

SHORT TAKES

Naveen most popular

Bhubaneswar: Odisha's undisputed leader for the last 23 years, Naveen Patnaik, has been adjudged the most popular Chief Minister of his home state in a survey conducted by India Today. With this. Patnaik maintained his leadership streak for the third time in a row in the annual survey conducted by the news conglomerate. Patnaik got positive

ratings from around 61.3 per cent people of the state in MOTN poll in contrast to 78 per cent rating he got in 2022. Patnaik was followed Chhattisgarh CM Bhupesh Baghel, Delhi CM Arvind Kejriwal and Gujarat CM Bhupendra Patel.

UP slapgate rocks nation

Muzaffarnagar: As outrage poured in from all quarters including political parties, Muzaffarnagar Police Saturday booked the teacher accused of making communal comments and ordering her students to slap a Muslim classmate for not doing his homework. The school was also served a notice by the state Education department.

IRREGULAR by MANJUL



to Kashmir Files, this award should go to the Muzzaffarnagar lady

ISRO's solar mission likely September 2 Bengaluru: After the successful moon lander venture, Indian Space

Research Organisation (ISRO) is now gearing up for the launch of a solar mission in a week's time, likely September 2, to study the Sun. Aditya-L1 spacecraft is designed for providing remote observations of the solar corona and in situ observations of the solar wind at L1, which is about 1.5 million km from the Earth. Meanwhile, Prime Minister Narendra Modi declared August 23 as 'National Space Day' and

Chandrayaan 3's landing point as More P9 'Shiv Shakti Point'.

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Train blaze claims 9

Though the Rlys claims that the passengers illegally carried a gas cylinder, it is silent as to how the inflammable item was smuggled into the coach

AGENCIES

Madurai, August 26: In yet another instance of deteriorating safety standards in Indian Railways, 9 passengers were burnt alive in a stationary compartment at the station here in a fire that ostensibly occurred due to a 'smuggled' coking gas cylinder, early Saturday. Twenty more have received secondary to tertiary injuries in the incident. The passengers, all from Uttar Pradesh, had booked the private party coach for a pilgrimage to Rameshwaram in Tamil Nadu.

Nevertheless, the incident came close on the heels of the devastating triple train mishap near the Bahanaga junction in Odisha's Balasore district, June

Tamil Nadu CM MK Stalin announces cash relief of ₹3 lakh to each of the victims' kin. UP CM Yogi Adithyanath

2, which left a trail of 296 dead and over 1,000 injured.

the nine deceased have been identified. They were three men and women each. According to one of the survivors, only after a locked door was broken open could many even run towards safety, possibly avoiding a bigger tragedy.

President Droupadi Murmu and Tamil Nadu Governor RN Ravi condoled the deaths and wished for the safety and speedy recovery of injured.

declares ₹2 lakh ex gratia

In Saturday's incident, six of

Mo School portal faked

Saturday and Fire service personnel who arrived at the spot half an hour later put down the blaze by 7:15am, a Southern Railway release said. "This is a private party coach

The fire broke out at 5:15am

that was attached at Nagercoil Junction yesterday (Aug 25) by train no. 16730 (Punalur-Madurai Exp). Party coach was detached and kept at Madurai Stabling line. The passengers in the private party coach have...Smuggled gas cylinder and this has caused the fire," the release said.

Meanwhile, a criminal case has been registered against a tour operator by the Government Railway Police for alleged illegal carriage of cooking gas cylinder in connection with the incident.

Paper cups as toxic as plastic ones

Paper cups are no alternatives to plastic cups to avoid toxic chemicals, claims

a study by University of Gothenburg in Sweden AGENCIES

New Delhi, August 26: At a time when reports of plastic pollution contaminating all parts of the Earth have accelerated a shift to alternative materials, researchers at the University of Gothenburg in Sweden have found that paper cups are just as toxic as plastic cups.

