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China thwarts bid to blacklist 26/ll accused

United Nations, June 20:
China Tuesday blocked a pro China Tuesday blocked a pro-
posal by India and the US at the United Nations to desig-
nate Pakistan-based Lashkarnate Pakistan-based Lashkar-
e-Taiba (LeT) terrorist Sajid Mir, wanted for his involve-
ment in the $26 / 11$ Mumbai terror attacks, as a global ter-
rorist. rorist.
Beijing blocked the proposa that had been moved by the to blacklist Mir under the 1267
Al Qaeda Sanctions Committee Al Qaeda Sanctions Committee
of the UN Security Council as of the UN Security Council as
a global terrorist and subject
him to assets freeze travel ban a global terrorist and subject and arms embargo.
In September last year, it was
learnt that China had puta hold on the proposal to designate Mir
at the UN. Beijing has now blocked the proposal. Mir, believed to be in his mid
40s, is one of India's most wanted terrorists and has a bounty of
USD 5 million placed on his head by the US for his role in the $26 / 11$ Mumbai terror attacks.
In June last year, Mir was
ailed for jailed for over 15 years in a ter
ror-financing case by an anti-ror-financing case by an ant
terrorism court in Pakistan.

Class XI admission extended till June 26

## LAKHS WITNESS RATHA JATRA

## 180

 police of both the state and
central government deployed to central government deployed to
look after raw and order, and
crowd management

125 special trains to Holy City of
Puri during the mega festival

40 lakh drimking water bottles
besides numerous public water
fountain fountain points for providing
relief to devotees from heat and

## 200

 volunteers deployed on beach toprevent incidents of drowning



POST NEWS NETWORK
Puri, June 20: Braving hot and Puri, June 20: Braving hot and devotees thronged the seaside
town of Puri to catch a glimpse ings - Lord Balabhadra and lings - Lord Babhadra-onhadra chariots as the deities embarked on a nine-
day annual sojourn to their aunt's day annual sojourn to their aunt's
place - Gundicha Temple here, place - Gund
Thesdant
Chant of 'Hari Bol', clang ing of cymbals and blowing of ling deities came out of ling deities came out of
Srimandir sanctum sanctorum Pahandi) through the 22 steps to the Lions' Gate, where the three chariots were parked to As per the tradition
Shankaracharya Swam Nischalananda Saraswati paid

With 5 onboard Titanic tourist sub goes missing
Boston, June 20: A submersible
taking fivevisit the site of the Titanic wreck age in deep waters off the coast of Canada was missing for Chird day Tuesday, as US and Canadian ships and planes swept vessel. One pilot and four passenger that went missing Sunday, the US Coast Guard said, adding the
vessel could stay underwater vessel could stay underwater
for up to 96 hours, although it was unclear if it had resurfaced but was unable to communicate. Those aboard the submersible called Titan, the highlight of a $\$ 250,000$ per person, included British billionaire Hamish Harding- who collaborated with he Indian government to rein Namibia to India- and Pakistani businessman Shahzada Dawood The 77-year-old French The 77 -year-old French ex
plorer Paul-Henri Nargeolet and Stockton Rush, founder and CEO of the vessel's US-based operat ing company OceanGate, were also reported to be on board.
"We are very grateful for the concern being shown by our col
leagues and friends and would

## Nandighosha halts at Balagandi and Darpadalana at Bada Sankha, while Taladhwaja reaches Gundicha Temple

unison as devotional fervou reached a crescendo. Many
danced with joy and sang devotional songs as the chariots moved toward their destination lier that all the chariots wil reach the destination-Gundicha
Temple - by 6pm, only Lord Temple - by 6pm, only Lord reach the destination, while Devi Subhadra's Darpadalana remain stranded near Bada Sankh
(about 200 metres from the des

## BALASORE TRACEDY CBI grill|s signal JE for 6.5 hours


for their safety," Dawood's fam ily said Tuesday. ily said Tuesday.
US and Canadian ships and planes began swarming the area Monday about 900 miles ( 1,450
km ) east of Cape Cod, some dropping sonar buoys that can monmetres), US Coast Guard Rear Admiral John Mauger said. "We are deploying all available assets to make sure that we the people on board," he told reporters Monday. "It is a remote area and it is a challenge to con-
duct a search in that remote duct a search in that remote
area." He said officials had asked commercial vessels to help. The wreckage of the Titanic that sank in 1912 after hitting an iceberg lies at about 12,500 submersible usually takes two hours to descend to the wreck. OceanGate Expeditions, the
private company that operates private company that operates
the submersible, said it was mohe submersibie, said it was 'mo those aboard the Titan.

BOST NEWS NETW Bureau of Investigation (CBI) officials Tuesday grilled Soro
Section Signal Junior Engineer Section Signal Junior Engineer
(JE) Amir Khan for a marathon 6.5 hours in connection with the triple train mishap near Bahanaga Bazar Station
Balasore district June Balasore district June 2 .
The central investigating agency had sealed the rented house of Khan at Kamarpur in Soro after a raid Monday. A six-member CBI team
opened the house Tuesday in the presence of Khan and verified the papers and documents
inside.
There the sleuths interrogated There the sleuths interrogated regarding the train mishap. They also verified his bank accounts. Later, they took him into cus
tody and some officials docutody and some officials do Khan and his family members were not present at the house during the raid Monday. However, neither the CBI interrogation to media present outside. Meanwhile, South Eastern
Railway refuted claims that Railway refuted claims that one
of its Signal JE was missing after of ints Signal JE was missing after tion with the train tragedy.
tination) by 8pm. Lord
Jagannath's Nandighosha charJagannath's Nandighosha charSquare. The two chariots will be pulled to Gundicha Temple
Wednesday morning Wednesday morning. Elaborate arrangements have
been made for smooth conduct been made for smooth conduct
of the annual car fest. Around 180 platoons (one pla-
toon comprises 30 personnel) of toon comprises 30 personnel) of
police of both state and Central police of both state and Central
governments have been deployed tolook after law and order, crowd management, and other such is-
sues. sues.
In view of the prevailing
weather conditions the In view of the prevailing
weather conditions, the admin-
istration procured 40 lakh water istration procured 40 lakh water devotees free of cost. A large
number of water sprinklers were number of water sprinklers were Special wards were created at Puri district headquarters
hospital for treatment of heat-affected devotees.

WISHES POUR IN On the occasion of the
commencement of the Rath Yatra of Lord JJganneath, I extend
my heartiest congratulations and best wishes to all the countrymen, especially the ROUPADI MURMU I PRESIDEN Rath Yatra greetings to everyone. As we celebrate this sacred occasion, may the divine journey of Lord Jagannath fill and spiritual enrichment
IARENDRA MODI I PM
With the blessings of the Lord and your cooperation, let evelopment of New Odish naveen patnaik |cM

Bhubaneswar, June 20: The Bhubaneswar, June 20: The application for admission into ondary schools through the ystem (SAMS) has been ex tended from June 20 to June 26 , S\&ME) department said According to a notification issued by the S\&ME departwill be published July 2 instead of June 28. Similarly, the first phase of admission of students
will commence July 3 and conwill commence July 3 and con-
tinue till July 8 , the notification tinue till July 8, the notification
read. ist will be published July 16 and the admission process will
be completed by July 19 , it said. Likewise the July 19 , it said mission will commence July 17 and continue till July 27.
However, the classes will begin as per the schedule - July 29 .

## Ram Charan, Upasana blessed with baby girl

Hyderabad, June 20: RRR star Ram Charan and wife, entrepreneur Upasana Kamineni bea baby girl, Tuesday morning, Both the mother and the bab. are doing well, said the hospital, Monday Mpasana was admitted "Miss Upasana Kamineniand Ram Charan Konidela had a baby girl on 20th June 2023, at Apollo Hospital Jubilee Hills are doing. The baby and mother in the medical bulletin. Konidela, the father of 'RRR star Ram Charan, is on cloud 9 with the arrival of Ram and
Upasana's baby girl. Upasana's baby girl.
earlier visited Ram, Upasana and the baby girl in the early morning hours at the hospital,
took to Twitter to share his joy took to Twitter to share his joy and send blessings.ts.
and proud parent,
He tweeted, "Welcome Little He tweeted, "Welcome Little
Mega Princess. You have spread cheer among the Mega Family much as you have made the blessed parents


## @AlwaysRamCharan \& @up- asanakonidela and us grand-

 parents, Happy and Proud!!"' Chiranjeevi along with hiswife Surekha were among the first to reach the hospital and congratulate the couple. to congratulate Rook to Twitter Upasana. "Welcome to the parents club. Every moment spent with the baby girl will be an untime. May God mory for a life time. May God bless her and you
all with immense happiness," he wrote. Ram and Upasana have been
married for 11 years and are ab-

Ram and Upasana have been married for 11 years and are elated with the
solutely elated with the arrival of their first baby. Meanwhile, on the work front am would be seen in the upRC 15' which is set to release next year.
Ram, 38 ,
Ram, 38, and Upasana, 33, announced th
December.
The couple tied the kno
2012 after dating for years.


TOM CRUISE GETS EMOTIONAL AT MISSION IMPOSSIBLE-7 PREMIERE

SASHA CALLE KEEN TO

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## | PEANUTS



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 Impossible - Dead Reckoning Part One's world premiere in Rome. Speaking to media about his film, Cruise said cinema 'bridges walls, it breaks them down and allows people to be able to share an experience'.

