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After her viral image, actor Tamannaah Bhatia clears air on possessing 'world's 5th largest diamond' LEISURE P2

'MOON SPACEWAY' AUG 1

Chandrayaan-3 travelled further towards its destination with the Indian space agency Tuesday raising its orbit further for the fifth time. On August 1, the Chandrayaan-3 will take the 'moon spaceway' when ISRO will guide it to the TransLunar Injection (TLI).



SRIKANTH, PRANNOY THROUGH

Kidambi Srikanth and HS Prannoy enter the pre-quarterfinals of the men's singles competition in the Japan Open

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ROUSING WELCOME: Governor Ganeshi Lal, Chief Minister Naveen Patnaik, Orissa High Court Chief Justice S Muralidhar and BMC Mayor Sulochana Das welcome President Droupadi Murmu as the First Citizen of India arrives in Bhubaneswar on a three-day state visit, Tuesday

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Bhubaneswar, July 25: President Droupadi Murmu received a rousing welcome when she reached Bhubaneswar Tuesday, the day she completed a year in office.

Folk artists performed at the airport and along the road which she took from the airport to Raj Bhawan. Governor Ganeshi Lal, Chief Minister Naveen Patnaik, Orissa High Court Chief Justice S Muralidhar and BMC Mayor Sulochana Das received Murmu at the airport as she reached on a three-day visit to her home state.

Later, Murmu attended a meeting of the 'Atut Bandhan' family at Raj Bhawan, where she called upon medical students to help other needy students while moving forward in their profession and life.

PNN & AGENCIES

Cuttack, July 25: The Orissa High Court has ordered an interim stay on the publication of Odisha Čivil Services (OCS)-2021 examination results.

The high court has asked the Odisha Public Service Commission (OPSC) to continue with the ongoing personality test as scheduled. "However, the result of the recruitment shall not be published without the leave of the court," said an order passed by Justice AK Mohapatra.

The high court passed the order July 21 while adjudicating a writ petition filed by Satish Kumar Panigrahi, a differentlyabled job aspirant, who was denied permission to sit in the ongoing recruitment process.

The high court directed the OPSC to allow Satish to participate in the personality test. The OPSC was further directed to constitute a medical board for Satish and submit his fresh disability certificate in the court by the next date fixed in the first week of September.

The HC move came while adjudicating a writ petition filed by Satish Kumar Panigrahi, a PwD job aspirant, who was denied permission to sit in the recruitment process

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The recruitment drive that included three phases— Prelims exam, Main exam and Personality



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2021 RESULTS

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> Test – was conducted to fill up a total of 433 vacancies.

Of the total vacancies, 142 were for women. Out of 230 vacancies for UR category, 77 were for women. Of 39 posts for SEBC category, 12 were for the fairer sex. Similarly, 23 posts were reserved for women out of the 71 for SCs and 30 for women out of the 93 vacancies for STs.

A total of 5,296 candidates, including 1,749 women, cleared the Prelims exam and were shortlisted for the Main examination.

ALL-TIME HIGH DATA BREACH COST IN INDIA

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

New Delhi, July 25: The average cost of a data breach in India reached ₹17.9 crore in 2023, according to the IBM Security report that classified it as an 'all-time high' for the report and almost a 28 per cent increase since 2020.

The most common attack type in India was phishing (almost 22 per cent), followed by stolen or compromised credentials (16 per cent). Social engineering was the costliest root cause of breaches at ₹19.1 crore, followed by malicious insider threats, which amounted to nearly ₹18.8

Detection and escalation costs jumped 45 per cent over the same time frame, representing the highest portion of breach costs, and indicating a shift towards more complex breach investigations.

About 80 per cent of studied organisations in India have limited (37 per cent) or no use (43 per cent) of AI and automation.

"IBM Security today released its annual Cost of a Data Breach Report, showing the average cost of a data breach in India reached ₹17.9 crore in 2023 – an all-time high for the report and almost a 28 per cent increase since 2020,' according to a release.

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SHORT TAKES

POST NEWS NETWORK

Bhubaneswar. July 25: At least three children, including two siblings, died and a woman was rendered critical after being bitten by poisonous snakes in two separate incidents in the state, Tuesday. According to sources, two siblings

died of snakebite at Jangalikuda village in Ward-9 of Deogarh Municipality. have issued an

Sarbeswar Dehuri's sons Gouranga, 14, and Soubhagya, 8, were asleep in their room when they were bitten by a krait around 4am.

They were rushed to Deogarh District Headquarters Hospital (DHH) in the morning. However, both of them passed away while undergoing treatment at the state-run facility.

In the other incident, a six-month-old baby lost his life to snakebite in Katuria village under Sarat police limits in

Minati Mahakud and her son were asleep when they were bitten by a venomous snake late Monday night. The mother-son duo was rushed to Udala hospital, where the baby was declared 'dead on arrival' and Minati was admitted in a critical condition.

Later, Minati was shifted to PRM Medical College and Hospital in Baripada where she was undergoing treatment when the last report came in.

Meanwhile, Health auadequate stock thorities have issued an adviof anti-venom sory to hospitals in the state to maintain adequate stock of anti-venom.

> They have also urged people to ensure snakebite patients reach nearby hospitals immediately instead of wasting time in black magic and other superstitious **MORE P4**

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No-confidence motion against govt likely today

New Delhi: The alliance of 26 Opposition parties 'INDIA' is likely to submit a notice for a no-confidence motion against the government in Lok Sabha Wednesday to make Prime Minister Narendra Modi speak in Parliament on the Manipur violence senior leaders of the front said. The alliance has already drawn up a draft of the notice and is in the process of getting the necessary 50 signatures of MPs. The group has to submit the notice before 10 am for it to be read out by the speaker in the House. Wednesday.

State nod to 8 projects worth ₹1,250 crore

Bhubaneswar: The state government Tuesday approved eight industrial projects with a cumulative investment of ₹1,250 crore that would create employment opportunities for 3,640 persons, if grounded. The State Level Single Window Clearance Authority (SLSWCA), headed by Chief Secretary Pradeep Kumar Jena, has approved the projects during a meeting held in virtual mode, said an official. The projects are proposed to be set up in Subarnapur, Bolangir and Nabarangpur

Twitter's X move annihilates billions

AGENCIES

San Francisco, July 25: It's rare for corporate brands to become so intertwined with everyday conversation that they become verbs. It's rarer still for the owner of such a brand to announce plans to intentionally destroy it. On Sunday, Elon Musk decreed that Twitter's product name would be changed to 'X,' and that he is getting rid of the bird logo and all the associated words, including 'tweet.' Musk's move has so far wiped out anywhere between \$4 billion and \$20 billion in value. Bloomberg reported quoting analysts and brand agencies.



"It took 15-plus years to earn that much equity worldwide, so losing Twitter as a brand name is a significant financial hit," said Steve Susi, director of brand communi-

cation at Siegel & Gale. Musk, whose company has already declined sig-

nificantly in value since he

purchased it for \$44 billion

change Saturday night. By Monday morning a new black 'X' logo, designed by a fan over the weekend, began to appear across the site. New Chief Executive Officer Linda Yaccarino outlined the company's vision for X to become a site for audio, video, messaging, payments and banking. Analysts and brand agen-

in October, announced the

cies call the product's renaming a mistake. Twitter is one of the most recognizable social media brands, said Todd Irwin, founder of brand agency Fazer. Bird decals adorn small businesses and websites worldwide, alongside Instagram and Facebook logos. Twitter's popularity has

also made verbs like 'tweet' and 'retweet" part of modern culture, used regularly to explain how celebrities, politicians and others communicated with the public, said Joshua White, assistant professor of finance at Vanderbilt University.

X will require the company to rebuild that cultural pull and linguistic consensus from scratch. But that may be part of the motivation, so users stop comparing Twitter posttakeover to what it was before.





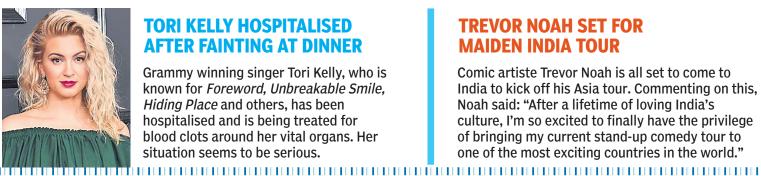








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TORI KELLY HOSPITALISED AFTER FAINTING AT DINNER

Grammy winning singer Tori Kelly, who is known for Foreword, Unbreakable Smile, Hiding Place and others, has been hospitalised and is being treated for blood clots around her vital organs. Her situation seems to be serious.

TREVOR NOAH SET FOR **MAIDEN INDIA TOUR**

Comic artiste Trevor Noah is all set to come to India to kick off his Asia tour. Commenting on this, Noah said: "After a lifetime of loving India's culture, I'm so excited to finally have the privilege of bringing my current stand-up comedy tour to one of the most exciting countries in the world."



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A new acquaintance will make you feel happy today. You must remember that things don't have to be expressed explicitly; a word or a song from deep within can make a bigger impact. Ganesha says today is the right time to do something which will be more rewarding in the long-term

TAURUS

This day, your heart is likely to rule your head. You will be driven by your moods feelings and sentiments. Most of the instead of your reason and experience. Ganesha urges you not to allow your

GEMINI

You will feel the need to pur-You will give more time to your family and will spend as much time as possible with your children and will bestow your love and affection on them. You will be in an imaginative and romantic mood today. You need to harness your creativity into creating opportunities for yourself, says Ganesha.

CANCER Sometimes acting a little eccentric and adopting an approach that you will usually not helps you redefine your style, says Ganesha. Go ahead and do that today! Although you will be open to adapt and bring in some revolutionary changes, you

Forget the weather. Today, the only thing shining bright are your chances of spending some quality time with your near and dear ones. Going along these lines, Ganesha wonders how long has it been since you last did the same. So, make the most of this lucky day. Chances are that you shall make new friends, who might turn out to be very

A mixture of the desirable and undesirable is on the cards today, Sentimenta people will tend to think of you as a little mmature. However, your sense of humour will be as robust as ever and you will never fall short of jokes. Ganesha advises you to pursue spiritually enriching activities in order to properly channelise your abilities.

The whole point of being a Libran is that you always have the tendency to be two separate things put together on a pair of scales that somehow balance. Ganesha feels that today, you'll bring to the scales the stability of being your own master and servant.

SCORPIO

Your stars indicate splurging of money today. And this time, you do it for your near and dear ones. After all, what is money without friends and family? You may even go out of your way to make them happy by entertaining them with outings and celebrations.

SAGITTARIUS

Staying away from home for a long business trip may strike great deals, it's worth it. Besides good returns from business, Ganesha also has many other surprises in store for vou. Be hopeful!

CAPRICORN

You love the people around you unconditionally and such emotions will be more visible now than ever. Today, you will want to keep yourself surrounded with your loved ones, make them happy and have a good time, says Ganesha.

AQUARIUS

If you're stuck indoors today, make the most of it. There's always carrom, checkers, chess and partying! Shake yourself a bit, and you'll come up with You'll find that either way, life is wonder ful, says Ganesha.

PISCES

note, says Ganesha.

In spite of the hardships that you will encounter on your way, your high spirits, enthuall obstacles. And no matter how troubled the day starts, it ought to end on a cheerful

Tamannaah clears air on owning 'world's 5th largest diamond'

itive response to her work in the streaming anthology Lust Stories 2, recently became the talk of the town after an image of the actress posing with a sparkling

tress has now cleared the air around the Many people made the claim that she possesses the 5th largest diamond in the world, gifted to her by Ram Charan's wife, Upasana Kamineni Konidela. The actress has finally made the clarification in a rather humorous way putting the rumours to rest. The actress took to the Stories section

diamond resurfaced on social media. The ac-

of her Instagram Tuesday and shared the viral image in question, and revealed that what everyone misunderstood for a diamond was, in fact, a 'bottle opener'. She also penned a hilarious text on the picture. She wrote, "Hate to break it to you but we were doing a photo shoot with a bottle opener and not an actual diamond. #girlsliketoclickpics"

Meanwhile, on the work front, Tamannaah Bhatia is currently basking in oodles of praise for her fiery moves in the chartbuster song Kaavaalaa from her upcoming Tamil film. IANS





Attending the event. Odia Language, Literature and Culture Minister Ashwini Kumar Patra said, life is meaningless and impossible without literature and vice versa. Akademi's president Hrushikesh Mallick, author Viswas Patil, Additional Chief Secretary of the department Satyabrat Sahu and Director Dilip Routray were also present. The dignitaries offered floral tribute to Akademi's former Secretary who passed away recently in a

Janharatira Sathi opens to amazing response

Bhubaneswar: Janharati ra Sathi, a much anticipated Odia film with Sidhanta Mahapatra in the lead, had its special screening Tuesday evening here at Cinepolis Esplanade

The movie, directed by acclaimed filmmaker Jitendra Jena, garnered appreciation from critics and viewers alike.

The event was attended by several luminaries from the Odia film industry, along with film enthusiasts who eagerly

waited to witness the magic of the movie.

Produced by Ajaya Kumar Rout, the plot of Janharatira Sathi is woven around how black magic is still prevalent in some parts of Odisha affecting the lives of scores of people. The film's ensemble cast also includes Sheetal Patra, Poonam Mishra, Sambit Acharya, Samaresh Routray, Pragyan Khatua Choudhurv

Jayaprakash Das. Goodly Rath has scored the music while Narayan Rath is the director of photography. Producer Rout and director Jena has penned the screen-

Expressing his gratitude for the overwhelming response from the viewers, director Jena said, "I am extremely grateful to the audience for embracing the film with so much love and appreciation. It is heartening to see our efforts being recognised and appreciated.



Mahabharata set for stage adaptation in London ries have been passed from sto-

THOUGH FIRST COMPOSED IN AN ANCIENT TIME, THE THEME OF THE HINDU **EPIC IS ACUTELY RELEVANT IN TODAY'S GLOBALISED WORLD, SAYS CO-DIRECTOR FERNANDES**

London: The tale of Mahabharata is an all time classic, and one of the greatest epics of all time that needs little de-

tailing. The biggest epic of all time is now set for a new stage adaptation at the UK premiere at London's Barbican Theatre

The legendary Hindu epic that packs with it some of the greatest thought changing and detailed philosophies, a powerful story of a great war and spiritual ideas, is presented by the Canadian theatre production Why Not Theatre and had its world premiere in Canada back in March at The Shaw Festival Theatre in Niagara-on-the-Lake.

According to Variety, the production is presented in two parts and narrated by a storyteller (Miriam Fernandes), Karma (part 1), is the origin story of the



In Dharma (part 2), a great battle destroys the planet and the survivors are left behind to rebuild.



will be performed by a contingent of actors ranging from across four continents.

The cast includes UK-based performers Ajay Chhabra, Neil D'Souza, Darren Kuppan, Goldy Notay and Sakuntala Ramanee.

This big company of actors is joined by Canadian and other international performers like Shawn Ahmed. Jav Emmanuel. Fernandes, Navtej Sandhu, Anaka Maharaj-Sandhu, Ellora Patnaik, Meher Pavri, Munish Sharma and Sukania Venugopal, and understudies Varun Guru, Karthik Kadam, Suma Nair, Ronica Sajnani and Ishan Sandhu. The adaptation is done by Why Not Theatre's founding artistic director Ravi Jain, and co-artistic director Fernandes.

Talking about the big theatre production, he said: "These sto-

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dent in London, I watched the world masters dazzle audiences on the Barbican stage, 20 years later it's a dream come true to share this complex work we're so proud of at this truly special venue." The Mahabharata theatre production will open its big stage on the Barbican October 1 to October 7.

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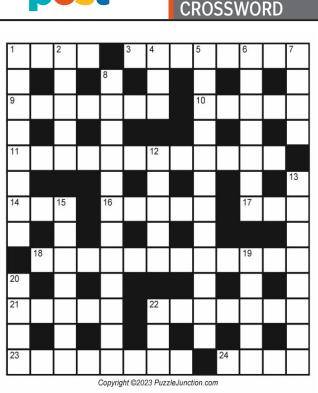
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FOR PREZ VISIT

A thorough security check in progress at Jawaharlal Nehru Indoor Stadium in Cuttack, Tuesday, ahead of President Droupadi Murmu's visit to the Millennium City, Wednesday. The President arrived at Biju Patnaik airport in Bhubaneswar Tuesday evening to a rousing welcome



NOD TO 8 PROJECTS WORTH ₹1,250CR

Bhubaneswar, July 25: The state government Tuesday approved eight industrial projects with a cumulative investment of ₹1,250 crore that would create employment opportunities for 3,640 persons, if grounded.