Paper cups are no alternatives to plastic cups to avoid toxic chemicals, as the latte coffee you take with you in a paper cup (along with paper lid) can also harm living organisms if it ends up in nature.

The researchers show this in a study testing the effect of disposable cups made of different materials on the larvae of the butterfly mosquito. "We left paper cups and plastic cups in wet sediment and water for a few weeks

and followed how the leached chemicals affected the larvae. All of the mugs negatively affected the growth of mosquito larvae," said Bethanie Carney Almroth, professor of environmental science at the University

of Gothenburg. Paper that is used in food packaging material needs to be treated with a surface coating. This plastic protects the paper from the coffee in your hand. Nowadays, the plastic film is often made of polylactide, PLA, a type of bioplastic which can still be toxic.

GYAN RANJAN MOHAPATRA, OP

Bhubaneswar, August 26: The Commissionerate Police Saturday rounded up three scammers who duped scores of job aspirants to the tune of over ₹40 lakh by creating a bogus website in the name of 'Mo School' portal of the state government.

The arrested were identified as Amar Samal, 50, of Jajpur Town in Jajpur district, Raigulu Patro, 43, of Patapur in Ganjam district and Madan Nag, 32, of Narla in Kalahandi district.

Amar was arrested August 19 in connection with a case (58/23)registered at Cyber Crime and Economic Offence Police station over a report of the project head of state government's flagship programme 'Mo School Abhiyan'. The fraud came to fore when several job seekers contacted 'Mo School Abhiyan' authorities to enquire about fake job postings on the fake web portal 'www.moschool.online'.

Amar has confessed to have duped 60 job seekers of around ₹40 lakh on the pretext of jobs.





Slums Transformed to Biju Adarsh Colonies

With Pavered Roads, Drains, Pipe water supply, electricity connection, LED Street Lights, Parichaya, Child Play facilities etc. Slums are No Longer Slums but upgraded as Liveable Habitats with all necessary facilities

> Formal Dedication by Hon'ble Chief Minister Shri Naveen Patnaik 28 August 2023 | 11:30 AM | Kalinga Stadium, Bhubaneswar



SDA Empowerment

2919 Slum Dwellers' Associations (SDAs) signed MoU with ULBs to partner as 4th tier of Government.

Awards & Recognitions

UN Habitat's World Habitat Award 2019 & 2023



National Housing Innovation Award, 2021

"We Value People More than Land"

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ROCK LEGEND MARDSEN PASSES AWAY AT 72

Rock legend, guitarist Bernie Marsden who was known as the lead of the hard rock band Whitesnake has passed away at the age of 72 due to health issues. The news of the musician's passing was announced by band leader and lead singer David Coverdale.

DUA LIPA NOT READY TO HAVE CHILDREN

Singer Dua Lipa doesn't rule out the prospect of having children one day but for now, she's focused on her music career and making the most of her opportunities. Dua acknowledges that women have more options and opportunities than ever before.



FORTUNE FORECAST



ARIES

Today, you will turn an attentive ear to your inner voice. As a result, you will able to execute all your plans with preci sion. Besides being cheerful, you will even take disappointments with a pinch of salt. Why just today, says Ganesha, you can have this rare quality for keeps

TAURUS

You will win the heart of your family members today forecasts Ganesha. Try and delay auction bids or sealed tenders. Job aspirants may look forward to belat ed success in interviews. Ganesha advises you to take abundant precau tions in all critical matters.

GEMINI

Interactions with member of the opposite sex may yield positive and pleasurable results today. Public servants will get the much-needed encouragement and moral support from bosses and family members. In academics, you will be able to solve whatever problem you set your mind to.

Today, you are likely to remain open-minded while dealing with others. However, it doesn't mean that you will always be soft on others. Later in the day

your approach may be different and stub born. In the evening, you will enjoy the company of family and friends.

