As the government has asked people to deposit or exchange the

**HEFTY DISCOUNTS BY TESLA IN US**

Tesla is offering discounts of more than \$1,300 on some Model 3 cars in its US inventory following even heavier discounts in Europe, at a time when the electric carmaker has raised US prices on most newly ordered cars this month



**Small businesses and cash-oriented sectors such as agriculture and construction could see inconvenience in the near term. To the extent that people holding these notes chose to make purchases with them rather than deposit them in bank accounts, there could be some spurt in discretionary purchases such as gold**

**YUVIKA SINGHAL** | ECONOMIST, QUANTECO RESEARCH

notes for smaller denominations by September 30, bank deposits will rise. This comes at a time when deposit growth is lagging bank credit growth. This will ease the pressure on deposit rate hikes, said Karthik Srinivasan, group head - financial sector ratings at rating agency ICRA Ltd. Banking system liquidity will also improve. "Since all the Rs 2000 notes will come back in the banking system, we will see a reduction in

cash in circulation and that will in turn help improve banking system liquidity," said Madhavi Arora, economist at Emkay Global Financial Services. **WHAT ARE THE IMPLICATIONS FOR BOND MARKETS?** Improved banking system liquidity and an inflow of deposits into banks could mean that short-term interest rates in the market drop as these funds get invested in shorter-term government securities, said Arora.

**EPFO adds 1.39 crore members in 2022-23**

*Among the newly joined members, the highest enrolment is registered in the age group of 18-21 years followed by the age group of 22-25 years*

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**New Delhi, May 20:** Retirement fund body EPFO added 13.40 lakh members on a net basis in March, taking the total addition to 1.39 crore in 2022-23, according to payroll data released Saturday. EPFO had added a total of 1.22 crore members on a net basis in 2021-22. Out of 13.40 lakh members added during the month of March, around 7.58 lakh new members have come under the ambit of EPFO for the first time, a labour ministry statement said. "During the financial year 2022-23, around 1.39 crore net members

have been added by the EPFO with an increase of 13.22 per cent compared to the previous financial year 2021-22 wherein EPFO had added approximately 1.22 crore net members," the statement said. Among the newly joined members, the highest enrolment is registered in the age group of 18-21 years with 2.35 lakh members, followed by the age group of 22-25 years with 1.94 lakh members. The age-groups of 18-25 years constitute 56.60 per cent of total new members added during the month. This age-wise comparison of payroll data indicates that the majority of the members joining the organised sector workforce of the



country are first-time job seekers. The data also highlights that approximately 10.09 lakh members rejoined EPFO membership. These members switched their jobs and rejoined the establishments covered under EPFO and opted to transfer their accumulations instead of applying for final settlement thus, extending their social security protection, it stated. Gender-wise analysis of payroll data reflects that enrolment of net female members has been 2.57 lakh

**BIZ BUZZ**

**Union Bank ED visits City**

**Bhubaneswar:** Nitesh Ranjan, Executive Director of Union Bank of India paid a visit to Bhubaneswar May 18 with a plan to bring intensive developmental measures in six districts of Odisha. The nominated six districts are Balasore, Cuttack, Khurda, Ganjam, Koraput and Sambalpur. In these districts, cluster specific businesses would be identified by the nearest region and accordingly bank's expansion measures will be carried out. This has been named as 'project power' and will be immensely beneficial to the residents of the particular districts. This meeting was organised in the presence of Sarvesh Ranjan, FGM Bhubaneswar along with the six regional heads and 200 other officials.



**NO PROGRESS**

**US debt ceiling deadlock continues as deadline nears**

*Without a deal, the US could enter a calamitous default on its \$31.4 trillion debt as soon as June 1*

