



## PRAGMATIC THOUGHT

Actor Nushratt Bharuccha says there is a need to move towards a grade-level culture in the film industry

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## HISTORIC 'TREBLE' FOR CITY

Manchester City become the second English team to win 3 titles in a season, including Champions League

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## GRIM SITUATION

The link between the Taliban and Al-Qaeda and Tehrik-e-Taliban Pakistan remains 'strong and symbiotic,' according to a UN report

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## Eves win maiden Jr Hockey Asia Cup

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**Kakamigahara (Japan), June 11:** India put up a collective show to stun four-time champions South Korea 2-1 and clinch their maiden Women's Junior Hockey Asia Cup in Kakamigahara, Japan, Sunday.

Annu and Neelam scored for India while Park Seo Yeon was the lone goal scorer for Korea. After a barren first quarter, India got going with a 22nd minute goal by Annu from a penalty corner.

Annu made amends for her miss in the semifinal against Japan, as she stepped up in style to beat the goalkeeper and give India the lead against the run of play.

South Korea took three minutes to draw level when Park Seo Yeon struck from the right following a brilliant surge down the flank.

Neelam struck powerfully to the low right of the South Korean goalkeeper to help India regain the lead in the 41st minute.

India held on to their slender lead in the fourth quarter to seal the issue.

South Korea had a lot of chances with India generously giving them PCs one after the other, but they failed to convert.

Before this, India's best-ever finish in the tournament was in 2012 edition in Bangkok when they entered the final of the continental showpiece for the first time, only to lose to China 2-5.

Indian captain Preeti who was named Player-of-the-Match said they had their strategy in place following a 1-1 draw against the Koreans in the round-robin stage. "We were acutely aware of the specific areas we needed to excel in order to overcome the Koreans," Preeti said.



**WINNERS TAKE ALL:** Indian women hockey players celebrate after winning the Women's Junior Asia Cup 2023, in Kakamigahara, Japan, Sunday.

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## MAN KILLS WIFE FOR DANCING AT WEDDING

PNN & AGENCIES

**Balalore, June 11:** In a shocking incident, a man beat his wife to death in Paikapada under Oupada police station in this district for allegedly dancing in the wedding ceremony of her neighbour Saturday night.

Police identified the deceased as Sharmila Singh, 30, the wife of Ramachandra Singh.

Sources said Ramachandra and Sharmila had gone to the wedding ceremony. There Sharmila started dancing with others. This peeved Ramachandra who asked his wife to stop dancing.

Soon a heated argument between the two followed with Sharmila insisting that she will continue dancing.

In a rage, Ramachandra started beating his wife mercilessly. Others tried to intervene, but Ramachandra pushed them away and brutally thrashed his wife, leading to her death on the spot.

Locals informed the police who arrested the accused and sent the body for post-mortem.

Police said they have started an investigation into the crime. The incident has sent shock waves in the area.

## Maoists surveil forces with drones

■ The rebels are being able to buy drones from e-commerce platforms in the absence of any government policy on their sale and purchase

POST NEWS NETWORK

**Malkangiri, June 11:** In what could pose a major challenge to counter-insurgency operations, Maoists have started using unmanned aerial vehicles (UAVs) like drones to counter search operations and raids on their hideouts by security personnel, a report said.

The rebels have started using drones to keep a watch on the movement of security personnel. Maoist outfits active in Bastar region of neighbouring Chhattisgarh have more than 10 drones in their possession. This has raised concern among security personnel in Chhattisgarh and Telangana as the use of technology may make them soft targets of Maoists. The matter came to the fore after security personnel spotted drones flying near their camps in Sukma, Bijapur and Narayanpur in



Chhattisgarh for several times in the recent past.

Security watchers say that this could pose a major challenge for the security establishment engaged in counter-insurgency operations, if enough efforts are not made to address this challenge.

Besides, various Maoist outfits operating in Chhattisgarh and Telangana also have drones in their possession. Experts said as drones are easily available on e-commerce platforms it has become easy for them to procure the devices and use them to their advantage.

The rebels are being able to buy drones in the absence of any gov-

ernment policy on their sale and purchase. Recently, the local police seized a drone camera from CPI (Maoist) couriers near Cherala in Telangana. The accused were identified as Nageswara Rao, Malikarjuna Rao and Pangulu Umashankar.

The breakthrough came during a joint search operation by Cherala police, special party police and CRPF 141 Battalion personnel at Devanagram of Cherala mandal in Kothagudem district, Tuesday. This is indicative that Maoists have started using drones to challenge the security personnel and thwart an attempt by them to launch a

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combing operation or a raid their hideouts.

Moreover, automatic rifles are also reaching the Left-wing rebels, adding to the challenges of the security personnel engaged in anti-insurgency operations.

In November, 2022, security forces had recovered a US-made weapon following an encounter with Maoists in Chhattisgarh's Bijapur district.

Four Maoists were gunned down by security forces in the encounter at Pomra forest under Mirtur police station limits November 26.

At least four weapons were recovered in the operation, of which one was a US-made M1 carbine.

## Jajpur man held for aiding Mangalore blast accused

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**Bhubaneswar, June 11:** The Special Task Force (STF) of the Odisha Police has arrested a man from Jajpur, the fifth in the OTP selling and sharing scam, who had provided the SIM and debit card used by the accused in last year's Mangalore auto-rickshaw blast case.

In a press statement, the STF Sunday informed that they have arrested Pritam Kar (31) of Bhurunga village under Bari Ramchandrapur police station of Jajpur district and produced him in a Bhubaneswar court. The STF will approach the court Monday seeking permission to take the accused on remand for five days for further investigation into his links with Pakistan agents.

Pritam and his associates have been into this illegal business of sharing OTP, mule accounts/ pre-activated digital wallets with cyber criminals, including Pakistani Intelligence Operatives (PIOs) and ISI agents since 2017.

"He (Pritam) was in direct touch with at least two PIO/ISI agents and had physically met them multiple times in other states and also had recently received ₹1.5 lakh for selling OTP/ Mule accounts/ digital wallets," the STF said.

The task force also came to know that the SIM and debit card used by the accused in last year's Mangalore auto blast (terror act) was provided by Pritam Kar.

The accused has sold thousands of pre-activated SIM cards, OTPs and mule accounts/ digital wallets till date. He used to charge up to ₹1,000 per SIM and up to ₹30,000 per account for mule accounts/digital wallets.

He used to sell mule accounts/digital wallets of India Post Payment Bank (IPPB), FiNO care, HDFC, Axis, Yes Bank, ICICI, Airtel Payment Bank, Paytm Bank, the STF officials said.

The OTP sharing gang used to contact the customers through various WhatsApp groups, Facebook



Accused Pritam Kar

messenger groups and Telegram groups.

Pritam was the admin of the WhatsApp group named 'All saving AC available' having 113 members and he used to make WhatsApp voice call/chat to many foreign numbers too. He is also a member of numerous such groups like, OTP shop-6, All OTP available, OTP Sell/ Buy Adda, OTC KYC deals, Online Project daily, Indian top OTP group, Best OTP group, etc.

Earlier, four accused were arrested in this case. The STF is conducting further investigation in this sensitive case. November 19 last year, an explosion was reported in an auto-rickshaw in Mangalore, injuring the driver and the passenger, Mohammed Shariq (24), who is also the prime accused in the case. The accused Shariq, from Thirthahalli of Shivamogga district, was travelling in the auto-rickshaw with a pressure cooker fitted with a detonator, wires and batteries when it exploded on the outskirts of Mangalore.

Karnataka Police chief later declared it a terror act and revealed that the accused has links with organised terror groups. The case is now being probed by the National Investigation Agency.

## IRREGULAR by MANJUL



Dear nephew, to avoid nepotism accusation, my daughter will lead the party after me

WEATHER		
	BHUB	CTK
MAX	42.6°C	41.6°C
MIN	26.7°C	25.0°C
Humidity	66%	75%
Rainfall	Nil	Nil
Forecast	Light rain likely	

## Bilingualism can have surprising benefits

■ Scientists believe that bilinguals' ability to switch between two languages is the key factor that makes them better at cognitive skills such as multitasking, emotion management and self-control, which ultimately protects them from dementia

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**Frankfurt, June 11:** Speaking two languages has always had advantages such as improving social life or getting more job opportunities. Now, a new study has found that being bilingual from a young age may protect against developing dementia later in life.

Researchers in Germany discovered that bilingual people scored better on tests of learning, mem-



ory, language and self-control than those who spoke only one language.

While researchers previously found a link between bilingualism and dementia, this new study, published in the journal *Neurobiology of Aging* evaluated how being bilingual at different stages of life affects cognition and brain structure in adulthood. Researchers said that bilingualism may serve as a protective factor against cognitive decline and dementia. In particular,

they observed that speaking two languages daily, especially in early and middle life, may have a long-term effect on cognition and its neural correlates.

In order to conduct their research, they examined 746 people aged 59 to 76, 40% of whom had no memory problems, while the other 60% were patients in memory clinics or people with complaints of confusion or memory loss.

Participants were evaluated on

a variety of vocabulary, memory, attention and calculation tests. Tasks included recalling something they read, spelling words backwards, and copying designs given to them.

Participants who reported using a second language daily at ages 13-30 or 30-65 showed higher scores in language, memory, focus, attention and decision-making abilities compared to those who weren't bilingual.

In 2014, the *Annals of Neurology* stated that the relationship between bilingualism and cognitive decline would be examined. Researchers then compared intelligence tests administered to 853 11-year-old children in 1947 in Ireland with intelligence tests administered to the same group between 2008 to 2010 when they were aged seventy plus. The study showed that bilinguals did significantly better in tests as adults, especially in areas of general intelligence and reading skill.

## Indigo flight strays into Pak airspace amid bad weather

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**Islamabad, June 11:** An IndiGo Airlines flight from Amritsar to Ahmedabad strayed into Pakistan airspace near Lahore due to bad weather and went up to Gujranwala before heading back to Indian territory without any mishap, according to a media report Sunday.

According to flight radar, the Indian plane with a ground speed of 454 knots entered north of Lahore at about 7:30 pm Saturday and returned to India at 8:01 pm, the Dawn newspaper reported.

There was no immediate comment from the airline.

A senior official of the Civil Aviation Authority (CAA) said that it was not unusual as it was "internationally allowed" in bad weather conditions, the report added.

The accused, the fifth in the OTP selling and sharing scam, had provided the SIM and debit card used in last year's Mangalore auto-rickshaw blast case



## FONDA TAKES A BREAK FROM ACTING AHEAD OF US PRESIDENTIAL POLLS

Jane Fonda is taking an 18-month break from acting due to the 2024 presidential election. The 85-year-old actress is known for her political activism and she plans to make that her focus for the foreseeable future.

## NAOMI WATTS GETS HITCHED TO BILLY CRUDUP, SHARES PICTURES

Actress Naomi Watts and actor Billy Crudup are married. The *King Kong* star, 54, confirmed her marriage to *The Morning Show* actor, 54, in an Instagram post, reports *People* magazine. Watts shared a photo of herself and Crudup in front of what appeared to be a Manhattan courthouse.



### FORTUNE FORECAST

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**ARIES**  
Today you will go overboard trying to spruce up your looks. You attempt to imbibe new looks. A very desirable date will raise high expectations in you and will keep you on the edge of your seat. Ganesh advises you to take it easy as real relationships are not measured by outward expressions.

**TAURUS**  
Ganesh is happy to say that you will acquire yourself well in whatever you do or undertake today. You will show outstanding caliber in handling the responsibilities given to you. If you are participating in a competition, you are likely to be way ahead of others.

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

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

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

**VIRGO**  
Your beloved will not only give you a surprise today but also demand one, says Ganesh. There may be some good news on the business front. Ganesh says own up to your old mistakes so that you don't repeat them, and chalk out the plans for the future. There is no need to shy from taking the advice of a loved one, as it will only benefit you, and later in the day, you may spend some good time together.

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

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

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

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

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

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

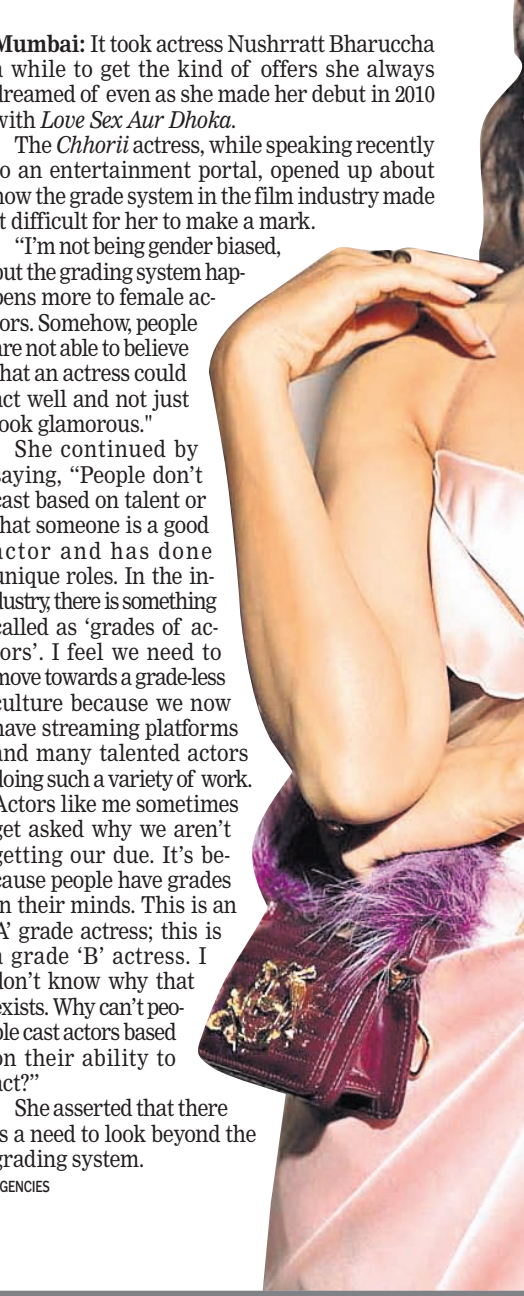
## Mangal Dhillon loses battle with cancer



**Chandigarh:** Just a week before his birthday, popular actor, director and producer Mangal Dhillon, who was battling cancer, passed away in a hospital in Ludhiana Sunday. He was 65.  
Hailing from Faridkot in Punjab, Dhillon had made a mark in the world of films and serials. He worked in Doordarshan and radio plays, besides doing commercial voicing in New Delhi and