The State Level Single Window Clearance Authority (SLSWCA) headed by Chief Secretary Pradeep Kumar Jena has approved the projects during a meeting held in virtual mode, said an official.

The state government has also approved three investment proposals for production of grainbased ethanol, with a combined investment of approximately ₹810 crore. The projects are pro posed to be set up in Subarnapur, Bolangir and Nabarangpur districts. These projects will generate employment opportuni**MAJOR PROPOSALS**



■ Three grain-based ethanol projects will be established in Subarnapur, Bolangir and Nabarangpur districts with a combined investment of approximately ₹810 crore

A downstream steel manufacturing unit for production of 1,80,000 steel doors and windows will come up with an investment of ₹147.64 crore

Nezone Tubes Utkal Limited plans to expand its existing facility at Kalinga Nagar, entailing an investment of ₹105 crore

ties for around 500 people in western Odisha along the Biju Economic Corridor.

In apparel and textiles sector, **BK International Private Limited** has got the approval to establish a manufacturing unit for socks with an investment of ₹52 crore. This project would generate employment for 800 persons.

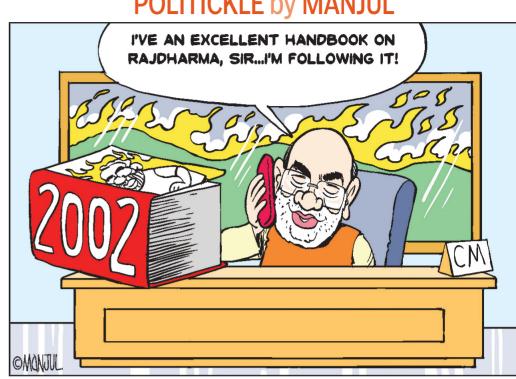
Vedanta Limited will set up 4.5 million ton per annum (mtpa) iron ore beneficiation plant at Koida in Sundargarh district with an investment of ₹80 crore.

In the steel (downstream) sector, a reputed manufacturer has proposed to set up a cutting-edge manufacturing unit for producing 1,80,000 steel doors and windows along with other products, with an investment of ₹147.64 crore.

The proposal of Mamta Fabrics Pvt Ltd has got the nod of the SLSWCA to set up a garments manufacturing unit with an investment of ₹50 crore. The company assured to offer employment opportunities to 2,000 individuals in Khurda district.

Nezone Tubes Utkal Limited plans to expand its existing facility by establishing a manufacturing unit for 1,60,000 MT pipes and tubes, entailing an investment of ₹105 crore and providing employment for 50 individuals at Kalinga Nagar.

POLITICKLE by MANJUL



Man gets life for killing friend

POST NEWS NETWORK

Bhubaneswar, July 25: A local court here Tuesday sentenced life imprisonment to a man after convicting him for killing his friend at Bhubaneswar railway station here April 23, 2022. The convict was identified as Shankar Pandey of Nayapalli area here.

Pandey and the deceased, Mohammad Allam, used to beg at the railway station and were drug addicts.

"At about 3:30pm April 23, 2022, informant Guduli Jena, along with her family and her uncle Allam were sitting near the old booking counter of the railway station when one Sanjay Nayak reached there and sat near them. After some time, accused Pandev

also reached the spot and started assaulting Sanjay for not procuring ganja for him. When Allam interfered, Pandey got enraged and assaulted Allam with fist blows on his chest, face and head. He also kicked on his head and belly," public prosecutor Sarad Chandra Samanta said.

Allam sustained severe injuries and lost his senses. The onlookers rushed him to Capital Hospital where doctors declared him brought dead

The court, after examining the statements of eight witnesses and other documents, convicted Pandey and sentenced him to life, along with a fine of ₹10,000. Pandey would serve additional imprisonment of one year in case he fails to pay the amount.

BJD wants 169 tribes in Odisha's ST list

KULDEEP SINGH, OP

New Delhi, July 25: The Biju Janata Dal (BJD) Tuesday extended support to a Bill to include certain communities in the list of Scheduled Tribes (ST) in Chhattisgarh and demanded the inclusion of 169 left out communities in the ST list of Odisha.

The Constitution (Scheduled Tribes) Order (fifth amendment) Bill, 2022 was passed by the Rajya Sabha Tuesday amidst Opposition's protest over Manipur violence.

BJD Rajya Sabha MP Sasmit welcomed the Constitution (Scheduled Tribes) order (fifth amendment) Bill, 2022 which seeks to

include certain communities in the ST list in Chhattisgarh. He also highlighted the plight of tribal people in Odisha and put forth several demands of the state in respect to welfare of tribal communities.

At least 169 tribal communities in Odisha are still waiting for inclusion in the ST list. Chief Minister Naveen Patnaik had written several letters in this respect to the Union government but the Centre is yet to take any decision on this, Patra said, adding that proposals for inclusion of certain tribal groups have been pending since 1970.

BJD MP Niranjan Bishi, who also spoke on the Bill, urged the Union government to look into

The Constitution (Scheduled Tribes) **Order (fifth amendment)** Bill, 2022 was passed by the Rajya Sabha Tuesday

the pending proposals sent by Odisha government for inclusion of 169 communities in the state's ST list. During his speech he named several tribal communities of Odisha and demanded that they be included in the ST list.

Bishi appreciated the Union government for bringing the Bill which, according to him,

will benefit the tribal communities in Chhattisgarh.

Significantly, Patra also requested for inclusion of tribal languages Ho, Mundari, Bhumij in the Eighth Schedule of the Constitution.

Drawing attention of the Upper House towards the hardship faced by tribal women involved in plucking of Kendu leaves, the BJD requested for withdrawal of 18 per cent GST on Kendu leaves. Over 10 lakh tribal women in Odisha are dependent on Kendu leaves.

Patra also urged for the passage of the Women's Reservation Bill in the Parliament to provide 33 per cent reservation

Vaishnaw urged to start Kalahandi loco project

POST NEWS NETWORK

New Delhi, July 25: Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) MP Basanta Panda called on Union Railway Minister Ashwini Vaishnaw Tuesday, urging the latter to commence work for setting up electric loco periodical overhauling workshop in Kalahandi district at the earliest.

The Kalahandi MP submitted a memorandum to Vaishnaw highlighting several pending projects in his constituency. He requested the minister to commence work for electric loco workshop on available land and direct the state government to provide additional land for the



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SOP issued to curb snakebite menace

Bhubaneswar, July 25: Following a spate of snakebite deaths reported from different parts of Odisha after the onset of monsoon, the state Health department has issued a set of guideline to be followed by all district hospitals and community health centres to mitigate instances of snakebite and the corresponding mortality.

The state Directorate of Public Health and Family Welfare Tuesday alerted all Chief District Medical Officers & Public Health Officers (CDM&PHOS) to take adequate measures to manage such cases and raise awareness to minimise snake-human inter-

In a letter, Director, Public Health, Niranjan Mishra said monsoon and flood contribute to large number of snakebite cases. Odisha is reporting substantial numbers of snakebite cases and associated health hazards.

"It is therefore necessary at your end to take adequate measures to manage the snakebite cases and also spread awareness in the general public to minimize the snake-human interface," Mishra said in the letter while laying down the SOP to be followed by healthcare centres



Odisha has been witnessing 1,000 snakebite deaths annually for the last 5 Yrs

a state-specific disaster, becoming the first state in the

- In 2018, govt worked out an action plan to contain the number of deaths
- Five years down the line, not much seems to have changed on
- As per Disaster Management wing statistics, between 2018-19 and 2022-23 Odisha recorded 4.870 snakebite deaths

to address the issue. The guidelines include the

availability of anti snake venoms (ASVs) at all hospitals (DHHS. SDHs, CHCs) and their rational use as per protocol, providing all required tests and drugs free of the cost to the victims, follow-up of patients and timely referral of the victim to higher centre, if felt necessary.

Moreover, all drugs (ASVs, Hydrocortisone, Adrenaline, Neostigmine, Atropine etc) be kept ready in the casualty department of all hospitals, the guideline stated.

The Health department has also called for adequate sensitisation of all field staff regarding first-aid and early hospitalization

of victims, daily reporting of cases/deaths to the State Integrated Disease Surveillance Project (IDSP) cell.

The Director has asked the district health authorities to increase public awareness about poisonous and non-poisonous snakes, transportation of patient to hospitals along with the do's & don'ts for the people.

Rashtriya Bal Swasthya Karyakram (RBSK) teams visiting the schools should educate teachers and students regarding cleanliness of the school premises and first-aid management along with early shifting of patient to the nearest health facility, the guide-

RAGING ISSUE: BJP workers tussle with police as they stage a demonstration in front of BMC office in Bhubaneswar seeking fulfillment of their various demands in the wake of rising dengue cases in City, Tuesday

BMC seeks students' help to combat dengue

ARINDAM GANGULY, OP

Bhubaneswar, July 25: Bhubaneswar Municipal Commissioner Vijay Amruta Kulange presided over a meeting held here at Ekamra Hall Tuesday bringing together teach ers and headmasters of various City schools to enhance awareness among school students about dengue.

The commissioner emphasised the role of school students as formidable agents of change in spreading awareness while lauding their youthful energy, enthusiasm, and curiosity, which drive them to actively engage in various social and environmental issues. Furthermore, he stressed the importance of keeping the environment dry, as mosquitoes tend to breed on wet surfaces, and to maintain a clean 5 meter radius to prevent growth of potential breeding grounds.

To effectively contain the spread of the disease, Kulange urged the headmasters and teachers to conduct a dengue audit on their school premises. This audit will involve checking for stagnant water and ensuring ilant of symptoms such as high fever, pain in the back of the eyes, vomiting, and other associated signs.

He also advised them to be vig-

In addition to the school staff, the commissioner encouraged students to actively participate in the dengue audit process. He suggested that they create a dengue-free environment within schools and disseminate awareness messages while also conducting a thorough inspection of their school premises to identify and eliminate potential mosquito breeding sites.

tensive door-to-door campaign BMC has launched to raise awareness against dengue in the City. Additional commissioner Laxmikanta Sethi, sanitation deputy commissioner Manoranjan Sahu along with all the headmasters and teachers from BMC jurisdiction schools

participated in the meeting. "By collaborating with schools and engaging the student community, BMC is confident that the approach will contribute significantly to reducing the risk of dengue in Bhubaneswar and create a healthier City for all its residents," said Kulange.

JE in Vig net over graft

GYAN RANJAN MOHAPATRA, OP

Bhubaneswar, July 25: The Vigilance officials Tuesday nabbed a junior engineer in Delanga block of Puri district while accepting bribe of ₹30,000 from a contractor for facilitating the release of final bill of the construction work carried out by the complainant. According to sources, the ac-

cused engineer Rajanikanta Majhi had demanded bribe from the complainant, Hrushikesh Jena, who requested him to release the final bill to the tune of ₹5 lakh for the construction of Anganwadi building at Pidhapatana village.

Finding no other way, the complainant sought the help of vigilance officials who laid a trap and Tuesday caught Majhi.

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Editors' meet in City to help LF elimination drive



ARINDAM GANGULY, OP

Bhubaneswar, July 25: State Health and Family Welfare department organised a state-level editors' meet Tuesday to spread of information and awareness through media on the launch of the second phase of Mass Drug Administration (MDA) campaign, to eradicate lymphatic filariasis (LF) in the state, from

The 11 endemic districts where the second phase of MDA is going to be implemented include Angul, Bargarh, Jharsuguda, Keonihar, Mayurbhani, Sonepur, Sundargarh, Jajpur, Ganjam, Dhenkanal, and Sambalpur. The campaign will coincide with National Deworming Day (NDD) with a combo of three drugs--Ivermectin, DEC and Albendazole.

"The objective of the meet

was to facilitate comprehensive dissemination of information that highlights the debility caused by lymphatic filariasis to ensure that individuals and communities receive accurate information about the seriousness and impact of the disease," said a health department official.

On the occasion, Public Health director Niranjan Mishra said, "Filaria is a serious public health problem which is spread by mosquito bites. Filariasis is one of the leading causes of long-term disability worldwide. It is commonly acquired in childhood but manifested in adulthood.'

Medical Education and Training director Sachidananda Mohanty highlighted the role of medical collages in confronting the menace while informing that "once filaria symptoms are visible, it is not reversible.

MoU inked for incubation centre on apparels sector

ARINDAM GANGULY, OP

Bhubaneswar, July 25: Orissa State Cooperative Spinning Mills Federation Ltd (SPINFED) Tuesday signed a memorandum of understanding (MoU) with three 'incubatees' for establishment of an incubation centre for the apparel sector here in presence of Handlooms, Textiles and Handicrafts Minister Rita Sahu.

The MoU was signed between SPINFED MD Debjit Nandy and the three 'incubatees' Mukesh Kumar Nayak (Kendrapara), Binoy Munda (Rairangapur), Biswojit Kiro (Sundargarh) in the presence of the minister, department Principal Secretary



Arabinda Kumar Padhee, di-Sahu, director Pranati Chhotray, special secretary Saroj Kumar Patel and other officials.

Speaking on this occasion, Sahu said, "We hope more and more women entrepreneurs will be deployed and financially empowered through the incubation centre." These three 'incuba-

tees' will be the role models in the state and encourage more entrepreneurs with employment opportunities in the apparel sector, added Padhee.

'The incubation period for each 'incubatee' shall be three years without any initial cooling period. It is expected that more than 500 un-employed women would get employment through this Incubation centre." said a department official.

The main objectives of incubation centre include promotion of entrepreneurship in apparel manufacturing to create additional manufacturing capacity which will help generate additional employment oppor-

Workshop on MAMTA at CSIR-IMMT in City



on Materials Advancement and Methods for Technological Applications (MAMTA) was organised at CSIR-IMMT, Bhubaneswar. The workshop is supported by SERB "Accelerate Vigyan -Karyashala" scheme as well as CSIR integrated skill development initiative The workshop will conclude July 29. CSIR-IMMT Director Ramanuj Narayan said, "This workshop will provide a vital platform for gaining knowledge based on the several materials' synthesis techniques for the development of electronics, energy and environmental devices by highly experienced speakers." Surojit Gupta, University of North Dakota, Shova Neupane, University of Southern Denmark and Kalpataru Panda, Technische University, Germany, will be the speakers in the workshop

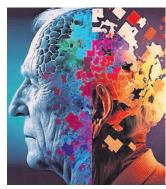
Probiotics may help slow cognitive decline

aking probiotics may help prevent the decline in memory and thinking that can accompany ageing, suggests a study that may pave the way for new, non-invasive treatments that leverage the gut microbiome to mitigate cognitive decline in Researchers found that when

people with mild cognitive impairment received the probiotic Lactobacillus rhamnosus GG (LGG) for three months, their cognitive scores increased.

This cognitive improvement was also associated with changes in their gut microbiome.

"The implication of this finding is quite exciting, as it means that modifying the gut microbiome through probiotics could potentially be a strategy to improve cognitive performance, particularly in individuals with mild cognitive impairment,' said Mashael Aljumaah, a mi-



crobiology doctoral candidate at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill and North Carolina State University.

'This adds a new layer to our understanding of the microbiome brain-gut connection and opens up new avenues for combating cognitive decline associated with ageing.

Aljumaah noted that while studies usually focus on severe forms of cognitive diseases such as Alzheimer's and dementia, the new study included people with mild cognitive impairment which can include problems with memory, language, or judge ment. "Interventions at this stage of cognitive impairment could slow down or prevent the progression to more severe forms of dementia," she said.

The study involved 169 participants between 52 and 75 years old who were divided into two groups depending on whether they had no neurological issues or mild cognitive impairment.

Within each group, participants either received the LGG probiotic or a placebo in a double-blind, randomised clinical trial lasting three months.

The researchers selected the LGG probiotic because prior research had shown its potential beneficial effects in animal models. To investigate the study participants' gut microbiomes, the researchers used 16S rRNA gene sequencing to identify and compare bacteria present in stool samples

They then used whole genome sequencing to gain insights into the functional roles of the bacteria identified.

The analysis revealed that microbes in the genus Prevotella were present in a higher relative abundance in participants with mild cognitive impairment than those with no cognitive impairment. This suggests that gut microbiome composition could serve as an early indicator for mild cognitive impairment, offering opportunities for earlier interventions to slow cognitive decline.