REUTERS

**Washington, May 20:** A second meeting Friday between White House and Republican congressional negotiators on raising the federal government's \$31.4 trillion debt ceiling broke up with no progress cited by either side and no additional meeting set. That came at the end of a day of acrimonious talks that were broken off for several hours, with less than two weeks to go before June 1, when the Treasury Department warned that the federal government could be unable to pay all its debts. That would trigger a calami-

tous default. While the White House acknowledged that "serious differences" remained with Republicans, who control the House of Representatives, President Joe Biden said he still believed a default could be avoided. "I still believe we'll be able to avoid a default and we'll get something decent done," Biden told reporters in Hiroshima, Japan, where he is attending a meeting of leaders of the Group of Seven rich nations. Republicans have said they would not approve an increase in the federal government's borrowing limit without agreement on sharp spending cuts. "That continues to be real ... differences between the parties on these issues," White House spokesperson Karine Jean-Pierre told reporters ear-



lier, also in Hiroshima. The lead Republican in the talks said no progress had been made Friday. "We had a very, very candid discussion talking about where we are, talking about where things need to be," Republican

Representative Garret Graves told reporters following a second brief meeting in the Capitol with White House officials. US stocks closed the week on a soft note after news of the stalled negotiations. Republicans are pushing for

**The last time the nation got this close to default was in 2011, also with a Democratic president and Senate alongside a Republican-led House. Congress eventually averted default, but the economy endured heavy shocks, including the first-ever downgrade of the United States' top-tier credit rating and a major stock sell-off**

sharp spending cuts in exchange for the increase in the government's self-imposed borrowing limit, a move needed regularly to cover costs of spending and tax cuts previously approved by lawmakers. Democrats have been pushing to hold spending steady at this year's levels, while Republicans want to return to 2022 levels. A plan passed by the House last month would cut a wide swath of government spending by 8% next year. That plan does not specify what

spending would be cut, but some Republicans have said they would shield military and veterans programs. Democrats say that would force average cuts of at least 22% on domestic programs like education and law enforcement, a figure top Republicans have not disputed. House and Senate Democrats have raised concern over the inclusion in the talks of new work requirements for some federal benefit programs for low-income Americans.

**'Biz as usual for markets'**

**New Delhi:** It will be business as usual for the equity markets Monday, said analysts, who expect only a knee-jerk reaction from the frontline indices, if any, to the Reserve Bank of India's move to withdraw Rs 2000 notes from circulation. "The RBI's move was on expected lines. The quantum of Rs 2000 notes in circulation had dipped considerably. Since demonetisation of Rs 500 and Rs 1000 notes in 2016, a large number of people have embraced the digital payment modes. The markets are unlikely to pay much attention to the RBI's decision to withdraw Rs 2000 note from circulation," said AK Prabhakar, head of research at IDBI Capital. The decision of the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) to withdraw Rs 2,000 denomination banknotes from circulation will not have any major impact on gold demand and also on the rupee value, an expert said Saturday. According to the expert, the number of Rs 2,000 denomination notes in circulation (or stocked in lockers) is not huge. "The number of Rs 2,000 currency notes in circulation is not large. This is not like demonetisation of Rs 500 and Rs 1,000 currency notes that happened in 2016," Hareesh V, Head of Commodities Research, Geojit Financial Services said.

**CYBER ATTACKS SPIKE**

**67% of Indian firms to outsource key security functions**

INDO-ASIAN NEWS SERVICE

**New Delhi, May 20:** About 67 per cent of Indian enterprises are looking at outsourcing key areas of their security landscape to manage security service providers (MSSPs) in the next three years, according to a new IDC report. However, it is also observed that there is an increasing trend towards consolidating the number of MSSPs the enterprises are partnering with, going forward. While traversing towards investing in digital transformation initiatives, enterprises in India must also look at outsourcing key functions such as threat detection, security operations, and risk mitigations to external security services providers as a part of their enterprise strategy and also to improve operational efficiencies and bottom-line. About 72.5 per cent of the enterprises said they use threat intelligence products or services in their organisation, and 26.5 per cent said that they plan to implement it in the next two years. Almost 92 per cent of the enterprises said they believe the use of secure access service edge (SASE) will grow as a part of their enterprise's strategy to implement a more agile, pervasive cybersecurity strategy.





Complaint filed against SAI coach

**GUWAHATI:** Athletes of the SAI Training Centre in Solalgaon have filed an FIR against in-charge and swimming coach Mrinal Basumatary, accusing him of sexual harassment. Most of the athletes are minor girls, the SAI stated in a release as a complaint was lodged at the Paltan Bazar Police Station here Thursday taking into account the “gravity of the matter”. “As SAI adopts zero tolerance policy towards sexual harassment cases, the same will be followed up so as to ensure that justice is delivered to our athletes,” SAI stated in the release. The matter was referred to the internal committee of the nodal sports body’s regional centre, and a probe has already started.