Mumbai for couple of years. In 1987 he got the role of Lubhaya Ram in Ramesh Sippy's TV Serial *Buniyaad*, which laid his foundation in the Mumbai film and television industry. After *Buniyaad* he worked in almost 25-30 Hindi feature films and television serials, prominent amongst them were *Yugandhar*, *Lakshman Rekha*, *Nishana*, *Visuvaatma*, *Khoon Bhari Mang* and *Azad Desh Ke Ghulam*, besides serials like *Junoon*, *Panther*, *Ghutan*, *Kismat* and *Noorjahaan*.  
IANS

## Nushratt bats for grade-less system



**Mumbai:** It took actress Nushratt Bharucha a while to get the kind of offers she always dreamed of even as she made her debut in 2010 with *Love Sex Aur Dhokha*.  
The *Chhorii* actress, while speaking recently to an entertainment portal, opened up about how the grade system in the film industry made it difficult for her to make a mark.  
"I'm not being gender biased, but the grading system happens more to female actors. Somehow, people are not able to believe that an actress could act well and not just look glamorous."  
She continued by saying, "People don't cast based on talent or that someone is a good actor and has done unique roles. In the industry, there is something called as 'grades of actors'. I feel we need to move towards a grade-less culture because we now have streaming platforms and many talented actors doing such a variety of work. Actors like me sometimes get asked why we aren't getting our due. It's because people have grades in their minds. This is an 'A' grade actress; this is a grade 'B' actress. I don't know why that exists. Why can't people cast actors based on their ability to act?"  
She asserted that there is a need to look beyond the grading system.  
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## 'Love is the language that everyone understands'



**Mumbai:** Minissha Lamba who made her debut with the film *Yahaan* in 2005 is back after a long gap with Amazon miniTV series *Badtameez Dil*. And she says it feels good to be back on the sets for work.  
The actress, whose character Muskaan from the film *Well Done Abba*, is etched in the hearts of the audience, spoke about her comeback and the show at a special screening held for *Badtameez Dil* in Mumbai.  
When asked how it felt to be back after so long, Minissha said: "Being back on the sets makes you feel good about yourself. It gives you a sense of purpose. You wake up in the morning and there is something you look forward to."  
Talking about the show, she said: "It is an easy-breezy story about love. Love is the language that everyone understands and everyone wants love. Some people may say they don't want it, but they do seek love. So, everyone should watch this show."  
*Badtameez Dil* presents the journey of a young woman who believes in old-school romance and a guy who is an ardent believer in modern-day love. It features Barun Sobti and Ridhi Dogra in lead roles. It also has Minissha Lamba, and Mallika Dua in supporting parts.  
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### NATYADHARA



Members of Swara, a theatre troupe from Sambalpur, presented the Sambalpuri play *Kathani* Sunday at Rabindra Mandap, Bhubaneswar. Adapted by Natyashree late Panchanan Mishra from American playwright Edward Albee's novel and enacted under Natyadhara, the play was designed and directed by Manas Ranjan Mishra. Dramatists Dhirendranath Mallick, Nabin Kumar Parida, and Odisha Natya Sangh (ONS) president Haren Sahoo were among the notables in attendance. ONS secretary Subhakanta Padhi conducted the programme. For the unversed, Natyadhara is an event organised by ONS in collaboration with the Culture Department to promote theatre troupes from across the state under which four plays—three at Bhanjakala Mandap and one at Rabindra Mandap—are staged every month in Bhubaneswar.

### PEANUTS



### CALVIN AND HOBBS

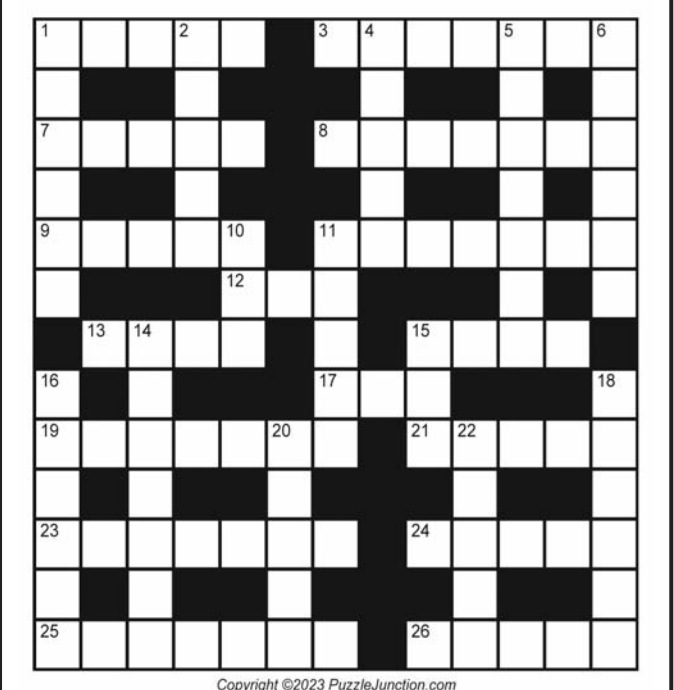


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### CROSSWORD



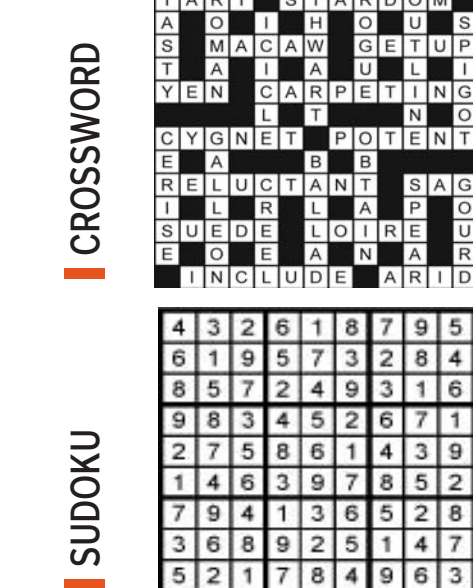
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  - 13 Imitation
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  - 17 Old French coin
  - 19 Neat
  - 21 Feather in one's cap
  - 23 Pinnacles
  - 24 Playful animal
  - 25 Puma
  - 26 Omnibus
  - 2 Linnologists study them
  - 4 Willow twig
  - 5 Warm
  - 6 Ancient Egyptian city
  - 10 Combine
  - 11 Wanderer
  - 14 Bodily cavity
  - 15 Trophy
  - 16 Chatter
  - 18 Explore
  - 20 Unit of petrol
  - 22 Numbers game
- Down**
- 1 Agriculture compound

### SUDOKU

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



### SOLUTIONS



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# Union min inaugurates indoor stadium at Bolangir



communities through its CSR initiatives. The company believes in empowering the youth by providing access to quality sports infrastructure and nurturing their sporting aspirations."

Built at a cost of approximately Rs.9.9 crore, the indoor stadium was supported by GAIL (India) Limited under its corporate social responsibility (CSR) initiative at PR High School. This project aims to enhance sporting facilities and promote sports in the region, fostering the talent and passion for sports among the youth. The new stadium offers state-of-the-art facilities, including a main hall with four badminton courts conforming to national standards.

Western Odisha, and particularly Balangir district, have immense potential for excelling in sports at the national and international levels. To nurture the sporting abilities of the youth in these interior regions, it is crucial to provide them with adequate infrastructure where their talent and passion can be cultivated. The indoor stadium at Bolangir will significantly contribute to identifying, nurturing, and showcasing rural sports talent residing in remote corners of the nation who have limited access to sports equipment and infrastructure.

an indoor stadium at PR School in Bolangir supported by GAIL (India) Limited under CSR initiatives.

The inauguration ceremony was graced by dignitaries including Commerce, Transport & Water Resources Minister Tukuni Sahu, Member of Parliament, Bolangir Sangeeta Kumari Singh Deo, MLA, Bolangir Narasingha Mishra, MLA, Loisingha Mukesh Mahaling, Former state Minister K V Singh Deo and GAIL (India) Limited Director (Projects) Deepak Gupta.

Speaking on the occasion, Gupta said, "GAIL takes pride in supporting this CSR project and remains committed to contributing to the development and welfare of

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**Bhubaneswar, June 11:** Union Minister of Education & Skill Development and Entrepreneurship Dharmendra Pradhan and Minister of Petroleum and Natural Gas & Housing and Urban Affairs Hardeep Singh Puri Sunday inaugurated



**BLAZING FIRE:** A massive fire broke out in a commercial complex in Jharpada area of Bhubaneswar Sunday in which several shops including Pure EV showroom and service centre were reduced to ashes

# 2 kids from Odisha to get football training in Spain

**Bhubaneswar, June 11:** After two days of dedicated trials and analysis, top football coaches from Europe recently selected two kids from Ardor Football Academy here for the MSA Scholarship programme to receive training in Spain. Prominent coaches from SPF Rush Academy and Silla CF were visiting Odisha to conduct trials for



this scholarship programme. And from the academy, Shreejal Kisku

(boy) and Sulekha Kanhar (girl) have been selected for the upcoming training. "Years ago when we kicked started the project our goal was to build players of international repute and calibre. Players who will go ahead and represent India in European leagues, play for illustrious clubs and create a pathway for other players from the country," said Jayadev Mahapatra of Ardor. A year ago through a deft agree-

ment with Max Sports Foundation, foundation stone was laid for such a programme. Sending all our kids to European countries for trials was out of question. So getting a top quality European scouts and coaches to India and make them visit our centres in Odisha was the best possible option, added Mahapatra, thanking Max Sports Foundation and friends and families of the students for their support.

# 'Silver Show' by Malabar Gold and Diamonds

**Bhubaneswar, June 11:** Malabar Gold and Diamonds, one of the largest gold and diamond retailers in the world, kicked off the latest edition of its 'silver show' at Saheed Nagar in City recently with quality assured silver jewellery and articles on display. The show will continue till June 18 with extensive collection of silver ornaments and articles.

As a part of its commitment, Malabar Gold and Diamonds offers 10 promises to its customers. The commitments include transparent price tag indicating the exact manufacturing cost, stone weight, net weight and stone charge of the jewellery and lifetime free



maintenance for the jewellery. Besides, the company also promises 100 per cent value for gold when reselling old gold jewellery and zero deduction for exchange, 100 per cent HUID certifying the purity of gold, IGI and GIA certified diamonds ensuring 28-point quality check of global standards, buy-back guarantee, carat analyzer to check quality lifetime maintenance and responsible sourcing.

# CLASSIFIED AFFIDAVIT

By virtue of an affidavit sworn before Executive Magistrate, Bhubaneswar on dated 29.05.2023 I have changed my name from "ALOKA KUMAR SAHOO" to "ALOK KUMAR SAHOO" for all purposes. As in my Educational Certificates my name was inadvertently recorded as ALOKA KUMAR SAHOO instead of "ALOK KUMAR SAHOO".

# Tamil Nadu delegation pays 2-day visit to state

**Bhubaneswar, June 11:** A 15-member team of senior officers from Tamil Nadu government led by Municipal Administration's Additional Commissioner R Lalitha including Rural Development & Panchayatraj Additional Director Prasanth MS were on a two-day visit to Odisha to study implementation of Faecal sludge treatment plant (FSTP) management system including the involvement of MSGs, SDAs and the transgender groups and dislodging practices.

They also learnt about the Jal Sathis and operation of 24x7 drinks from tap. The team also had an interaction with H&UD Principal Secretary G Mathi Vathanan in Kharabela Bhawan. During the discussion, the team members shared their learnings and were impressed with the state's community participation initiatives in all of its programmes.

On their arrival the delegates had a meeting with DMA cum Mission Director SBM Sangramajit Nayak. Nayak made a detailed understanding of the various people centric programmes including FSSM value chain, Garima and the Dight platform.

# Bakul foundation organises storytelling festival in City



**Bhubaneswar, June 11:** The Bakul festival of storytelling which started Saturday at the Bakul Library in Satyanagar ended Sunday evening. The children participated in the festival singing songs, dancing and listening to the best storytellers of the City. More than 20 storytellers including teachers, students, retired persons, grandmothers and home-

makers told their favourite stories in English, Hindi and Odia. Bakul Foundation, which had conceptualised and curated BhuFeSto in 2018 and organised it in 2023 with BDA as part of the Dot Fest, has played a pioneering role in bringing back the popularity of storytelling and making the private experience of listening to stories at home into a public experience. The founder of Bakul Foundation Sujit Mahapatra said, "When we first curated BhuFeSto, we struggled to find Odia storytellers to match the best international and national storytellers we. But now, we have enough storytellers for a storytelling festival." Bakul had been organising regular storytelling sessions at the Bakul Library since its inception in 2007. However, it was only in 2018 with the success of BhuFeSto that the public were introduced to the best storytelling. During the pandemic, storytime @ 9 and Rabibaar Gapabaar, children watched the storytelling sessions organised by Bakul often with their parents and everyone got interested in storytelling. Bakul had also invited the children, during the lockdown, to tell stories and featured them in the online sessions as part of a series called Tiny Tellers Mighty Tales. Bakul Foundation will follow up with a festival on international children's films that will begin June 13 and continue till June 19. During this period, classic children's films made in different continents will be screened at the Bakul Library.

# Aussie students graduate from Centurion University



**Bhubaneswar, June 11:** As many as six students from Australia's Wadeye community graduated from Centurion University. The students successfully completed a six-month garment manufacturing course under "Wadeye Training Project". The "Wadeye Training Project" is a six-month training project organised by Centurion University to impart the technical skills required in apparel manufacturing i.e. cutting of cloth, colour printing, surface ornamentation, among others for the participants. The aim of this programme is to produce confident and capable apparel manufacturing masters who could gain suitable employment, become micro-entrepreneurs and develop

the skills to train others, creating a ripple effect in their community at Wadeye. The skills apart, the graduates also learnt about Indian culture and lifestyle. Those present on this occasion were vice chancellor Prof. Supriya Pattanayak and pro vice chancellor Biswajit Mishra along with GTET Swagatika Mohapatra and Eve Sofia Riikonen. Gerradine Bunduck, one of the participants, expressed her enthusiasm for the programme, stating, "I have learned a lot about textile manufacturing and design here in Aussie fashion at Centurion University." "This kind of skill training will not only build the students' capacity, but also build the communities' capacity by adding new qualified professionals," said Mishra.

# Algorithms can detect fake news, counter misinformation

Fake news is a complex problem and can span text, images and video. For written articles in particular, there are several ways of generating fake news. A fake news article could be produced by selectively editing facts, including people's names, dates or statistics. An article could also be completely fabricated with made-up events or people. Fake news articles can also be machine-generated as advances in artificial intelligence make it particularly easy to generate misinformation.