Sayani used to sit in gay bars every day Mumbai: Actor Sayani Gupta feels glad to see that
Indian audience has evolved over the years and started negating the stigma around LGBTQIA + content in films and shows. However, she is quick to mention that she did-
n't not care about the acceptance of the audience when n't not care about the acceptance of the audience when
she played actor Kalki Koechlin's love interest in Margarita With A Straw (2013).
On whether she did any additional research or preparation to play a homosexual character, Sayani reveals,
"I went to New York and I sed to go and sit in gay bars every day. I did it for two weeks and it was very weird. every day. I did it for two weeks and it was very weird.
It was very eye opening for me and a bit of a new thing. There were things that I was seeing and learning for the first time. It was extremely educational, not just in
terms of what is possible, but how free the world can be. terms of what is possible, but how free the world can be.
We as people have to be empathetic and mindful of beComing more and more inclusive." Looking back, the actor is somewhat happy to see
things in the last one decade since her film released. things in the last one decade since her film released. "Nowadays, the younger as well as the older generation
is becoming much more aware, open, and inclusive. We is becoming much more aware, open, and inclusive. We
are walking in the right direction, we haven't started running yet. But walking is important so you can run," the
actor shares metaphorically.
AGENCIES

## RETURN AS SUPERGIRL

merican Sup positive response for its cast and storyline One of the actors who was acclaimed by critics and fans alike is actress Sasha Calle for her portrayal of Kara Zor-El or Supergirl. She has now expressed her desire to return as Supergirl.


Adipurushwriter triggers fresh row
Mumbai: Adipurush has been receiv-
ing a lot of flak for its dialogues poring a lot of flak for its dialogues, por-
trayal of Gods in a loose manner, inaccurate facts, and many more things which can be counted. Om Raut and his team have been constantly defending
their film making more blunders, and one more feather has been added to their cap, with writer Manoj Muntashir making some further claims on his
film. film. A clip has been going viral on the A clip has been going viral on the
internet where Manoj Muntashir, de-
cided to explain his Hanuman from the cided to explain his Hanuman from the
film. While talking to a channel, the film. While talking to a channel, the
writer said, "Hanuman was a devotee writer said, "Hanuman was a devotee
not a God. He could not have intellecnot a God. "e could not have intellee, After this, furious netizens erupted on social media.
A user wrote, "Manoj has gone mad, shared a meme featuring Jethalal which said, "Chup Ho Jaa Saatvi Fail" Another user wrote, "Good morn-
ing to all Hanuman bhakts except fraud


## SUDOKU

To solve the Sudoku puzzle, fill in the boxes in such a
manner that verery yov, oclum nand $3 \times 3$ box contains
the digits 1 to , withoutrepeating any.

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SOLUTIONS


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## Ratha Jatra special



## THE JUGGERNAUT ROLLS ON

Ratha Jatra festivities reached its zenith as the breathtakingly massive chariots of Lord Jagannath and his siblings rolled on Grand Road in Puri, Tuesday. The clinking of the bronze temple bells synced perfectly with the electrifying atmosphere as the deities began their 9-day sojourn at Gundicha Temple. With the entire state getting - overwhelmed with devotion, Orissa POST picks up some of the amazing moments of the opening day


## Vaishnaw announces ₹2cr for Bahanaga development



Bhubaneswar，June 20：Union
Railway Minister Aswwini Vaishnaw Tuesday visited
Bahanaga in Balasore district took place June 2 evening that Rs 2 crore for the development Thanking the local people for the minister announced Rs

14 injured， 82 faint during Ratha Jatra

Puri，June 20：At least 14 peo－ ple were injured during the
pulling of Lord Balabhadra＇s Taladwaj chariot here Tuesday，
officials said．
The incident took place in the afternoon when the Taladwaj They have been admitted to Puri District Headquarters
Hospital．＂We have received 14 critical，＂a doctor said．
Officials said a woman d crowd leading to a stamp in the Security personnel，however，
soon brought the situation under control．Some of the in－
jured were provided first－aid
at the centres set up on Bada Chariot pulling started at aladhwaja amid sion riding by Devi Subhadra＇s Darpadalan Around 82 people were given
first－aid as they fainted due to ex－ cessive heat and humid weather

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Sahi，Po－Tarakote Ps Korai，Dist－Jajpur，Odisha affid no－ $274 / 2023$ ，Dated 05．05．2023 that onwards I
shall be known as Sayeda Tabasum Ara Begum for
vore from his MP local area de－ ther Rs 1 crore from Railways fahds for the development of He appreciated and thanked he people of Bahanaga for the in unison with the administra－ day of the accident．
＂I also had discussions with the

When Murmu ensured recognition for Santhali


ALWAYS AT SERVICE：Twin city Police Commissioner Soumendra Priyadarsi joins member
bottles to devotees on their way to Puri near Tankapani Road in Bhubaneswar，Tuesday

Car fest in Capital with much fanfare

OTDC Nimantran launches
veg platter for Ratha Jatra
BHUBANESWAR：In a bid to The platter containing
celebrate the festive spirit of
Ratha Jatra，Odisha Tourism Development Corporation＇s
（OTDC）Nimantran restaurant here Tuesday launched a spe－ nine－day long annual car festi－
val．The platter containing more than 15 dishes prepared without
onion and garlic will be exclu－ sively served from June 20 to 28
at Nimantran Bhubaneswar at just Rs 549 including taxes．The menu is dynamic and on each day，during the festive period，
Nimantran will serve a variety of authentic Odia dishes as part
of this platter．
Speaking on the occasion，
OTDC chairman Lenin Mohanty
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said，＂Tourism department along
said，＂Tourism department along
with OTDC has been taking
strategic strides over the years
strategic strides over the years
to popularise Odia culture，fes－
tival and cuisine among the
masses．Through Nimantran，
which is an authentic Odia－cui－
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tarian platter has been curated
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with an aim to popularise Odia
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sumed by the masses during
this nine－day holy festival of
Ratha Jatra in Odisha．We invite
Ratha Jatra in Odisha．We invite
the citizens of Bhubaneswar to
join us in this effort towards
popularising authentic Odia
ver 15 dish paning without onion and garlic will be exclusively served from June 20 to 28 at Nimantran at just $₹ 549$

## uisine．＂

Ong ceremony was organised which saw participation of more than 150 food bloggers，social
media influencers and media views and expert opinions were
latter wo as to offer visitors a for the next nine days．Officer on pecial duty，Tourism，Ansuman Rath，company secretary，OTDC， ager，OTDC，Ranjan Mishra and
executive chef，Nimantran， Sanjoy Sarkar were also present
It is pertinent to mention that the restaurant won＇t be serving ing this period．The entire kitchen as well as the dining while handling of any non－veg－
etarian ingredients has been completely prohibited in the

## INTERNATIONAL DAY OF YOGA

Yoga can help achieve better work－life balance：Experts

| ARINDAM GANGULY \＆ SMRUTI REKHA BARIK，OP | it a part of their daily routines． On the occasion，Orissa POST |  |  | her and many have acknowl－ edged the benefits after prac－ | instructor，says，＂You can un lock your energy through Yoga |
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| e 21 since 2015 ，following its | Pacher and fitness expert says， |  |  | ach which has yielded more | ， |
| eption in the United Nations | ＂Yoga can be beneficial for work－ |  |  |  | d．Yoga is not a religion．Yoga |
| neral Assembly in 2014，with | ing and married women in a va－ |  |  | Pattnaik said． | is a science of well being and |
| e primary objective to raise wareness about the holistic | riety of ways．It can help reduce stress and increase feelings of |  |  | Amrit Pattajoshi，health pert says，＂Yoga is the science | youthfulness，integration body， mind and soul．＂ |
| actice for promotion of men－ | calm and relaxation．It can also |  |  | e，science of health and an | Yoga means to be in perfect |
| and physical well－being． | improve strength and flexib |  |  | living of special importan | ne；our body，mind and spirit |
| Speaking on the 102nd episode of＇Mann ki Baat＇Sunday，Prime | ity，helping to keep the body fit |  |  | toda | e in absolute harmony with ex－ |
| inister Narendra Modi an－ | She adds that regular yo |  |  | res problems but takes us on | ence．When we fine tune our－ |
| nounced the theme for this year＇s | practice can help improve focus |  |  | a path of positive health．＂ | thing functions beautifully within |
| Yoga Day as＇Yoga for Vasudhaiva | and concentration，which can |  |  | Yoga helps by developing | the best of our abilities will |
| tumbakam＇or＇Yoga for the | be useful for completing tasks and | eir time and achieve | feeling a kind of restlessn | unity and achieving hom | naturally flow out of us，he a |
| fare of all as one world－one | staying on top or work．＇t can | greater work／life satisfaction，＂ | tooman thoughs rung in | 隹 balance for our body and | He further explains，＂When |
| mily：＇ | also cultivate a more positive | she says． | my mind and my breath was too | mind，by strengthening the de－ | we activate our energies through |
| he theme embodies the | outlook and create a greater | asmita Patanaik，another | fast．I started practicing | nse mechanisms and p | yoga，we can function in a dif－ |
| nce of Yoga，which connects |  | yoga instructor，says，＂By defi－ | ， | venting diseases．It helps peo | rent way．If we bring in a sim |
| unites everyone，said the | ships with spouses and other | we | calmness of mind，structured | 俍 | ple yogic process and do a little |
| 硡 | ally，yog |  | thoughts and no | nxiety，depression，sleep | bit of servicing everyday for |
| pealed people to integrate | can help to create better balance | proves energy．Its benefits don＇t | After that she started spread－ | ating disorders． | body and mind then |
| Yoga into their lives and make |  | differ between age，spirituality | ing the message to people around | Ranjan Patra，another Yo |  |