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Indian eves go down fighting to Australia

**ADELAIDE:** India put up a spirited performance before going down fighting 2-3 to hosts Australia in the second women’s hockey Test to concede the three-match series here Saturday. Tatum Stewart (12th, 45th minutes) scored a brace for Australia, while Pippa Morgan (38th) was the other goal getter for the hosts. India’s goals were scored by Sangita Kumari (13th) and Gurjit Kaur (17th). World No.3 Australia, thus, take an unassailable 2-0 lead in the three-match series. India, ranked eighth, had earlier lost 2-4 in the series opener on Thursday at the Mate Stadium. The third and final match of the series will be played here Sunday. India will also play Australia ‘A’ team during the tour, which kick started their preparations for the Hangzhou Asian Games later this year.

Chennai seal playoff berth



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**New Delhi, May 20:** Devon Conway (87, 52b, 11x4, 3x6), Ruturaj Gaikwad (79, 50b, 3x4, 7x6) and Deepak Chahar (3/22) brought their ‘A’ game to the fore as Chennai Super Kings canted to a 77-run crushing victory over Delhi Capitals to seal an IPL playoff berth here Saturday.

Playing a must-win game, Conway and Gaikwad smashed brilliant half centuries to help CSK post a challenging 223/3 after captain MS Dhoni opted to bat.

Skipper David Warner (86, 58b, 7x4, 5x6), DC’s best batter this season, waged a lone battle. But in the end the home team could manage only 146/9 in 20 overs after Chahar dealt a killer blow removing a couple of top-order batters within Powerplay overs.

It was another shameful performance from DC batters as save Warner; none of the others could cross individual score of 15. The profligate Indian core of likes of Prithvi Shaw, Yash Dhull, Lalit Patel and Aman Hakim Khan continued to embarrass and never looked like belonging to this level.

Even the crowd was supporting the visitors as it continued to chant ‘Dhoni Dhoni’ throughout the game

and even cheered when Delhi lost wickets. Chahar was the standout bowler for the visitors while Maheesh Theekshana (2/23) picked up two wickets in the last over.

With the win, CSK moved up to 17 points and become the second team to move to the qualifiers. With a net run rate of 0.652 CSK are likely to finish in the top two as only Lucknow Super Giants, who play Kolkata Knight Riders later in the evening, can finish on 17 points and they have a NRR of 0.304.

Earlier, Conway and Gaikwad came all guns blazing, hitting boundaries and sixes at will at the tacky Kotla pitch. The two put on 141 runs for the opening stand. While Gaikwad assumed the role of the aggressor, Conway complemented his fellow opener well.

Shivam Dube (22, 9b, 3x6) and Ravindra Jadeja (20 n o, 7b, 3x4, 1x6) also played useful cameos. But all eyes were on Dhoni (5 n o) who faced just four balls.

**BRIEF SCORES:** CSK 223/3 (Devon Conway 87, Ruturaj Gaikwad 79; Chetan Sakariya 1/36) beat DC 146/9 (David Warner 86; Deepak Chahar 3/22, Maheesh Pathirana 2/22, Maheesh Theekshana 2/23) by 77 runs.

SUPER GIANTS REACH IPL PLAYOFFS

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

**Kolkata, May 20:** Lucknow Super Giants survived a late Rinku Singh onslaught (67 n o, 33b, 6x4, 4x6) to secure a thrilling one-run win and seal their second successive playoffs berth in the IPL here Saturday. LSG thus finished third in the table with 17 points from 14 matches, sealing a back-to-back playoffs berth.

Pooran held the LSG innings together with a counter-attacking 30-ball 58 (4x4, 5x6) to propel them to a fighting 176/8 after being invited to bat. Chasing 177 for a win, Rinku threatened to pull off yet another last over win for KKR. But it was not enough in the end as KKR ended at 175/7 to lose the match by one run. With 12 points from 14 matches, KKR were out of play-offs contention.

Rinku smashed Naveenul-Haq for three fours and one six in a 20-run



From L: LSG players celebrate a wicket; Rinku Singh heaves one away, Saturday

penultimate over. KKR needed 21 runs off the last over bowled by Yash Thakur (2/12) but they could score only 19.