Questions like "Was there voter fraud during the 2020 U.S. Elections?" or "Is climate change a hoax?" can be fact-checked by analyzing available data. These questions can be answered with true or false, but there is potential for misinformation surrounding questions like these. Misinformation and disinformation — or fake news — can have damaging effects on a large number of people in a short time. Although the notion of fake news has existed well before technolog-

ical advances, social media have exacerbated the problem. A 2018 Twitter study showed that false news stories were more commonly retweeted by humans than bots, and 70 per cent more likely to be retweeted than true stories. The same study found that it took true stories approximately six times longer to reach a group of 1,500 people and, while true stories rarely reached more than 1,000 people, popular fake news could spread up to 100,000.

The 2020 US presidential election, Covid-19 vaccines and climate change have all been the subject of misinformation campaigns with grave consequences. It is estimated that misinformation surrounding Covid-19 costs between USD 50-300 million daily. The cost of political misinformation could be civil disorder, violence or even erosion of public trust in democratic institutions. Detecting misinformation Detecting misinformation can be done by a combination of algorithms, machine-learning models and humans. An important question is who is responsible for con-



trolling, if not stopping, the spread of misinformation once it's detected. Only social media companies are really in the position to exercise control over the spread of information through their networks. A particularly simple but effective means of generating misinformation is to selectively edit news articles. For example, consider "Ukrainian director and playwright arrested and accused of justifying terrorism." This was achieved by replacing "Russian" with "Ukrainian" in the original

sentence in a real news article. A multi-faceted approach is needed to detect misinformation online in order to control its growth and spread. Communications in social media can be modelled as networks, with the users forming points in the network model and the communications forming links between them; a retweet or like of a post reflects a connection between two points. In this network model, spreaders of misinformation tend to form much more densely con-

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works include both intervention by internet platforms and launching counter-campaigns to neutralize fake news campaigns. Intervention can take hard forms, like suspending a user's account, or softer measures like labelling a post as suspicious. Algorithms and AI-powered networks are not 100 per cent reliable. There is a cost to intervening on a true item by mistake as well as not intervening on a fake item. **Countering fake news** Launching counter-campaigns to minimize if not neutralize the effects of misinformation campaigns needs to factor in the major differences between truth and fake news in terms of how quickly and extensively each of them spreads. Recent advances in generative AI, particularly those powered by large language models such as ChatGPT, make it easier than ever to create articles at great speed and significant volume, raising the challenge of detecting misinformation and countering its spread at scale and in real time. (The Conversation)

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# Stubble burning, a cause for concern in Sambalpur

Burning of agricultural waste becoming a headache for the administration

POST NEWS NETWORK

**Sambalpur, June 11:** Farmers in this part of the state are increasingly resorting to stubble burning unmindful of its harmful effect like environment pollution and declining fertility of farmlands, sources said Sunday.

Reports said several changes have been implemented in farming through adoption of modern techniques for the benefit of the farmers. Modern equipment are also being used to help farmers sow seed and plough the land. However, the problems lie elsewhere. The farmers after harvesting the crops with harvester machines are putting on fire the left over stubble. This is polluting the environment and also harming the soil for further cultivation.

As stubble burning is a punishable offence, environmentalists have demanded legal action against those involved in it. They have asked the Fire Services and Revenue departments and the police to intervene. Fire services personnel said that in this dry condition, the flames, at times, spread to neighbouring farmlands causing huge problems.

Sources said that stubble burn-



ing mostly takes place during harvesting of Rabi crops on farmlands. Similarly, flames are also lit in jungles during kendu leaf collection. This in turn is creating wildfires and increasing the temperature of the surrounding areas. The sources pointed out that Sambalpur turning out to be one of the hottest districts in the state is due to stubble burning and wildfires.

Ipsita Das, assistant professor-cum-agriculture scientist of Odisha University of Technology (Ouat) here said that stubble burning is

one of the major reasons behind the rise in temperatures in this district. She pointed out that it is also simultaneously destroying the fertility and moisture content of the soil. "So, in the long run farmers will suffer as the production capacity of farmlands will diminish drastically," pointed out Das.

High moisture content in soil is required for farmers to grow any crop. Stubble burning results in the death of microbes and worms which help in increasing the fertility of the soil. It also destroys

the naturally available oxygen, zinc and other vitamins which help in increasing fertility of the soil. As a result, farmers are forced to use chemical fertilisers for cultivation, Das pointed out.

Das asserted that stubble has to be destroyed in a natural manner. She said that if farmers do not understand the pitfalls of stubble burning, they only will suffer. She said that the first and foremost duty of any farmer is to maintain the fertility of the soil because then only the produce

will be sufficient. Just modern techniques of farming are not enough to increase production, Das added.

One of the top farmer leaders in the district Ashok Pradhan said incidents of stubble burning were not noticed in the past. This is a recent development and has happened due to farmers who have come to the district from other areas. He urged farmers not to indulge in stubble burning as it is harmful for both agriculture and environment.

# SUV mows down 2 Dhenkanal students

POST NEWS NETWORK

**Bhuban, June 11:** In a tragic incident, two boys, who had passed the High School Certificate (HSC) examinations recently, were killed and another sustained critical injuries after a speeding SUV ran over them near a temple shrine under this police limits in Dhenkanal district Sunday afternoon.

The deceased were identified as Pruthwiraj Sahu, 15, son of Batakrushna Sahu and Soumyaranjan Kandi, 15, son of Binod Kandi in the area. The injured boy was identified as Chandan Samal, 15, son of Dillip Samal.

Sources informed that 30 students of Shree Aurobindo School of Integral Education at Surapratappur, who had recently passed the HSC examinations, had organised a get together before embarking on Plus II courses. Pruthwiraj and Soumyaranjan were coming to the school carrying cooking materials on their two-wheeler when they met Chandan who was also on a bike. They were discussing something when a speeding SUV mowed them down on the road connecting National Highway with Surapratappur.

The villagers rescued the three



Pruthwiraj Sahu and Soumyaranjan Kandi

and rushed them to the Bhuban community health centre (CHC) in a critical condition. However, Pruthwiraj and Soumyaranjan were declared dead on arrival, sources said. Chandan was first shifted Kamakhyanager sub-divisional hospital and then to the Dhenkanal DHH as his condition deteriorated, they added.

On being informed, personnel from the Bhuban police station reached the spot and launched a probe into the incident, ICSoubhagya Kumar Swain said. Efforts are on to trace the killer vehicle, the official added. He informed that CCTV footage is being examined.

Notably, the results of this year's HSC exams were published May 18.

# Bargarh bio-refinery will spur green growth: Pradhan



PNN & AGENCIES

**Bargarh, June 11:** Union Minister Dharmendra Pradhan said Sunday that the ethanol bio-refinery plant being set up by Bharat Petroleum Corporation Limited (BPCL) in this district will give momentum to green growth and sustainable development.

After inspecting the ethanol plant site, Pradhan, the Union Education and Skill Development Minister said the plant will provide employment opportunities to the youth of the region.

"The plant will produce ethanol from straw, waste and rotten rice. It will help in increasing the income of the farmers in the surrounding areas including Bargarh, Sambalpur,

**The ethanol plant once commissioned will increase the income of the farmers and also help in providing employment**

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Sonepur and Bolangir districts. Jobs and self-employment opportunities will be created in the local area," Pradhan said.

"The Bargarh bio-refinery is making steady progress and is expected to be commissioned soon," Pradhan said in a tweet. "The Bargarh 2G Bio-refinery will invigorate a circular econ-

omy, give impetus to waste-to-wealth creation, boost incomes of farmers and welfare, create large-scale employment, augment indigenous production of green fuel and lead Odisha towards prosperity and self-reliance as envisioned by PM Narendra Modi," the minister added.

Officials informed the bio-refinery will have the capacity to produce three crore litres of fuel-grade ethanol annually using rice straw as the feedstock. Ethanol produced from this plant will be blended with petrol. The cost of the project is around ₹1,607 crore.

Pradhan pointed out that Bargarh district is an agrarian region. Paddy and rice is the main source of the region's economy. Keeping this in mind, the Modi government decided to set up the bio-refinery in the district.

Ethanol made from waste and bad rice, will reduce environmental pollution and provide economic benefits to farmers, Pradhan added.

Pradhan also suggested to the district administration to develop technology-based new skill courses and modules in regional government ITI institutes to prepare skilled human resources for this project.



**FOLK DANCE:** Artistes perform Chhau dance at Swar-Taal Mahotsav organised by Nichuapada Uttar Sahi Chhau Nrutya Pratisthan at Nichuapada in Morada of Mayurbhanj district. Sunday

# Woman brutally killed in Boudh

POST NEWS NETWORK

**Boudh, June 11:** A woman was brutally killed on the Kharabhuin-Saradikhola forest road under Harabhanga block in Boudh district Saturday, police informed Sunday. The deceased was identified as Apurba Sandha(48) of Kharabhuin village under Harabhanga police limits.

Family members of Apurba informed that she had gone to the Kandabari forest which is two kilometres away from her village to collect mangoes. When she did not return till evening her family members launched a frantic search for her, but could not trace her. The resumed the search Sunday and found her body close to a crusher unit. Pradhan said that Apurba was stabbed with a knife and had been hit on the head with a large boulder. A pair of shoes and a knife was found close to her body. After getting a complaint, Harabhanga police registered a murder case (No 75/23) and started an investigation.

# Mass 'mundan' held for train crash victims

PNN & AGENCIES

**Balasure, June 11:** People from all walks of life congregated at Bahanaga in this district Sunday, the 10th day of the train accident, to pray for the speedy recovery of the injured and 'Mukti' (salvation) of the 288 persons who lost their lives in the June 2 crash.

Apart from villagers, people who retrieved the bodies and rescued the injured from the ill-fated Coromandel Express and Bengaluru-Howrah trains performed 'mundan' (head tonsuring) as per Hindu deity rituals.

Social and cultural activists and members of spiritual organisations also participated in the memorial service being held for three days near the premises of Bahanaga High School, where bodies were kept before being shifted to Bhubaneswar.

People from various parts of Soro block and Bahanaga town or-



ganised the service and held an all-faith prayer meeting to pay homage to the deceased.

'Biswa Shanti Maha Yajna', 'Astaprahari Nama Sankirtan', 'Akhanda Gayatri Mantra' will be performed on the 11th day Monday and a 'Satsang' and candle light march are scheduled Tuesday, Jaykrushna Sarandi, a member of the organising committee, said.

# Govt-supplied drugs dumped in Bhadrak

POST NEWS NETWORK

**Bhadrak, June 11:** Huge quantities of government-supplied drugs have been found dumped near a canal at Bhandaripokhari block in Bhadrak district, a source said Sunday. The dumped drugs include multi-vitamins, calcium tablets and other varieties of medicines. Police are trying to find out when the medicines were dumped and the culprit behind the act. Locals informed the police after spotting the drugs.

The source further said that the dumped medicines were supplied by the Odisha State Medical Corporation (OSMC) to hospitals under 'Niramaya Yojana'. It is an Odisha government initiative which aims to provide essential medicines free of cost. All the medicine strips had government logo on them.

When asked officials of the hospitals situated near the dumping site said that they had no idea about the development.

# Statue erected in Rourkela for Hockey WC falls

PNN & AGENCIES

**Rourkela, June 11:** A 40-feet-high statue depicting an Indian hockey player erected in this city in Sundargarh district ahead of this year's men's World Cup collapsed due to a thunderstorm Sunday, officials said. The iron statue was installed near the Rourkela airport adjacent to the Bisra Munda International Hockey Stadium in January ahead of the FIH Men's World Cup 2023.

Officials stated that both legs of the statue broke due to strong winds and it fell sideways. The statue was built by a Bhubaneswar-based firm at a cost of ₹30.68 lakh. Chief Minister Naveen Patnaik



had unveiled the statue ahead of the World Cup.Rourkela Municipal Corporation Commissioner Subhankar Mohapatra said a committee has been formed to look into the reasons behind the collapse of the statue, which was

erected barely five months ago.

Locals have also questioned the erection in such a shoddy manner which led to its toppling over. They have alleged that the statue was not built in a proper manner.

# Geologists seek 'heritage' tag for Sundargarh arch

SCIENTISTS SAY THAT THE STRUCTURE CAN BE MORE THAN 160 MILLION YEARS OLD

POST NEWS NETWORK

**Sundargarh, June 11:** The Geological Survey of India (GSI) has discovered a natural arch nicknamed 'Brahmani Arch' and locally known as 'Chhenga hill'. It has been found near Brahmani village under Hemgir block in this district. Experts have said that the arch is more than 160 million years old and belongs to the middle Jurassic age.

After the discovery, geologists have proposed to declare the 'natural arch' as a national 'Geo Heritage Site'. The geologists have found out that there was a river at the place where the hill now exists.

It will be the biggest natural arch in India if a geo-heritage tag is accorded to the site, officials of GSI

said. According to the geologists, the oval-shaped arch is 30 metres long at the base and is 12 metres high. The alcove of the natural arch has maximum height and width of seven metres and 15 metres respectively. Earlier, two ancient such structures were found in Andaman and Nicobar Islands and on Tirupati hill respectively.

Geologists have claimed that the formation of the natural arch could have happened due to various reasons including weather abnormalities.

The site needs to be preserved for its scientific importance as well as aesthetic value. The survey was carried out by the GSI geologists belonging to the Belpahar office in Jharsuguda district, an official said.

The locals call it as 'Chhenga hill' but are unaware of its heritage.



Researchers discovered it during exploration of coal in the district in 2017.

The natural arch and its surrounding area is a storehouse of different primary and sedimentary structures like planner and cross-bedding along with occasional current ripples signifying high energy fluvial environment during sedimentation, GSI researchers said.

An awareness programme was organised for conservation of the arch. It was attended by Sundargarh DFO (in-charge) Lalit Kumar Patra, Kanika sarpanch Shanta Dharua, GSI deputy director general Saibal Chandra Mitra, ACF Mohan Hembram and Kanika forest range officer Prakash Nayak. They sensitised people on the importance of conservation of the natural arch.

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FOCUS GLOBALISATION

# SOVEREIGNTY'S SILVER LINING



**Despite the dire predictions that have accompanied the decline of global governance, less international cooperation does not necessarily mean disaster. In fact, national governments can prioritise domestic prosperity and social cohesion over multilateralism without harming the global economy**

– with little apparent detriment to the world economy.

Consider a government that wants to double its budget for tertiary public education or for the training of scientists and engineers. Should other governments be allowed to object and invoke international rules to constrain or discipline the policy? Even the most diehard globalists would consider this an absurd possibility.