## Corruption whiff in Sambalpur canal renovation




Officials raze criminal's house

## Prime accused in duping

 US man held from Pentha

School summer vacay extended in 3 dists

cision on the collectors. Officials
here stated that schools (both
government and private) in this
district will open January 22 in-
stead of January 2 .. Classes will
be held in the morning only and
end around 10.00. Similarly
schools in Bargarh and
Sundargarh will open June 23.
Classes in schooos of both the
districts will be conducted from
6.30am to 10am till further no-
tice, officials said. Decision of
changing the timingof classes will
be taken only after heatwave sub-
sides, officials added.
 and those in Sundargarh and Bargarh districts by a couple of going heatwave, officials said
Tuesday. Also the timings of the
schools in these thre districts Eafier the Odisha government reopen June 21 after the sum-

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POLITICKLE by MANJUL


Sundargarh town water crisis a man-made one, say residents
 have been avoided with proper
thinking. It is nothing but a
man-made problem, alleged
many residents.
The river Ib, the lifeline of
Sundargarh and its adjoining
areas, has gone totally dry now.
 Investigations have revealed that
officials instead of solving the water scarcity are busy blaming one another. In fact June 4,
the entire town went dry as the
PHD stopped water supply. It PHD stopped water supply. It
said that the water table at the main intake well at Ranibagicha
had become 'alarmingly low' had become 'alarmingly low'.
Assistant engineer Nikunja Assistant engineer Nikunja
Bilasini Kalo had then said, "We are trying to get water from
'Saitana Darah' 'Saitana Darah'. The situation is under control and normalcy
will return June 5." However, the rituation still remains grim
and water scarcity is acute at and water scarcity is acute at many places. "We are not getting water for more than 15 minutes. The sitthe sandbag embankment been in place on river Ib, but no one
did anything," alleged Sachin

Biswakrma, convenor of
Sundargarh SwabhimanManch.
Another person alleged, "Just Another person alleged, "Just man all belong to BJP, the district administration didnothing district it was awareareof dide nothing thoug
It should berisis. It shoureof the beomingcrisis, stated th
Sundargarh MLA $\begin{array}{ll}\text { It should be stated that } & \text { to block officials, but no one lis- } \\ \text { Sundargarh MLA Kusum Tete } & \text { tened," Mishra said. "It is not the } \\ \text { earlier had informed that } \\ \text { duty of the municipality to look }\end{array}$ despite attracting the attention into the water supply, but even the Collector on the water then as the chairman, Ipleaded $\begin{gathered}\text { Earis issue, nothing was done. } \\ \text { Earlier the Sundargarh Sadar } \\ \text { block authorities were erecting }\end{gathered}$ $\begin{gathered}\text { with everyone, but no one paid } \\ \text { heed," she added. } \\ \text { Two-and-a-hal years back the }\end{gathered}$ $\left.\begin{array}{l}\text { block authorities were erecting } \\ \text { sandbagembankments. However, }\end{array} \begin{array}{r}\text { Two-and-a-half years back the } \\ \text { foundation stones of two bar }\end{array}\right]$ $\begin{array}{ll}\text { sanabagembankments. However, } & \text { foundation stones of two bar } \\ \text { this time they declined to do so. } & \text { rages at Kopasingha and } \\ \text { The block officials pointed out }\end{array}$ The block officials pointed ou money for the municipality when there was no benefit from it.
Chairman of Sundargarh Municipality, Tanya Mishra said
despite all her efforts, officials
of the Sadar block had refused nocked on all doors I spoke the Collector, the Irrigation not their duty to PHD said it is not their duty to create an em gdabaga was laid by CM Naveen Patnaik. Of the two, the
Kopasinga barrage would have solved the water problems faced However, nothing much has hap.

Rourkela nor'wester brings relief, misery

EXTENDED POWER CUTS, WATER SCARCITY HIT RESIDENTS

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| the first real nor'wester this sea | blocked the roads and disrupted | ily however there were |
| son brought relief to the resi- | vehicular movement, but eve | no loss of lives and damag |
| hts of this city from the scorc | then people were happy as | properties. Extended power cuts |
| heat, it also | peratures dec | created hardships both in the |
| sery. Residents welcomed the | The 'Sector’ area, which | slums and posh localities of this |
| sty winds and the rain that | enestareas in this | city. Water scarcity was noticed |
| ved Monday evening, but then | e the brunt of the st | at some places. |
| they did not know what was in | Massive trees were uproot | However, RSP was quick to |
| store for them. | near Ispat General Hospita | act to the situation and made |
| The entire 'Sector' area, the | Sectors-19, 20 and four resp | e roads motorable keeping in |
| captive township of Rourkela | tive | he Rath Yatra celebr |
| Steel Plant (RSP), remained | branches fell on electrical ca | tions Tuesday. |



OFSDP-II providing new ray of hope to tribals


Trading of Sal seeds was launched by the Van Surakhya Samities (VSS) through OFSDP-II in Sundargarh forest division when thousands of families lost their livelihoods during the Covid-19 pandemic in 2020-21
excessive intervention of middle-
men in villages, primary collecmen in villages, primary collec-
tors and traditional forest dwellers tors and traditional forest dwellers
were being forced to sell the forest

res pointed out that due

- 1,668 primary collectors got $\quad$ their livelihood by selling 2,600
- 1,668 primary collectors got
better livelihoods sy collecting
8,291 quintals of Sal eeds - Record sales of the eecond larges
forest produce after honey
forest produce after hone,
- Money going directly to the bank
account of the primary collector
produce at rates below the mini mum support price (MSP). However,
now the esecond phase of the Odisha
Forestry Sector Development Project Forestry Sector Development Project
(OFSDP-II) has created a new ray of hope for these tribals.
After the end of the mohua
flower season, people usually have flower season, peop livelihood. Then
no other means of like
collection of Sal seeds (Shorea Roblection of Sal seeds (hhe lifeline for tribal and forest dwellers. Every year in April
and May Sal seeds ripen and fall. Earlier local traders and middlleEarier local traders and middle-
man took advantage of the ignorance of the tribal collectors and
fleeced them by buying the seeds at very low rates.
Hence the primary collectors Hence the primary collectors
slowly lost interest in collection of Sal seeds as they were not get-
ting the right price for their labour. ting the right price for their labour.
Trading of Sal seeds was launched by the Van Surakhya Samities
(VSS) through OFSDP-II in (VSS) through OF SDP-II in
Sundargarh forest division when
thousands of families lost their thousands of families lost their
livelihoods during the Covid-19 livelihoods during the Covid-19,
pandemic in 2020-21. At that time,
many families managed to earn
quintals of Sal seeds at $₹ 20$ per kg to the Tribal Development
Cooperative Corporation (TDCC). This year, from the start of the
Sal seed season, a large amount of the produce has been collected by motivating the primary collecUjalpur, Lephripara, Hemgir,
Sundargarh and Bargaon field management units of Sundargarh
forest division. This has helped in forest division. This has helped in
reducing the unnecessary inter-
vention of middlemen and agents vention of middlemenen and agents
while the primary collectors are while the primary collectors are
benefitting as the money is dibenefitting as the money is di-
rectly being transferred to their bank accounts. The success
achieved by the members of
Sagarpali Vana Surakshya Samiti in Ujalpur is a case in this point.
A total of 1,668 families of 44 VSSs have so far sold 8291.31 quintals of Sol seedds with the continuous efforts and awareness of the
members of partner organisation 'Sewak' and with the cooperation
of the staff of the divisional and field management units. With a total cost of more than ₹1.65 crore
as its MSP, it can contribute to the as its MSP, it can contribute to the
economic growth of many poor tribal people and forest dwellers. When contacted, Gopal Chandra under Sundargarh divisional management unit informed there has
been a bumper collection and more been a bumper collection and more
than 2,00 quintals sal seeds are
available at the VSS level for sale.