The KKR opening duo of Jason Roy (45, 28b, 7x4, 1x6) and Venkatesh

Iyer (24) showed the right intent taking past 60 inside powerplay before losing Iyer: KKR lost wickets at regular intervals to be reduced to 136/7 by the end of 18th over.

Earlier, Pooran held the innings

together with a counter-attacking fifty to propel LSG to a fighting 176/8. Pooran rebuilt the innings after LSG were precariously placed at 73/5 with all their top batters getting out cheaply. Overall, Pooran added 74 runs (47 balls) with Ayush Badoni (25).

**BRIEF SCORES:** LSG 176/8 (Nicholas Pooran 56, Quinton de Kock 28; Shardul Thakur 2/27, Sunil Narine 2/28, Vaibhav Arora 2/30) beat KKR 175/7 (Rinku Singh 67 n o, Jason Roy 45; Ravi Bishnoi 2/23, Yash Thakur 2/31) by 1 run.

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Khaps’ decision could hurt India, warns Vinesh

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**New Delhi, May 20:** The protesting wrestlers Saturday warned that a “big decision”, which might “not be in the interest of the country”, could be taken Sunday to protest the “inaction” against Wrestling Federation of India (WFI) president Brij Bhushan Sharan Singh for his alleged sexual harassment of women grapplers.

The wrestlers have set May 21 as the deadline for the khap mahapanchayat to decide on taking the agitation forward. The wrestlers have been protesting at Jantar Mantar since April 23 demanding the arrest of Brij Bhushan.

Asian Games gold medalist Vinesh Phogat said the decision of the khaps could hurt the country just like the farmers’ agitation, which lasted nearly 13 months.

“The decision our elders take (Sunday) could be big one, one that might not be in the interest of the country. It could hurt the nation,” said Vinesh at a press conference.

Prathamesh, Ojas-Jyothi bag gold

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**Shanghai, May 20:** Teenage Indian archer Prathamesh Jawkar produced the biggest upset of his rising career, stunning World No.1 Mike Schloesser of the Netherlands to grab a maiden World Cup gold medal in the men’s individual compound section here Saturday.

India bagged two gold in the non-Olympic compound section with the mixed team duo of Ojas Deotale and Jyothi Surekha Vennam opening the country’s tally by upsetting top seeded Koreans in the Stage 2 of the World Cup. This was a successive World Cup gold medal for the mixed pair duo that had also won in the Antalya leg last month.

Prathamesh, who had earlier eliminated the Korean duo of Kim Jongho and Choi Yonghee, continued his giant-killing act to defeat the Dutchman 149-148 in the men’s compound individual final.

That the 19-year-old dropped just one point from 15 arrows en route to defeating the two-time former World Champion showed his incredible shooting at the highest level.



The one-point miss came in the first end as both the archers remained neck and neck after starting off with 29-all. Second, third and fourth ends saw both of them hitting the target at ease before the 29-year-old Dutchman finally faltered in the fifth end, capping a 9 to hand the Indian teenager his first World Cup gold.

Continuing its dream run, India’s compound mixed team duo of Deotale and Jyothi earlier shocked heavyweights Korea to grab suc-

cessive World Cup gold medals. The pair carried forward its new-found chemistry and shot with composure to pip the top-seeded Korean team 156-155.

Both the Indian duo and the seasoned Korean pair of Kim Jongho and Oh Yoohyun shot identical 39s out of 40 in each of the first three ends. In the final end the Koreans cracked under pressure as Deotale and Jyothi came up with a 39 again to seal their back-to-back World Cup gold medals.