But there is definitely a cross-border spillover; and it could be a large one: if the policy is carried out, the home country will strengthen its comparative advantage in skill-intensive goods, harming its competitors in global markets. Because spillovers are so pervasive, and because many domains of government policy are naturally viewed as “domestic” (as the education example indicates), they are not a good guide to where we should seek global cooperation.

Perhaps global rules should focus on policies that might be harmful to the home economy. Investing in public education would most likely benefit the domestic economy, even if it harms certain trading partners. But raising import tariffs or subsidising certain industries would under many circumstances harm the domestic economy as well as trading partners.

But this approach would not produce a reliable guide, either. Import tariffs, subsidies, and myr-

iad other policies that might decrease efficiency under perfect market conditions can be desirable under second-best, real-world conditions – say to address regional unemployment or technological externalities. It is not clear that global bureaucracies would be better positioned – or viewed as more legitimate – than national policy authorities to determine the appropriateness of such policies for the home economy. And, in any case, shouldn't democracies be allowed to make their own mistakes?

The argument for global governance is much stronger for the rather narrow category of policies that are strictly “beggar-thy-neighbor” – the harm they generate abroad is a necessary precondition of the benefits produced at home. Exploiting a country's monopoly power on world markets, maintaining low capital taxes to shift paper profits from abroad, or undervaluing the domestic currency to “steal” employment from abroad are classic cases.

But such examples are few and far between. The vast majority of economic policies that produce adverse cross-border spillovers are not of the beggar-thy-neighbor type, and they would be deployed even in the absence of harm to other countries.

What about “climate protectionism,” which is at the center of contemporary worries around

unilateralism? While US green subsidies' local-content requirements and the EU's tariffs on carbon-intensive imports have raised the ire of third countries, such concerns are misplaced. Climate change is an existential problem for the world, and addressing it is a true global public good. From a global-governance standpoint, it would be far worse if leading countries chose to free ride on others' decarbonisation policies and did not do much themselves to address climate change.

For a variety of largely domestic reasons, the US and the EU have taken major strides toward advancing the climate transition. That is cause for celebration, not condemnation, even if they have done so unilaterally and using very different instruments. Their governments' desire to keep some of the benefits at home by privileging the competitive position of domestic firms is understandable – and a small price well worth paying for the world economy as a whole.

Too many limits on national policy autonomy can also produce a backlash against the global economy. One consequence of the erosion of national sovereignty under hyper-globalisation was an increase in economic anxiety and the sense of a loss of control among many citizens. These are circumstances that exacerbate xenophobia and out-group hostility. As import competition fueled job losses in many communities, voters turned to ethno-nationalist, authoritarian populists.

So, when governments pursue more inclusive economic, social, and environmental agendas, they provide a further benefit to the world economy. Well-governed economies where prosperity is widely shared are more likely to welcome expanded international trade, investment, and immigration. As economics teaches, it is the home economy that reaps the bulk of the benefits from openness to the world economy; provided the benefits are distributed equitably. When countries help themselves, they help the global economy.

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**WHEN COUNTRIES HELP THEMSELVES, THEY HELP THE GLOBAL ECONOMY**

Commentary on the world economy has never been short of exhortations for greater global cooperation. “What happens anywhere affects everybody ... [so] it is pretty clear that the world needs more ... international coordination and cooperation,” wrote a leading International Monetary Fund official in 2013. “[V]irtually every problem destabilizing the world ... is global in nature and can be confronted only with a coalition that is global,” echoed a leading columnist in 2019.

Worries about the inadequacies of global governance and weakening multilateralism have heightened in recent years, because the United States and other leading advanced economies have increasingly put their domestic agendas first. Unilateral approaches have dominated in trade, industrial policies, and the climate transition. The World Trade Organisation – the crowning achievement of global governance in the hyper-globalisation era we are leaving behind – has been reduced to an ineffective bystander.

For the globalist commentariat, this is clearly bad news. For the global economy, however, the consequences are less clear – and could be salutary. In fact, in a world in which national governments focused on their own sustainable prosperity and social cohesion, the global economy would do just fine. Upon closer scrutiny, the case for global economic governance turns out to be considerably weaker than is commonly presupposed.

Start from the conventional case for global cooperation. We live in a world that is economically interconnected, goes the usual argument. What one country does often affects others. If governments do not coordinate their policies and reach agreement on common rules, these spillovers could leave everyone worse off.

But this reasonable-sounding argument has a high hole: the mere existence of spillovers is not an adequate justification for global coordination. In the overwhelming majority of cases where economic policies generate cross-border spillovers, national governments legitimately retain full autonomy

SPECTRUM GEOPOLITICS

## Water wars: The new normal?

The recent border clashes between Iran and Afghanistan have a dreaded portent for the future, both at the local and global levels, besides being a pointer to how we have managed our environment resources in a foolish manner. As per reports from the Iranian Tasnim News Agency, deadly clashes broke out between border guards and the Afghan soldiers in the border area. The clashes resulted in the death of two Iranian border guards, while the Iranians, on their part, claimed to have killed 12 Taliban soldiers.

Perplexingly, the issue over which tension between the two neighbours ran high is how to divide the waters of river Helmand, which the two nations must share. Iran accuses Taliban rulers of violating a 1973 treaty by restricting the flow of water from the Helmand to Iran's parched eastern regions, an accusation denied by the Taliban.

Journalist Fatemeh Aman wrote a good summary of this conflict for the Atlantic Council, noting that drought and climate change have exacerbated tensions over water-sharing. Both countries have built dams on the Helmand and irrigated off it, often to raise water-hungry crops not suitable to this arid environment. Fatemeh noted that Helmand is the

longest river in Afghanistan, constituting over 40% of the country's surface water. With 95% of the Helmand located in Afghanistan, it is a critical source of livelihood for the country's southern and southwestern provinces. The river further flows into Iran's arid southwest to feed the Hamoun wetlands on the Iranian side and lakes on the Afghan side, but damming, irrigation, and drought have partially dried these up, creating conditions for toxic dust clouds.

As per environmentalists, Iran and Afghanistan are projected to heat up faster than the world average, twice as fast, in fact. Already, poor water management and extra heat have had a devastating effect on the Helmand basin. Extra heat dries out the soil and contributes to more intense and more frequent droughts.

The water resources are critical for people living in the increasingly drought-prone Sistan and Baluchestan region; in addition, the Sistan wetland ecosystem also supports flamingos, pelicans, and other migratory birds. And while the history of conflict over the Helmand is long, the scenario is similar to conflicts over water in other regions of the world. Many social scientists foresee water wars as a result. This border clash is a small

omen of bigger conflicts to come. Tension between Egypt, Sudan and Ethiopia over the latter's Grand Ethiopian Renaissance Dam and Blue Nile river resources haven't been resolved in years, with both Egypt and Ethiopia threatening a military response at various points.

Russian troops destroyed a Dnieper river dam that diverted water away from Crimea and into Ukraine. Armed groups in Mali, Somalia and beyond destroyed water infrastructure needed by civilians. Mexico, Chile, Israel and Palestine, Kenya and Peru - the Water Conflict Chronology database lists hundreds of conflicts over water in the modern era, as well as across history. Sustainability Times quoting UN Statistical Division's data pertaining to 2019, reports that the number of water conflicts by different regions globally as of April 2022 runs up to more than 1100. Environmentalist Laureen Fagan in her report for Sustainability Times further quoted Dr. Peter Gleick, co-founder of the Pacific Institute in the US and author of The Three Ages of Water, as warning that the frequency of water-related conflicts has grown in the past two decades. That's due to violence in the Middle East,

growing disputes during severe droughts over access to water in regions like the Indian subcontinent and ethnic and community confrontations in sub-Saharan Africa.

Fagan further referred to a February 2023 paper on the database, co-authored by Shimabuku and published in the Environmental Research Letters, saying that it's the uneven access to fresh water around the world that makes it a strategic priority during conflict, as is the case along the Iran-Afghanistan border.

Increasing tensions over water resources point to the emergence of a new dimension to global geopolitics, adding to regional and neighbourly rivalries. Now indeed the time seems to be apt to work cohesively to find a collective solution to the global demand and supply and sharing of water resources, besides taking a conscious, serious and determined approach to care more for our environment instead of just hollow talks, which seem to have become the trend of most global environmental agencies and plans. If indeed we do not act even now, then it may be too late when the real wars due to scarce water resources start erupting across the globe.

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**INCREASING TENSIONS OVER WATER RESOURCES POINT TO THE EMERGENCE OF A NEW DIMENSION TO GLOBAL GEOPOLITICS**

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**If you want something you have never had, you must be willing to do something you have never done.** THOMAS JEFFERSON

**The greatest pleasure in life is doing what people say you cannot do.** WALTER BAGEHOT

**You don't have to be great to start, but you have to start to be great.** ZIG ZIGLAR

WORDSWORTH

Jobbernowl

Unfortunately, this useful and effective insult for a stupid person or a blockhead has rather dropped out of use in these mealy-mouthed times. One of the last excursions for it is in the classic W C Fields film The Bank Dick of 1940, in which the word occurs in a variant form in the line: “Surely, don't be a luddie-duddie, don't be a moon-calf, don't be a jabbernow, you're not those, are you?” Before that, it turns up in one of the novels of Hall Caine in 1890, but even by then it seems to have been rather rare. Most sightings today are in books of weird or unusual words, but it was found not long ago in Henry Mitchell on Gardening, published in 1999: “When I discovered I could grow it here – I like to say any jobbernowl can – I was as pleased as a dog with two tails.” It's from old French jobard, from jobe, silly. That word was then added to noll, the top or crown of the head, the noddle. The first sense was of a blocky or stupid-looking head, but was soon extended to refer to the quality of the mind within. Jobbernowlism is the condition or state of being a jobbernowl, or an act or remark that is especially stupid. I've also found an instance of an even greater rarity, jobbernowly, which appeared in 1985 in Gods of Riverworld by Philip José Farmer: “Sheer jobbernowly, darkest superstition,” Burton had said. Careful how you use it: the recipient might already have read this!

Jobsworth

Jobsworth is a censorious British term for an official who upholds rules at the expense of humanity or common sense. Jobsworth has been in use since the early 1970s, sometimes in the mock polite form Mr Jobsworth (jobsworths are usually presumed to be male). The BBC television programme That's Life! popularised it in the early 1980s through its creation of the Jobsworth Award for obstructionism beyond the call of duty. Esther Rantzen, the show's presenter, said that it was for “the stupidest rule and the official who stamps on the most toes to uphold it”. In origin jobsworth is a neatly abbreviated reference to it's more than my job's worth, either the ostensible excuse for his action by a minor functionary delighted to be able to use his authority to thwart his fellows or the cry of someone frightened of using his initiative and risking his position. The longer expression is well enough known that when Howard Lester collected examples of jobsworths at work in a book in 2012 he did so under that title. The phrase began to appear at the beginning of the twentieth century, though in this early example the policeman isn't a jobsworth but he is afraid that a rule-bending good turn will attract the ire of his superior: *The policeman wheeled round again and spoke in a hurried whisper. “You can't do it now, sir,” he said. “The inspector's coming along. It's more than my job's worth if he sees you. You walk round and come back again in five minutes. Quick now, sir”* (The Compleat Oxford Man, by Arthur Hamilton Gibbs, 1911).

## Letters

TO THE EDITOR

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Perilous travel

Sir, The horrific three-train collision in Balasore that shocked the entire world happened chiefly due to the utter disregard and remissness shown by the Railway Ministry towards passenger safety. It raises a most important question as to why the ministry was keeping quiet and paid little attention to the CAG report long back, which stated that for the last several years the maintenance and safety of the railways had been “pushed to the background.” The report added that necessary expenditures were not being made for the security and safety of passengers, but funds were used for non-priority things. What really pinched one's mind was that at the accident site there was a beautiful tent erected for the Prime Minister to confer with the officials, when there were bodies right next to it, and there was no provision of clothes to cover them. The government is claiming to bring bullet trains to India that run at lightning speed, while the basics in standard trains, which form the essential rail travel of the people at large, are being criminally neglected. It is feared that trains in India often run on perilous tracks with least priority for passenger safety.  
**Ranganathan Sivakumar, CHENNAI**

Growing concern

Sir, This refers to “Less efficient antibiotics behind many newborn deaths: Study” (Orissa Post June 10). The news must have shocked many considering the pangs suffered by mothers. Thank God that a thorough research has been conducted by a team of over 80 researchers which reveals a considerable number of mortality among infants due to positive sepsis and the growing drug resistance. Armed with this research manual all efforts are to be made to ensure to bring down the mortality rate among newborn babies by improving efficacy of antibiotics.  
**Arun Gupta, KOLKATA**

Caveats to promises

Sir, The Congress-led Karnataka government has let down its citizens by adding caveats to its poll promises of freebies. The Congress won big in Karnataka, riding on five significant guarantees. After the government announced that Shakti Smart Cards are required for women to avail of free bus rides, they further clarified that those without BPL, APL, or Antyodaya cards would not be eligible for the Gruha Lakshmi scheme's Rs 2,000 per month allowance. Besides, tenants must link their Aadhaar with the landlord's RR number to avail of free power. It's not fair to put the public in a vulnerable position.  
**NJ Ravi Chander, BANGALORE**

of the day **quote**

**Narendra Modi**  
 ji, 3rd May 2023  
 - Violence first broke out in Manipur. It took almost a month for you to send the Union Home Minister to the state. 8 days after Home Minister's departure, violence continues in Manipur. For a proponent of the so-called 'Act East' policy for Northeast India, your stoic silence on violence in Manipur is rubbing salt in the wounds of its people

The disease of policy paralysis that existed before 2014 has been eradicated by determination to reform, perform and transform under Prime Minister Narendra Modi's leadership

Amit Shah must release a list of special schemes implemented for Tamil Nadu in the past nine years by the saffron party-led Central government



There is a need to present an alternative before the people. If we contest the elections together, we will be able to provide that alternative. The result of this will decide things in the future

**SHARAD PAWAR | NCP CHIEF**

**FREE BUS TRAVEL FOR WOMEN**

Women in Karnataka can travel for free in government buses in the state from Sunday with the rollout of the first of the five poll guarantees of the ruling Congress -- the 'Shakti' scheme



## AAP holds mega rally against Centre's ordinance

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**New Delhi, June 11:** Delhi Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal Sunday hit out at the Centre over its ordinance on control of services in the national capital, saying Delhi is the first to be "attacked" and similar ordinances will be brought for other states also.