For study participants who had mild cognitive impairment and received the LGG probiotics, the Prevotella relative abun-

Delegation signs pact with Univ of California, Berkley

ARINDAM GANGULY, OP

Bhubaneswar, July 25: A state government delegation Tuesday signed a MoU with University of California, Berkeley. The agreement aimed at highlighting cooperation and areas of research, entrepreneurship and exchange of academic publication.

The delegation met executive director of Fisher Centre for **Business Analytics Gauthier** Vasseur and acting Dean of Hass School of Business Don Moore of the university. As part of the understanding, Odisha government and University of California will collaborate on research projects and jointly organise conferences and workshops and around 1,000 re-

searchers are likely to be trained. The MoU will also enable the government to connect with university's illustrious alumni net-

work for collaboration on various initiatives

In the first phase of cooperation, pilot projects will be launched in areas such as disaster management and climate control, healthcare. Fintech, and agriculture. Partnerships will take place in emerging-tech areas such as Artificial Intelligence/Machine Learning and generative AI within the governance system to bring more transformation in public delivery mechanism.

Speaking on the occasion, E & IT Minister Tusharkanti Behera said, "I foresee innumerable areas of cooperation, knowledge sharing, collaboration and research in our journey together in the coming year which would create immense goodwill and produce benefits for both the so-

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Bhitarkanika under threat as fishermen run riot

Mushrooming of illegal prawn gheries posing threat to the forest and marine life



POST NEWS NETWORK

Kendrapara, July 25: The biodiversity rich Bhitarkanika National Park is losing its sheen day by day due to many issues. Among them are erosion and large scale encroachment and illegal use of natural resources by fishermen both in the sea and the interior wetlands.

The Gobari river flowing close to Kansapala village under Baulakani panchavat of Mahakalapra block has turned into a hub of fish export. On the other hand extensive interior parts of Bhitarkanika have turned into a centre of illegal prawn gheries and cultivation of 'Rupchand' belonging to the Piranha species of fish. Both these places are prohibited areas but fishing and its related business goes on without any restrictions. This is harming the environment drastically, locals pointed out Tuesday. The toxic effluents discharged by the prawn gheries and fish cultivation are harming the green cover in Bhitarkanika, they added.

Man gets 25 years RI for minor's rape

POST NEWS NETWORK

Phulbani, July 25: Special POCSO court judge Sanjit Kumar Behera sentenced Tuesday a man to 25 years of rigorous imprisonment here after convicting him for raping a minor. The judge also slapped a fine of Rs. 20,000 on the convict. The convict Bijav Naik (55) will have to undergo an additional 12 months in prison if he fails to pay the fine, the judge ordered.

According to information available. Naik, a resident of G Udayagiri area lured the sevenyear-old minor who was playing in front of her house to his shop and raped her December 1. 2020. He threatened the girl not to disclose the matter to any body. Initially the girl did not tell anybody of her ordeal. However, as she developed severe pain, she told her family members of the entire incident.

The next day the victim's mother lodged a complaint at the G Udayagiri police station. Police then arrested Bijay after registering a case (No- 99/20). The judge pronounced the judgement after hearing over 20 eyewitnesses, special Public Prosecutor Asim Praharaj who was pleading the case from the government's side informed.

Neither the Forest department nor the Marine police have been

able to check this illegal en-

croachment in the wetlands. The

infiltration is posing a serious

threat to wild animals and ma-

rine life, the sources added. Local resident Lakshmidhar Swain pointed out that fish is sent in big trawlers to Kolkata from Kansapal ghat on a daily basis. The constant movement of the trawlers is resulting in erosion of the river bank and destroying the saline mangrove forests, he said. This illegal activity is happening under the nose of the Jambu Marine police station which is just 5.5 kilometres away, he added. This has happened because of the lackadaisical attitude of the officials of the Forest department and police, opined Ramesh Sethi of

Tantiapala village. Pratyush Kumar Nayak of Rajnagar alleged that the Forest personnel should be blamed the most for destroying the environment of Bhitarkanika. They are allegedly encouraging setting up of prawn gheries and cultivation of Piranha on the coastline in exchange of kick-

Social worker Ashok Kumar Samal said that the environment of Bhitarkanika has suffered due to mushrooming of prawn gheries and illegal cultivation of 'Rupchand'.

The dense forest of Bhitarkanika, its flora, fauna and birds and the long coastline attracts tourists from in and outside India. Other attractions for the tourists are the presence of Olive Ridley turtles, estuarine crocodiles and dolphins. Locals pointed out that unless the flourishing of illegal prawn gheries are curbed, the forest and the animals will suffer and the various species will face extinction.

Social activist Mahesh Kumar Padhi pointed out that despite the Orissa High Court order for eviction of prawn gheries in and around Bhitarkanika, nothing has been done. Environmentalist Sunil Kumar Gantayat however, blamed the politicians for the current situation in Bhitarkanika. He alleged that they have allowed migrant Bangladeshis to settle down in and around the park and carry out illegal activities. He said that these illegal migrants are felling trees for setting up of settlements and illegal prawn

When contacted, Forest ranger Manas Kumar Das said that all illegal prawn gheries are being demolished and no fresh permits are being issued for fishing.

NIT Rourkela conducts 5-day

workshop on 'clean weather'

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Inaugurating the programme,

hief guest, Dr VS Prasad

Director, National Centre for

Forecasting, under the Ministry

of Earth Sciences, said, "The use

of land cover affects the atmos-

pheric parameters and changes the

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TRAINING PROGRAMME FOR ERROR-FREE VOTERS' LIST

POST NEWS NETWORK

Rourkela, July 25: In the runup to the 2024 general elections a two-day training programme on the preparation of the voters list started at the ITDA hall here Tuesday. The programme is being held to help in creating an errorfree voters list and to see that no one misses out on exercising his/her franchise.

Sub-collector of Panposh, Abhimanyu Majhi conducted the programme. Over 691 boothlevel officers and 65 supervisors participated in it. Among the points emphasised on were visiting each and every house-

and climate prediction over India.'

present at the inaugural session

and congratulated the depart-

ment for conducting such a work-

shop. Concerned at the changing

pattern of regional climate and

weather, Dr Rao, "We have to take

the maximum responsibility for

these extreme climate events. Due

to changes in the management of

land cover, we are facing many

forest fires in our country as well

as in other parts of the world.

The greatest responsibility for us

is to create clean weather for the

future generation. Otherwise, this

planet will turn into an unfit one

for living. Students studying this

field have the power to bring

changes and alarm the world to co-

operate with nature to ensure the

survival of future generations.'

Others who spoke at the inau-

gural session were Professor

. Jagabandhu Panda (Head of the

Department of the Earth and

Atmospheric Sciences, NIT

Rourkela) and Professor Rohan

Dhiman (Registrar, NIT Rourkela).

Various speakers also pointed out

the research facilities available at

Prof K Umamaheshwar Rao (Director, NIT Rourkela) was also

hold in this city during survey, the proper preparation of identity cards for the voters and also to erase any chances of errors in the list prepared ahead of the 2024 elections. All the officials were given an indepth knowledge on these is-

Majhi spoke at length to the of-

ficials and the administrative officers present in the programme. "You are the persons who will prepare the list and hence it is your responsibility to see that it is error free.

The list should be prepared in such a manner that there should be no chance of complaints or controversies.

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Elderly man killed over suspected witchcraft

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Rourkela, July 25: A workshop

titled 'Role of Land Use Land

Cover Change (LULCC) in

Regional Weather and Climate

(RLWC-2023)' was inaugurated at

the National Institute of

Technology (NIT) here Tuesday.

More than 50 participants across

the country are taking part in

The workshop has been spon-

sored by the Science and

Engineering Research Board

(SERB) under Accelerate Vigyan

Karvashala. The inaugural cer-

emony of the workshop was

held at the FTBI smart seminar

hall in NIT. Prof Nagaraju

Chilukoti (convener) welcomed

the participants and briefed



POST NEWS NETWORK

Sambalpur, July 25: Miscreants brutally killed a man in front of his wife at Dimirikuda village under Kisinda police limits in Sambalpur district over suspected witchcraft practice and sorcery, Monday night.

The deceased was identified as Sukru Majhi in the village.

As per the report, the elderly couple-Sukru and his wife Ratani- was preparing food for dinner when suddenly three to four miscreants barged into their house and assaulted Sukru with an axe and lathi. Profusely bleeding, he died on the spot.

The miscreants also attempted to kill Ratani but she managed to flee from the spot. She returned Tuesday morning and lodged a complaint at the police station, informed, Redhakhol SDPO PK Meher. He along with Kisinda PS IIC Anchali Kumbhar and a scientific team reached the spot and launched an investigation.

Police seized an axe, two lathis, blood stained clothes and some other items used in the crime and registered a case. The main accused Sanju Majhi was arrested while the others were on the run.

Preliminary investigation indicated it to be a case of suspected revenge killing by the prime accused who is the neighbour of the deceased as he suspected Sukru responsible for the untimely death of his four-year-old son due to his practice of

Officer suspended for misappropriation of funds

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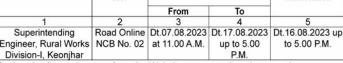
Kendrapara, July 25: The panchayat executive officer (PEO) of Teragaon village under Mahakalapara block in this district, Ashok Kumar Pradhan has been suspended for allegedly misappropriating funds. The



chief development officer-cum-executive officer of the Zilla Parishad, Rajendra Kumar Panda issued the suspension order Monday after orders from District Collector Amrit Ruturaj. It has been alleged that Pradhan misappropriated funds allocated for the Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana (PMAY).

It has been alleged that Pradhan fraudulently chose ineligible beneficiaries and subsequently submitted a false report for the release of the first installment for the PMAY beneficiaries. The first installment for 13 persons, Rs 40,000 each, was transferred on the basis of the report. During his suspension period, Pradhan has been asked not to leave the district office at Marshaghai block under the administrative control of the BDO of the area.

Panda, also issued a show cause notice to the GRS of Teragaon gram panchayat, Himanshu Mohapatra for submitting a false report for release of the first installment to the 13 PMAY beneficiaries.



Identification

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RURAL WORKS DIVISION No.-I, KEONJHAR

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Identification No. Online NCB-02/2023-24

Name of the Work: 31 Nos. Road Works;
 Total Number of Work: 31 Nos.;
 Estimated Cost: Rs.5.08 Lakhs & 16.95 Lakhs;
 Class of Contractor: D and C Class;
 Period of Completion: As per Annexure of e-Procurement Notice No. 02/2023-24.
 Other details:

for bidding

(For Immovable Property)

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Whereas, the undersigned being the Authorised Officer of the Canara Bank under Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 (Act 54 of 2002) (hereinafter referred to as "the Act") and in exercise of powers conferred under section 13(12) read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002, issued a Demand Notice calling upon the following Borrowers/Guarantors/Mortgagors to repay the amount mentioned in the notice with interest within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said Notice. The Borrower having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the Borrowers/Guarantors/Mortgagors and the public in general, that the undersigned has taken **Possession** of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him/her under section 13(4) of the said Act, read with Rule 8 & 9 of the said Rules. The Borrowers/Guarantors/Mortgagors in particular and the public in general are hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of Canara Bank, Boudh Branch for an amount mentioned below along with interest and cost thereon. The borrower's attention is invited to provisions of Section 13 (8) of the Act, in respect of time available, to redeem the secured assets.

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Borrower/Mortgagor: Sri Pradosh Kumar Mishra, S/o.: Late Durga Charan Mishra, At Ward No.: 2, P.O.: Bagicha Sahi, Dist.: Boudh 762014 /Guarantor: Sri Jateswar Nayak, S/ o.: Late Sri Nimein Nayak, At: Murusundhi, Dist. Boudh - 762014

(A) Description of the immovable property / (B) Notice Date U/S 13(2) / (C) 13(4) Notice Date / (D) Outstanding Amount (A) EMT of Land & Building standing in the name of Sri Pradosh Kumar Mishra at Khata No.: 1030/132, Plot No.: 252/2614 of Area: Ac.0.019 Dec., situated at Mouza: Boudhagarh Nazul, Tahasil: Boudh, Dist.:

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Our life should be governed by the love for the Truth and the thirst for Light.

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Dead Bird

he famous blue bird – the iconic logo of Twitter for over a decade - has now been transformed into a stylised X which becomes the logo of the world-wide micro-blogging platform. It was a triumph of the platform that its logo has produced a new verb in the English lexicon - Tweet. Soon the word will also become obsolete and 'tweets' will probably be called 'x-s'. This big step taken by new owner Elon Musk has puzzled branding professionals since transforming a globally accepted logo and rebranding it is a tall order. Although Musk, it seems, is always up for challenges, however illogical they may seem at that moment. In the recent past, Musk's new-found nemesis Mark Zukerberg successfully rebranded Facebook to Meta. Maybe, Musk found a success story here to announce his rebranding plan of Twitter.

The new white X on a black background has replaced the recognisable blue bird on the desktop version of the social network, though it has yet to appear on the mobile app. 'Tweets' will also be replaced, according to Musk, and posts will be called 'x's'. Before the idea could sink in among the platform's users, the billionaire changed his profile picture to the new logo and added "X.com" to his Twitter bio. Announcing the demise of the bird he said July 23, "And soon we shall bid adieu to the Twitter brand and gradually all the birds." He then shared a picture of the new X branding projected onto the side of Twitter headquarters in San Francisco.

Musk's fixation with the letter 'X' is not unknown. He has named many of his business ventures after this letter of the alphabet. One of his first business ventures in 1999 was known as X.com, which was an online banking platform. Three years later, he made \$165 million when X.com - by then merged with PayPal - was bought by eBay. He also owns the X.com domain name, which now redirects to Twitter. He is chief executive of SpaceX, the commercial American aerospace company founded in 2002. Recently, he also launched his long-awaited artificial intelligence start-up - xAI - in a bid to build an alternative to ChatGPT. His first child with musician Grimes is named X Æ A-12 Musk.

Musk could also be strategising to tie most of his companies together under the letter X branding in some way. It could be a step towards integrating Twitter with bigger social media platforms and services. One of China's largest social media platforms WeChat can be taken as an example. It has evolved into one of the region's biggest apps in terms of its range of services and number of users. Last year, it was estimated to have 1.29 billion users in China alone.

Whatever may be the case, Musk has certainly got everyone's attention by giving a shock in the form of a change of the famous logo. The change of Twitter's logo has got the attention that Musk must have been desperately seeking. It is said that he is planning to build a more service oriented app that would be used for many more tasks rather than just messaging. He could probably also be wishing to totally rebrand Twitter and remove all traces of the old guard before his takeover, which was sketchy to say the least. From firing of a huge chunk of its employees immediately after takeover and changing the guidelines and verification process of Twitter to charging for the blue tick, Musk is hell bent on rewriting the Twitter brand in all its essence and owning it Musk style. A sensational burial to the old, too familiar logo and the introduction of a shiny new one seem like a logical step in that direction.

All that avid Twitter users would have hoped for is that Musk would hold on to the basic structure and style of the original micro-blogging site. Alas, that is no more visible. Original Twitter would soon, probably, be dead.

WISDOM CORNER



The only means of strengthening one's intellect is to make up one's mind about nothing, to let the mind be a thoroughfare for all

Perhaps there is only one cardinal sin: impatience. Because of

impatience we were driven out of Paradise, because of impatience



Without contraries is no progression. Attraction and repulsion, reason and energy, love and hate, are necessary to human

WILLIAM BLAKE

WORDS**WORTH**

■ Manicule

ot to be confused with manacle or manicure, this is a much rarer word that also derives from Latin manus for a hand, in this case from the diminutive manicula, a little hand, which Romans also used for a plough-handle. It has popped up through a discussion about it in a book on typography by Keith Houston, Shady Characters: The Secret Life of Punctuation, Symbols, and Other Typographical Marks (worth buying if you're at all interested in the history of typography). A manicule is a hand with its first finger pointing, once used in the margins of manuscripts and books to draw the reader's attention to passages of particular importance. We often encounter it as a direction pointer in old-fashioned public signs, though these days we notice it most often as the vertical-pointing shape your computer's cursor changes to when you pass it over a web link. Printers have given it a number of names, including fist and index. This last one is the official name, echoing the Latin word for a sign or pointer, as in index finger. The history of manicule in English is a bit of a mystery. It isn't recorded in the recent review of the letter M in the Oxford English Dictionary, nor is it in any other dictionary. And there is no example in print before 1996. However, William Sherman wrote in a detailed study of the sign in 2005 that he had been told it had become the standard term among scholars who study ancient manuscripts. We may wonder if his informant actually had manicula in mind, either the Latin word or the identical Italian one; this has certainly been used in English-language works on manuscripts. Alteration of the final letter to turn it into an English equivalent seems to have happened very recently.