LEO

Pack your bags, and don't forget the sunscreen and the shades. Look at the stars today - Ganesha foresees for you a strong prospect of going on a tour. If not an individual backpacking adventure, then an elaborate family holiday, but travel you shall.

Today, find yourself rummaging through the vast recesses of your inner self. You will make fabulous money to spend on your loved ones. Face up to work pressures by indulging in corporeal pleasures. You may warrant the company of some one special to think out loud all that is inside you, says Ganesha.



chance dictates every possibility of a new romantic love episode in your life. The

Chinta O Chetana's Barsha Utsav – Day 2



A performance by the members of Nupur Dance Academy (Bhubaneswar) during the second evening of Barsha, a monsoon festival of dance and music, organised by Chinta O Chetana at Rabindra Mandap, Saturday,

Amitabh-SRK to share screen after 17 years

Gadar, Saiyami

serves as a powerful call to action. In the Mumbai: Big B and SRK video, were last seen in 2006 ro-Saiyami mantic film Kabhi Alvida pays hom-Naa Kehna, written and age to the memo-

directed by Karan Johar. According to a source: There is an interesting project in the works where Amitabh Bachchan and Shahrukh Khan will once again be sharing the screen together. Not a lot of news surrounding this project is out yet, but there will soon be more updates and news coming out."

The duo had previously shared the screen in iconic movies like Mohabbatein, Kabhi Khushi Kabhi Gham, and Veer Zaara.

SRK was seen in a cameo role as Mohan Bhargav, a former NASA scientist, in the fantasy action adventure film Brahmastra: Part One Shiva. The movie stars Ranbir Kapoor and Alia Bhatt in the lead, while Amitabh was seen in a pivotal role of Raghu, the guru of Brahmansh. But the two were not seen together in the movie. IANS

Saiyami's spin to Gadar 2

Mumbai: Actress Saiyami Kher has taken a bold stance, shedding light on the prevailing dearth of support for women-oriented stories in the Indian film industry. Drawing inspiration from the iconic hand pump scene in the mega-hit Sunny Deol-starrer



pump scene from Gadar, reimagining it in her own style. With finesse and flair, she imitates the iconic moment, pulling out the pump, only to toss it away in a Ghoomer-style move reminiscent of her latest film Ghoomer.

Her message is: "Girls, too, are capable of achieving victory for Hindustan.'

Saiyami said: "I have been overwhelmed by the response Ghoomer has got by the people who have watched it.'

Drawing a parallel with blockbuster Gadar 2, she added, "The effort is the same. We say more mixed content needs to be made, more representation, but then when a film that is based on a female athlete, it doesn't get the same kind of response. Gaddar dekho par please 'Ghoomar' bhi dekho!.

Ghoomer features her in the challenging role of a paraplegic cricketer who loses her right hand in a tragic accident. Her character's journey mirrors her own in its determination and resilience. Guided by her coach, played by Abhishek Bachchan, Saivami's character emerges triumphant, leading her team to victory and proudly bringing the trophy home for India

FUN

AN ECO-FRIENDLY INITIATIVE Plantable Rakhis, plants with Rakhis

The organic Rakhis offered by Bakul Foundation, when thrown away, decompose easily and plants sprout from them

BHUBANESWAR: According to a study, every year, 620 million Rakhis - made from plastic, chemicals and other non-biodegradable materials - are dumped in waste that never decomposes, generating 1.18 billion tonnes of carbon footprints.

So, this Raksha Bandhan, Citybased Bakul Foundation is again back with its call to gift plants in return for Rakhis and to use plantable Rakhis as well



For the unversed, the Foundation, since 2018, has been offering organic seed Rakhis. These Rakhis are made from non-GM cotton grown by villagers in Chhindwara (MP), hand-spun on charkhas by women in Wardha (Maharashtra), naturally dyed by artisans in Erode and then, made into bands by women of Paradsinge (MP). Produced by paper on which they are tied. So, when thrown away, they decompose easily and plants sprout

Beeipatra, these rakhis are made from seeds such as amaranthus, basil, purslane and beans. They are also embedded in the recycled

from them

But one cannot buy the Rakhis alone. With a Rakhi, one also has to buy a gift plant, explains Bakul's founder Sujit Mahapatra.