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## of the day quote

I think this (G7 summit) is a unique opportunity to (have) exchanges with a lot of countries from the south and express your situation, express a message and share a view. I do believe it can be a game changer

EMMANUEL MACRON | PRESIDENT, FRANCE

Our Parliament last year unanimously adopted the motion to make May 18 Tamil Genocide Remembrance Day. Canada will not stop advocating for the rights of the victims and survivors of this conflict, as well as for all in Sri Lanka who continue to face hardship

JUSTIN TRUDEAU | PM, CANADA

We have made good preparations for the visit to India this time. India has also shown concern and serious preparations have been made for the visit from the Indian side also, that is what I feel

PUSHPA KAMAL DAHAL PRACHANDA | PM, NEPAL

## G7 SUMMIT

**US PRESIDENT PLEDGES TO STRIVE FOR NUCLEAR WEAPONS-FREE WORLD AMID HEIGHTENED ESCALATION BY NORTH KOREA, CHINA AND RUSSIA**

AGENCIES

**Hiroshima, May 20:** President Joe Biden has vowed to strive toward a world free of nuclear weapons as he visited a museum here documenting the devastation caused by a US atomic bomb in 1945 during World War II.

Biden is the second US sitting president after Barack Obama to set foot in Hiroshima, the site of the world's first nuclear attack. He and the other G-7 leaders, including from fellow nuclear powers Britain and France, made an unprecedented joint visit to the Hiroshima Peace Memorial Museum, Japan's Kyodo News agency reported Saturday.

"May the stories of this Museum remind us all of our obligations to build a future of peace," Biden



wrote in the guest book of the museum, which he visited with other Group of Seven leaders at the start of the three-day summit in western Japan Friday.

The facility displays belongings left behind by victims, photos, and other materials that convey the horror of the dropping of the US atomic bomb on Hiroshima August 6, 1945. The attack is estimated to have killed 140,000 people by the end of 1945. A second atomic bomb was dropped on Nagasaki, southwestern Japan, August 9, and Japan surrendered six days later, prompting the end of World War II.

Biden did not make any statement at the park after leaving the museum. He took part with other G-7 leaders in a wreath-laying ceremony

at a cenotaph for the atomic bomb victims at the park.

US National Security Adviser Jake Sullivan said earlier that Biden has no plans to issue an apology on behalf of the United States for the use of an atomic bomb on Hiroshima during his trip to the city.

Japanese Prime Minister Fumio Kishida, who is chairing the G7 summit and represents a Hiroshima constituency, has set nuclear disarmament as a key agenda item at a time when the risks of nuclear weapons use remain high amid Russia's nuclear threat in its war in Ukraine, China's rapid nuclear forces buildup and North Korea's continued testing of nuclear weapons.

"We felt the reality of the atomic bombing and shared a sobering

War is not an option. Neither side can unilaterally change the status quo with non-peaceful means

TSAI ING-WEN | PRESIDENT, TAIWAN

## JOHNSON'S 8TH CHILD AT 58

The wife of former British Prime Minister Boris Johnson, Carrie Johnson, took to Instagram to announce that she is pregnant with the couple's third child. The new arrival will be Johnson's eighth child as he has four children from his previous marriage to Marina Wheeler. He has one more child from an affair with art consultant Helen Macintyre, according to BBC



Together let us continue to make progress toward the day when we can finally and forever rid the world of nuclear weapons. Keep the faith!

JOE BIDEN | PRESIDENT, US

moment that will be etched in our hearts," Kishida, a lawmaker from a constituency in Hiroshima, told reporters later. "It was historic from the viewpoint of showing our resolve for a world free of nuclear weapons."

## Modi unveils Mahatma Gandhi's bust

The Gandhian ideals of peace and harmony reverberate globally and give strength to millions, Prime Minister Narendra Modi said Saturday as he unveiled a bust of Mahatma Gandhi here in this Japanese city. The location of the bust of Gandhi has been chosen as a mark of solidarity for peace and non-violence. The US conducted the world's first nuclear attack on Hiroshima August 6, 1945, destroying the city and killing some 140,000 people. The bust was gifted by India to Hiroshima as a symbol of friendship and goodwill between India and Japan on the occasion of Prime Minister Modi's visit to the city for the G7 summit.



## BLOODIEST BATTLE

## Prigozhin claims Bakhmut capture, Ukraine denies

REUTERS

**Kyiv, May 20:** Russian mercenary chief Yevgeny Prigozhin said Saturday his Wagner fighters had completed the capture of Bakhmut, but Ukraine rejected the claim and said fighting was still going on.

Prigozhin made the claim in a video in which he appeared in combat fatigues in front of a line of fighters holding Russian flags and Wagner banners.