■ Mansuetude

'he word — meaning gentleness or mildness — comes from Latin mansuetus, tamed or made gentle. It contains manus, hand (from which English got manicure, manufacture, command, manual and other words), and suetus, accustomed (which is from the verb suescere, the source of a few words, of which the best known is desugtude). The idea behind mansuetus is that if an animal has become accustomed to the hand, it has been tamed. An example of the English word appears in The Letter of Marque by Patrick O'Brian, in which Dr Stephen Maturin is extolling the virtues of laudanum: "Presently, with the blessing, you will see Padeen's face return to its usual benevolent mansuetude; and a few minutes later you will see him glide insensibly to the verge of an opiate coma." This is a more recent example: While her voice may have an air of mansuetude, she proved that she could easily cut above the din of the boys in her band (Boston Globe, 24 Jun. 2004). The word is not entirely obsolete, though it is rare to the point of being marked as archaic in most dictionaries and is definitely literary even when it does appear. To use it may be to gratify the ego of the writer rather than communicate with the reader.

FOCUS MAN-MADE DISASTERS

HEADING FOR EPOCHAL RUIN



Shivaji Sarkar

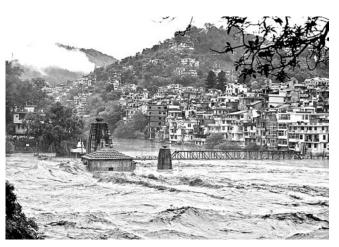
THE COUNTRY **UNDENIABLY LIVES CRISIS TO**

f we want to save the country from a Himalayan disaster, prevent desertification of the Ganga valley and progress, then the only remedy available is to thaw all road. infrastructure and construction activities for some time. The recent devastating floods. landslides, mudslides in Himachal Pradesh, Uttarakhand and the drowning of large tracts of Delhi because of dam overflows for the first time in 45 years, are unprecedented and experts say these are the natural outcome of three factors: climate crisis, a young mountain range and mindless infrastructure projects.

This year's devastation has been precipitated by intense constructions like road widening, dam building and other poorly-planned activities, which have clearly weakened the hill slopes and triggered major landslides. Crucial road links such as between Kalka and Shimla. Kullu and Manali, Chandigarh and Manali, Manali and Leh, Dehradun and Haridwar, have been disrupted as roads caved in or landslides occurred. A total of 170 routes had to be closed in Uttarakhand alone. Officially 108 died in Himachal and 90 in Uttarkahand even as Joshimath problems continue.

According to SBI's research report, Ecowrap, the economic loss of the floods is estimated to be in the range of Rs 10,000-15,000 crore. The report stated that the heavy toll of these floods, as well as natural disasters as the Bipariov cyclone is a matter of grave concern for the country and added that locational and geographical features make the country vulnerable to a number of natural hazards.

In both Himachal and Uttarakhand, it is visible that blasting of the hills has changed the hydro flow pattern that winded through the forests and myriad hilly tracks. The rainwater earlier used to replenish the aquifers and would flow through hundreds of natural paths. Having now destroyed this naturality, rain instead flows straight down the pucca,



Himalayan warnings are grim and a reality. If not heard even now, a sub-continental disaster may be an epochal reality

often concretised roads, which turn into massive artificial drains with logs and boulders rolling down. This happens as when the roads were built, trees were felled.

All this calls for an immediate thaw of all road and other so-called developmental, infrastructure projects for at least a vear to save the country. Jawaharlal Nehru University physicist Dr Vikram Soni who has closely studied the river systems of north India, told a researcher that he repeatedly emphasised the need to completely ban construction on the flood plains. "The Sutlej and Beas have wreaked so much havoc because indiscriminate construction was allowed on their flood plains. During the monsoon, when the river flow increases, so does its velocity. The situation is worsened with the dumping of debris and other muck from road construction.'

Sadly, the government was unwilling to even hear or consider this view. Dr Ravi Chopra, Director of the People's Science Institute, and Chairman of Supreme Court's high-powered committee on Char Dham road has realised that the government machinery, comprising the National Highway Authority of India (NHAI) and the Ministry of Road Transport and

Highways, and their bureaucrats, engineers and contractors, were simply not interested in his suggestions and chose to ignore

According to the Landslide Atlas of India prepared by the National Remote Sensing Centre, ISRO, all 12 districts of Himachal are susceptible to landslides. These also have the maximum construction activities. However, earlier a different pattern was followed for hill constructions. Now tall concrete constructions are the most susceptible!

The landslide exposure analysis carried out in the mountainous areas covering 147 districts in 17 States has ranked Mandi district of Himachal at the 16th place, followed by Hamirpur 25, Bilaspur 30, Chamba 32, Solan 37, Kinnaur 46, Kullu 57 Shimla 61, Kangra 62, Una 70, Sirmaur 88 and Lahaul and Spiti 126 in socio-economic parameter risk exposure map.

The country undeniably lives crisis to crisis. India is learning since 2013, but more it learns more is the disaster. The scale of disasters in the hilly regions has multiplied with the creation smaller states like Uttarakhand. Checks and balances that a larger Uttar Pradesh ensured have been thrown to the winds. UP was blamed for neglecting the region, but nobody

talked of how it prevented major disasters. Construction activities, building and real estate greed have been yet another major setback.

Scientists at the Wadia Institute of Himalayan Geology have repeatedly warned that 51% of Uttarakhand has crossed the "very high susceptibility zone." Therefore, landslides will increase, as will flooding. These scientists have documented Uttarakhand's 300-plus landslides in 2023. In such a situation, even mitigation measures will not work.

In Uttarakhand, the railway tunnel to Karnaprayag is a disaster. Not only has it weakened the hill structure but has devastated the aquifers too that used to feed the various water bodies and natural falls causing severe water scarcity in the villages. The greed may cause the entire Ganga valley to turn into a desert. It is time the word development be replaced with the 100-year-old improvement concept that the British used. Everybody can now see how methodical the colonial rulers were. Their ecologically crafted roads exist till today without damaging the Himalayan ecology. A stark replica of that is seen in the India Gate Central Vista. During rains Delhiites used to throng the Boat Club lawns. It never submerged. But now the redone lawns submerge, and many would quip it's an engineering feat indeed!

Most devastation is caused along roads and riversides, which were encroached upon for the convenience of driving vehicles and real estate activity to boost irrational tourism. How much is lost nobody can estimate. It will be mere guesses. The obvious is that the spree of investment since the Himalayan Char Dham roads has literally gone down the rivers. Innumerable bridges and culverts, resorts, townships and vehicles have been washed away. Himalayan warnings are grim and a reality. If not heard even now, a sub-continental disaster may be an epochal reality.

IN JEST THIS

8 habits can extend your life substantially



Melvin Durai

DON'T WORRY: NONE OF THESE HABITS INVOLVE GIVING UP TV

If I told you that adopting just three, or all eight lifestyle faceight habits would enable you to live a much longer life, would you do it?

Don't worry: None of these habits involve giving up TV. But you may have to cut back on vour TV-watching to follow a couple of these habits.

The eight habits come from a research study presented this month at the annual meeting of the American Society for Nutrition in Boston. Researchers studied data from more than 700,000 military veterans to determine common factors that

affected longevity. According to their results. men who have all eight habits at age 40 can expect to live an average of 24 years longer than men with none of these habits. (Twenty-four years is a long time. You can watch six more World Cups.)

Women with all eight habits in middle age can expect to live 21 years longer than women with none of these habits. (Sorry, ladies, one fewer World Cup.)

'We were really surprised by just how much could be gained with the adoption of one, two,

tors," said Xuan-Mai T Nguyen, a health science specialist at the US Department of Veteran

If you are eager to know how you can live longer, I won't keep you in suspense any longer. Here are the eight habits that you need to adopt right away:

- Don't join the military. Join the monastery.
- Wear a seatbelt in a car, a
- helmet on a bike. Look both ways before cross-
- ing Vladimir Putin. Protect yourself from dis-
- eases: get vaccinated. Stay away from wild ani-
- mals. They bite. Don't jump in bed with
- strangers. One at a time is Don't go on risky expedi-
- tions to the ocean's bottom - or anvone else's. Pay attention to street signs.
- Especially the ones that say, 'Dead End. You probably guessed that

those aren't the eight habits that Nguyen presented in Boston, although they'll certainly help keep you alive.

The actual eight habits that Nguyen presented are mostly about healthy lifestyle choices: Be physically active. This

- means moving around, whether it be walking, running, cycling or doing yoga. In most cases, you will unfortunately need to get off the couch.
- Be free from opioid addiction. Getting addicted to any drug can lead to premature death.
- Do not smoke. Nothing subtracts years from your life like smoking. Manage your stress. Try to
- avoid situations that add stress to your life. If driving stresses you, take the bus or train. If politics stresses you, turn off the news.
- Have a good diet. This includes eating more fruits and vegetables, and limiting your intake of salt, sugar and fat. If you hear a scream whenever you step on the scale, you may need a new Don't be a regular binge
- drinker. Try to be irregular

about your binge drinking. If possible, don't binge drink at all. Save your binging for

- Have good sleep hygiene. Wash your pajamas regularly. Actually, "sleep hygiene" refers to all the good habits that promote sleep, such as keeping consistent bedtimes, turning off electronic devices, and limiting naps and caffeine intake.
- Have positive social relationships. This means having a strong support network of family and friends, and avoiding negative people the ones who laugh when you say that you're adopting eight new habits.

The earlier you can adopt these habits, the more you can expand vour lifespan. But even old people can live longer by adopting healthier habits. "It is never too late to adopt a healthy lifestyle," Nguyen said.

Yes, it's never too late. Even if you are on your deathbed, you'd be wise to embrace your family and friends, not the bottle of

TO THE EDITOR

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Missing children

Sir, About 2.75 lakh children reportedly went missing between 2018 and 2023 in the country, and more than two lakh of them were girls. The Women and Child Development Minister has said that almost 2.4 lakh children have been "traced." Besides COVID-19 pandemic, running away from homes to escape schools and parental pressures, elopement with partners, and migration, one major reason for missing children is obviously child trafficking. It's here that the role of the police comes to the fore. They have to work in tandem with the government's portals. The police should not waste time when a complaint is filed with them by offering unsolicited advice to parents because trafficking is an interstate crime with wide ramifications. They have to put their exhaustive network to good use in coordination with the railways and roadways. The presence of government's "Khoya-Paya" module in "TrackChild" portal has to be given extensive publicity

Ganapathi Bhat, AKOLA

A guiding light

Sir, Dr. APJ Abdul Kalam, India's former President, remains an inspirational figure as we approach July 27, his death anniversary. From a science administrator to the President of India, his exceptional leadership and dedication earned him the title of the "Missile Man of India." Beyond his pivotal role in India's nuclear weapon test in 1998, Kalam's literary works, including "Wings of Fire" and "Ignited Minds," continue to inspire people from all walks of life. He was a President who connected with the people, prioritising education and public service during his term, setting an admirable example for other leaders. Kalam's contributions to India's technological advancements were diverse and far-reaching, from aeronautics to healthcare. Furthermore, he deeply cherished the youth, encouraging them never to compromise on their ambitions and to unlock their boundless potential. Even after his passing, his vision of a progressive and innovative India continues to shape the country's technological landscape, as evident in the heartfelt tribute paid by Prime Minister Modi on his birth anniversary. As we remember the "Missile Man of India," let us draw inspiration from his extraordinary journey and his unwavering belief in the potential of the youth.

Krishna Kumar Vepakomma, HYDERABAD



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CONJUNCTIVITIS CASES RISING IN DELHI

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

New Delhi, July 25: Cases of conjunctivitis and other eye infection are on the rise in Delhi, with many doctors cautioning that it is "highly contagious" and proper hygiene behaviour needs to be maintained to check

Doctors at both government and private hospitals said they have been receiving cases largely from the younger population in the city. It is not sight-threatening but needs professional advice, they said.

Dr Aarti Nangia, senior consultant, ophthalmology at Fortis Hospital, Vasant Kunj here, said there has been an "increase" in cases of eye infections and conjunctivitis reported in Delhi lately. "It is either an isolated infection of the eyes or along with an upper respiratory tract infection like cough or cold. Because the virus is the same which is infecting the eyes and throat. "It is a seasonal change and viral infections are superimposed with bacterial infections and also along with aller-



A woman infected with eye flu at a makeshift camp for flood-affected people,

■ DOCTORS AT BOTH GOVERNMENT AND ■ CASES OF CONJUNCTIVITIS PRIVATE HOSPITALS SAID THEY HAVE **BEEN RECEIVING CASES LARGELY FROM** THE YOUNGER POPULATION IN THE CITY

gies," she said. Dr Suresh Kumar, Medical Director of Delhi governmentrun LNJP Hospital: "We have seen a marginal increase in such cases with patients coming with

complaints of burning sensa-

ALSO BEING REPORTED FROM **VARIOUS SCHOOLS IN DELHI** tion in eyes, along with fever. "These are symptoms of viral infection. These patients are in

AND OTHER EYE INFECTIONS ARE

the younger cohort. When asked if these patients were showing any Covid-like symptoms, he replied in the negative. Nangia, however, claimed the new eye infection with red eyes can be called the "'new COVID' alike epidemic" because it is a "viral infection (eye flu)"

The increase in the spread of the infection is because it is "highly contagious" through contact or touch, of secretion, hence hygiene is to be maintained, she said. Doctors advised frequent hand washing with soap and water to decrease the spread of

It is a "self-limiting infection" and each individual immunity will have a role to play in the course of the disease. Nangia said. The management is through antibiotic eye drops, eye ointments, topical decongestants, lubricants and some oral anti-allergic. Along with cold compression of the eye through ice packs, the doctor said.

Symptoms are watery discharge in the eyes, redness, congestion, photophobia, and hemorrhages in the superficial laver of the eye. To stop the spread of the infection, touching of eyes should be the least, contact of the same with others should be

avoided, and isolation of school children for 3-5 days in case of infection after which if the treatment is started they can be noninfective.

Self-medications and of the counter steroids-composition medication should be avoided, Nangia said. According to Dr Parul Sharma, director of Max Eye Care, Max Hospital, Gurugram, the outbreak of viral conjunctivitis this time is much higher than the previous years.

"Though monsoons is a perfect time for the viruses and bacteria to multiply which is because of heat humidity and water logging, this time the frequency of conjunctivitis is unprecedented, almost double the times of previous years simply because the virus is more contagious."

She said they are seeing about 10–15 cases of conjunctivitis in an OPD of 100 patients every day for various eye diseases. A lot of mild conjunctivitis patients are taking online video consultations and they may not come to OPD so the actual numbers would be higher than what is coming to the OPD, she said.

Atrocities adding to BJP's woes in MP

Frequent cases of atrocities in Vindhya region -- an upper-caste dominated area comprising districts such as Chhatarpur, Satna, Rewa, Sidhi and Singrauli -- are creating resentment against the Shivraj Singh Chouhan-led BJP government



INDO-ASIAN NEWS SERVICE

Bhopal, July 25: Already facing high anti-incumbency due to its nearly two-decade long rule in Madhya Pradesh, backto-back incidents of atrocities against Dalit and tribal communities seem to be adding to the woes of the Bharativa Janata Party (BJP) in the pollbound state.

While the incidents of atrocities against the down-trodden communities have already made headlines across the state, what is more worrying that the cases are being reported from one particular area -- the Vindhya region -- causing more headache to the BJP with elections are just four months away

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In the 2018 Assembly polls, the BJP had won 24 out of the 30 seats in the Vindhya region, while the Congress bagged the remaining six. The latest incident of atrocity was reported from Chhatarpur district where a Dalit youth alleged that his face and body were smeared with human excreta by a man belonging to the Other Backward Classes (OBC) category.