We are not a seasonal shop selling Rakhis. We are trying to demonstrate the power of individual contributions. We started the My Tree Campaign to promote a personal relationship with trees and to re-establish the importance of trees in our culture. Hence, we focused on the gifting culture, and promoted the idea of gifting plants on any occasion associated with gifting such as Raksha Bandhan, Diwali and even Valentine's Day We decided to add Rakhis to address the issue of pollution due to Rakhis," he further said.

So, one can buy an attractive gift plant packed in jute or in a bamboo basket or in a ceramic pot. One can choose from tree growing plants like Mango or medicinal or flowering plants that can be potted and one can choose indoor plants also.

The Foundation is also making an appeal to schoolchildren to celebrate the festival in the form of Vriksha Bandhan by tying Rakhis to trees at their homes, or public spaces.

Kalinga Literary Festival in Kathmandu from Sept 1

BHUBANESWAR : Over 400 writers from India, Nepal, Bhutan, Bangladesh and Sri Lanka are set to attend threeday Kalinga Literary Festival (KLF) to be held in Kathmandu from September 1, said event's director Rashmi Ranjan Parida.

The festival is organised every year in India as well as other countries. The Kathmandu edition, titled 2nd Surya Nepal Kathmandu Kalinga Literary Festival, will be held in association with Yashaswi Prangya Pratisthan, and the Himalayan Diary Pvt Ltd. to promote literature, music, dance, poetry and other art forms of South



Among the eminent culture personalities from India, Haldhar Nag, Divya Dutta, Deepti Naval, Sudarshan Patnaik. Nila Madav Panda. Aruna Mohanty, Abhilipsa Panda, Ranjit Rae, Milee Ashwariya, Volga, Kanishk Gupta, Vandana Rag, Abdesh Pradhan, Yatish Kumar, Satyanand Nirupam, Adashya Dash, Lalit Dash, Kamala Kanta Dash and Kedar Mishra have given their consent to attend the festival

Asian region, added Parida. Central Theme of the Festiva

last time a moment like this came by, Romeo met Juliet, Ganesha expects vou to try hard to please your heartthrob. Also, you may want to spruce up and pay special attention to your looks.



will be Shakti and Bhakti-The Civilizational Connection: Nepal as a Centre of Global Thought, he further said

The event aims to celebrate the historical relationship between erstwhile Kalinga and Kathmandu, said Parida. PNN

SCORPIO

You shall also work like a donkey and yet be smart as hell in what you do today. It is favourable if you engage in household activities – gardening, cooking, cleaning and the likes. Work pressure will be displaced by family pleasure, predicts Ganesha.

SAGITTARIUS

Amid chaos and confusion, don't forget the direction and destination, advises Ganesha. You may be running short of time today and may not find a single moment in peace. Taking a break at this point of time won't be a crime, go for it.

Money will flow in from various quarters today, but it will also find its way out of your pockets. Keep a tab on your income and more on your expenses, says Ganesha. Situation at work may get a lit tle trying, but you will overcome all problems by means of your innate and acquired skills, and past experience. You may have to slog hard for a while, but it is all a matter of time; your efforts will pay off in the long run.