"Today, at 12 noon, Bakhmut was completely taken," Prigozhin said. "We completely took the whole city, from house to house."

Ukrainian military spokesperson Serhiy Cherevatyi told Reuters: "This is not true. Our units are fighting in Bakhmut."

Bakhmut has been the focus of the longest and bloodiest battle of Russia's war in Ukraine, which is nearly at the end of its 15th month.

Distant explosions could be heard in the background as Prigozhin spoke during the video, in which he said his forces would withdraw from Bakhmut from May 25 for rest and retraining, handing over control to the regular Russian army.

## 100cr at risk of cholera: UN

INDO-ASIAN NEWS SERVICE

**New Delhi, May 20:** About 100 crore people, particularly children, in 43 countries are at risk of cholera, according to a new report by the UN.

The report showed that after years of steady decline, cholera is making a devastating comeback and targeting the world's most vulnerable communities. Children under five are particularly vulnerable.

It said that more countries now face outbreaks, increasing numbers of cases are being reported and the outcome for patients is worse than 10 years ago. Cholera's extraordinarily high mortality ratio is also alarming.

"The (cholera) pandemic is killing the poor right in front of us," said Jerome Pfaffmann Zambruni,



Head of Unicef's Public Health Emergency unit, in a statement.

According to World Health Organization (WHO) data, 15 countries had reported cholera cases till May last year. However, by mid-May this year "we already have 24 countries reporting and we anticipate more with the seasonal shift in cholera cases," said Henry Gray, the WHO's Incident Manager for the global cholera response.

## Viking origins of the Bluetooth logo

The Bluetooth logo is a bind rune merging the Younger Futhark runes (Hagall) and (Bjarkan), Viking King Harald's initials

AGENCIES

**Washington, May 20:** Bluetooth is one of the most recognisable logos on earth and the technology has a range of applications in everyday life. From pairing devices together and controlling your television to tracking your proximity to other people, Bluetooth is an integral part of our digital world.

While most will recognise the symbol, some may not know its slightly obscure origins. The inspiration for the term 'Bluetooth' and the iconic symbol came in the 1990s during a period of rapid innovation in wireless technology.

The term 'Bluetooth' finds its origins in Denmark in the 10th cen-

tury AD. During this period, the Norse kingdom was ruled by King Harald Gormsson, who is more commonly referred to as 'Harald Bluetooth'. Traditionally there has been much debate over why he was given this moniker. Most scholars point toward the obvious – a rotten tooth that was blue in colour.

Harald ruled Denmark sometime between 958AD and 986AD, and he is a unique figure in European history. During his reign, Harald is credited with completing Denmark's unification under a single crown, conquering Norway and converting his countrymen to Christianity.

Coming back to the modern era, researchers mid-1990's proposed

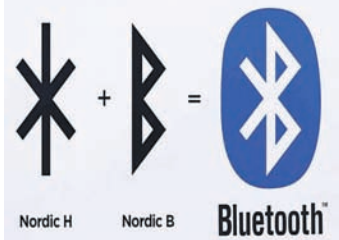
that the new connectivity technology be titled under the code-name Bluetooth as it unifies various electronic devices, just like Harald united the tribes of Denmark into a single kingdom.

Jim Kardach, a researcher at Intel during this period, explained the thought process behind the use of the name and logo in a 2008 op-ed. "When asked about the name Bluetooth, I explained that Bluetooth was borrowed from the 10th century, second King of Denmark, King Harald Bluetooth; who was famous for uniting Scandinavia just as we intended to unite the PC and cellular industries with a short-range wireless link," he wrote. As Kardach men-

tioned, the translation of Old Norse runes is required to dig down into the origins of the Bluetooth symbol. The logo is actually the initials of Harald Bluetooth in Old Norse runic symbols.

That iconic hard-edged symbol is made from the combination of two runes from the runic alphabet known as the 'Younger Futhark'. Separated, we find two distinct symbols; one representing the runes of 'Hagall' (H) and the other of 'Bjarkan' (B) – basically, the initials 'H' and 'B'.

The merging of these two runic letters has a double meaning. Firstly, it represents the initials of the monarch from whom the term 'Bluetooth' is derived, but the merg-



ing also signifies the connection between two devices – the essence of Bluetooth technology.

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