Notably, Chhatarpur comes under the Khajuraho Lok Sabha constituency which is represented by state BJP chief V.D. Sharma, while Chief Minister Chouhan also belongs to the OBC community. Notably this was not the first incident when a Dalit was beaten up or tortured by people belonging to the upper caste in Chhatarpur

Several incidents have been reported from this particular area wherein wedding processions taken out by Dalit families faced the wrath of upper caste people, forcing them to even take police protection while taking out 'baraat'. In September last year, a 35-

by a group of youths belonging to the Thakur community for merely sitting on a chair. On June 23, a Dalit father-son duo was allegedly thrashed with sticks and paraded with garlands of shoes around their necks in Rewa district.

Another such incident was reported only a couple of days back in which a tribal man was thrashed up by men belonging to upper caste in Rewa. In a shocking incident that took place in November 2021, the hand of a Dalit daily-wage labourer was chopped off allegedly by his upper caste employer after he asked for his pending wages.

In August 2022, a Dalit woman sarpanch was beaten up by bullies in Satna. Even those who tried to intervene were kicked and punched by a group of upper caste people. In the same month, a 16-year-old Dalit girl student was allegedly thrashed by an upper caste teacher for sitting in the front row of the class in

Probably the most shocking incident of atrocity, which sparked nation-wide outrage, was reported from Sidhi district last month when a person named Pravesh Shukla was filmed urinating on the face of tribal man. Shukla is known to be close to sitting BJP MLA Kedarnath

Shukla. Taking damage control measures after the pee-gate, Chief_ Minister Chouhan washed the victim's (Dashmat Rawat) feet at his residence in Bhopal, while the state government invoked the National Security Act (NSA) against Shukla whose house was

demolished. Notably, the BJP won all the eight Assembly seats in Rewa district and four out of seven in Satna district in 2018. Sidhi and Singrauli have seven seats, six of which were won by the BJP in 2018. With elections nearing, the Congress leadership has launched a scathing attack against the BJP over the incidents of atrocities against Dalit and tribal people.

Delhi govt to install 500 water ATMs near slums



Delhi Chief Minister Arvind Keiriwa at the inauguration of a water ATM. at Mayapuri in New Delhi

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

New Delhi, July 25: The Delhi government has planned to install 500 water ATMs to provide drinking water treated using the Reverse Osmosis (RO) process to people in slums and other such densely populated areas.

The Chief Minister, Arvind Kejriwal, who inspected an RO plant and inaugurated a water ATM at Khajan Basti in the Mayapuri area, said four water ATMs have been installed and 500 are planned in the first phase. Every person will be provided with a card which will let them draw 20 litres of water per day from these ATMs free of cost, he said.

"We are all aware that it is the rich people who usually have RO facilities in their homes. Now with this facility the poor families in Delhi will also be able to receive clean RO water Kejriwal said. He further said that the water ATMs will be installed near slums and other such densely populated areas where pipelines cannot be laid and water is supplied through

Under a pilot project, four RO plants have already been set up and the process of setting up a network of 500 water ATMs is currently underway, the chief minister said. Kejriwal and Water Minister Saurabh Bharadwaj, who is the Delhi Jal Board (DJB) vice-chairman, also took a sip of the water from the RO plant.

The Khajan Basti plant comprises two tanks with a combined capacity of 3,000 litres. After passing through RO and microfilters, the water undergoes high-pressure pumping, according to a government state-

After his visit, the Delhi CM tweeted, "In the mission of providing clean water to every house in Delhi, we are also doing a unique experiment like Water ATM. We will start Water ATMs wherever we have to supply water through tankers.

In addition to the Khajan Basti Water ATM, the DJB has also installed operational RO plants in Shakurbasti, Kalkaji and Jharoda. Under the project, the DJB has to install 50 RO plants of 30,000 litre capacity each at various slum clusters. These RO Plants will treat water drawn from tube wells.

The DJB will provide RFID (radio frequency identification) cards to beneficiaries so that they can get their free quota of water.



VENTING ANGER: BJP supporters protest against the Delhi government demanding resignation of Chief Minister

Over 12,000 challans issued for traffic violation

Motorcyclists not wearing helmets were issued the most number of challans at 5,213, followed by stop-line violations at 2,063, the data showed

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

New Delhi, July 25: The Delhi Traffic Police has issued around 12,000 challans under the "Stretch Intensive Integrated Drive" campaign that aims to improve regulation and road safety in the national capital.

The campaign, which began Thursday, is being run across

New Delhi, July 25: Puja Devi

(47) visited the area along the

Yamuna river multiple times in

the past 15 days in the hope that

the water that inundated her



Delhi, according to a statement released on Twitter. According to the statement, 11,999 challans have been issued so far.

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number of challans at 5,213, followed by stop-line violations at 2.063, the data showed. It showed 1 770 challans were

issued for driving on the wrong side, 1,208 for not wearing seatbelts and 949 for triple riding.

"To improve the regulation and road safety, the Delhi Traffic Police has embarked on a comprehensive road safety culture initiative known as the Stretch Intensive Integrated Drive' from Thursday with the paramount objective to address the issue of road safety culture, road accidents and fatalities and ensuring hassle-free traffic with safe system approach," the statement said.

DESPAIR GRIPS FARMERS AT RELIEF CAMPS

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Priyanka to focus on cities, Rahul on Dalits

CONG'S MP PLAN

INDO-ASIAN NEWS SERVICE

Bhopal, July 25: Congress General Secretary Priyanka Gandhi Vadra and former party president Rahul Gandhi will lead the election campaign in the poll-bound Madhva Pradesh. But, the question still remains

that who will be the chief ministerial face of the Congress in Madhya Pradesh assembly elections. Former Madhya Pradesh chief minister Kamal Nath has been holding various campaigns in the state and the state unit has made him the face of the party for elections, however, there is no clear indication from the party high command

The Assembly elections in the state is slated for November-December. Priyanka Gandhi kick-started the party's campaign during her visit to Jabalpur in June. She has made two visits to the state so far.

In the rally, the Congress leader has announced various poll promises. For the upcoming Assembly elections, the party -has strategically allocated responsibilities to its leaders.

According to the strategy,



In the state, the tribal and Dalit class has been considered the key to power, because 47 seats are reserved for the tribal class, while 35 seats are reserved for the

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half-cooked food," Puja Devi alleged. She had been living along the Yamuna's bank for decades with her 10 children, husband and mother-in-law, dependent on the agricultural land for sus-

home will have receded. But The family was forced every time her hopes are dashed and she **CONSEQUENCES** returns to the relief camp de-OF THE FLOODS HAVE iected. **BEEN DEVASTATING, WITH** Now, she fears that

MORE THAN 27.000 PEOPLE she will not **EVACUATED FROM THEIR** be able to culreturn to tural **HOMES. THE LOSSES INCURRED** her humble IN TERMS OF PROPERTY. home after officials told **BUSINESSES AND** them that their shanties **EARNINGS HAVE RUN** were "illegal". **INTO CRORES** They will not be allowed to return even

after the water reduces, they were told. While living under constant fear of losing their home, the abysmal conditions at the relief camp are causing further hardship for the family of 14. Puja Devi has been living at the relief camp since July 11.

'The meals we get are halfcooked most of the time. It would be better if the government provided us with ration instead of

tenance.

to evacuate when her home and destroyed small agri-

land where she cul tivated vegetables. At 208.66 metres on July 13

the Yamuna surpassed its previous record of 207.49 metres set in September 1978 by a significant margin. It breached embankments and penetrated deeper into the city than it has in more than four decades

The consequences of the floods have been devastating, with more than 27,000 people evacuated from their homes. The losses incurred in terms of property, businesses and earnings have



run into crores.

Puja Devi and her family are not the only ones suffering. Kali Charan, a 44-year-old daily-wage worker, said his wife Sandhya Devi fell while being evacuated and is now suffering from a severe pain in her leg. "The medicines that we are getting are not working properly. I don't have the money to provide proper treatment to my wife," he added.

Om Prakash, a 30-year-old father of three, said, "There are no jobs, I have no clue how I will earn my livelihood." He also mentioned that the food and water at the camps are not regular and sometimes they have to sleep on an empty stomach. His children are unable to attend school as their books, bags and uniforms were washed away in the flood.

"I am not sure if I will get my land back but I request the government to let us stay here. We are poor people and we have nowhere to go. At least by farming here, we earn some amount to feed our families." he said.

According to the Central Water Commission, the water level at the Old Railway Bridge stood at 206.30 metres at 5 pm. The level was at 206.56 metres between 5 am and 7 am, declining marginally to 206.54 metres at 8 am, and then to 206.47 metres at 12 noon.

The commission has forecast that the water level will dip to 206.22 metres by 2 am on Tuesday. The India Meteorological Department has forecast heavy to very heavy rain in parts of Himachal Pradesh and Uttarakhand till July 25.

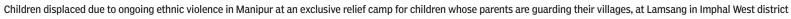
Irrigation and flood control department officials in Delhi said the heavy rain in the river's upstream areas will impact rehabilitation of the affected families in the inundated low-lying areas of the national capital and they may have to stay at relief camps for a longer period.

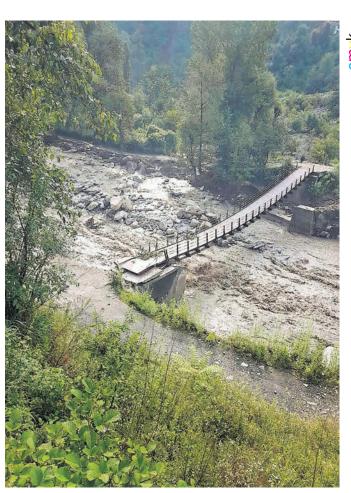
Bharadwaj on Monday inspected the treatment plant at Chandrapal. "Yamuna's water level has started rising again ... In view of this, on the orders of Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal, preparations were reviewed at the Chandrawal water treatment plant," he said in a tweet in Hindi.

Delhi Water Minister Saurabh

"Delhi Jal Board's preparations are solid, the plant will continue to operate even after the Yamuna's water level crosses 209 metres," he further said. The increase in the river's water level is expected to impact the ongoing relief and rehabilitation work in the flood-affected lowlying areas of the capital, officials said. Experts attributed the unprecedented flooding in Delhi to encroachment on the river floodplain, extreme rainfall within a short time, and silt accumulation that has raised the







A portion of a bridge damaged due to a cloudburst during monsoon season in Gadsa valley in Kullu district, Himachal Pradesh



First Lady Jill Biden delivers a speech during a ceremony at the UNESCO headquarters in Paris. US first lady Jill Biden is in Paris Tuesday to attend a flag-raising ceremony at UNESCO, marking Washington's official reentry into the UN agency after a five-year hiatus



Gujjar and Bakerwal community people protest against the inclusion of other castes in the Schedule Tribe list in Srinagar, Jammu and Kashmir



An Army band performs during Vijay Bhoj, a cultural programme, ahead of 24th Kargil Vijay Diwas celebration at Drass in Kargil



Jack Black walks on a picket line outside Paramount studios in Los Angeles. The actors strike comes more than two months after screenwriters began striking in their bid to get better pay and working conditions



Muslim devotees participate in a procession during the holy month of Muharram in Jammu



Pedestrians walk amid moderate rains in Hyderabad

PTI /AP PHOTOS

national



Whether we {Janata Dal (Secular)} win five, six, three, two or one seats, we will fight the Lok Sabha elections independently

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IRCTC SERVICES RESTORED

Passengers across the country were inconvenienced when the Indian Railway Catering and Tourism Corporation's website and mobile application crashed Tuesday morning, leaving officials scrambling to fix the glitch. Officials said the glitch was due to "technical reasons" which were later resolved





Thanks to our Prime Minister. I think he likes the 'INDIA' name. Like common people, he has also accepted it. The more they talk

bad about the name, the more they will prove their liking for it

MAMATA BANERJEE | WEST BENGAL CM

There has been rain in many places across the state. In June there was deficit rain,





it Manipur, or Raiasthan or West Bengal or in Assam. BHARAT will win. BHARAT has to win HIMANTA BISWA SARMA ASSAM CM

SHORT TAKES

Mosque committee moves Allahabad HC

Prayagraj (UP): The Allahabad High Court Tuesday began hearing a plea against a district court order directing the Archaeological Survey of India to conduct a survey to determine if the Gyanvapi mosque in Varanasi was built upon a temple. After hearing arguments in the matter, Chief Justice Pritinker Diwaker posted it for further hearing Wednesday. Anjuman Intezamia Masjid, which manages the mosque, moved the high court Tuesday, a day after the Supreme Court halted the ASI survey till 5 pm Wednesday, allowing time for the mosque management to appeal against the lower court's order. Senior advocate SFA Naqvi argued on behalf of the mosque management.

Court acquits Gopal Kanda

New Delhi: A Delhi court Tuesday acquitted ex-Haryana minister Gopal Goyal Kanda in the high-profile case of Geetika Sharma, a former air hostess with his aviation company, saying he did not, directly or indirectly, commit an act that prompted her to end her life. The court said Kanda was indeed attracted to Sharma which was evident from the promotions he gave her in his companies and the gifts he lavished on her.

Two workers die in firecracker unit blast

Virudhunagar (TN): A sudden blast at a firecracker manufacturing unit in Thaailpatti in the district led to the death of two women workers, police said Tuesday. Tamil Nadu Chief Minister M K Stalin, who condoled the death, announced a solatium of ₹3 lakh each to the family of the deceased. The explosion was caused due to friction when the two women workers were handling the explosive material for making the firecrackers and roll caps. The deceased have been identified as Murugeswari and Banu, both aged 39, said police.

Four of family killed as vehicle hits tempo

Bijnor (UP): Four members of a family were killed and two others injured when their tempo was hit by a vehicle here, police said Tuesday. The incident took place late Monday night near Secunderabad village on the Najibabad road, they said. The family, hailing from Mandi Dhanaura in Amroha district, was on its way to AIIMS Rishikesh in Uttarakhand to admit Rohit there for an operation, Station House Officer, Kotwali Dehat, Jaiveer Singh said. Police are trying to trace the vehicle, that fled the place after the incident, with the help of CCTV footage, SP Jadaun said.



Thousands demonstrate across Mizoram

Aizawl, July 25: Thousands of people demonstrated across Mizoram Tuesday to express solidarity with the Zo people in ethnic strife-torn Manipur.

Co-ordination Committee, a conglomerate of five major civil society organisations including the Central Young Mizo Association (CYMA) and Mizo Zirlai Pawl (MZP), organised the rallies in different parts of the state, including capital Aizawl.

Chief Minister Zoramthanga, Deputy CM Tawnluia, ministers, and MLAs of the state cutting across party lines took part in the massive protest rally in Aizawl. Thousands of common people joined them in the peaceful protest with placards and posters, decrying the violence in the neighbouring state.

The gathering in Aizawl was so huge that the city came to a standstill for over three hours with the participants claiming that the state has not seen such a large demonstration in recent years. The offices of the ruling MNF were closed to extend support to the programme. The opposition BJP, Congress and Zoram People's Movement THLAVANG HAUHNA

(ZPM) also kept mob in Manipur renewed the their offices national attention on Manipur, shut in support where violence broke out nearly of the solidarthree months ago, killing over ity rallies. From 160 people since then, and injuring hundreds the rally, NGO Coordination

Committee chairman R Lalngheta urged the Centre to end the violence in Manipur.

'If India considers us as Indian, it should take immediate steps to address the sufferings of the Zo people in

BSF suspends jawan for molesting woman

New Delhi: The Border Security Force (BSF) has suspended a jawan on charges of molesting a local woman at a grocery store in restive Manipur last week, an official said Tuesday. A CCTV captured video of head constable Satish Prasad, allegedly abusing the woman shared widely over social media.

donning his combat uniform and carrying an INSAS rifle, was also

Manipur," he said. The protesters also adopted resolutions, urging the Centre to compensate the victims of the ethnic clash and

ment to those involved in parading the two women naked. Mizos of Mizoram share ethnic ties with Kukis of Manipur, Kuki-Chins of Chittagong Hill

Tracts of Bangladesh and Chins

ensure stringent punish-

of Myanmar. They are collectively identified as Zos. Speaking to reporters on the sidelines of the Aizawl rally, the chief minister said his government would continue to "mount pressure" on the Centre and the Manipur government to restore peace and normalcy in

He said that his government will also do its best to provide

assistance to the Kuki people from Manipur who have come

"The Centre is yet to give us assistance. I hope it will give us the relief package soon,' Zoramthanga said. The Mizoram government has sought ₹10 crore from the Centre.

to Mizoram.

The ongoing ethnic violence in Manipur is "state-sponsored", he alleged, holding the state's chief minister N Biren Singh responsible for it. Security was beefed up across Mizoram in view of the demonstrations.