Addressing the Aam Aadmi Party's "Maha Rally" at Ramlila Maidan, Kejriwal, who is also the party's national convener, claimed

the Centre's ordinance was an insult to the people of Delhi. "The BJP can abuse me and I don't mind that. But I won't tolerate the insult of the people of Delhi," he said.

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Addressing the rally, Kejriwal accused the BJP-led Centre of not believing in the Constitution. "When Prime Minister Narendra Modi says he does not accept the Supreme Court's decision, it is 'Hitler shahi' (dictatorship). This black ordinance of Modi says 'I don't accept democracy'. Now there will be a tyrannical rule in Delhi. Now the people of Delhi are not supreme, but the LG is," he alleged.

The Centre May 19 had promulgated the ordinance to create an authority for the transfer and posting of Group-A officers in Delhi, which the AAP government had called a deception with the Supreme Court verdict on control of services. Transfer and postings of all officers of the Delhi government were under the executive control of the lieutenant governor before the top court's May 11 verdict.

Following the ordinance, Kejriwal has been reaching out to leaders of non-BJP parties to garner their support against the ordinance so that the Centre's bid to replace it

by a bill is defeated when it is brought in Parliament.

"I have been travelling across the country and meeting leaders from other political parties. Please don't think you are alone. You have the support of 140 crore people of India," the Delhi chief minister said.

"Delhi is the first city to be attacked. This is Modi's first strike. If this ordinance that snatches the rights of people of Delhi is not opposed, similar ordinances will be brought for other states such as Rajasthan, Punjab and Maharashtra," he claimed.

On the arrests of AAP leaders Manish Sisodia and Satyendra Jain, Kejriwal claimed that their arrest was aimed at stopping the work being done in Delhi. "But we have 100 Sisodias and 100 Jains. They will continue the good work," he said. Sisodia, who was then the deputy chief minister of Delhi, was arrested in February over alleged corruption in the formulation and implementation of the now-scrapped liquor policy for 2021-22.

## 'Waiting for verdict on wrestlers' row'



**Gonda (UP), June 11:** BJP MP and WFI chief Brij Bhushan Sharan Singh, accused of sexually harassing female wrestlers, Sunday said he will contest the 2024 Lok Sabha elections from Kaisarganj again and was awaiting the court's verdict to speak on the grapplers' stir.

He was replying to queries from media persons after addressing a rally in the district's Balpur area where he skipped any direct reference to the wrestlers' protest for his arrest and chose to target the Congress over the Emergency, Ram temple, the 1984 anti-Sikhs riots and other issues.

Asked by the reporters why he was not commenting on the wrestlers' protest and what was he waiting for, the BJP MP said, "Court ke faisla ka (court's verdict)." On whether he will contest the 2024 Lok Sabha elections from Gonda or Ayodhya, Singh said, "Kaisarganj Lok Sabha seat se chunav ladunga, ladunga, ladunga (I will definitely contest from Kaisarganj)."

Brij Bhushan Singh has represented the Kaisarganj Lok Sabha constituency thrice - once as an SP MP (from 2009 to 2014). He won the 2004 general elections from the Balrampur Lok Sabha seat, and the 1991 and 1999 Lok Sabha polls from the Gonda seat on BJP tick.

Currently, he is serving a sixth term as Lok Sabha MP.

The rally was organised to celebrate the completion of nine years of the Narendra Modi government at the Centre. So far, Singh has remained defiant despite facing possible action from the Delhi Police, which has recorded statements of over 200 people in connection with the case against him and will file a chargesheet by June 15.

On Saturday, the protesting wrestlers alleged he was using his influence to put sexual harassment victims under pressure and forcing them to change their statements. They also threatened to resume their stir if decisive action was not taken against the MP by June 15.

Singh has denied the allegations against him and claimed that some Congress leaders from Haryana hatched a conspiracy to defame him because of the reforms he brought as the Wrestling Federation of India (WFI) chief. During his address on Sunday, the MP also said that no force in the world could stop the BJP from coming to power again in 2024.

In his attack on the Congress, Singh said, "In 1947, the country got divided when the Congress was in power. The wounds of the Partition had not even healed when Pakistan attacked and grabbed 78,000 square kilometres of our land while the Congress was in power."

## Manipur extends internet ban

**Imphal, June 11:** The Manipur government extended its ban on internet services till June 15.

The suspension of mobile data services, including broadband, has been extended till 3 pm of June 15, an order issued by Commissioner (Home) T Ranjit Singh on Saturday night said. The ban was imposed May 3.

"Some anti-social elements might use social media extensively for transmission of images, hate speech, hate video messages inciting the passions of the public which might have serious repercussions for law and order situation in the state," said the order extending the ban on the internet services till June 15.



A guest house damaged due to sea erosion, at Battampady on the outskirts of Mangaluru, Sunday

## New Pak plan for terror involves women: Army



**Srinagar, June 11:** A 'dangerous move' by Pakistan's Inter-Services Intelligence (ISI) and heads of terror groups to rope in women and juveniles to carry weapons and messages has come to light amid a decline in the use of traditional means of communication by terrorists in Kashmir valley, a top army officer has said.

The General Officer Commanding of Srinagar-based 15 Corps, also known as Chinar Corps, Lt Gen Amardeep Singh Aujla also said in the valley said. As part of the deradicalisation strategy, the army, with the cooperation of the Union Territory administration, has undertaken a series of initiatives - one of which is the 'Sahi Rasta' (right path) programme that has in recent times proved to be a game changer in the right earnest.

"We have come a long way in ensuring peace and stability in Kashmir, but I will be naive to claim an early victory as we feel that

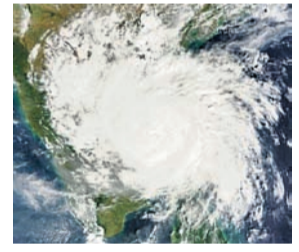
## Gujarat braces for cyclone 'Biparjoy'

**Ahmedabad, June 11:** The Gujarat government is deploying NDRF and SDRF teams in coastal areas and will set up shelters in six districts as the extremely severe cyclonic storm 'Biparjoy' is likely to make landfall between Kutch district and Pakistan's Karachi on June 15.

The exact place where the cyclone will make landfall will be clear in the coming days. Kutch, Jamnagar, Morbi, Gir Somnath, Porbandar, and Devbhumi Dwarka districts are likely to be impacted by the cyclone with heavy rainfall and very high wind speed during June 13-15 which may go up to 150 kmph, an official said Sunday.

The India Meteorological Department (IMD) said the "extremely severe cyclonic storm 'Biparjoy' is very likely to cross Saurashtra-Kutch and adjoining Pakistan coasts between Mandvi in Gujarat and Karachi in Pakistan around the noon of June 15 with a maximum sustained wind speed of 125-135 kmph gusting to 150 kmph.

Gujarat Chief Minister Bhupendra Patel has held a meeting with collectors of



coastal districts, representatives of the Army, Navy and Indian Coast Guard and officials of various departments, Relief Commissioner Alok Pandey told reporters.

He said officials of various departments have been directed to prepare in advance to mitigate the impact of the cyclone in coastal districts and establish coordination to keep casualties to the minimum.

Teams of the National Disaster Response Force (NDRF) and State Disaster Response Force (SDRF) are being deployed along the coastal areas and various departments including fisheries, health and agriculture have been asked to work in coordination, Pandey said.

The government will set up shelter houses in the six districts for those residing within a 5-10 km radius of the coastline that will be shifted to safer places.

**SHORT TAKES**

**UP conversion case: Prime accused held**

**Thane:** Shah Nawaz Khan alias Baddo, the prime accused wanted by UP police for allegedly operating a racket involved in the religious conversion of youngsters through an online gaming application has been arrested from Raigad district of Maharashtra, an official said Sunday. He was arrested from Alibaug town. Ghaziabad Police were searching for Khan, who hails from Mumbai township in Thane district of Maharashtra, the official said.

**Train derails**

**Chennai:** A suburban train from Chennai's Moor Market to Tiruvallur derailed at Tamil Nadu's Vyasarpadi railway station Sunday, officials said, adding that no one was injured in the incident. The derailment occurred when the train was passing through the Basin Bridge and Vyasarpadi railway station. Southern Railway sources said that the second coach of the electrical multiple unit derailed. Staff of Chennai central station rushed to the spot and engaged in restoration of the track and the coach. Several people alighted from the train and walked out of the station to the nearest bus station.

**Drugs seized**

**Agartala:** Custom officials in the integrated Check Post (ICP) along the India-Bangladesh border here arrested a Mizoram native and recovered 2023 grams of heroin worth ₹14.16 crore from his possession, officials said Sunday. Assistant Commissioner of Custom Abhyudoy Guha said that drug peddler P. Thomas came from Doha (Qatar) by a flight to Bangladesh capital Dhaka and then he came to Agartala-Akhaura ICP on Saturday afternoon to go to his home in Mizoram's Serchhip district.

**Body found**

**Firozabad:** The body of a 15-year-old girl, who had gone missing, has been found in mutilated condition in a field in Uttar Pradesh's Firozabad district, police said. The police suspect that the minor might have been sexually assaulted and strangled to death as her "dupatta" (stole) was tied around the neck. The body has been sent for post-mortem examination and three teams have been set up to investigate the matter, a police officer said.

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# No pizzas, burgers, samosas for Amarnath pilgrims

INDO-ASIAN NEWS SERVICE

**Srinagar, June 11:** Acting tough on junk and unhealthy food, Shri Amarnathji Shrine Board (SASB) said Sunday that foods, including halwa puri, samosas, jalebi, gulab jamun, etc., will not be served to Yatris during this year's Himalayan pilgrimage.

This year's 62-day long Amaranth Yatra will begin July 1. SASB officials said that over 120 langars (community Kitchens) are being established this year for the pilgrims along the twin routes of Pahalgam and Baltal leading to the cave shrine.

"Focusing on the health of the pilgrims, SASB has released a list



of permitted and banned meals, food items at 'langars' and made it clear that no junk and fried food will be allowed to be served

at around 120 langars," an official said.

A list of banned and permitted items has also been shared with

the larger authorities. The banned food items included poori, bathura, pizza, burger, stuffed parantha, dosa, fried Roti, bread with butter, cream based foods, pickle, chutney, fried papad, chowmein and all other fried / fast foods, cold drinks and karrah halwa, jalebi, gulab jamun, laddu, khoya burfi, rasgulla and all other halwai items besides snacks (high in fat and salts) chips/kurkure, matthi, namkeen

The meals in the permitted menu include cereals, pulses, green vegetables, green salad, fruits and sprouts, rice, jaggery, sambar, idli, uttapam, poha, herbal tea, coffee, low fat curd, sharbat, lemon squash/water, figs, raisins, apricots, and other dry fruits

mixture, pakora, samosa, fried dry fruits and all other deep fried items. It also included non vegetarian foods, alcohol, tobacco, gutka, pan masala, cigarettes, other intoxicants. The meals in the permitted menu include cereals, pulses, green vegetables, green salad, fruits and sprouts, rice, jaggery, sambar, idli, uttapam, poha, herbal tea, coffee, low fat curd, sharbat, lemon squash/water, figs, raisins, apricots, and other dry fruits.

Moreover, Director Health Services Jammu and Kashmir have directed all concerned officials not to sanction or forward leave applications of doctors and para medical staff during the period of yatra.

# 'ABAYA' CONTROVERSY EVOKES STRONG FLAK

Abaya is an Islamic dress worn as a loose gown by a woman

INDO-ASIAN NEWS SERVICE

**Srinagar, June 11:** The controversy triggered by the refusal of a college principal to allow students inside the college wearing an 'Abaya' has evoked strong criticism in Kashmir.

Abaya is an Islamic dress worn as a loose gown by a woman. The students appearing for the common entrance test for colleges conducted by the NTA were initially refused entry into the college by the principal at one of the exam centres in Srinagar city as the girl candidates were wearing Abaya. Better sense prevailed on the prin-

cipal who later allowed the students to take their test while wearing the same dress.

Former Chief Minister and Peoples Democratic Party (PDP) president, Mehbooba Mufti told reporters, "They are trying to repeat what was done in Karnataka. Abaya is an Islamic dress and we will not accept any dictate on this. They cannot put pressure on us as to what we should wear or not wear." National Conference (NC) spokesman, Tanvir Sadiq told reporters that the act of the principal is condemnable as anybody should be allowed to wear the dress of his/her choice.

# Shah dubs Cong, DMK as '2G, 3G, 4G' parties



Union Minister and BJP leader Amit Shah being welcomed by the party's Shaktikendra in-charges, district in-charges and mandal heads of the South Chennai parliamentary constituency in Chennai

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**Vellore (TN), June 11:** Union Home Minister Amit Shah Sunday took a swipe at the Congress and DMK over dynasty politics and alleged corruption, calling them "2G, 3G, 4G" parties and said the time has come in Tamil Nadu to throw away these and give the power to a "son of the soil".

Responding to Tamil Nadu Chief Minister M K Stalin's demand that Shah list out the Centre's special schemes for Tamil Nadu in the past nine years, the senior BJP leader detailed the various initiatives of the Narendra Modi-led Union government for the state in sectors including aviation, railways and roads.

Addressing a public meeting here to highlight the nine years of the BJP-led NDA government's achievements, he also lashed out at the two opposition parties at the Centre for opposing the abrogation of Article 370 and lauded Prime Minister Narendra Modi for "uniting Kashmir" with India with a stroke of the pen.

"Congress and DMK are 2G, 3G, 4G parties. I am not talking about the 2G (spectrum allocation scam).

of a defence corridor, two Vande Bharat train services, a new integrated airport terminal that was inaugurated by PM Modi recently here, 11 medical colleges in as many districts benefitting over 1,400 students, renovation of major railway stations in the state including Chennai Egmore and Madurai, a new ESIC medical college hospital that would come up in Coimbatore at an estimated ₹1,500 crore, 62 lakh toilets and over 2,500 km of roads.

Besides these, the Centre and PM Modi in particular were doing a lot for the Tamil language.

In many global fora, the Prime Minister has heaped praise on Tamil language, its icons, the Tamil culture and the literature. Tamil classic Tirukkural has been translated into 13 Indian languages. Shah highlighted the Kashi and Saurashtra Tamil Sangamam events and said it was an effort by the Centre to popularise the language in Uttar Pradesh and Gujarat, respectively.

Referring to the 2019 summit between Modi and Chinese President Xi Jinping at Mamallapuram near here, Shah said the PM promoted Tamil Nadu's tourism by inviting the neighbouring country's leader for talks here. He also hailed the installation of the 'Sengol' (sceptre) in the Parliament during its inauguration last month by Modi.