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## Not Much Expected

Tbeginning June 21 is supposedly about strengthening the two coun tries' mutually beneficialal economic, defence and strategic ties. spective electorate soon. Getting re-elected is extremely important for both. Not just for personal politics but also what they both think they
stand for. This seemingly prompts the two leaders to showcase th stand for. This seemingly prompts the two leaders to showcase the
visit and resultant trade and defence agreements as a high point of their
foreig policy success as to enhance their public ratings and influ verdict at home Containment of China seems to be the main driving force behind the
visit. Both countries see their strategic interests converge in taking on China which has become increasingly expansionist and ambitious on spheres of economic and defence influence, while India has been em broiled in territorial disputes in the Himalayas since the encounter be tween Indian and Chinese military forces in Galwan of Ladakh in 2020 that left 20 Indian soldiers dead. China's close ties with Pakistan as part of the Belt and Road Initiative that passes through a section of that may influence Delhi gravitating toward Washington. Through its help to shore up India's economic and defence capabil-
ities, the US hopes to enlist the former's support to tackle global chal lenges as part of its long-term interests. The US desperately needs to
create a framework of deterrence to curb Chinese expansionism. From the example observed in Ukraine, the new US policy seems to have dras-
tically changed from the past. Even as recent as Afghanistan, the US tically changed from the past. Even as recent as Affghanistan, the US
was mostly getting directly involved in wars that were fught was mostly getting directly involved in wars that were fought on far
shores. It is also possible that domestic pressures, both for the American leadership as well as its sallies, is curtailing militiary intervention on
lear foreign soil. Probably from that need was born Ukraine to contain
Russia. Now with China too, it is possible that the West wants a prox war led by Taiwan and India with Australia and Japan helping from of things of the US administration.
Against this backdrop, Biden will meet Modi on an official state
visit in Washington D.C, which includes a South Lawn welcome state dinner, and an address to a joint session of Congress. against Moslems during Gujarat riots in 2002 when he was the state Chie Minister. But, things changed once he became the PM and the US ac corded a red carpet welcome to him in September 2021, where he held
a bilateral meeting with Biden. This is the miracle power of India as The brouhaha over the visit might not be enough to push under th carpet criticisms against the Modi government over degradation of democratic values and free speech in India. The track record of Modi
government in this regard is suspect in the eyes of many international Journalists (CPDJ). In a statement timed to coincide with Modi's US visit it said journalists critical of the Indian government and the ruling BJ have been "jailed, harassed and surveilled." Since Modi came to powe
in 2014, there has been an increasing crackown on India's media, cPJs tration to take up the matter with Modi during his visit so that Indialive

## WISDOM CORNER





## WORDSWORTH

## - Kettling

This jargon term of the British police first came widely to public notice in late 2010 as a result of demonstrations in London against steep rises in
university tuition fees. Demonstrators are kettlen by herdin them into limited area and stopping them from leaving. As they are often constrained for many hours without food, water or toilet facilities, opponents of the method regard it as unlawful imprisonment. We might guess that the mage behind it is of demonstrators starting to boil out of control, so they're contained in a figurative kettle. But the term puzzles experts
because it seems to have no obvious English precursor. The nearest analogy, which isn't very close, is the US term kettling for the circling and soaring of a group of migrating hawks or other birds within air currents to gain height, which is said to resemble the swirling motion of water boiling in which Kessel is the everyday word for a kettle or similar vessel, such as a central-heating boiler (it is sometimes translated as the more evocative cauldron). The derived verb einkesseln ("to enkettle") means to encircle or surround, principally in the miiltary. This may come from an older sense of them. The so called at the time by the German forces besieged in the Russian city. interest in the battle among English speakers. German police 200 , enewed same technique as the British, calling it Polizeikessel. The term is older piegel in June 1986 and may well be earlier). Might it be that sharing knowledge of the technique between the national police forces lead

## ■ Killick

This word has been around in its literal sense of an anchor since th Jim Davis, by ushn Masefield. "In the shallow water near the dropped our killick". Nobody seems to know where the word comes from though it has been argued it's from the lrish word killech for a wooden uselessly float, but anchor that's still used in places). The Concise Scots Dictionary, on the other hand, suggests that killick comes from Scots gellock or gavelock for the head of a pickaxe and that the anchor was given that name because a The records show the word has bee spelled in so many ways that it was clearly a colloquial or slang term that was passed on mainly in speech. It is now pretty much obsolete in British English, other than as a jargon te
the Navy, though it is known in Australia under the spelling kellick. A rank has a single small anchor on it. Those who know the sea novelse of Patrick O'Brian will remember that Captain Aubrey's steward is called Patrick O'Brian will remember th
Preserved Killick - no accident.

## FOCUS ITECHNOLOGY

## A BIOTECH ALLIANCE



Iafer Ahmad \& Abigail Kukura

A NEW ERA IS BEGINNING AT A TIME OF HEIGHTENED COMPETITION between DEMOCRATIC AND AUTHORITARIAN COUNTRIES THAT APPLY DIFFERENT NORMS AND VALUES TO BIOTECHNOLOGY



Offering the ability to manipulate the very essence of life as we know it, biotechnology represents a multi-trillion-dollar sector that straddles industries as diverse as agriculture, health, materials, and energy

Standards Organisation, the OECD, and other relevant multilateral organisations to de

Third, the US and its allies and partners should turn dis parate genomic-data ecosys greater than the sum of it parts. They should consolidate on human, animal, and plant genomes in a central bioban
that is well-curated, interoper
able easy for researchers to ac cess and use, and maintains strong privacy prote
Fourth, the US and its allie and partners must improve their ability to attract and retain grobal biotech talent, including rom China. They should up date and leverage relevant en investor visas to give priority to applicants with expertise in ciprocal
Fifth, the US and its allies and partners should create democratic biomanufacturing where, grow everywhere" net-
work effects, securedemocracies upply cheic geopolitical sofft power. Here,
the US should develop data-shar ing agreements within existing
and future alliance structure to enable shared access to an interface for local bi
turing capabilities.
Last but far from least, a base-
line for global biotechnology cooperation must be established Advances in biotech require co
operation and collaboration sometimes even among com $\underset{\text { petitors. }}{ }$
Harnessing the power of
biotechnology requires the US and its allies and partners to vision that puts democratic values front and center, especially in an era of international com petition with authortar
countries.
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## Mock weddings don't go far enough



Melvin Durai PRETENDING TO GET MARRIED IS MORE FUN than actually GETTING MARRIED

ding night. Nor was there a mock
honeymoon to a mock island in


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 groom forgets the anniversary of their mock wedding. The bride orgets he exists. (5) Mock jealousy. The groom is jealous that the bride spendsoo much time with another too much time with another handsome. "Do you want me to him to quit his job
(6) Mock bedroom activity The groom is unhappy that there isn't enough activity in the bed-
room. The bride comes to bed room. The bride comes to bed (7) Mock parenting. The bride bride and groom have a huge argument on what her future career a doctor, the groom wants her to be Minister of Health. (8) Mock financial distress.
The groom loses his job, their The groom loses his job, their
landlord doubles their rent, and they're forced to cancel their
Netflix subscription. How will his marriage survive

## etters <br>  <br> Oris̈saPOST

## Diplomatic initiative

Sir, Prime Minister Narendra Modi has taken a major diplomatic initiative by proposing next $\mathrm{G}-20$ meeting will be held in September in New Delhi. This group is now led by India It has previoususly advocated for developing countries' increased presence and strength in in
international forums. Even during its chairmanship of the G-20, it worked hard to make international forums. Even during its chairmanship of the $G$-20, it worked hard to make
the group more relevant and effective by increasing the participation of developing coun he group more relevant and effective by increasing the participation of developing coun-
tries. In this vein, it held the Voice of the Global South Summit at the start of the year to include poor and developing-country issues on the G-20 agenda. Most African countries at-
tended this meeting and the question of membership among these countries gained trac tended this meeting, and the question of membership among these countries gained trac
tion as a result. It is worth mentioning that just one African country South Africa, is a mem ion as a result. It is worth mentioning that just one African country, South Africa, is a mem
ber of this club, but the European Union has its own membership, along with five other European countries. This proposal from India is significant. For one thing, it at least nent membership in the United Nations Security Council. India's desire is not hidden. Since he beginning, it has been known for bringing up the issue of small and developing counighted its ties to African countries. The Arrican Union and and the 54 African countries represent a sizable bloc.

## Well done Karnataka

Sir, Karnataka has done well to rice to BPL families in the wake of rice to BPL families in the wake of Congress government has prom-
ised an additional 5 kg of rice to The government was banking on the availability of rice under OMSS-D to
buy the additional five kg required ory the additional five kg required clared they would provide 1.5 lakh but Punjab is ready to give extra rice. This must come as a shot in the arm for Karnataka

Ravi Chander,
BANGALORE

## Stop usage of banned nets: TN fishermen

The fishermen leaders
called upon the state and
central governments to
take stringent action
against those involved in
using banned fishing
nets that destroy
the fish wealth
indo-AsIAN news service
Chennai, June 20: Fishermen
organisations in Chennai have
urged the fisheries department
to prevent the usage of banned
fishing nets and high-powered
chinese motors during fishing
by certain mechanised boats.
According to the fishermen
association leaders, the usage
of these are leading to a dwindle
in fish wealth and many vessels
were returning home empty
handed or with meagre revenue.