Meanwhile, the AAP also held a protest at Jantar Mantar, accusing Prime Minister Narendra Modi of being silent on the matter.The protesters, including Deputy Speaker of Delhi Assembly Rakhi Birla, Cabinet Minister Gopal Rai and MLAs Jarnail Singh and Rajendra Pal Gautam, also took part in a candlelight vigil.

Manipur partially withdraws ban on broadband

Imphal: The Manipur government Tuesday lifted the suspension on broadband internet conditionally in a "liberalised manner", nearly three months after it was banned due to the ethnic violence in the state. However, mobile internet will remain suspended, the Home Department said in a notification. It said the suspension on broadband internet has been lifted. subject to fulfilment of several terms and conditions.

Maliwal meets kin of women paraded

Imphal: Demanding the resignation of Manipur Chief Minister N Biren Singh, Delhi Commission

for Women (DCW) chairpersor Swati Maliwal Tuesday

questioned why the CM could not meet the families of women who were stripped and paraded, when she could do so. Maliwal, who is visiting the northeastern state since Sunday, claimed that the families of the two women who were shown being paraded naked in a viral video told her that nobody from the government had met them. "Manipur is burning. If something is not done right now, it will be difficult to save Manipur," she told reporters.

LS PASSES **MULTI-STATE COOPERATIVE SOCIETIES BILL**

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

New Delhi, July 25: Lok Sabha Tuesday passed the Multi-State Cooperative (Amendment) Bill, which seeks to strengthen cooperatives by making their functioning more transparent, introducing a system of regular elections and prohibiting appointment of related persons.

Piloting the Bill, Cooperation Minister Amit Shah said the provisions in the Bill will initiate a new era for the sector. which has been ignored by the previous governments.

The Bill was later approved by Lok Sabha by voice vote amid din after a short discussion in which only three members participated.

The Bill seeks to establish 'Cooperative Election Authority' with a view to introduce electoral reforms in the cooperative sector. It will consist of a chairperson, vice-chairperson and members not exceeding three to be appointed by the central government.

Recalling the initiatives taken by the government to promote the secor, Shah said that a national policy on cooperatives would be announced by Diwali (November 12), which will lay out the blue print for the sector for the next 25 years. Last month, a 49-member committee, headed by former minister Suresh Prabhu, submitted the draft new national cooperation policy along with key recommendations, to Shah.

The current policy on cooperation was formulated in 2002 and a need was felt to draft a new national policy to deal with the changed economic scenario

Kharge, Goyal trade barbs in RS



PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

New Delhi, July 25: Leader of the House Piyush Goyal and Leader of the Opposition Mallikarjun Kharge Tuesday exchanged barbs at each other in the Rajya Sabha over the debate on Manipur, with Kharge demanding the presence of Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Goyal saying atrocities on women in opposition-ruled states will also be discussed in the House.

The opposition raised an uproar from the start of the Question Hour when the House met at noon, with members of the Congress and other like-minded parties raising slogans "Manipur, Manipur"

Kharge said over 50 members have given notices for discussion on the Manipur issue under rule 267, but the government is

'When so many members are giving notice in the last four days and this is not the first time in this House. Even in 2016 when there was an NDA government, they accepted the demand and discussion happened. Even in Lok Sabha, this was followed when the Congress party was there," he said, urging the chairman to allow discussions on the

'Today Manipur is burning... While we are talking about Manipur, the prime minister is talking about East India Company. He is saying INDIA (opposition alliance) means East India Company," the Congress leader said, referring to Modi's remarks against the opposition

vexed issue.

Goyal countered him by saying Union Home Minister Amit Shah is ready to have a discussion on the issues related to

atrocities on women in Rajasthan, Chhattisgarh, Telangana and West Bengal, which is also "equally unfortu-"The Home Minister is ready for that... He would do 'doodh ka doodh' and 'paani ka paani' (differentiate between truth and lies)," he said.

The Union Minist Commerce and Industry also took a swipe at the previous Congress-led UPA government and its handling of the clashes in the north eastern state in the past.

"Be ready to listen when the Home Minister (Shah) will tell that during their (Congress) tenure, a large number of people died in Manipur, where was their Prime Minister then? Why a Minister of State replied and what the home minister was doing (at that time)? He is sitting in this House... They (opposition) are behaving like this to hide his failure," Goyal said in an apparent reference to the then

home minister P Chidambaram. 'We want discussions on Chhatisgarh, Rajasthan, Manipur along with West Bengal where murder is being committed one after another,"he said alleging that crimes against women were also on the rise there and that too

need to be discussed here. After this, Rajya Sabha Chairman Jagdeep Dhankhar asked Goyal to sit down and called Kharge to complete his



IN SYNC: Army jawans during the display of the 132nd Durand Cup 2023 trophy at a flag-in ceremony at Maidan in

'Cabinet clears Bill to replace Delhi ordinance'

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

New Delhi, July 25: The Union Cabinet is learnt to have given its nod Tuesday to a Bill that will replace the ordinance promulgated for the creation of an authority for transfers and postings of Group-A officers in Delhi, sources said.

An ordinance is promulgated by the President on the recommendation of the Union Cabinet when the Parliament is not in session. It is mandatory for the

Parliament to adopt a law to replace the ordinance within six weeks of the commencement of the next session.

The controversial Delhi ordinance was promulgated by the central government May 19, a week after the Supreme Court handed over the control of services in Delhi excluding police, public order and land to the elected government headed by Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal.

The ordinance facilitated the setting up of a National Capital

prices of

places

Civil Service Authority for the transfer of and disciplinary proceedings against Group-A officers from the DANICS cadre.

Transfer and postings of all officers of the Delhi government were under the executive control of the lieutenant governor before the May 11 top court verdict.

Kejriwal's Aam Admi Party had reacted strongly against the ordinance saying the Centre had "deceived" the people of

TOMATOES TURN FARMER INTO CROREPATI IN T'GANA

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

Medak (Telangana), July 25: A farmer in Medak district of Telangana has earned nearly ₹two crore during the last 15 days by selling his tomato crop.

B Mahipal Reddy from Mohd Nagar village in Kaudipally mandal of Medak district Tuesday said tomatoes worth one crore rupees are yet to be harvested in his fields. However, he is worried about the crop in view of continuous rainfall as it would damage the crop, he told PTI.

The prices of tomatoes have been soaring across the coun-

try in the past weeks. The price ranges between ₹100 and ₹120 in various places. Reddy, who recalled his journey, said he used to cultivate paddy in his 20 acres of agriculture land in the village.

After making losses several times in paddy cultivation, he had started growing vegetables eight years ago in eight acres.

Telangana usually gets tomatoes from Madanapally in neighbouring Andhra Pradesh and Kolar in Karnataka and Reddy had visited those places and studied their style of cultivation and techniques.

Telangana's temperature is

tomatoes have been soaring across the country in the past weeks. The price ranges between ₹100 and

high during April and May which is not suitable for tomato culti-

vation. So, to control temperature and the impact of climate conditions, he erected a net shed over the eight acres of tomato-cultivated area spending ₹16 lakh.

This en-

sured high yield and qual-₹120 in various ity production of tomatoes. He sows tomato seeds in April and the crop is ready for har-

vesting by the end of June. Mahipal Reddy said he uses drip irrigation and staking methods in cultivation.

He said he would sell all his re-

maining tomatoes within a week if all goes well. He has sold his tomatoes at Boyenpally, Shahpur and Patancheru markets in Hyderabad and its outskirts.

A 25 to 28 kg box of tomatoes fetched him a price of ₹2,500 to ₹2,700 each. He has sold about 7,000 such crates to get nearly ₹2 crore. Reddy called on Chief Minister K Chandrasekhar Rao in Hyderabad Monday who appreciated him.

Reddy added that in addition to his own land of 20 acres, he has taken 80 acres of land on lease and cultivated paddy in 60 acres.-He also cultivates other crops in the remaining land.

international



Attacks will continue on Crimea and the Kerch bridge, which connects the occupied peninsula to mainland Russia OLEKSII REZNIKOV | UKRAINIAN

THE ABRUPT MOVE, APPROVED BY THE TOP DECISION-MAKING BODY OF CHINA'S RUBBER-STAMP PARLIAMENT, COMES AS SPECULATION SWIRLED

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GRAND CEREMONY

North Korea will hold a grand ceremony marking the 70th anniversary of the armistice of the Korean War. including celebrations that will bring its first known official foreign guests in years, Pyongyang's state media said Tuesday





around the globe today, 27 armed conflicts continue to devastate lives. The number of conflictrelated deaths has reached a 28-year high and over 100 million people have been forcibly displaced

CSABA KOROSI UNGA PRESIDENT

Significant decisions especially concerning the country's economy, needs to be made during the caretaker government's term to ensure a smooth and productive transition

The UAE has promised to contribute \$100 million to support projects in countries affected by irregular



ISHAQ DAR PAKISTAN FINANCE MINISTER

UAF PRESIDENT

SHORT **TAKES**

Nine Indian fishermen held

Colombo: The Sri Lankan Navy has arrested nine Indian fishermen and seized two trawlers for allegedly poaching in the country's territorial waters, according to an official statement Tuesday, in the second such incident this month. The arrests were made near Delft Island, Jaffna. The fishermen, from Tamil Nadu, were apprehended on Monday, the Navy said.

Ex-White House chef found dead

Washington: Tafari Campbell a former White House chef who was working for the Obama family, was found dead in a pond on the south shore of Martha's Vinevard island in the state of Massachusetts, the police confirmed. A statement issued by the Massachusetts State Police on Monday night said that the 45-vear-old "Campbel was employed by former President Barack Obama and was visiting Martha's Vineyard at the time of his passing". The Obamas were not present at the residence at the time of the accident, it said.

Kerry to visit India

Washington: US President's Special Envoy for Climate John Kerry will travel to New Delhi and Chennai from July 25 to 29, an official statement said Monday. The purpose of the presidential envoy's visit is to advance shared objectives on climate and clean energy, including mutual efforts to build a platform for investments in renewable energy and storage solutions, support the deployment of zero-emission buses, and diversify clean energy supply chains, the State

China sacks 'missing' foreign minister Qin

Beijing, July 25: China Tuesdav sacked foreign minister Qin Gang and reappointed top diplomat Wang Yi to the post, ending the rare embarrassing drama involving a close confidant of President Xi Jinping in the tightly-run Communist country.

The abrupt move, approved by the top decision-making body of China's rubber-stamp parliament, comes as speculation swirled around the fate of Qin, an outspoken diplomat, who has not been seen in public for a

Qin, 57, was made the foreign minister in December last year, superseding many seniors, earning the distinction of a rising star in the ruling Communist Party of China (CPC). He was one of the youngest appointees to the post in China's history.

Before his elevation, Xi had sent Qin as China's Ambassador to the US to stabilise Beijing's stalled ties with Washington. No reason has yet been given for Qin's abrupt departure. The high-profile diplomat has not been seen in public since June 25, after he met with officials from Sri Lanka, Vietnam and Russia here.

The Chinese Parliament reappointed Qin's predecessor. Wang.

Doval meets Wang Yi

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

Johannesburg, July 25: National Security Advisor Ajit Doval held a meeting with top Chinese diplomat Wang Yi during which he emphasised the need for continuing efforts to restore peace and tranquility in the border areas to remove the "impediments" to normalcy in bilateral relations.

Doval and Wang met on the sidelines of the Friends of BRICS meeting here in South Africa Monday. During their meeting, Doval conveyed that the situation along the Line of Actual Control (LAC) in the Western Sector of the India-China boundary since 2020 had eroded strategic trust and the public and political basis of the relationship, the Ministry of External Affairs said in a statement.

He emphasised the "importance of continuing efforts to fully resolve the situation and restore peace and tranquility in the border areas, so as to remove impediments to normalcy in bilateral relations," the statement said.

The two sides agreed that the India-China bilateral relationship is significant not only for the two countries but also for the region and world, it said. The meeting came days after External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar met Wang, director of the Office of the Foreign Affairs Commission of the Communist Party of China Central Committee, in the Indonesian capital Jakarta, and discussed outstanding issues relating to peace and tranquillity in border areas.

India has been locked in a military standoff with China for more than three years, with Jaishankar describing it to be the most complex challenge in his long diplomatic career. India has maintained that the bilateral relationship cannot be normal unless there is peace in the border area



voted to appoint Wang, 69, as Foreign Minister and removed Qin from the post, state-run news agency Xinhua reported.

President Xi, also General Secretary of the CPC, signed a presidential order to effectuate the decision, it said. Wang served as the foreign minister from 2013 to 2022. However, in the Chinese political hierarchy, the post of the foreign minister is well below that of the Director of the CPC's Foreign Affairs Commission. He was also elevated to the post of State Councillor, a high political rank of the CPC.

Ever since Qin went missing from the public and missing several diplomatic engagements in the recent weeks, rumours had

surfaced that he was not well. Later rumours of his alleged affair with a Chinese journalist working at Phoenix TV of Hong Kong, besides involvement in corruption cases were also doing rounds.

IN CHINA'S HISTORY

For weeks, the Chinese Foreign Ministry parried persistent questions from journalists on Qin's absence and whereabouts. Rumours gripped Beijing on Monday when it was announced that the Standing Committee of the National People's Congress -- China's Parliament -- will hold an emergency session on Tuesday to appoint and remove an official

Tuesday's announcement of the NPC session came after a high-level meeting presided over by President Xi. Qin's unprecedented removal was regarded as a major setback and embarrassment for Xi who has emerged

as the most powerful leader after the CPC founder Mao Zedong.

After his election for an un-Xi, 70, is expected to remain in tenure as foreign minister, Qin restoration of bilateral ties frozen ern Ladakh.

Interestingly, Wang met

precedented third term last year, power for life. During his brief met External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar twice to discuss by the military stand-off in east-

National Security Advisor Ajit Doval on the sidelines of the BRICS NSAs' Meeting in Johannesburg on Monday. During the meeting, Doval conveyed to Wang that the situation along the Line of Actual Control in the Western Sector of the India-China boundary since 2020 had eroded strategic trust and the public and political basis of the relationship.



An aircraft drops water over a wildfire in Vati village, on the Aegean Sea island of Rhodes, southeastern Greece, Tuesday. A third successive heatwave in Greece pushed temperatures back above 40 degrees Celsius across parts of the country Tuesday following more nighttime evacuations from fires that have raged out of control for days

ISRAEL JUDICIAL OVERHAUL

Protests mount against Netanyahu



REUTERS

Jerusalem, July 25: Israeli doctors declared a strike and black ads covered newspaper front pages on Tuesday in a backlash over the hard-right government's ratification of the first part of a judicial overhaul that critics say endangers democ-

With long-serving Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu facing his SERVING PM FACES gravest domestic cri-**BIGGEST DOMESTIC CRISIS** sis, Israel's military took its first known internal disciplinary action over the protests. One reservist was fined

1,000 shekels (\$270) and another given a suspended 15-day jail sentence for ignoring call-ups. "A Black Day for Israeli

Democracy," read the ad on the front of major newspapers placed by a group describing itself as worried hi-tech workers. The bill curbing Supreme Court review of some state decisions passed in a stormy Knesset parliament on Monday after an opposition walkout. As the vote took place, protesters were out in their thousands, some scuffling with police.

Protest leaders said growing numbers of military reservists would no longer report for duty if the government continued with its plans. Former top brass have warned that Israel's warreadiness could be at risk.

However, opposition leader Yair Lapid asked protesting reservists to hold off pending any Supreme Court ruling on appeals against the new law. Both a political watchdog group and the Israel Bar Association have filed challenges.

The crisis has opened a deep divide in Israeli society and hit the economy hard by triggering foreign investor flight, weakening

the shekel and

raising the MEDICS STRIKE, ALL-BLACK ADS spectre of a **COVER NEWSPAPERS** general strike by the TWO RESERVISTS PUNISHED FOR NOT Histadrut **HEEDING TRAINING CALL-UP** public sector **NETANYAHU SAYS HE WILL** union. It has also strained

ties with the West including close ally the United States which called Monday's vote "unfortunate".

The Israel Medical Association ordered doctors to strike for 24 hours around the nation, though not in Jerusalem, which is the scene of escalating confrontations. It cited the removal of the Supreme Court's ability to overrule, on the basis of "unreasonableness", potential government involvement in decisions by Health Ministry staff.