Further, aspirants can now write CAPF exams and NEET in Tamil, which was not the case when the Congress-led UPA, in which the DMK was a key constituent, was in power, he said.

Expressing confidence that the BJP will return to power with 300 seats in the 2024 Lok Sabha polls, the Union Cooperation Minister wanted Tamil Nadu to return 25 NDA parliamentarians, and said some among them could be inducted in the cabinet as well.



GREAT EXPECTATIONS: Farmers sow rice saplings in a paddy field at Awantipora in Pulwama district, Jammu and Kashmir

PTI PHOTO

# CHINAR TREES LOPPED FOR SRINAGAR SMART CITY PLAN

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**Srinagar, June 11:** Several chinar trees, which line the iconic Polo View Road in Srinagar, have been lopped by the authorities as part of the Smart City project, leading to an outcry by environmental activists.

Raja Muzaffar Bhat, an environmental activist, said chinar trees are a heritage of Kashmir and if the government had to cut down these trees because of road-widening projects or construction of flyovers, there is a provision of transplantation.

"Even if the trees are 300 to 400 years old, they can be transplanted. There is a tree transplantation policy in different states. The Delhi gov-



ernment has a policy for tree transplantation and they have transplanted 100-150 year old trees as well. So I don't think that the government should have any problem with transplanting or replanting chinar trees which were lopped around the Polo View area," Bhat said. He cited the example of the first chinar transplantation done in February last year.

"The chinars could have been easily transplanted to different locations like the government did in the case of Ruplank island in Dal Lake," he added.

Athar Aamir Khan, Srinagar Municipal Corporation Commissioner who heads the Srinagar Smart City project, said the lopping was necessary and has been done after following all legal provisions. "Smart City project cannot touch a chinar on its own and we did not. It has gone through a proper process, proper channel. At places where the committees and authorities concerned found that lopping or cutting of dried branches or removal of old dried chinar was required, they have done that," Khan said.

# Cauvery Tribunal unlikely to take up Makedatu dam issue

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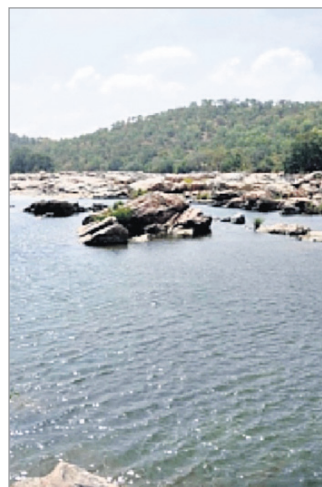
**Chennai, June 11:** The Cauvery Tribunal meeting, which is scheduled to be held in New Delhi June 16, is unlikely to discuss the Makedatu Dam issue which has been a bone of contention between Tamil Nadu and Karnataka.

After the Congress government in Karnataka announced that it has allocated an amount of ₹8000 crore for the construction of Makedatu Dam across Cauvery, pressure has started to build in Tamil Nadu. The state's Water Resources Minister S. Duraimurugan said that Tamil Nadu would not allow any construction across the Cauvery.

Meanwhile, the Cauvery Tribunal has said that it will not take any decision regarding the issue as the tribunal has taken a position of 'uniform stand' on the issue pertaining to Makedatu or any other issue associated with Cauvery basin as the matter is before the Supreme Court.

Tamil Nadu has been consistently opposing Karnataka raising the Makedatu dam issue. In the petition filed before the Supreme Court, Tamil Nadu has said that the planning of the Makedatu dam across the Cauvery river was in gross violation of the Cauvery Water Disputes Tribunal verdict of February 5, 2007.

As per sources in Tamil Nadu Water Resources Department, the state will try to push the case of Makedatu Dam before the Cauvery Tribunal.



# This Taj Mahal is for mother

INDO-ASIAN NEWS SERVICE

**Chennai, June 11:** In a unique love for his mother, a Chennai-based businessman has constructed a mini Taj Mahal in memory of his mother.

The mini Taj Mahal constructed



at a cost of ₹5 crore at Tiruvarur in Tamil Nadu which is the hometown of the businessman is drawing crowds from across the state. Amrudeen Sheikh Dawood Sahib is a hardware businessman in Chennai and the only male member among the five siblings. His father Abdul Kader Sheikh Dawood was a businessman in Chennai and dealt with leather goods. However, Abdul Kader Sheikh passed away while his children were very young. His wife, Jailani Beevi was a person who did not give up easily and struggled hard to run the business and to bring up the five children, including four girls. All the children grew up and after the four

sisters were married off, Amrudeen Sheikh also got married.

In 2020 Jailani Beevi passed away, which was a major shock to Amrudeen, as he was the one who had helped his mother from a very tender age in the shop and was always moving around with her. She passed away on a new moon day and Amrudeen decided to feast 1,000 people on every new moon day with biryani.

However, Amrudeen thought that this was not enough and later came across the idea of constructing a mini Taj Mahal for his mother. He bought one acre land at his ancestral village, Ammayiappan, and with the support of a builder friend started constructing the monument.

He bought marble from Rajasthan and made pathways and walkways around the monument just like in the Taj Mahal at Agra and June 2, the monument was opened to the public.

It has meditation centres where people of all faiths can meditate and a madrasa where 10 students are presently staying.

Amrudeen, however, did not give publicity to the Taj Mahal of the South and people came to know of this through word of mouth.

# TN may slip into debt trap: Experts

INDO-ASIAN NEWS SERVICE

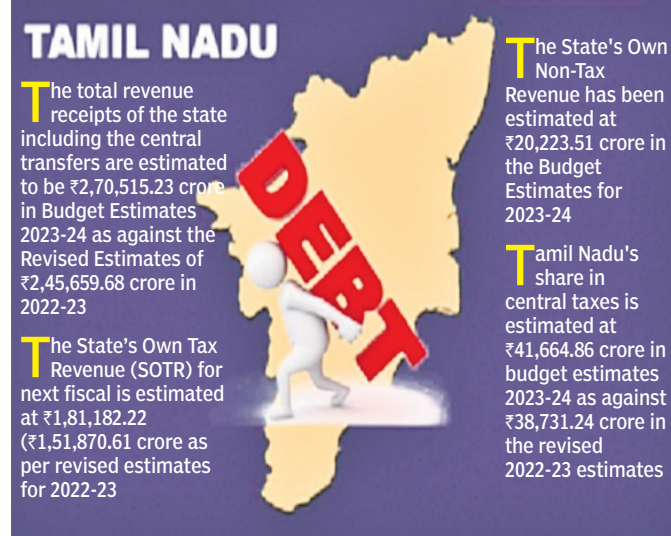
**Chennai, June 11:** Tamil Nadu will fall into a debt trap if the government continues to borrow to pay the old debt without focusing on infrastructure development, attracting real investments in manufacturing, preventing leakage, widening tax base and boosting the investors confidence, said experts.

"Is Tamil Nadu moving towards a debt trap? The answer is a sound yes," said Sriram Seshadri, Founder and Managing Partner, Disha Consulting and formerly Partner and Managing Director, Accenture India, told IANS.

Continuing further he added: "Tamil Nadu is borrowing to retire its earlier debt and meet revenue expenditure. The interest outgo is almost one-third of the revenue. The cost of borrowing is going up year after year."

According to Seshadri, the state is reckless in giving freebies and subsidies to all and cited the 100 units of free power - by the AIADMK government - to all domestic consumers as one example.

Most of the budgetary allocations are towards revenue expenditure and not much for infrastructure development and the possibility of long term revenue is



not there, he added. He said the state got into the vicious cycle of borrowing to retire earlier debt five years back. Presenting the state budget for 2023-24 and the Medium Term Fiscal Plan (MTFP) the former Finance Minister Palanivel Thiaga Rajan said Tamil Nadu plans to borrow a sum of ₹1,43,197.93 crore during and make a repayment of ₹51,331.79 crore. According to MTFP, the grants-in-aid from the central govern-

ment for FY24 is estimated at ₹27,444.64 crore and the reduction is due to the stoppage of GST Compensation from June 30, 2022, onwards.

"This has resulted in a shortfall of around ₹20,000 crores per annum. Further, from the current year onwards, funds for several centrally sponsored schemes are being directly released to the bank accounts of implementing agencies and local bodies or beneficiaries (in the case of scholarships), with-

out being received into the Consolidated Fund of the State," the MTFP notes. The revenue expenditure is estimated at ₹3,08,055.68 crore for 2023-24 and the capital expenditure will be ₹44,365.59 crore. The revenue deficit for 2023-24 is estimated at ₹37,540.45 crore.

Ramachandran said Punjab, Rajasthan, Kerala, West Bengal, Bihar, Andhra Pradesh, Jharkhand, Madhya Pradesh, Uttar Pradesh, and Haryana are the states with the highest debt burden in India.

Tamil Nadu had an outstanding liability of about ₹4.73 lakh crore at the end of March 2022 on funds raised through the issue of bonds, Ramachandran said.

Adding further Ramachandran said Tamil Nadu is one of the few States that have been focusing on elongating the maturity profile of their market borrowings.

Widening the tax base, plugging the leakage are some of the concrete measures Tamil Nadu should implement to shore up its finances.

According to Seshadri, increasing the tax revenue does not mean hiking tax rates and other charges is like flogging the dead horse. The current DMK government has done this by increasing the power tariff and other rates.



# national

## of the day quote

India is always ready to lend a helping hand whenever there is a crisis

I will only say that like in the Shiv Sena, Uddhav ji became the CM himself, and made his son a minister, the same is happening in the NCP as well

A history of development has been created in Rajasthan under the Congress government

## SHORT TAKES

### Two shot dead

**Dewas:** Two persons were shot dead and one man was seriously injured in a clash between two families over an old dispute in Madhya Pradesh's Dewas district Sunday, a police official said. Superintendent of Police Sampat Upadhyay said gunshots were fired during a clash between the Godara and Dedadh families in the morning in Gola Guthan village under Satwas police station limits, some 80 kilometres from the district headquarters.

### Youth arrested

**Thane:** A 20-year-old man was arrested Sunday for allegedly pushing a minor girl to death from a abandoned high-rise building in Navi Mumbai, police said. The NRI police have arrested the accused under section 302 (murder) of the Indian Penal Code for the incident that took place on June 8, an official said. The accused had allegedly taken the 16-year-old victim to the eighth floor of an unfinished and abandoned building in Belapur, he said.

### Man fined

**Latur:** The civic body in Maharashtra's Latur city has registered a case against a man and imposed a fine of Rs 1 lakh on him for allegedly cutting down a tree, an official said Sunday. The man, a resident of ward no 15, allegedly cut down a 40-foot tall tree on Saturday and was in the process of felling another tree when a team of civic officials intervened, he said. The Latur Municipal Corporation issued a notice to the man imposing a fine of Rs 1 lakh on him and lodged a police complaint, based on which a case has been registered against him, the official said.

### Girl raped

**Tikamgarh (MP):** An 11-year-old girl was allegedly raped by the owner of a residential school and his brother in Madhya Pradesh's Tikamgarh district, police said Sunday. The residential school, housing about 30 students from Classes 1 to 6, is being run illegally in Bhatogra village, around 40 km from the district headquarters, Khargapur police station in-charge Nitesh Jain said. Based on a complaint, the police on Saturday arrested the two accused under sections 376 (rape), 506 (death threat) of the Indian Penal Code and relevant provisions of the Protection of Children from Sexual Offences (POCSO) Act, he said.

### Three dead

**Palghar:** Three persons in the 19-22 age group were killed in a road accident on Mumbai - Ahmedabad Highway in Maharashtra's Palghar district, a police official said Sunday. The deceased were travelling on a motorcycle when it was hit by a container truck near Sativali, Palghar police PRO said.



**The Congress does not want to get involved in polarisation and leaves that issue to the Bhartiya Janata Party**  
DK SHIVAKUMAR | KARNATAKA DEPUTY CM

**PUNJAB HIKES PRICE**  
Cash-strapped Punjab government Sunday increased petrol price by 92 paise per litre and diesel price by 88 paise. The cost of one litre of petrol in the state will now be Rs 98.65 while diesel prices will be Rs 88.95 per litre



# Will not back down on demands: Pilot

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

**Dausa, June 11:** Dissident Congress leader Sachin Pilot Sunday said people's trust is the "biggest asset" for him and asserted that he will keep fighting to get them justice and not back down on his demands.

He has been attacking the Ashok Gehlot-led Congress government in Rajasthan over alleged inaction into charges of corruption levelled by him against the previous Vasundhara Raje-led BJP dispensation.

"God gives the biggest justice and if not today, then tomorrow justice will be done," said Pilot, who has been engaged in a power tussle with Gehlot since the Congress formed government in the state in 2018. The state's former deputy chief minister has also demanded disbanding of the Rajasthan Public Service Commission and its reconstitution, and a compensation for those affected by government job exam paper leak cases.

Addressing a programme after unveiling a statue of his father and former Union minister Rajesh Pilot on his death anniversary at the Gurjar hostel here, Sachin Pilot said his father saw many ups and downs through his political career but he never compromised on his ideals and self-respect, and left an indelible mark with his working style.

"Those who are in politics today, we may have a different thought process and ideology, but the collective purpose should be clear in politics," he said, adding that "today, the need of this country is to speak fearlessly, to support truth and honesty, and not to compromise even in adverse circumstances".

Sachin Pilot also said as Rajasthan Congress chief, he had also taken on the BJP when it was

**I believe that whether we are in any position or not, the public always weighs what you have said and what you used to do. For me, credibility among the public is the first priority. People's trust, promises made to them and credibility are the biggest assets in politics**

SACHIN PILOT | CONGRESS LEADER

in power in the state. He was removed from the party post as well as deputy chief minister in 2020 after he led a revolt against the Gehlot government.

Earlier, there was intense speculation over Sachin Pilot announcing his plans about his political future at this programme. However, the Congress has exuded confidence that a "positive solution" would be found to the intra-party discord in Rajasthan and rubbished reports that he will float a new party.

The Congress leader said, "I believe that whether we are in any position or not, the public always weighs what you have said and what you used to do. For me, credibility among the public is the first priority. People's trust, promises made to them and credibility are the biggest assets in politics."

"In the coming times also, your trust is the biggest asset for me, I will never let it decrease, I promise," he said and added that no matter what situation, it is his promise to fight for the people and get them justice.

Sachin Pilot accused the previous Raje government of being involved in corruption and made a veiled attack on Gehlot for his reaction to the demands raised by him regarding compensation to candidates over paper leak cases.



A monkey at play in New Delhi, Sunday

PTI PHOTO

# BJP scared of Uddhav: Raut

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

**Mumbai, June 11:** Shiv Sena (UBT) Rajya Sabha MP Sanjay Raut Sunday claimed the Bharatiya Janata Party was "scared" of his party chief Uddhav Thackeray and said it was a good thing.