Thankaselvam, a leader of the banned fishing nets and Chinese
Fishermen Association of Tamil Nadu, said, "After the fishing
ban was over, some mechanized boats went to the sea even as the ing till June 20 due to bad weather However they could get only a low
quantity of catch in the range of 80 to 100 kg . This is much lower
when compared to around 250 kg of catch which fishermen used to get in earlier days."
He said that the usage of
banned fishing nets and Chinese
high speed motors is leading to the dwindling of fish wealth in the sea.
N.J. Bose, President of the Boat Fishermen welfare assothe fish wealth has dwindled mainly due to the usage o banned fishing nets which de-
stroys and damages the seafloor and coral reeff. This leadst on
reduction in fish population. The fishermen leaders called
upon the state and central gov-
ernments to take stingent action ernments to take stringent action
against those involved in using
banned fishing nets that destroy the fish wealth.
pollutants from bis shat the pollutants from big ships and
dumping of waste was creating major problems for the presence
of fish in the sea. The fishermen wanted the Government of waste dumping in the sea Another factor is that most leaders confirmed that there was a cartel in the market in-
volving fish traders and middlemen who take the catch at a
low price. This issue according to fishermen leaders, could be re solved only with the direct in ment in the procurement of fish from the fishermen who bring it


## Rains damage Kharif crops in Kashmir No power cuts in



Kashmiri Pandits bristling with anger


Jammu, June 20: Migrant
Kashmiri Pandits living in govhere are bristling with anger over the Jammu and Kashmir ad-
ministration's decision to levy Hundreds of Pandits settled in ar National aceful protest to demand im to levy electricity charges on In a recent order, the Jammu Limited (JPDCL directed charg-
ing consumers living in migrant amps or electricity consump charging electricity bills from rent camps for the e past 33 years, Pabrty Action Committee Migrant Electricity bill at the migrant

On May 23, the JPDCL issued an order to charge the consumers
living in the camps for their Raina said, "The Pandits in
the camps live on government relief and are not in a a position to needs to be revoked." He also
threatened to intensify the agithreatened to intensify the agi-
tation to press for their demand

crop grows at a particular tem-
perature during initial, mid and perature during initial, mid and
later stages (harvesting time) of
the crop. In paddy, the early phase Jammu: JKPDD the crop. In paddy, the early phase
of crop the sowing of sediling
in nurseries then transferred
in large scalefields. That process
of transplanting should of transplanting should happen
up to 15th May but this couldn't happen till the end of May be-
cause of low temperatures and proper germination couldn't The official said this can lead
to alow yield in the paddy crop "The blossom period of hor-
ticulture crops like apple, peach, plum and pear was also affected due to hailstorms, which can
also lead to low production paralso lead to low production par-
ticularly in Shopian and northticularly in Shopian and northand in some areas of Baramulla
and Hardwara," he said. and Hardwara," he said.
The officer said the horticulture yield can be down by 30 to ture yield can be do pent while the losses in
paddy crop can be between 15 paddy crop can
to 20 per cent.


Dozens of agitated residents Tuesday staged a protest in Talab Tillo area
on the outskits of Jammu against recurring power cuts,
while frequent protests were also reported from different parts of the city


PRESS TRUST OF INDIA
Jammu, June 20: Jammu and Kashmir Power Development
Department (JKPDD) Tuesday said there will be no power while the power cuts in rural stricted to below six hours.
The announcement came at
a time when protests against $\begin{array}{lll}\text { The announcement came at } & \text { the power supply situation to } \\ \begin{array}{cl}\text { a time when protests against } \\ \text { the department over frequent }\end{array} & \text { certain recent developments } \\ \text { in the power sector like J-K's }\end{array}$ $\begin{array}{lll}\text { outages were gaining mo- } & \text { in the power sector like J-K's } \\ \text { own power generating plant } \\ \text { mentum amid hot and humid } & \text { i.E. } 900 \text { MW Baglihar HEP }\end{array}$ $\begin{array}{ll}\text { mentum amid hot and humid } & \text { i.E. } 900 \mathrm{MW} \text { Baglihar HEP, } \\ \text { weather conditions in the re- } \\ \text { gion where the mercury is hov- } & \begin{array}{l}\text { which was generating at a re } \\ \text { duced capacity due to low dis- }\end{array}\end{array}$ $\begin{array}{ll}\text { ering around } 40 \text { degrees } & \text { charge of water in river } \\ \text { Celsius. } & \text { Chenab, has now picked up } \\ \text { The JKPDD said its decision } & \text { and generating power at its }\end{array}$ The JKPDD said its decision
to go for no power cuts in generating po
Jammu city and reted capacity.
$\begin{array}{ll}\text { to go for no power cuts in } & \begin{array}{c}\text { full rated capacity. } \\ \text { Sammu city and restrict the } \\ \text { Similarly, the power alloca- }\end{array} \\ \text { curtailment below six hours } & \text { tion from the Centre has in- }\end{array}$
$\begin{array}{ll}\text { curtailment below six hours } \\ \text { in unmetered areas from June } & \text { tion from the Centre has in- } \\ \text { creased by } 200 \text { MW from hydro }\end{array}$ 20 was part of its endeavour to generating stations located provide respite to the con-
sumers from the scorching hot $\quad \begin{aligned} & \text { outside J-K from where the } \\ & \text { union territory imports power, }\end{aligned}$ weather.
Dozens of agitated residents
due to improved generation
in central sector hydro gen$\begin{array}{ll}\text { Tuesday staged a protest in } & \text { erators such as Naptha Jhakri, } \\ \text { Talab Tillo area on the out- } & \text { Koldam and Tehri, he said }\end{array}$ skirts of Jammu city against $\quad \begin{aligned} & \text { Additionally, there has been }\end{aligned}$ $\begin{array}{ll}\begin{array}{l}\text { Skirts of Jammu city against } \\ \text { recurring power cuts, while } \\ \text { frequent protests were also re- }\end{array} & \begin{array}{c}\text { Additionally, there has been } \\ \text { generationement in thermal } \\ \text { gens by around } 60\end{array}\end{array}$ $\begin{array}{ll}\text { frequent protests were also re- } \\ \text { ported from different parts of } & \text { gWtation also by around } 60 \\ \text { Meading to a higher allo- }\end{array}$ $\begin{array}{cl}\text { ported from different parts of } & \text { MW, leading to a higher allo- } \\ \text { the city over the past fortnight. } & \text { cation of power to the union } \\ \text { Almost all political parties } & \text { territory, the spokesperson } \\ \text { including the Congress, PDP, } & \text { said. }\end{array}$

Apni Party, National
Conference and National
Panthers Party criticised the Panthers Party criticised the
administration for its alleged
failure to provide uninter failure to provide uninter-
rupted power supply to the
consumers in the city and elsewhere.
A JKPDD spokesperson at-
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## Mild quakes can prevent large disasters: Expert



Balaji to undergo surgery today

> - Electricity bill at the migrant
camps was earlier covered under the security
funds May 23, the JPDCL issued an
order to charge the consumers living in the camps for their power consumption

> Vijay Bakaya, general secre-
ary of the Apni Party, slammed the decision to charge electric-
ity tariff from the migrant set-
tlers people have been living in these camps for the last over three are not in a position to buil are not financially well off." He also appealed to the gov-
ernment to reconsider the ernment to reconsider the
move."They are those who sub
sist on relief of ₹ 13,000 for family of four and free ration. electricity consumption would ited income burden anfect their daily lives," Bakaya said.
Sunil Pandit, a prominent so cial activist and an inhabitant of the township, said they have
temporary quarters and ration cards. "I am not here by choice to ensure our permanent reha bilitation so far. Charging (us) for ustice to us," Pandit said. He said they have already submitted a memorandum to
Governor Manoj Sinha and othe
officers concerned for revoca officers concerne
tion of the order.




French President Emmanuel Macron and his wife Brigitte Macron wait for South Korean President Yoon Suk Yeol and his wife Kim Keon Hee before a working lunch at the


Racegoer Ines Hernandez arrives for day one of the Royal Ascot horse racing meeting


Dutch Queen Maxima and King Willem Alexander, left, and Belgium's King Philippe and Queen Mathilde wave to the crowd from the balcony of the Grand Place

erman Chancellor Olaf Scholz, right, greets Chinese Premier Li Qiang in front of the Federal Chancellery before the


German Chancellor Olaf Scholz, right, , reeets Chinese Premier Li iiang in front of the Federal Chancellery before
reception with military honors for the German-Chinese government consultations in Berlin, Germany

## OrisisaPOST <br> national

The insensitive Modi government is anti-Dalit, antitribal, anti-backward class and anti-economically weaker sections that is reason why it is not filling vacant posts

FLOOD FURY IN ASSAM
The flood situation in Assam was serious Tuesday with nearly 31,000 people still reeling under the deluge across 10 districts of the state, an official said. The India Meteorological Department has issued a 'Red Alert' and
predicted 'very heavy' to 'extremely heavy' predicted 'very heavy' to 'extremely heavy' rainfall ac
several districts of Assam over the next five days there is a demand
from Pakistan-
occupied Kashmir that they want to be
a part of India. Nobody a part of India. Nobody
wants to stand with 'daric
(pennilss) Pakita wantsto stand with
(penniless) Pakistan


## CBI questions

## Sam D'Souza

New Delhi: The CBI Tuesday
questioned accused Sanville
 alias Sam D'Souza in
connection with alleged bribe
demand of $₹ 25$ crore from actor Shah Rukh Khan for not
implicating his son Aryan implicating his son Aryan
Khan in the 2021 Cordelia cruise drug bust case, officials
said. The agency had given a said. The agency yad given a
third notice to D'Souza last week to appear for
questioning at its Delhi office, they said. He has not yet questioned by the Central
Bureau of Investigation (CBI) in
the case the case which was registered
by the agency May 12 . by the agency May 12.
D'Souza is listed as accused
number 5 in the

4 suspected UNLF militants arrested Imphal: Four suspected cad
of the proscribed militant
outfit United Natit Outfit United National Liberation Front (UNLF) were
arrested in Thoubal district of ethnic violence affected
Manipur, the Army said Manipur, the Army said
Tuesday. A 51 mm mortar, an


Cong, BJP spar over rice supply in K'taka
Bangalore: The politics over
suppply of rice to Karnataka heated up Tuesday with the pposition BPP staging
demonstrations in various Congress staged protests in all district headquarters of the
state against the BJP led Centre for allegedlly denying
rice for the Karnataka rice for the Karnataka
government's Anna Bhagya
scheme. On the other hand, several $B$ IJ P leaders includuing
ser ormer CM Basavaraj Bommai protests in some parts of the
state against the Congress government's alleged failure to provide 10 kg rice to each
member of the BPL family.