However, the Tel Aviv Regional Labour Court ordered the doctors to return to work, backing_ a government injunction request, a copy of the ruling seen by Reuters showed.

Anju embraces Islam, weds Pak FB friend

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Peshawar, July 25: Anju, the Indian mother of two children who travelled to a remote village in Pakistan, married her Facebook friend Tuesday after converting to Islam and now has a new name Fatima.

The 34-year-old Indian woman was staying at her 29year-old Pakistani friend Nasrullah's home in the Upper Dir district of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa. They became friends on Facebook in 2019. They tied the knot in a local court of a district and sessions judge amid tight security.

"Nasrullah and Anju's marriage was solemnised today and a proper nikkah was performed after she converted to Islam," senior officer at Moharrar City Police Station in Upper Dir dis-



Anju, a married Indian woman who travelled legally to Pakistan, during a sightseeing trip with her Facebook friend Nasrullah, in Upper Dir district, Khyber Pakhtunkhwa province, Pakistan

trict Muhammad Wahab said. According to police, both appeared in the court in Upper Dir in the presence of family members of Nasrullah, police personnel and lawvers. Malakand Division Deputy Inspector

General Nasir Mehmood Satti

confirmed the nikkah and said Indian woman Anju has been named Fatima after her con-

version to Islam. He further stated that the Indian woman has been shifted to home from the court under police security, Geo News reported.

They recorded the statement, saying they have signed the nikkah on their own will. The Indian woman told the court that she has willingly come to Pakistan and is very happy here, it said. Earlier on Monday, both went

on a sightseeing trip amid tight security. They visited the Lawari tunnel connecting Dir Upper District with Chitral District, police officials said.

In the pictures of their visit to the picturesque tourist spots, Anju and Nasrullah were seen sitting in a lush green garden and holding hands. Anju, who was born in Kailor village in Uttar Pradesh and lived in the Alwar district of Rajasthan, shared a short video before her marriage in which she says she "feels safe' in Pakistan, Geo News reported on Tuesday

FIRST TIME IN 20 YRS

Death penalty for woman in Singapore

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Singapore, July 25: Singapore is set to hang two drug convicts this week, including the first woman to be sent to the gallows in nearly 20 years, rights groups said Tuesday, while urging the executions be halted.

Local rights organisation Transformative Justice Collective (TJC) said a 56-year-old man convicted of trafficking 50 grams (1.76 ounces) of heroin is scheduled to be hanged on Wednesday at the Southeast Asian city-state's Changi Prison.



A 45-year-old woman convict who TJC identified as Saridewi Djamani is also set to be sent to the gallows on Friday. She was sentenced to death in 2018 for trafficking around 30 grams of heroin.

If carried out, she would be the first woman to be executed in Singapore since 2004 when 36year-old hairdresser Yen May Woen was hanged for drug trafficking, said TJC activist Kokila Annamalai

TJC said the two prisoners are Singaporeans and their families have received notices setting the dates of their executions. Prison officials have not answered emailed questions from AFP seeking confirmation. Singapore imposes the death penalty for certain crimes, including murder and some forms of kidnapping.

It also has some of the world's toughest anti-drug laws.

Climate change role in July heatwaves 'overwhelming': Scientists human-induced climate change,

Singapore, July 25: Humaninduced climate change has played an "absolutely overwhelming" role in the extreme heatwaves that have swept across North America, Europe and China this month, according to an assessment by scientists published Tuesday

Throughout July, extreme weather has caused havoc across the planet, with temperatures breaking records in China, the United States and southern Europe, sparking forest fires, water shortages and a rise in heat-related hospital admissions.

Over the weekend, thousands of tourists were evacuated from the Greek island of Rhodes to escape wildfires caused by a recordbreaking heatwave. Without the events this month would have been "extremely rare", according to a study by World Weather Attribution, a global team of scientists that examines the role played by climate change in extreme weather.

"European and North American temperatures would have been virtually impossible without the effects of climate change," said Izidine Pinto of the Royal Netherlands Meteorological Institute, one of the study's authors, during a briefing with journalists. "In China it was around 50 times more likely to happen compared to the past.

World Weather Attribution team estimated that rising greenhouse gas concentrations made the European



heatwave 2.5 Celsius (4.5 Fahrenheit) hotter than it would otherwise have been. They also drove up the North American heatwave by 2C and the one in

China by 1C. As well as directly impact-

ing human health, the heat has caused large-scale crop damage and livestock losses, the scientists said, with U.S. corn and soybean crops, Mexican cattle, southern European olives as well as Chinese cotton all El Nino probably contributed

to the additional heat in some regions, but rising greenhouse gases were the major factor, the

scientists said, and heatwaves will become increasthousands of tourists were evacuated from the Greek island ingly likely if of Rhodes to escape wildfires caused by a record-breaking heatway emissions not

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two to five years if average global temperatures rise 2C above pre-industrial levels. Average temperatures are currently estimated to have risen

'The events we have looked at are not rare in today's cli-

mate," said Friederike Otto, a scientist with the Grantham Institute for Climate Change in London, speaking at the briefing. "It's not sur-

prising from a climatological point of view, that these events are happening at the same time." "As long as we keep burning fossil fuels we will see more and more of these ex-

tremes," she said. "I don't think there's any stronger evidence that any science has ever presented for a scientific

business



I set foot in India for the first time some 13 years ago and since then, I have seen so many changes. I am amazed at how fast India has changed digitally through

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REAL ESTATE SECTOR SENTIMENT BULLISH

The sentiment index for the real estate sector remained positive during the April-June period with an improvement from previous quarter while the outlook for the next six months is also bullish, according to a survey by Knight Frank India and NAREDCO.



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RESULTS **CORNER**

Tata Motors net

at ₹3,300.65 cr

New Delhi: Tata Motors Tuesday reported a

consolidated net profit of ₹3.300.65 crore in the first

quarter ended June 30, riding

performance of its British arm Jaguar Land Rover and

commercial vehicles business.

quarter last fiscal, Tata Motors

The company had posted a

₹4,950,97 crore in the same

said in a regulatory filing.

Asian Paints

net up 52%

New Delhi: Asian Paints

Tuesday reported a 52 per

the June quarter, led by a

as well as softening of material prices. The company

had posted a net profit of

₹1,036.03 crore during the

in the first quarter of this

April-June period of 2022-23.

The consolidated sales rose

6.7 per cent to ₹9,153.79 crore

fiscal. In the year-ago period,

the same stood at ₹8,578.88

crore, Asian Paints said in a

New Delhi: Larsen and Toubro (L&T) Tuesday posted a 36 per cent rise in consolidated net

profit to ₹3.116.12 crore in the June quarter, mainly helped by higher income. The company's board has also

approved buy back of shares

filing, total income increased

worth up to ₹10,000 crore.

According to a regulatory

to ₹49.027.93 crore in first

quarter of the current fiscal

from ₹36.547.92 crore in the

Mumbai: Bajaj Auto Tuesday

reported a 42 per cent jump

in standalone profit after tax

(PAT) to ₹1,665 crore in the

June 2023 quarter. The Pune-

based vehicle maker had

reported a standalone PAT

year-ago period.

Bajaj Auto

PAT up 42%

regulatory filing.

jumps 36%

L&T profit

cent increase in consolidated

net profit to ₹1,574.84 crore in

double-digit volume and value

growth in decorative business

consolidated net loss of

on sharp improvements in

Meta, Microsoft, hundreds more own IP rights to 'X'

X is so widely used and cited in trademarks that it is a candidate for legal challenges - and the company formerly known as Twitter could face its own issues defending its Xbrand in the future

REUTERS

San Francisco, July 25: Billionaire Elon Musk's decision to rebrand Twitter as X could be complicated legally: companies including Meta and Microsoft already have intellectual property rights to the

X is so widely used and cited in trademarks that it is a candidate for legal challenges - and the company formerly known as Twitter could face its own issues defending its X brand in the future.

"There's a 100% chance that Twitter is going to get sued over this by somebody," said trademark attorney Josh Gerben, who said he counted nearly 900 active US trademark registrations that already cover the letter X in a wide range of industries.

Musk renamed social media network Twitter as X Monday and unveiled a new logo for the social media platform, a stylised black-and-white version of the



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letter. Owners of trademarks which protect things like brand names, logos and slogans that identify sources of goods - can claim infringement if other branding would cause consumer confusion. Remedies range from monetary damages to blocking use.

Microsoft since 2003 has owned an X trademark related to communications about its Xbox video-game system. Meta Platforms - whose Threads platform is a new Twitter rival owns a federal trademark registered in 2019 covering a blueand-white letter 'X' for fields including software and social

Meta and Microsoft likely would not sue unless they feel threatened that Twitter's X encroaches on brand equity they built in the letter, Gerben said.

The three companies did not respond to requests for com-

ment.Meta itself drew intellectual property challenges when it changed its name from Facebook. It faces trademark lawsuits filed last year by investment firm Metacapital and virtual-reality company MetaX, and settled another over its new infinity-symbol logo

And if Musk succeeds in changing the name, others still could claim 'X' for themselves.

"Given the difficulty in protecting a single letter, especially one as popular commercially as 'X', Twitter's protection is likely to be confined to very similar graphics to their X logo," said Douglas Masters, a trademark attorney at law firm Loeb & Loeb.

"The logo does not have much distinctive about it, so the protection will be very narrow."

Insider reported earlier that Meta had an X trademark, and lawyer Ed Timberlake tweeted that Microsoft had one as well.

'India's rice restrictions could fuel food price inflation'

Washington, July 25: India's move to restrict exports of certain types of rice could help exacerbate food price inflation and should be reversed, International Monetary Fund chief economist Pierre-Olivier Gourinchas said

Gourinchas told a news conference that India's restriction would have a similar effect of the suspension of the Ukraine Black Sea grain export deal, helping to drive up prices in other countries. He added that global grain prices could rise 10-15% this year.

"In the current environment, these types of restrictions are likely to exacerbate volatility on food prices in the rest of the world, and they can also lead to retaliatory measures, Gourinchas said.

'We would encourage the removal of these type of export restrictions because they can be they can be harmful globally.'



IMF pegs India growth rate at 6.1% for FY24 This is reflective of the

"momentum" from stronger-than-expected growth in the fourth quarter of 2022 as a result of stronger domestic investment, the IMF said in its World Economic

Outlook update

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

Washington, July 25: The IMF Tuesday projected a growth rate of 6.1 per cent for India in 2023, which is a 0.2 percentage point upward revision compared with the April projection.

This is reflective of the "momentum" from stronger-thanexpected growth in the fourth quarter of 2022 as a result of stronger domestic investment, the International Monetary Fund (IMF) said.

"Growth in India is projected at 6.1 per cent in 2023, a 0.2 percentage point upward revision compared with the April projection," it said in its latest update of the World Economic Outlook. According to the report, global growth is projected to fall from an estimated 3.5 per cent in 2022 to 3 per cent in both 2023 and 2024. While the forecast for 2023 is

modestly higher than predicted in the April 2023 World Economic Outlook (WEO), it remains weak by historical standards.

The rise in central bank policy rates to fight inflation con-

Shares end flat amid volatile trade

tinues to weigh on economic activity. Global headline inflation is expected to fall from 8.7 per cent in 2022 to 6.8 per cent in 2023 and 5.2 per cent in 2024, it said.

Underlying (core) inflation is projected to decline more gradually, and forecasts for inflation in 2024 have been revised upward, it said. The IMF said the recent resolution of the US debt ceiling standoff and, earlier this vear, strong action by authorities to contain turbulence in the US and Swiss banking, reduced the immediate risks of financial sector turmoil. This moderated adverse risks to the outlook, it said. However, the balance of risks to global growth remains tilted to the downside.

Inflation could remain high and even rise if further shocks occur, including those from an intensification of the war in Ukraine and extreme weatherrelated events, triggering more restrictive monetary policy, the report said.

Financial sector turbulence could resume as markets adjust to further policy tightening by central banks. China's recovery could slow, in part as a result of unresolved real estate problems, with negative cross-border

GAINERS

Ceiling prices fixed for 915 formulations, says government

New Delhi, July 25: The gov-

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ernment Tuesday said that till July 17, ceiling prices have been fixed for 915 scheduled formulations. Out of the total, ceiling prices of 691 formulations have been fixed under the National List of Essential Medicines 2022 and 224 formulations under NLEM 2015, Union Minister of State for Chemicals and Fertilisers Bhagwanth Khuba said in a written reply to Raiva Sabha, Besides, the retail price of around 2,450 new drugs under Drugs (Prices Control) Order, 2013 has been fixed till July 7, 2023, he noted. The minister stated that a total of 5,772 complaints alleging overcharging were received by drug pricing regulatory body NPPA over the five-year period ranging between 2018-19 and 2022-23.

Replying to a query regarding the Pradhan Mantri Bhartiya Janaushadhi Kendras, Khuba said 9,512 outlets are now functional. The product basket of PMBJP comprises about 1,800 medicines and 285 surgical devices, covering all major therapeutic groups, he noted.

Centre devolves ₹3.09L crore to states till July

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New Delhi, July 25: The Centre has devolved over ₹3.09 lakh crore to states till July of the ₹10.21 lakh crore budgeted to be transferred in the current fiscal, Minister of State for Finance Pankaj Chaudhary said Tuesday "Out of ₹10.21 lakh crore es-

timated to be transferred to states for the FY 2023-24, ₹3.09.521.22 crore has been devolved till July 2023, in 4 instalments having double the normal amount in June'23 for FY 2023-24. There is no pendency on part of devolution payable to states..., Chaudhary said in the Lok

Of the ₹3.09 lakh crore net proceeds of shareable union taxes and duties distributed to the states, Central GST collection devolution stood at ₹94,368 crore till July.

"Part of the CGST collected and credited to the Consolidated Fund of India is devolved to the States as per the accepted recommendations of the Finance Commission. The total amount of such CGST devolution reOf the ₹3.09 lakh crore, **Central GST collection** devolution stood at ₹94,368 crore till July

leased to states during FY 2022-23 was ₹2.68.334.19 crore: this was released in 14 instalments, the minister said.

The 15th Finance Co has recommended that states be given 41 per cent of the divisible tax pool of the Centre during the period 2021-22 to 2025-26, which is at the same level as was recommended by the 14th Finance Commission.

In reply to a separate question, Chaudhary said Goods and Services Tax (GST) has decreased the number of taxes and overall tax burden while significantly increasing transparency.

"It has resulted in the significant increase in the number of registered taxpayers. Before the GST regime, the number of registered taxpayers was around 54 lakhs, which has now increased to around 1.46 crore after the GST regime," he said.

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Mumbai, July 25: Benchmark equity indices Sensex and Nifty ended almost flat in a see-saw trade Tuesday as investors traded cautiously, awaiting cues from the US Federal Reserve's policy

Foreign fund outflows and elevated levels of crude oil prices also weighed on investor sentiment, traders said.

In a volatile trade, the 30-share BSE Sensex slipped 29.07 points or 0.04 per cent to settle at 66,355.71. During the day, it touched an intra-day peak of 66,559.29 and hit the lowest level of 66,177.62 The NSE Nifty inched up by

8.25 points or 0.04 per cent to end at 19,680.60. The broader index moved between the range of 19.729.35 and 19.615.95. In the previous two sessions,

the indices have seen correction after reaching their lifetime peaks Thursday.

From the Sensex pack, JSW Steel, Tata Steel, NTPC and UltraTech Cement emerged as major winners, closing the day with a gain of up to 3.33 per cent.

On the other hand, Asian Paints, ITC, L&T and SBI were the laggards, ending the session

BSE Sensex Change -29.07 66,384.78

3.33 JSW Steel 3.25 Tata Steel 2.45 NTPC 2.12 UltraTech Cement 1.70 Titan LOSERS 66,355.71

up to 3.95 per cent lower.

BSE Midcap went up by 115.44 points or 0.39 per cent to 29,750.29, while Smallcap index inched up by 107.05 points or 0.31 per cent to 34,279.08 points.

Among sectoral indices, BSE Utilities gained the maximum by 3.36 per cent, followed by Metal (2.88 per cent), Power (2.69 per cent) and Commodities (1.55 per cent).

In contrast, FMCG fell 0.75 per cent, followed by Capital Goods 0.64 per cent, realty 40

per cent and Bankex 0.37 per cent. Elsewhere in Asia, markets ended mixed on Tuesday with Hang Seng gaining 4.10 per cent, Shanghai Composite rising 2.13 per cent and the Nikkei 225 closing 0.06 per cent down.