The comments came a day after Union Home Minister Amit Shah in a rally in Nanded tore into Thackeray over the chain of events post the 2019 Assembly polls which led to the unravelling of the Shiv Sena-BJP alliance. Shah called Thackeray's joining hands with the Nationalist Congress Party and Congress to form the Maha Vikas Aghadi government as betrayal for the sake of power.

In a social media post, Raut said, "It is good the BJP is scared of Uddhav Thackeray. It ensured a split in the party (Shiv Sena), gave name and its symbol to traitors; still the fear of Uddhav Thackeray and Shiv Sena (original) has not gone." "Amit Shah spoke for 20 minutes of which seven minutes were spent on Uddhavji. His speech is amusing. I wonder whether his rally at Nanded was part of BJP's Maha Sampark Abhiyan or an occasion



to criticise Thackeray," Raut added.

The Shiv Sena (UBT) leader said the BJP must introspect about the questions posed to Thackeray. The BJP is caught in its own web, Raut claimed. Leader of Opposition in the Legislative Council Ambadas Danve said the BJP keeps criticising the Shiv Sena (UBT) for breaking the alliance and forsaking Hindutva by joining hands with the NCP and Congress.

In a tweet, Danve said, "I am curious about what kind of

Hindutva BJP achieved when it joined hands with Farooq Abdullah, Mebooba Mufti, Nitish Kumar, Mayawati, Om Prakash Chautala among others."

Alleging the BJP was trying to lure some leaders into forging an alliance before the 2024 Lok Sabha polls, Danve said the BJP's Hindutva remains intact when it gets together with these secular parties. But the Shiv Sena (UBT) gets criticised for doing the same, Danve claimed.

# PM inaugurates National Training Conclave

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

**New Delhi, June 11:** Prime Minister Narendra Modi inaugurated the first 'National Training Conclave' here Sunday and highlighted the importance of capacity building, ending silos and enhancing service delivery.

He addressed more than 1,500 participants at the event at Pragati Maidan drawn from training and research institutes across the country. "Attended the National Training Conclave today, a part of our efforts to learn and serve better. Highlighted the importance of capacity building, ending silos and enhancing service delivery," Modi said on Twitter after the event.

"We shall keep transforming challenges into opportunities for a New India," Modi said. An official statement said Modi has been a



proponent of improving the governance process and policy implementation in the country through capacity building of civil service.

As part of this vision, the National Programme for Civil Services Capacity Building (NPC-SCB) - 'Mission Karmayogi' - was launched to prepare a future-ready civil service with the right attitude, skills and knowledge. This conclave is yet another step in this direction, it said.

The event is being hosted by the Capacity Building Commission with an objective to foster collaboration among civil services training institutes and strengthen the training infrastructure for civil servants across the country. Civil servants from central government departments, state governments, local governments, as well as experts from the private sector are taking part in the deliberations, according to the statement.

# Abhishek shown black flags at Matua bastion

INDO-ASIAN NEWS SERVICE

**Kolkata, June 11:** Trinamool Congress's national General Secretary Abhishek Banerjee faced massive protests and was shown black flags after he reached the Matua bastion of Thakurnagar in West Bengal's North 24 Parganas district on Sunday as part of his ongoing mass-outreach programme.

Matuas, a scheduled caste community, originally from neighbouring Bangladesh, constitutes a sizable portion of voters in several Lok Sabha and Assembly constituencies in the state.



Thakurnagar is considered their traditional base.

As Banerjee reached the residence and temple of Matua spiritual leader, late Binapani Devi a.k.a. Boro Ma, several people from the community started showing him black flags and shouting slogans that he will not be allowed to enter the temple. The situation turned even more serious as Union Minister and local MP Santanu Thakur, escorted by central armed forces personnel and his associates, reached the spot. With the help of the central forces personnel, he locked the gate of the temple from inside. Unable to enter the main temple, Banerjee offered the puja from outside the temple.

# Keralite sailors were forced to drink toilet water

The ship along with its crew was taken into custody first by Equatorial Guinea on allegations that the ship had crossed its territorial waters and the sailors were there in custody for three months

INDO-ASIAN NEWS SERVICE

**Kochi, June 11:** Three Keralite sailors, who were released from Nigerian captivity after 10 months and reached home June 10, told media persons that they were forced to drink toilet water in captivity.

The three, Sanu Joseph from Kochi, who was the Chief Officer of the Ship; Heroic Idun along with V. Vijith, third officer of the ship from Kollam and Milton D'couth, who was the ship's oiler from Mulavukad in Kochi, reached home Saturday.



The ship along with its crew was taken into custody first by Equatorial Guinea on allegations that the ship had crossed its territorial waters and the sailors were there in custody for three months.

There were reports that the shipping company had paid a heavy ransom to the Equatorial Guinea, but they were not released and in between the Government of Nigeria brought in fresh charges that the

crew in the ship had smuggled oil from Nigerian oil tankers. The Nigerian police took the vessel and the sailors into custody and the ordeal continued for the next eight months. The Government of India as well as several other agencies intervened in the matter and secured the release of the sailors.

The sailors said that they suffered too much in captivity and many of them fell ill due to malarial fever and were to be hospitalised. One of the sailors said that they had lost hope and never expected to see the family and friends again.



# The importance of being Brij Bhushan

The case of six-term Lok Sabha MP Brij Bhushan Sharan Singh has baffled a large section of the BJP. Normally, the BJP leadership is very quick in showing the door to such elements, be it Minister of State for External Affairs M J Akbar who was asked to quit or taking action in other cases. But Delhi Police's duplicity surfaced when it lost no time in arresting Maharana Pratap Sena Chief Rajyavardhan Singh Parmar for allegedly sexually assaulting inside the UP Bhawan. But the "shield of invincibility"

given to Singh is surprising as Delhi Police refused to register an FIR against Brij Bhushan Sharan Singh when the wrestlers visited the Connaught Place Police station in January. They had to knock at the doors of the Supreme Court to get the FIR registered on April 25, 2023. It is whispered in the corridors of power that Singh is perhaps the only BJP MP who publicly slammed Yogi Adityanath on many occasions and the UP Chief Minister does nothing against him. This could be one of the reasons that the 'Bahubal' enjoys unstinting support of the party high command.

# Bansal is back

The mighty Sunil Bansal has been quietly ruled UP ever since BJP came back to power in 2017. He was having a running battle with Yogi Adityanath as he had the stunted support of the BJP high command and had sway over the government machinery as well. However, he was sent out of UP at the

bidding of Union Home Minister Amit Shah and given charge of three key states to strengthen the party before the 2024 Lok Sabha polls. In a surprising development, Bansal was brought back to UP to oversee a mega-outreach campaign marking the month-long 9 years of Modi government celebrations. Though Bansal has been brought for a month, there are many who believe that he will continue to play a key role in UP as well during the 2024 Lok Sabha polls preparations.

# Vasundhara bounces back

The humiliating defeat of the BJP in Karnataka Assembly polls seems to have a cascading effect on the party high command. The leadership realized that if state leaders having wider following are sidelined, it would be difficult for the party to retain those states. Since five states (MP, Rajasthan, Chhattisgarh, Telangana and Mizoram) are set to go to polls in November-December this year, the high command took a 180 degree turn. If a breather was given to

Madhya Pradesh Chief Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan, Rajasthan also witnessed unprecedented summersault by the high command. Former Chief Minister Vasundhara Raje Scindia who was a persona non-grata for the past four years, was found sitting next to Modi at the podium exchanging pleasantries in full public view at the BJP's Ajmer rally on May 31.

# Rahul vs Modi in 2024?

The ruling BJP is keenly watching the efforts of Opposition parties to give a one-to-one fight in Lok Sabha polls due in 2024. With the Congress victory in Karnataka, the Rahul Gandhi camp is elated and wants to project under whose leadership the general elections may be fought. Insiders in the BJP say that the ruling party will be too happy if it becomes a "Modi vs Rahul" battle in 2024. The Opposition parties are yet to take a decision on this. The BJP and Congress will fight a bitter battle in almost 170 Lok Sabha seats while BJP is pitted against regional and other parties in the rest of the country.



### Odisha girls reign supreme in rugby

**Pune:** Odisha reigned supreme in the women's National Rugby 7s, winning the junior and senior titles at the Shree Shiv Chhatrapati Sports Complex in Balewadi here. They thrashed hosts Maharashtra 31-7 in the final to clinch the Senior National Rugby 7s title, Saturday. In the semifinals, Odisha trounced West Bengal 26-5, while Maharashtra outplayed Kerala 14-5. Earlier in the junior category also, the eyes had emerged champions defeating Maharashtra 52-0. In the semifinals they had defeated Bihar 22-17 in a hard-fought game.

### India end on a high beating Argentina

**Eindhoven (Netherlands):** India returned to winning ways with a 2-1 victory over Argentina in the FIH Pro League hockey tournament here Sunday, ending the 2022-23 season on a positive note. The goals for India were scored by Akashdeep Singh (first minute) and Sukhjeet Singh (13th). Toscani Lucas pulled one back for Argentina minutes before the final hooter. It was a good turnaround for India after the 2-3 reverse they had suffered against the Netherlands, Saturday.

### Odisha's Sunelita in senior core group

**Bangalore:** Upcoming Indian forward Sunelita Toppo from Sundargarh has been named in the 33-member women's hockey team core probable group for the upcoming Asian Games. Sunelita was part of the team that won their maiden junior Asia Cup Sunday. She scored two goals in India's 11-0 hammering of Chinese Taipei which booked their semifinal berth. She also scored in the semifinal against hosts Japan. The two other Odia players in 33 selected as core probables are Deep Grace Ekka and Mariana Kujur. The camp began Sunday at the SAI complex here under the watchful eyes of chief coach Janneke Schopman.

# City complete historic treble

Maiden Champions League title for Manchester City to go with their Premier League and FA Cup triumph

AGENCIES

**Istanbul, June 11:** Manchester City won the first Champions League in their history here late Saturday evening. In the process they became the second Premier League team achieve the 'historic' treble. Manchester United under Sir Alex Ferguson were the first English side to win three titles including the Champions League in 1999.

Manchester City began favourites, but had to work hard to overcome a spirited Inter Milan 1-0 with Rodri's sweetly-struck goal making the difference. Rodri side-footed the ball into the net on 68 minutes after Bernardo Silva pulled back a cross that fell perfectly for the unmarked Spaniard at the Ataturk Olympic Stadium here. It ensured the third trophy for City who have already won the Premier League and FA Cup this season. It was Guardiola's third Champions League title, his other two coming during his tenure with Barcelona.

The outcome could have been different had Romelu Lukaku's header not been stopped by goalkeeper Ederson's leg minutes later. Earlier in the second half, City also enjoyed a slice of luck when



Federico Dimarco's goalbound header was blocked by his own player, Lukaku.

Inter had kept City goalless in a cagey first half marked by the injury-enforced exit of midfielder Kevin De Bruyne in the 36th minute, to be replaced by Phil Foden. Guardiola said his team's maiden

Champions League title was 'written in the stars'. City finally got their hands on club football's biggest trophy despite having to ride their luck. "It's so difficult to win it (title)," Guardiola told 'BT Sport' after the nervy victory. "They (players) are really good. 'Be patient', I said at half time. It was written

in the stars. It belongs to us," Guardiola added.

Guardiola said all the titles have been possible due to the efforts of the players. "After the World Cup, the team made a step forward and we were there," said Guardiola, whose side completed the campaign with just one loss.

# No doubt, Novak is the new GOAT

Serbian clinches 23rd Grand Slam singles title with win at French Open leaving arch rival Rafael Nadal behind



AGENCIES

**Paris, June 11:** Novak Djokovic made clear for years that this was his goal and it is this feat that drove him, inspired him. The biggest titles from his sport's biggest stages were Djokovic's main aim and now he finally stands alone - ahead of Rafael Nadal, ahead of Roger Federer, ahead of every man who ever has swung a racket. If stats were to be considered, simply stats, Djokovic has now emerged as the GOAT (Greatest Of All Time).

If Djokovic could wait this long to hold this record, he certainly could wait for the half-hour or so it took to straighten out his strokes in the French Open final. And so, after a bit of a shaky start in thick, humid air and under foreboding charcoal clouds Sunday, he imposed himself. The opponent at Court Philippe Chatrier, Casper Ruud, never really stood a serious chance after that.

Djokovic earned his men's-record

23rd Grand Slam singles championship, breaking a tie with Nadal and moving three in front of the retired Federer, with a 7-6 (7-1), 6-3, 7-5 victory over Ruud that really was not in doubt for most of the three hours and 13 minutes the match was on.

Djokovic, a 36-year-old from Serbia, puts this one alongside the French Open titles he earned in 2016 and 2021, making him the only man with at least three from each Major event. He has won 10 trophies at the Australian Open, seven at Wimbledon and three at the US Open.

Getting to 23 Grand Slam singles titles not only sets the mark for men, but it also lets Djokovic equal Serena Williams, who wrapped up her career last year, for the most by anyone in the Open era, which began in 1968. Margaret Court won some of her all-time record of 24 Slam trophies in the amateur era.

# Australia are world Test champs

AGENCIES

**London, June 11:** India, for all their financial clout and hoo-ha around cricket, lost yet again when it mattered the most, as their underwhelming record in ICC tournaments continued with a 209-run hammering by Australia in the World Test Championship (WTC) final here Sunday.

In any game one team has to lose while there is always a victor.

However, the manner in which India surrendered will certainly be disappointing for their fans. Resuming at their overnight score of 164 for three India could add only 70 runs as they lost seven wickets in a heap. The decision to drop Ravichandran Ashwin will continue to haunt them as Aussie off-spinner Nathan Lyon picked up four wickets in the second innings.

Prior to that, Australian pacer Scott Boland (3/46) produced a

bowling spell of rare quality to get rid of Virat Kohli (49) and Ravindra Jadeja (0) in the same over, effectively shutting the door on India.

Skipper Rohit Sharma lamented that the bowlers had failed to use the favourable conditions after India won the toss on day one.

**Brief scores:** Australia 469 and 270 for 8 decl beat India 296 and 234 (Virat Kohli 49, Ajinkya Rahane 46, Nathan Lyon 4/41, Scott Boland 3/46) by 209 runs.

# Roshan to lead Odisha team

POST NEWS NETWORK

**Bhubaneswar, June 11:** The Hockey Association of Odisha announced Sunday an 18-member squad for the 13th HI Junior Men's national championships to be played at the Birsamunda hockey stadium in Rourkela June 12 to June 22. On the opening day, Odisha will face Hockey Gujarat. Last year, Odisha had finished fourth.