## Dozen inmates

 hurt in jail brawl Pune: At least a dozen inmateswere hurt in a rioting that
suddenly broke out Monday in suddenty broke out Monday in
the historic Yerawada Central Jail (YCJ), official sources said
here Tuesday. The scuffle here Tuesday. The scuffle
started over some minor unknown issue and soon
erupted into a huge free-for all involving more than a
dozen inmates housed at the YCJ - one the most fame
prisons in the



## Puniada Assembly passes Bilt to replace Governor

 from Chancellor's post Chandigarh, June 20: ThePunjab Assembly Tuesday Punjab Assembly Tuesday
passed a bill to replace the
governor with the Chief
Minister as the chancellor of state-run universities following
a brief debate.
Addressing the House during the debate on the Punjab Bill, 2023, Chief Minister
Bhagwant Mann said the West
Bengal Assembly too passed a Bengal Assembly too passed a
similar bill last year.
In December last year, the Kerala Assembly also passed a bill to replace the governor as the chancellor or univer
sities in the state and appoint
eminent academicians to the top post.
Apart from the ruling Aam
Aadmi Party (AAP), the bill was supported by the Shiromani
Akali Dal (SAD) and the lone Bahujan Samaj Party (BSP)
member of the House. HOUSE PASSES BILLS ON APPOINTING DGP The Punjab Assembly passed the role of the Centre's Union
Public Service Commission in
selecting the state police selecting the state police chief.
According to the amend-
ment bill, a state-appointed committee will come up with a panel of three Indian Police
Service (IPS) officers to be
considered for the post of the Director General of Police.
The state government will hen pick one. practice, however, the states
send the names of several elgible officers to the Centre's The UPSC then zeroes on to
hree officers, from which the

## Court allows man to

PRESS TRUST of INDIA

| Jaipur, June 20: In a bizarre |
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| case, a man was allowed by a |
| court here to give $₹ 55,000$ in one |
| and two rupee coins to his wife |
| as maintenance dues for 11 |
| months after his family brought |
| the money filled in seven sacks |
| to the court following his arrest |
| for non-payment. |
| While the counsel for his |
| wife objected to it, terming it |
| "mental harassment", the judge |
| allowed the payment but asked |
| the man to count the coins in |
| court to make packets of 1000 |
| each and hand them over to |
| her at the next hearing on June |



SC RULES IN FAVOUR OF CENTRAL FORCES
 ber of seats which are going to
the polls..." the bench said. It said
the order of the high court does the order of the high court does
not call for any interference, and the top court is not inclined to interfere with any other di-
rections issued by the high court
with regard to holding elections
to the three-tier panchayati raj institutions.
The bench said West Bengal is The bench said West Bengal
one of those states where dem-
cratic set up exists even at th ocratic set up exists even at the
lowest level and it is at the grass lowest level and it is at the grass-
roots level that the elections are
taking place "But, at the same taking place. "But, at the same
time, elections cannot be ac $\begin{array}{ll}\text { companied by violence. If per- } & \begin{array}{c}\text { She said it is not within the ju- } \\ \text { risdiction of the SEC to requi- }\end{array}\end{array}$
sition and deploy central forces
for the conduct of elections.
"Ultimateld, it is the responsi-
bility of the sEC to conduct
free and fair elections," the
bench said, adding, "The ques-
tion is, how are you aggrieved
by the order? The point is this.
You have yourselves requested
for deployment of forces to
the state government. Now,
from where the forces come is
not your concern. How is your
SLP (special leave petition)
maintainabale?"
The bench told the counsel
appearing for West Bengal that
even according to the state, the
police force, as of now, was in-
adequate to meet the situation
and therefore, it has requisi-
tioned police force from half a
dozen states. The apex court said
there has to be coordination
among the security forces to en-
sure free and fair elections in
the state.
It said having regard to the
past incidents, the high court
dealt with the petitions filed be-
fore it and passed these direc-
tions. The bench noted the ad-
vocates representing the state
and the SEC have contended
that the high court's direction
for requisisition and deployment
of central forces for all the dis-
tricts in West Bengal ought to
\#wimich Opn upset over PM's silence

Al signs pacts with Airbus, Boeing to buy 470 planes

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$\qquad$ Airbus and Boeing for acquiring 470 planes for an estimated $\$ 70$ airline had announced that it will buy 470 aircraft, including
wide-body planes, in February this year.
The "firm orders include 34
A $350-1000,6$ A $350-900,20$ Boeing 787 Dreamliners and 10 Boeing
777 X wide-body aircratt, as well
as 140 Airbus A320neo 70 Airbus as 140 Airbus A320neo, 70 Airbus
A321neo and 190 Boeing 773MAX
narrow body aircraft" the air narrow-body aircraft," the air-
line said in a release. The purchase agreements were signed on
the sidelines of the ongoing Paris the sidelines of the ongoing Paris
Air Show. Boeing in a statement
said the two companies have fisaid the two companies have fi-
nalised an order for up to 290

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 and prices) fleet expansion programthat it announced in February
this year". The Airbus A350 will this year". The Airbus A350 wil
lead the deliveries of the new
aircraft later this year aircraft latere this year, with the
bulk of the order to arrive from buid of the order to arrive fro
mid-2025 onwards, it said.
Air India has Aking delivery of 11 leased
B777 and 25 B777 and 25 A 320 aircraft to acpansion. CEO and MD, said its amb tious fleet renewal and expanairline operate the most ad vanced and fuel-efficient aircraft across its route network
within five years.

country.
Congress leader Ajoy Kumar claimed that the writer
Muntashir met Modi without any appointment for 45 minutes while the leaders from the vio-
lence ridden state, including
even thosefrom the B.JP, were not able to get audience with him Addressing a joint press con-
ference the tharty headquarters ference at the party headquarters
Congress leader Ajoy Kuma
said: "Since June 10, several sen ior leaders of Manipur, including political leaders, civil soci-
ety people are waiting here to meetrime Minister Modi. Even
Manipur Chief Minister NBiren Singh, and the Assembly speaker are waiting for the appointment."
Opposition's memorandum
. The memorandum submitted
by the Opposition leaders highlighted that more than 150 peo-
ple have died while eople were injured More than
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COUCH SYRUP ROW

## Zero tolerance on spurious medicines, says Mandaviya

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA
New Delhi, June 20: Asserting
that India follows a zero-toler-
ance policy on spurious medi-
cines, Union Health Minister
Mansukh Mandaviya has said
71 companies have been issued
show-cause notices following
concerns raised in some quarters
about reported deaths due to
contaminated India-made cough
syrups and 18 of them have been
asked to shut shop.
In an exclusive einterview with
PTI video, the minister also said
an extensive risk-based analysis
is done continuously to ensure
the production of quality med-

Global Pharma Healthcare re claled its entire lot of eye drops. Before that, India-made cough. syrups were allegedly linked to
the deaths of 66 and 18 children Gambia and Uzbekistan, reIndia exported cough syrups 3 as against USD 17 billion in 021-2 . verall India is the largest provider of generic drugs
globally, supplying over 50 per goobally, supplying over 50 per
cent of global demand for variof generic demand in the US and about 25 per cent of
icines in the UK.

SC refuses urgent SC refuses urgent
listing of plea seeking protection of tribals
 filed by the Manipur Tribal Foru Centre's assurances to this court, 70 tribals were killed in violence in vacation bench of Justices Surya
Kant and $\mathrm{M} . \mathrm{M}$. sundresh by senior Advocate Colin Gonsalves, he
submitted that the IA was for the security of the tribal areas and that people were being government's assurances to the
apex court. However, the bench
said that it will hear the said that t will hear the matter
once the court resumes its normal functioning post summer break
and listed it for hearing July 3 .

5,000 houses have been burned ple are displaced. Hundreds of churches and temples have also The memorandum also alitics of divide and rule" that had The memorandum referred ot the demand of 10 MLAs, in-
cuding two Ministers in the government, belonging to Kuki
ribe, demanding a "Separate Administration" for Kukis. It
warned against any move to di-
vide the Manipur state.
the Manipur state.