Meanwhile, global oil benchmark Brent crude was trading 0.18 per cent lower at USD 82.59 a barrel. Foreign Institutional Investors (FIIs) were net sellers Monday as they offloaded equities worth ₹82.96 crore, according to exchange data

Indians may soon be able to shop for 'INDIAsize' garments the next five years or so, from

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

New Delhi, July 25: The Textiles Ministry will soon rollout 'INDIAsize' -- measurements and standards designed to better suit the Indian body types, Textiles Secretary Rachna Shah said

Once the initiative is launched, Indians will soon be able to shop for clothes that would fit them better. Presently, international and domestic brands available in India use measurements from the US or the UK for garments, having 'small', 'medium' and 'large' sizes

However, Western body types differ from Indians in terms of height, weight or specific measurements of body parts, which sometimes causes fitting issues.

"We are hoping... That will happen very soon," Shah told PTI when asked about the rollout of the INDIAsize initiative.

The Textiles Secretary said the government's goal is to take the domestic technical textiles segment to USD 40-50 billion in

USD 22 billion at present.

'Our exports of technical textiles is presently at USD 2.5 billion, our objective is to enhance it to USD 10 billion during this period," Shah added.

The technical textile market globally is to the tune of about USD 250-260 billion and is expected to increase to about USD 320-325 billion by 2025-26, she

The Textiles Secretary shared that the government is working in the technical textiles sector with a multipronged approach.

and 'large' sizes "There is focus on R&D activity in the technical textile segment including fibre and in development of various applications. There is also focus on developing a skilling ecosystem

Presently, international and domestic brands available in India use measurements from the US or the UK for garments, having 'small', 'medium'

> manpower for this sector. The government is promoting investment in technical textiles through its flagship schemes namely the PLI scheme for textiles as also the PM-MITRA Mega

and skilled

Textiles Parks," Shah said.

She informed that the Textiles Ministry is working very closely with various user Ministries and Departments within the government and state governments to increase demand and increase the penetration of technical textiles

One very critical element of the approach is focusing on developing standards and regulations for technical textiles, she said while addressing a Ficci conference

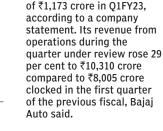
The Ministry of Textiles sanc-

tioned the INDIAsize project to develop standard body sizes for the Indian apparel sector to address the prevailing disparities and inconsistencies in

provided fits. The project entails gathering anthropometric data pan-India from more than 25,000 male and female persons between the age group of 15 years and 65 years using human safe 3D whole-body scanning technology.

The created body-size chart will help national and international retailers and manufacturers to produce goods which are best suited for Indian body types and create a balance between demand and supply of well fitted garments.

Apart from apparel, the findings of the study will have ramifications across various sectors such as automotive, aerospace, fitness & sport, art, computer gaming, etc. Where the insights from this data can produce ergonomically designed productswhich are well suited for the Indian population.



'WE'RE ndia slip to 2nd in WTC standing Dubai: India have dropped to the second spot in the latest World Test Championship (WTC) standings after being held to a draw against West Indies. Leading the two-match series 1-0. India looked on course to win the second Test. However, India had IN RIGHT to settle for a share of the spoils after the entire final day was washed out. The draw hurt India's win-loss percentage, which has dropped from 100 to 66.67. Pakistan now sit alone at the top of the standings with a 100 per cent win-loss record. Reigning WTC champions Australia (54.17) and England (29.17), who are playing the Ashes series, PLACE? occupy the third and fourth spot respectively. West un to fifth spot, while Sri Lanka, with one loss, Port of Spain, July 24: The Indian team is in the right place, said skipper Rohit Sharma after the 1-0 series win over the West Indies and praised Mohammed Siraj for stepping up in the absence of senior pacers. Siraj picked up his maiden Man-of-the-Match award in the traditional five-day game after grabbing 5/60 in the West Indies first innings of the second Test, which ended in a draw after relentless rain washed out the fifth and final day's play at the Queen's Set an imposing target of 365 the West Indies were 76 for two at close of play on the fourth evening. "We are in the right place. It's about getting the job done," Rohit said at the presen-Asked if Siraj is ready to spear-

> tion to go for it. There wasn't much on the surface. No play today, unfortunate for us.

The Indian captain also lauded the efforts of centurion Virat Kohli and Ishan Kishan, who slammed a 34-ball 52 in the second innings before the declaration came about. "You need guys like Ishan. We wanted quick runs, we promoted him, he wasn't afraid. He was the first one to put his hand up.

"In Test matches, you need guys who stabilise the innings like what Virat did, he played superbly. You need the mixture of everything. We have depth, we have got variety," Rohit said.

Despite the likes of Jasprit Bumrah and Mohammed Shami not around, Siraj said he was never under any sort of pressure. "This is my first player of the match award in Tests, very pleased. There wasn't much help for the pacers. I kept my plans simple and executed.

'When you pick wickets in conditions like this, you get loads of confidence. Rohit bhai asked me to believe in myself, not take any

pressure and enjoy," Siraj said. West Indies skipper Kraigg Brathwaite, who saw his team surrender inside three days in the first Test in Dominica, said he was happy to see the batters lasting over 100 overs in the first innings. "We showed some fight in this

game with the bat. Bowling-wise, we can be more disciplined. It was a good comeback from the batters. We lost five wickets yesterday, that wasn't good. Toporder batting 100+ overs is pleasing," Brathwaite said.

"We were positive, we had 98 overs on a pitch that was relatively good. It (chase) was on. Unfortunately with the weather, we didn't get a chance. Preparation is important. We need to bat for long periods against good teams. Some countries have club cricket going on,"

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New Delhi, July 25: India will get to fine tune their World Cup preparations with a three-match ODI series against Australia besides playing eight T20 Internationals and five Tests against England during the 2023-2024 home season.

The first ODI against Australia will be in Mohali September 22 with Indore and Rajkot hosting the remaining two September 24 and 27 respectively. The BCCI announced the home season schedule Tuesday.

As BCCI secretary Jay Shah had indicated, venues like Mohali, Nagpur, Rajkot, Indore, Thiruvananthapuram, all of which have missed out on hosting World Cup games, have been compensated during the home season with minimum two games each.

With the BCCI set to announce the media rights tender during the course of this week, it was a necessary to announce the calendar and one of the striking feature is absence of any ODI game after the World Cup at home in October-November.

January 2024. Afghanistan had THE FIXTURES played a Test match in India in **AUSTRALIA SERIES**

1st ODI: Sept 22 (Mohali) 2nd ODI: Sept 24 (Indore) 3rd ODI: Sept 27 (Rajkot) (November 26), Guwahati 1st T20I: Nov 23 (Visakhapatnam) rd T201: Nov 28 (Guwahati) 4th T20I: Dec 1 (Nagpur) 5th T20I: Dec 3 (Hyderabad)

AFGHANISTAN SERIES nd T20I: Jan 14 (Indore)

rd Test: Feb 15-19 (Rajkot) h Test: Feb 23-27 (Ranchi) 5th Test: Mar 3-7 (Dharamsala).

more against Afghanistan in

India to play 3 ODIs, 8 T20Is,

5 Tests in 2023-24 home season

five Test series. With India playing the T20 Dharamsala got a game be-World Cup in the USA and West cause it missed out during the Indies next year, the Hardik Border-Gavaskar Trophy earlier this year as the ground could-Pandva led team will get eight T20 games at home including five n't be prepared on time. After England series, there will be a against Australian a week after the ODI showpiece and three

2018 but the white ball team will play its maiden series in India. Visakhapatnam (November 23), Thiruvananthapuram

(November 28), Nagpur (December 1) and Hyderabad (December 3) will host the T20s against Australia while Mohali (January 11), Indore (January 14) and Bangalore (January 17) will stage matches against Afghanistan.

The big-ticket event during the home series is the Anthony De Mello Trophy between India and England. Hyderabad (January 25-29), Visakhapatnam (February 2-6), Rajkot (February 15-19), Ranchi (February 23-27) and Dharamsala (March 7-11) will get to host the games in the

three-week gap before the start of Indian Premier League.

Harmanpreet handed two-game suspension



head the pace attack, Rohit said

he is not looking for only one

bowler to play the lead role.

"Siraj, I have been watching

closely. He's taken such a giant

step. He has led this attack. I

don't want anyone to lead the

attack. I want everyone to lead

when they are having the ball in

their hand. You want the entire

pace battery taking the respon-

While rain seemed to have de-

nied India, Rohit said his team

remained optimistic as the hosts

were required to bat last on a

pitch which though hardly had

in West Indies has its own chal-

lenge. Happy with the way things

went. We gave it a good shot, un-

fortunately we couldn't get any

play today. We actually went out

with a positive intent yesterday.

were quite confident. You know

how difficult it is batting last. We

always wanted that kind of score

where we wanted the opposi-

"Rain had its final say. We

"Every win is different. Playing

sibility," he said.

Dubai, July 25: The International Cricket Council (ICC) Tuesday handed a twomatch suspension to India women's team skipper Harmanpreet Kaur for her boorish behaviour during the third ODI against Bangladesh.

Harmanpreet was penalised for her outburst in Dhaka last week when she shattered the stumps after being adjudged leg before and publicly criticised the match officials. "Harmanpreet Kaur has been

suspended for the next two international matches following two separate breaches of the ICC Code of Conduct," said the ICC in a statement.

The suspension could see Harmanpreet missing two crucial game of India's campaign at the Asian Games in September-October in Hangzhou, China.

Harmanrpreet was adjudged leg before off a Nahida Akter delivery while trying to sweep but she claimed that she got a bottom edge and in a fit of rage shattered the stumps before walking back to the pavilion.

Later at the post match presentation ceremony, she termed the level of umpiring as "pathetic" and also sarcastically mentioned the umpires too should be called to join the teams for the trophy handing-over cer-

Her rude behaviour had prompted Bangladesh skipper Nigar Sultana to walk away with her team and urge her Indian counterpart to learn some "man-

Kaur was also fined 50 per cent of her match fee for expressing dissent at an umpire's decision, a level 2 offence, and 25 percent match fee, which is a level 1 offence, for openly criticising the umpires.

"Kaur was fined 50 percent of her match fee for the Level 2 offence and received three demerit

points on her disciplinary record. 'She was found guilty of breaching article 2.8 of the ICC Code of Conduct for Players and Player Support Personnel, relating to "showing dissent at an umpire's decision," the state-

ment read. The Indian captain admitted the offences and agreed to the sanctions proposed by Akhtar Ahmed of the ICC International Panel of Match Referees. Hence, there was no need for a formal hearing, and the penalties were

implemented promptly. A Level 2 breach typically carries a penalty ranging from 50 to 100 percent of the player's match fee, and three or four demerit points, while a Level 1 breach entails a minimum penalty of an official reprimand, up to a maximum penalty of 50 percent of the player's match fee, and one or two demerit points.

'In Kaur's instance, the accumulation of four demerit points converted to two suspension points, leading to her suspension from either one Test match or two ODIs or two T20Is, whichever comes first for the team," the CC added.

Srikanth, Prannoy enter pre-quarters

Tokyo, July 25: Indian shut-HS Prannoy entered the prequarterfinals of the men's singles competition in the BWF Japan Open but it was curtains for Aakarshi Kashyap, who ran into Akane Yamaguchi in her very first outing, here Tuesday. The tournament is taking place at the Yoyogi

National Gymnasium. The Indians had a mixed outing, as in the men's singles, Srikanth brushed aside Chou Tien-chen of Taiwan 21-13, 21-13 to comfortably make the prequarters, while compatriot Prannoy too easily defeated Li Shifeng of China 21-17, 21-13 to enter the Round of 16. Both are set to face each other in the next

In the women's singles, Aakarshi failed to get past the formidable Yamaguchi of Japan, losing 17-21, 17-21. In women's doubles, the pair of Treesa Jolly and Pullela Gayatri





SATWIK-CHIRAG PAIR MOVES UP

New Delhi: Fresh from winning the Korea Open, India's top men's doubles pair of Chirag Shetty and Satwiksairaj Rankireddy Tuesday rose to a career-best second spot in the latest BWF rankings. Satwik and Chirag gained a place, displacing the Chinese pair of Liang Wei Keng and Wang Chang whom they had defeated in the Korea Open semifinals last week, to achieve a new career-high ranking in the men's doubles circuit. The reigning Asian champions, who won the Korea Open (Super 500), Swiss Oper (Super 300) and Indonesia Open (Super 1000) titles this season, now have 87,211 points. The two have not lost a single final this season and are on a 10-match unbeaten streak on the BWF World Tour, Meanwhile, PV Sindhu, who made an early exit from the Korea Open, has managed to hold on to her 17th spot in the singles list. HS Prannoy continues to be India's top-ranked shuttler, occupying the 10th spot in the men's singles rankings, led by Denmark's Victor Axelsen. While Canada Open winner Lakshya Sen has slipped a place to world number 13 after missing the Korea Open, Kidambi Srikanth, who has been struggling with form, remains on 20th

Gopichand engaged in a battle against the Japanese duo of Sayaka Hobara and Suizu. Despite losing the opening game, the Indians prevailed 11-21, 21-15, 21-14 to enter the prequarters.

In the mixed doubles category, the Promoted from Reserves (PFR) Indian pair of Rohan Kapoor and Nelakurihi Sikki Reddy failed to make the most of their opportunity, as despite winning the opening game, they were taken out by the Taiwanese duo of Ye Hong-wei and Lee Chia-hsin 21-18, 9-21, 18-21.

Odisha FC sign Lalrinzuala from-Chennaiyin FC PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

Bhubaneswar, July 25: Super Cup champions Odisha FC Tuesday announced the signing of Chennaiyin FC's Indian Super League (ISL) winning defender Jerry Lalrinzuala, on a contract running till May 2024, with the option for a further year.

Hailing from Mizoram, Jerry shot to prominence in 2016 when he became the youngest Indian to debut (Chennaiyin FC) and score in the history of the ISL.

Jerry's journey with Chennaivin FC reached its pinnacle in 2020-2021 season when his resolute defending played a pivotal role in CFC clinching the ISL title. The 24-year-old's ability in overlapping runs, pinpoint crosses and timely interception have made him a constant threat on the pitch.

"Jerry is a very experienced player in a very important position in our system," head coach Sergio Lobera said.

Lalit, 4 other forwards left out of India's ACT squad

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New Delhi, July 25: Lalit Kumar Upadhyay is among the five forwards left out of the 18-member Indian men's hockey team for next month's Asian Champions Trophy in Chennai.

Apart from Lalit, Abhishek, Pawan, Dilpreet Singh and Simranjeet Singh, who are all currently with the Indian squad in Spain gearing up for the the 100th Anniversary Spanish Hockey Federation-International Tournament, also missed the cut for the prestigious tournament to be played at the Mayor Radhakrishnan Stadium from August 3 to 12.

Ace dragflicker Harmanpreet Singh will continue to lead the side while midfielder Hardik Singh will serve as his deputy.



Manpreet Singh will return to the midfield after previously being listed as a defender during the

European leg of the Pro League. India will face Korea, Malaysia, Pakistan, Japan and China in the Pool stage of the tournament. The tournament will also serve as a preparation event for the Hangzhou Asian Games, which is also the 2024 Paris Olympics qualifying tournament for hockey.

Veteran PR Sreejesh and Krishan Bahadur Pathak have been named as the team's goalkeepers, while the team also include stalwarts such as defender Amit Rohidas, midfielder Vivek Sagar Prasad and former captain Manpreet, among others.

"We have carefully chosen a squad that has the potential to go on and give a good account of themselves in the Asian Champions Trophy," said chief coach Craig Fulton in a release Tuesday.

"The squad has a blend of youth and experience. It's an exciting phase for the squad as we start the 100th Anniversary Spanish Hockey Federation-International Tournament in Spain tomorrow (Wednesday) and post this tournament (we) fly directly to Chennai to play at home in the Asian Champions Trophy," said Fulton.

THE SQUAD

Goalkeepers: PR Sreejesh, Krishan Bahadur Pathak; **Defenders:** Jarmanpreet Singh, Sumit, Jugraj Singh, Harmanpreet Singh (C), Varun Kumar, Amit Rohidas; Midfielders: Hardik Singh (vc), Vivek Sagar Prasad, Manpreet Singh, Nilakanta Sharma, Shamsher Singh; Forwards: Akashdeep Singh,

Mandeep Singh, Gurjant Singh, Sukhjeet Singh, S Karthi.

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