Odisha are in Group D which also have the Hockey Gujarat,

Manipur Hockey and Hockey Jammu and Kashmir squads. The Odisha team will be led by midfielder Roshan Kujur while defender Anmol Ekka will be his deputy.

**The other members of the squad are:** Nelsan Barla and Vivek Lakra (Goalkeepers), Wilson Xaxa, Aakash Soreng, Parsant Birla, Sanjit Tirkey and Asit Lakra (Defenders), Ranjit Lakra, Ritik Kujur, Arbin Toppo, and Jasman Munda (Midfielders), Pratap Toppo, Deepak Minz, Paulus Lakra and Silheiba Lisham (forwards).

# Aditya shines

POST NEWS NETWORK

**Bhubaneswar, June 11:** Odisha's Aditya Bikram Acharya achieved a triple crown by winning the boys' under-14, boys' under-16 singles and doubles titles in the TAB AITA OTA tennis championships that concluded Saturday at the Kalinga Stadium. In the girls' category Odisha's Aahan won the under-14 and under-16 singles titles. In the boys' U-14 final Aditya defeated Eeshan Chaudhuri 6-2,6-3.

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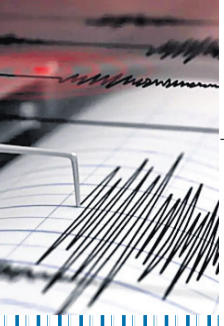
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There is nothing wrong with the agreement (with the West), but the infrastructure of our nuclear industry should not be touched  
AYATOLLAH ALI KHAMENEI | IRAN'S SUPREME LEADER

## QUAKE RATTLES NORTHERN JAPAN

A magnitude 6.2 earthquake shook Japan's northernmost main island of Hokkaido Sunday, but there were no immediate reports of damage or injuries. No tsunami warning was issued. There were no reports of problems at the nuclear plants in the area, or of disruptions to power supply or bullet trains running in northern Japan



## of the day quote

Of course, the Czech government has a fairly clear policy on how we maintain relations with Taiwan, so I don't expect us to veer from this in any way  
JAN LIPAVSKY | CZECH FOREIGN MINISTER

Imran Khan's problem with the Pakistan Army began in April of last year when it declared that it would not get involved in politics and would not take sides  
BILAWAL BHUTTO ZARDARI | PAKISTAN FOREIGN MINISTER

Taiwan, with a population of 23 million compared to China's 1.4 billion, has to defend itself and is not asking other countries to fight for it  
JOSEPH WU | MINISTER OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS OF THE REPUBLIC OF CHINA

## SHORT TAKES

**9 wounded in mass shooting**  
San Francisco: Nine people were wounded in a mass shooting in San Francisco's Mission District Friday night in what police said appeared to be a "targeted and isolated" incident. The San Francisco Chronicle reported that the shooting happened shortly after 9 p.m. During a party hosted by a clothing store near the intersection of 24th Street and Treat Avenue.

**Indian-origin ex-cop jailed**  
London: A former Indian-origin police officer has been sentenced to 16 months in prison for sexually assaulting a colleague in 2020 while both were on duty. Police constable (PC) Archit Sharma, who was attached to the North Area Command Unit, was sentenced at the Wood Green Crown Court on Friday, and he will be on the Sex Offenders Register for 10 years.

**IS militants kill 2 Iraqi soldiers**  
Baghdad: Islamic State group militants attacked an Iraqi army position in the northern governorate of Kirkuk, killing two military officers and wounding three soldiers, Iraq's security media office said in a statement Sunday. The Iraqi Security Media Cell said militants belonging to the extremist group late Saturday targeted the military position in the district of Dibis with light and medium weapons but did not provide further details.

**China renews blue alert for rainstorms**  
Beijing: China's meteorological authorities Sunday renewed a blue alert for rainstorms in various regions across the country. From 8 a.m. Sunday to 8 a.m. Monday, heavy rains or rainstorms are forecast to hit parts of Guangxi, Guangdong, Hainan, Taiwan, Tibet, Sichuan, Yunnan, Henan and Hubei, with up to 120 millimeters of rain expected in northern Hainan, according to the National Meteorological Centre.

**Minor earthquake shakes Johannesburg**  
Johannesburg: An earthquake shook South Africa's biggest city, Johannesburg, early Sunday. The US Geological Survey, which records earthquakes around the world, recorded a 5.0 magnitude earthquake at 2.38 am local time. It said the epicentre was 6 kilometers (3.7 miles) from Alberton, a town on the southeastern outskirts of Johannesburg.

# US confirms China has had a spy base in Cuba

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Washington, June 11: China has been operating a spy base in Cuba since at least 2019, part of a global effort by Beijing to upgrade its intelligence-gathering capabilities, according to a Biden administration official.

The official, who was not authorised to comment publicly and spoke on the condition of anonymity, said the US intelligence community has been aware of China's spying from Cuba and a larger effort to set up intelligence-gathering operations around the globe for some time.

The Biden administration has stepped up efforts to thwart the Chinese push to expand its spying operations and believes it has made some progress through diplomacy and other unspecified action, according to the official, who was familiar with US intelligence on the matter.

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Thursday that China and Cuba had reached an agreement in principle to build an electronic eavesdropping station on the island. The Journal reported China planned to pay a cash-strapped Cuba billions of dollars as part of the negotiations. The White House called the report inaccurate.

"I've seen that press report, it's not accurate," White House National Security Council spokesman John Kirby said in an MSNBC interview Thursday.

"What I can tell you is that we have been concerned since day one of this administration about China's influence activities around the world; certainly in this hemisphere and in this region, we're watching this very, very closely."

The US intelligence community had determined Chinese spying from Cuba has been an "ongoing" matter and is "not a new development," the administration official said. Cuban Deputy Foreign Minister Carlos Fernández de Cossío also refuted the report in

■ Tensions between the US and China have been fraught throughout Biden's term

■ The relationship may have hit a nadir last year after then-House Speaker Nancy Pelosi's visit to democratically governed Taiwan

■ That visit, the first by a sitting House speaker since Newt Gingrich in 1997, led China, which claims the island as its territory, to launch military exercises around Taiwan

■ US-China relations became further strained early this year after the US shot down a Chinese spy balloon that had crossed the United States

America, the Middle East, Central Asia, Africa and the Indo-Pacific. The effort included looking at existing collection facilities in Cuba, and China conducted an upgrade of its spying operation on the island in 2019, the official said.

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Blinken expects to be in Beijing June 18 for meetings with senior Chinese officials, according to US officials, who spoke Friday on condition of anonymity because neither the State Department nor the Chinese foreign ministry has yet confirmed the trip.

## Heavy rains kill 34 in Pak



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Peshawar, June 11: Torrential rains coupled with strong winds and thunderstorms have killed at least 34 people and injured over 100 others in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa province in northwest Pakistan.

According to the Provincial Disaster Management Authority (PDMA), the heavy rains that lashed the region Saturday killed people in Bannu, Dikhan, Lakki Marwat and Karak districts.

The casualties occurred due to collapsing of walls and uprooting of trees in parts of southern districts. More than 110 people who sustained injuries have been shifted to hospitals. The provincial government has released Rs 40 million for rehabilitation and relief activities. At least 69 homes have been damaged in Lakki, Karak and Bannu.

# Nicola Sturgeon arrested in SNP's finances probe

The police investigation is looking at what happened to more than 6,00,000 pounds (\$745,000) raised by Scottish independence campaigners in 2017, which was supposed to have been ring-fenced but may have been used for other purposes



745,000) of donations given to the party by independence activists.

The spokeswoman said: "Nicola Sturgeon has today, Sunday 11 June, by arrangement with Police Scotland, attended an interview where she was to be arrested and questioned in relation to Operation Branchform. "Nicola has consistently said she would cooperate with the investigation if asked and continues to do so."

Officers searched Sturgeon's home and the SNP's headquarters in Edinburgh April 5, with Murrell being arrested before later being released without charge pending further investigation. A luxury motorhome which sells for about 110,000 pounds was also seized by police from outside the home of Murrell's mother in Dunfermline. Almost two weeks later, SNP treasurer Colin Beattie was also arrested and released without charge while further inquiries were carried out.

Beattie resigned as party treasurer shortly afterwards. Sturgeon, Murrell and Beattie were the three signatories on the SNP's accounts.

## Imran booked in land scam case

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Lahore, June 11: Pakistan's former prime minister Imran Khan was booked Sunday in yet another case related to the purchase of over 5,000 kanals (625 acres) of land at throwaway prices through fraud in the country's Punjab province.

The total number of cases against the 70-year-old Pakistan Tehreek-i-Insaf (PTI) chief has now swelled to over 140 following his ouster as the prime minister of Pakistan in April last year.

Khan's cases mostly relate to terrorism, inciting the public to violence, arson attacks, blasphemy, attempted murder, corruption and fraud. The Anti-Corruption Establishment (ACE) of Punjab registered the new case against Khan. Khan's sister Uzma Khan, her husband and former Punjab chief minister Usman Buzdar have also been booked. "Khan and other suspects are accused of buying 5,261 kanals of expensive land in Layyah district of Punjab at cheap rates. They bought the land at PKR 13 crores against the actual price of PKR 6 billion (600 crores)," the ACE said.



The ACE said the suspect, using political influence, "snatched" 500-kanal land from the local people who had been living there for many years. According to ACE, a raid was conducted to arrest Uzma and her husband in Lahore's Zaman Park area Sunday but they managed to flee. It said the prime suspect in the case is Uzma as the land (over 5,000 acres) is in her name.



Streets are seen under-water and polluted by oil in the flooded Kherson, Ukraine. The destruction of the Kakhovka Dam in southern Ukraine is swiftly evolving into long-term environmental catastrophe. It affects drinking water, food supplies and ecosystems reaching into the Black Sea

# Ukraine says it recaptured a village

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Kyiv, June 11: Ukraine's military Sunday reported recapturing a village in the southeast of the country amid Russian claims of repelling multiple attacks in the area, the latest indication that a highly anticipated Ukrainian counteroffensive might be underway even as officials in Kyiv stop short of publicly acknowledging it.

The 68th Separate Hunting Brigade of the Ukrainian Armed Forces posted a video on Facebook showing soldiers installing a Ukrainian flag on a damaged building in what the post said was the

village of Blahodatne in the partially occupied eastern Donetsk region. In a separate social media post, Ukraine's Ground Forces confirmed that the brigade had retaken Blahodatne.

Myroslav Semeniuk, spokesman for the brigade, told The Associated Press that an assault team captured six Russian troops after entering several buildings where some 60 soldiers were holed up. "The enemy keeps shelling us but this won't stop us," Semeniuk said. "The next village we plan to

reclaim is Urozhayne. After that, (we'll proceed) further south." While the recapture of Blahodatne pointed to a small Ukrainian advance, Western and Ukrainian leaders have repeatedly cautioned that efforts to expel Russian troops more broadly are expected take time. Russia has made much of how its troops have held their ground elsewhere.

The Russian Defence Ministry Sunday continued to insist that it was repelling Ukrainian attacks in the area. It said in a statement that Ukrainian attempts at offensive operations on the southern Donetsk and Zaporizhzhia axes of the frontline over the past 24 hours have been "unsuccessful." Vladimir Rogov, a Russian-installed official in the Zaporizhzhia region,

# THREAT OF TERRORISM RISING IN AFGHAN: UN

The UN report added that the friction within the Taliban leadership has been overtaken by growing frustrations with the direction of the de facto authorities

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United Nations, June 11: The link between the Taliban and Al-Qaeda and Tehrik-e-Taliban Pakistan remains "strong and symbiotic", according to a UN report which said the ability of terrorist groups to freely manoeuvre under the Taliban de facto authorities in Afghanistan is raising the threat of terrorism in the country and the region.

The fourteenth report of the Analytical Support and Sanctions Monitoring Team of the 1988 Taliban Sanctions Committee of the UN Security Council said that contrary to statements to not allow Afghan soil to be used for attacks against other countries, the Taliban have harboured and allowed active support of Tehrik-e-Taliban Pakistan. While maintaining links to numerous terrorist entities, the

Taliban have lobbied member states for counter-terrorism assistance in its fight against the Islamic State of Iraq and the Levant - Khorasan Province (ISIL-K), which it perceives as its principal rival.

"The link between the Taliban and both Al-Qaeda and Tehrik-e-Taliban Pakistan (TTP) remains strong and symbiotic. A range of terrorist groups have greater freedom of manoeuvre under the Taliban de facto authorities. They are making good use of this, and the threat of terrorism is rising in both Afghanistan and the region," the report, issued here on Friday, said.

It added that while they have sought to reduce the profile of these groups and have conducted operations against ISIL-K, in general, the Taliban have not delivered on the counter-terrorism provisions under the Agreement for Bringing

Peace to Afghanistan between the United States of America and the Taliban.

Further, there are indications that Al-Qaeda is rebuilding operational capability, that TTP is launching attacks into Pakistan with support from the Taliban, that groups of foreign terrorist fighters are projecting threat across Afghanistan's borders and that the operations of ISIL-K are becoming more sophisticated and lethal (if not more numerous), it said.

The report added that the Taliban harbouring and supporting TTP evidences a threat projecting beyond the borders of Afghanistan and negates the group's numerous assertions that Afghanistan's soil will not be used for carrying out attacks against other countries.

The present Monitoring Team report, the first in which the Taliban have been in power for the entirety



of the reporting period, finds that the Taliban leadership shows no signs of bending to pressure for reform or compromise, in the hope of earning international political recognition.

The report said that the relationship between the Taliban and

Al-Qaeda remained close and symbiotic, with Al-Qaeda viewing Taliban-administered Afghanistan as a safe haven.

It added that Al-Qaeda seeks to increase its capacity to guide and direct its affiliates and infiltrate its members into the ranks of the

Taliban, TTP and ISIL-K. The group funds its activities from the Al-Qaeda core and donations, including through hawala services and cryptocurrencies.

Members States assessed ISIL-K as the most serious current terrorist threat in Afghanistan, neighbouring countries and Central Asia. Over the past year, the group has benefited from increased operational capabilities and freedom of movement inside Afghanistan.

It seeks to maintain the intense pace of attacks, mostly low impact, combined with sporadic high-impact action to provoke sectarian conflict and destabilize the region in the medium to long term.

Since 2022, ISIL-K has claimed more than 190 suicide bomb attacks against soft and hard targets in major cities, leaving some 1,300 people dead or injured.