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ESTONIA TO ALLOW SAME-SEX MARRIAGE Estonia's lawmakers approved legislation Tuesda allowing same-sex marriage as of next year, making Estonia the first of the three Baltic countries to do so



## SHORT TAKES

## - Four die in fire

 New York: Afire that startedin a New York City ebike shop

four people and injuring
several others, authorities saveral others, authorities
said. City fire officials said the after midnight on the Lower East Side of Manhattan in a
six-story building that six-story building that houses
HQ E-Bike epariar. pipile of
burned HQ E-Bike Repair. A pile ond
burned bikes, scooters and
other debris was seen on the sidewalk outside the building

## Four killed


dozen injured
swept through Mississippi
overnight, killing one and overnight, , iling one and
iniuring nearly woo dozen,
officials sail Monday. State emergency workers were still working with counties temperatures and hail tornadoes. The death and
injuries injuries were reported by
officials in eastern Mississippi's Jasper County. bore the brunt of the damage. Drone footage and photos
showed wide expanses of
decimated homes and
mangled trees. At least one
person was lifted from the

## Pakistan gearing

 up for polls$\qquad$


UKRAINE DOWNS Pak, China sign MoU for nuclear power project RUSSIAN DRONES

Ukraine's air defences have been reinforced with
sophisticated weapons sophisticated weapons allowing it a higher success rate recently
against incoming drones and missiles

a broad area, Ukrainian air force spokesman Yuriy Ihnat said. Air defence systems are mostly
dedicated to protecting majo cities, key infrastructurtere facil-
ities, including nuclear powe ities, including nuclear power
plants, and the front line, he said."There is a general lack of
air defence assets to cover a country like Ukraine with a reference to Israel's Iron Dom
 EXISTING FOUR POWER PLANTS IS 1,330 MEGAWATTS, ACCORDING TO THE PAKISTAN ATOMIC ENERGY COMMISSION press trust of india
Islamabad, June 20: China worth a whopping USD 4.8 billion with cash-strapped Pakistan to
set up a 1200-megawatt nuclear power plant as a sign of in power plant as a sign of in-
creasing strategic cooperation be
tween the two all-weather allies. tween the two all-weather allies.
Prime Minister Shehbaz Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif
witnessed the signing of the deal witnessed the signing of the deal under which Beijing would build nuclear plant at Chashma in the Mianwali district of Punjab. In
his address, Prime Minister Sharif termed the nuclear powe MPs endorse

token of increasing economic
cooperation between Pakistan and China and vowed to com-
plete the project without plete the project without any
delay. "We will kick start it without he lambasted the previous government under Imran Khan for
delaying the key power project. He said under a difficult economic situation, Pakistan was 4.8 billion from China in this project, which "sends the message that Pakistan is a place
where Chinese companies and in-

Hunter Biden charged with tax, gun offences

## have generated days or weeks or

 distracting headlines for a WhiteHouse that has strenuously sought House that hasstrenuously yought
to keep its distancefrom the Justice Department. Christopher Clark, alawyer for the younger Biden, said ha statement that it was his understanding that the five-year in"IknowHunter believes it is important to take responsibility for period of turmoil and addiction in his life," Clark said. "He looks forward to continuing his recovThy and moving forward. The news comes as congresown investigations into nearly every facet of Hunter Biden's business dealings, including exther aspects of his finances. It also comes days after a
7 -count indictment came Donald Trump for mishanhis Florida estate, another case with even more dramatic ase with even more dramatic

> Washington, June 20: President
Joe Biden's son Hunter has been charged with failing to pay fedpossessing a weapon and has reached an agreement with the
Justice Department, according to a letter filed in US District
Court in Delaware As part of the agreement,
made public on Tuesday, Hunter Biden will plead guilty to misdemeanour tax offences and is expected to reach an agreement with prosecutors on the felony
charge of illegally possessing a charge of illegally possessing
firearm as a drug user. It is somewhat unusual to resolve a federal criminal case at
the same time the charges are the same time the charges are
filed in court, though it is not tofiled in court, though it is not toa long-running Justice
Department investigation into Biden's second son, who has ac-
knowledged struggling with adknowledged struggling with adof his brother Beau Biden.
business

SUZUKI TO MAKE ‘FLYING CARS' WITH SKYDRIVE Japanese automaker Suzuki Motor Corp said Tuesday it had reached an agreement with SkyDrive Inc to make
'flying cars'. The companies will use a Suzuki Group 'flying cars'. The companies will use a Suzuki Group factory in central Japan to make electric vertical takeoff and landing aircraft and aim to begin production by
around spring next year, Suzuki said in a statement.
 nergy. We will keep adding storage

## SHORT TAKES

■ Janakiraman new RBI dy guv


Sales, tech roles in demand: Report Mumbai: The banking,
financial services and
insurance (BFSI) sector witnessing significant demand
for sales and technologyfor sales and technology-
related job roles, a report said
Tuesday Customer Tuesday. Customer technology functions like
software development cybersecurity, data analytics
and digital marketing have witnessed a a growing demand,
a research report by ciel HR Services stated. The report by
the talent solutions provider is based on a survey of $H R$
executives of 60 BFSIs,
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postings for the sector on


## CCI nod for HDFC

New Delhi: Competition
watchdog CCI Tuesday granted its approval to HDFC Life Insurance Compa Insurance Company Ltd. These approvals will help pave way
for merger of HDFC into HDFC Bank. In April, RBI allowed increase shareholding in HDFC HDFC ERGO General Insurance Company to over $50 \%$ prior to effective date of merger. The of additional shareholding of HDFC Life Insurance Company
avarov Adani cos' valuation halves against
6 pr cent decline for top 500 firms countressed the birth of many
carriers and maniers regional
athers. But we have also witnessed orders being
placed by India's foremost carriers, which are greater
India's total fleet
 UNDERPERFORMED WHEN COMPARED TO BENCHMARKS LIKE THE 30-SHARE SENSEX,
WHICH WAS FLAT DURING THE SIX MONTHS


 group has denied any wrong-
doing. The report said Reliance
Industries Industries was the most valuable Indian company at ₹ 16.3 decline, and was followed by
Tata Consultancy Services at
T11 ₹11.1 lakh crore and HDFC Bank
at $₹ 9.4$ lakh crore. The value of the top 500 com-
panies decreased marginally by panies decreased marginally by
6.4 per cent to ₹212 lakh crore
from ₹ 227 lakh crore as on from ₹227 lakh
The top, 500 companies un-
derperformed when compared to benchmarks like the 30-share
Sensex, which was flat during the six months.
Unlisted vaccine maker Serum Institute of India saw a 13 per
cent decline in its valuation at cent decline in its valuation at
₹1.92 lakh crore during the period,
the report said Among the listed unicorns,
the valuation of Nykaa, Zomato, the valuation of Nykaa, Zomato,
Paytm and Policybazaar declined Paytm and Policybazaar declined
by $₹ 7,872$ crore during the re-
view period, it said.
To make it to the list of the top To makke it to the list of the top
500 non-state-owned companies, 500 non-state-owned companies, IMF working on global platform for CBDCs


> Sensex, Nifty rebound on fag-end buying in IT, oil



Mcap of BSE-listed firms hits fresh record high
 Sensex rebounded to settle in the positive territory. The 30 -share
BSE benchmark advanced 159.40 points or 0.25 per cent to settle at 63,327.70. Fag-end buying helped the benchmark climb 271.89
points or 0.43 per cent to hit the day's high at $63,440.19$. The Sensex is just 255.37 points away from its intra-day record peak of $63,583.07$
hit December 1 market capitalisation year. Thcap) of recovery in equitises helped firms reach an all-time
high of ₹2,93, 1, the. .45 crore at the end of the trade. The market high of ₹ $2,93,51,462.45$ crore at the end of the trade. The market
capitalisation of BSE-listed firms reached a record of ₹292.78 cakitaisation of crore Friday last week.
Services, oil \& gas, energy
and industrials were the
laggards.
In Asian markets, Tokyo ended
in the green, while Seoul,
Shanghai, and HongKongsettled
in the negative territory.
crude climbed d.1.2 per cent to
USD 77.02 a barrel. USD 77.02 a barrel.
Foreign institutional investors Foreign institutional investors
(FIIs) offloaded equities worth (FIIs) offloaded equit
₹1,030.90 crore Mond
ing to exchange data

Retail inflation for farm, rural workers eases in May

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## Pharma exports may touch \$28bn in FY24

THE US FOOD AND DRUG ADMINISTRATION OFFICIALS' INSPECTION ON INDIAN MANUFACTURING SITES HAVE NOT PICKED UP AND IS YET TO REACH THE PRE-COVID LEVELS

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| Hyderabad, June 20: Indian pharma exports may touch USD 28 billion during the current fiscal against USD 25.39 billion in FY 23, Udaya Bhaskar, Director General of Pharmaceuticals Export Promotion Council of India (Pharmexcil), a body under the Department of Commerce said Tuesday. <br> Speaking to reporters here he said during the current fiscal the exports cloaked over 10 per cent and 0.7 per cent growth in April and may respectively. <br> "In FY 23 we exported USD 25.39 billion worth of pharma goods with 3.25 per cent growth. When most commodities are not doing so well, India pharma made this and achieved this de- |
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Covid levels.
He said the Ministry of $\quad \begin{aligned} & \text { Commerce is aware of the situ- } \\ & \text { ation and is taking up the issue }\end{aligned}$

EPFO adds 17.20L net members in April


New Delhi, June 20: Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman
Monday suggested identifica tion of crediti-deficicient districticts tion of credit-deficient 1 istricts
in each state and carrying out
special credit outreach camps there.
She also suggested holding a
special district level review com Shece aldo sugggested holding
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nittee meeting betwein July 15 miitee meeting between July 15
to August 15 and inviting MPs to August 15 and ins then further
from such district to further cransticlusion by opening
cial inan Mantri Jan Dhan
Pradhe Sojana (PMJDY) accounts. She said this while chairing a
meeting of a consultative com. mittee attached to the finance nancial inclusion. During the deliberations, Sitharaman re-
viewed the progress made under PMJDY, Jan Suraksha schemes
and MUDRA Yojana. The meeting was also attended by the
MoS for Finance Pankaj
Chaudhary and Bhagwat as well as MPs of consultative
committee from LS and RS.

## England, France march on

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| ris, June 20: England and ance made it four straight ins in European Championship alifying while Switzerland opped their first points. Harry Kane and Kylian bappe continued their goal ring form for their respece sides. Kane netted twice in gland's 7-0 home rout of North acedonia, in a match where kayo Saka struck a hat-trick, hile Mbappe slotted in a penalty the second attempt as Les eus edged visiting Greece 1-0. Swiss were coasting and en conceded two late goals ainst Romania in a 2-2 home aw. <br> Mbappe's twice-taken penalty the second half moved him to 40 goals for Les Bleus and ly one behind fellow great chel Platini - at the age of 24 while Kane opened and closed scoring with his record-exding 57th and 58th goals for gland. <br> England's forward line of ane, Saka and Marcus ashford all scored at Old rafford, where Rashford plays r Manchester United. bstitute Valentin Mihaila unced in the 89th and in ppage time for second-placed |  |
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GROUP B
Mbappe's 544 goal overall for
France and Paris Saint-

individual scoring record with
13 at the ' 58 World Cup.
World Cup runner-up France
has yet to concede a goal, while
third-placed Ireland beat
Gibraltar 3-0 in the other game
to finally open its account.
GRoup C
Kane and defender Stefan
Ristovski needed treatment
 By the 29th minute, Kane was
back on his feet and turning in
Luke Sher Lack on his feet and turning in
range. After ross from close range. After Rashford's goal
and Saka's triple, substitute and Saka's triple, substitute
midfielder Kalvin Phillips midrel before Kane's penalty.
scored
Second-placed Ukraine labored scored before Kane's penalty.
Secon-ppaced Urazane labored
to a 1-0 home win against Malta

72nd-minute penalty. Ukraine is
six points GROUP D
Wix points back from England.
Wath Cratia involved in the
Nations League, Turkey moved
further ahead at the top with a
2-0 home win against Euro 2016
semifinalist Wales.
The Welsh were reeling from
losing at home to Armenia 4-2
and fell to goals in the last 20 and midfielder Arda Güler. Turkey has nine points, three
ahead of Armenia, which moved up to second place after an injurytime penalty from Tigran
Barseghyan helped them beat
last-placed Latvia $2-1$.

| Finland and Kazakhstan w d were level on nine points, tw ead of Slovenia and Euro 202 mifinalist Denmark after th ew 1-1 in Ljubljana. Striker Andraž Šporar p ovenia ahead in the 25th, on Rasmus Højlund to equal the 42nd with his sixth goal alifying. <br> Finland routed last-placed arino 6-0. Forward Dan ảkans helped himself to a s d-half hat trick after comi the bench with 30 minutes 1 teran striker Teemu Puk mpleted the scoring for nns with his 38th intern nal goal. <br> Kazakhstan won at Northe eland 1-0 thanks to Ab mbetov's 88th-minute goal. <br> GROUP I <br> Switzerland looked on cour victory No.4. Forward Ze mdouni notched his fourth a th goals in qualifying to put the |  |
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ISHORT TAKES Mascot unveiled


## Chascot for next year's urropean

 teday bear - - and this time it wonttbe naked trom the waist down. The mascot made its first appearanc
Tuesday morning by surprising Thessual morning by surprisisy
children at a primary shool in
Gelsenkirchen Gelsenkirchen, where it was se
appear again later before the
teams 5 riendly game a aininst Coan'striendly lyame against
Colonboa The large-headed
mascot with bio mascotat a lion amed "Goldon" was widdly ridiculed for not having
pants. The as-yet unnamed teddy



## Contrasting wins

 Halle: Stefanos TTitisipas. DaniilMedvedev and Denis Shapovalov progressed from the first round of od
the enalie oren, theuhh som had
an easier time at the crass-cout an easier time at the grass-court
tournament. This secondseeded
Stefanos sitsines 22 minutes bbefor hee eeverntually
 loss as he trailed by a set and da
break at $3-1$ down in the second set buth he revevered for a second-
rund meeting with Nicala s Jars
Ton-sededed Mevted


## Title on the line

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 Emerging Asia cuparter their
semíinal asainst sri Lanka was Washed out here Tuesday. The
match was originally scheduled for Monday before being postponed by
a day due to rain. In a bizarreun of events, India have played only one
game in the run-up to the final. game in the run-up to the final,
their openeragainst hosts Hong Kong, which they won by nine
wickets. India's other three Hickest.Indiats other three
matres. inculuing the semifinal.
were were washed out without a ball
being bowled.
Banglades defeated being bowled. Bangladesh defea
P Pakistan by yir uns in the other
semifinal Tuestay. mifinal Tuesday.



In men's singles, Kidambi
Srikanth climbed three places to get into top 20 (No.19), follow-
ing Lakshy Sen closel on World
NJ.18 Sen
notches. HS Prannoy was the
bestranked Indian, holding on
to his nint spdot to his ninth spot.
Rising shutler Privanshu
Rajiwat also secured a career-

Cummins, Lyon secure thrilling win for Aussies


## JOB DONE: Nathan Lyon (L) and Australia win the match, Tuesday

 titched tothath Lyon an (ll uno, 28be Australia script a thrilling two-wickeve victory in the first Ashes Test here, Tuescay. he dismissol the board after the dismissal of Alex Carey -
the lasing 281-run targete, the oddd were against the visitors.
However, Cummins kept most of the strike taking his side
closer to the target, having solid closer to the target, having solid
support from Lyon at the other
end. The match turned drastically post tea, when Aussies were re-
duced to $227 / 8$ having lost three wickets - first Cameron Green
(28), then well-st (28), then well-set Usman
Khawaja (65, 197b, 7x4) and Carey - in just 44 runs.
Earlier, Australia were in need

| of 98 more runs to win the match after reaching tea at $183 / 5$ as the cricket thriller headed into its final session on the last day at Edgbaston. <br> Khawaja was patiently moving the visitors toward the winning target of 281. He had the company of Green when tea was taken as the duo had already added 40 runs for the sixth wicket. <br> Forced to leave the field the day before with a painful blistered finger, England spinner Moeen Ali ( $1 / 50$ ) returned earlier to give England a key wicket of thirdranked batter Travis Head (16). The morning session was lost to rain and players took an early lunch at the Birmingham ground. <br> BRIEF SCORES: England 393/8d <br> \& 273 lost to Australia 386 \& 282/8 <br> (Usman Khawaja 65, Pat Cummins 44 n o; Stuart Broad $3 / 64$, Ollie Robinson $2 / 43$ ) by 2 wickets. |
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| $\xrightarrow{\text { PResS TRUST Of India }}$ New Delhi, June 20: Manju |
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| New Delhi, June 20: Manju Rani had to jump a few hurdles before she learnt to walk. It was an arduous task for a class six student to secure permission for staying away from the eyes of a protective family, living in Khaira Khurd - a small village in Punjab's Mansa district - and pursue a career in sport. <br> Her grandmother was apprehensive and denied permission but a supportive father understood the burning desire of a mother-less child to become an athlete and eventually let her move to the SAI centre, Badal in Muktsar district. It was not a bad gamble. Manju, 24, is now country's top race walker. <br> "It took a lot of cajoling to convince my father. It was not normal to let a girl child live away from family. The SAI training centre was 100 kms away from my village. My 'dadi' kept denying the permission," Manju Rani told this agency. <br> "One day over a cup of agreed. But he said to me, 'Pagg nu daag na layee' (keep the family's honour intact)." <br> Manju kept her promise and has now brought laurels to the family and the state of Punjab by be coming the first Indian woman to clock a sub-3 hour effort in 35 km race walk. That winning timing of 2:57:54.00 in Ranchi at the National Race Walking Championships in February was also good enough for the Asian Games qualification. |
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BLUE TIGERS START FIRM FAVOURITES

Hosts face arch rivals Pakistan in their SAFF
Championship campaign opener today


Manju opens up on her journey to the top


MORE CHALLENGES
The initial struggl
The initial struggle to get the
family backing was over but family backing was over but
more challenges awaited her more challenges awaited her.
Her father had to mortgage their two acre land to manage the ex penses. When Manju moved to
National Centre of Excellence National Centre of Excellence
(NCOE) in Bhopal, she had to (NCOE) in Bhopal, she had to
arrange for accommodation her-
sel. My name was yet to be added
to the list, so I spent about $5-6$ to the list, so I spent about 5-6
months in a rented accommomonths in a rented accommo-
dation. I had to arrange for it on my own. Also, the shoes are
pretty expensive. It costs about pretty expensive. It costs about
Rs 17000 for a pair of shoes and they last just one month. I got they last just one month. I got
some support when I got a job
with Sashastra Seema Bal (SSB) in "I 2018. "Ihad got a salary of Rs 21000 at that time but still a lot of
money was required for good money was required for good
training. Shoes, supplements, diet, it is a costly affair to be a
sports person. My father mortgaged his agricultural land me and a bit was spent on my
grand.
said.
However, streatment," she However, the financial con
straints were still troubling her straints were still troubling her and she had to take a personal
loan of Rs 8 lakh in 2019 "I am
paying a monthly installment paying a monthly installment
of Rs 17000 out of my Rs 32000 salary. The loan is for seven
years. But the amount helped me. The good shoes are avail-
able in Japan and UK only. I order shoes from there.
"If I had a sponsorship, it
would have helped but as of now I am managing it on my own.
There is no point training with inferior shoes. It will lead to in
jury. I have no other jury. I have no other option,
have to do well in my sport."