AQUARIUS

Planning to buy a house or vehicle? Then today's the day to make the booking However, don't buy anything in haste. Deliberate, says Ganesha, especially when it involves a huge sum of money

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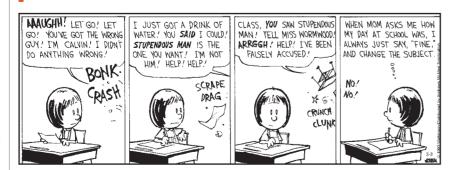
Well begun is half done. With this in mind, you will set out to actively seek the cooperation of your colleagues and the sanction of your seniors to tackle some important projects, says Ganesha. The evening should find you heading out to watch a movie or doing something creative, like painting



YOUR



CALVIN AND HOBBES







CHECK FOR SOLUTIONS OF THE PUZZLES TOMORROW

SUDOKU

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

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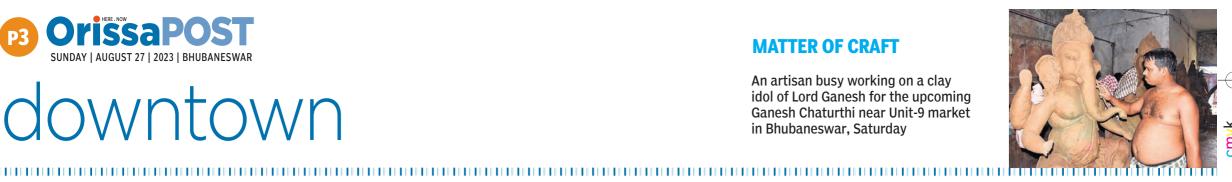




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MATTER OF CRAFT

An artisan busy working on a clay idol of Lord Ganesh for the upcoming Ganesh Chaturthi near Unit-9 market in Bhubaneswar, Saturday



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Naveen most popular

'INDIA TODAY' POLL ADJUDGES PATNAIK MOST POPULAR CM



most popular CM in the country

in the MOTN poll. Naveen had

emerged as the most popular

CM with a 78 per cent popular-

ity rating in Odisha. He was fol-

lowed by Assam's Himanta Biswa

satisfied with Naveen Patnaik's

performance. Six months ago,

in January 2022, 71 per cent re-

spondents had expressed satis-

faction with Naveen Patnaik's

performance. Patnaik is the

longest serving chief minister of

Odisha. He has remained un-

challenged in his home state for

Earlier, Patnaik was also

ranked the most popular chief

minister in January 2021 with 51

per cent of respondents from

his home state giving him

per cent popularity.

over two decades.

positive ratings

KULDEEP SINGH, OP

New Delhi, August 26: Odisha Chief Minister Naveen Patnaik has once again been adjudged the most popular Chief Minister in home state in the Mood of the Nation (MOTN) survey conducted by the India Today group, recently. Patnaik received positive rat-

ings from around 61.3 percent people of Odisha in the MOTN poll in contrast to 78 percent rating he got in 2022. This means, despite a little erosion, Naveen's popularity graph continues to scale high

Patnaik was followed by Chhattisgarh CM Bhupesh Baghel, Delhi CM Arvind Kejriwal and Gujarat CM Bhupendra Patel. Around 59.1 percent people voted for Chattisgarh CM Bhupesh Baghel, 57.7 percent voted for Delhi CM Arvind Kejriwal, 55.3 percent voted for Gujarat CM Bhupendra Patel and 49.2 percent voted for Assam CM Himanta Biswa Sarma in the MOTN rankings

40 WSC students visit Singapore for training

POST NEWS NETWORK Bhubaneswar, August 26: As part of a student exchange pro-

gramme, 40 students from the 2022-23 batch of World Skill Centre (WSC) here left for Singapore Saturday to acquire advanced skills training and international exposure.

Odisha skill development authority (OSDA) chairperson and WSC CEO Alka Misra wished good luck to these students, who are to benefit from this student exchange programme organised every year as a result of a memorandum of understanding (MoU) signed between OSDA, the state government and the government of Singapore.

During their visit, students will take advanced training at the Institute Technical Education (ITE) and get an opportunity to interact with their counterparts at the institute. Moreover, these students will get a chance to explore the industries and marketplaces of Singapore.



Notably, the World Skill Centre in Bhubaneswar has been established by the Skill Development and Technical Education department to foster skill training among the state's youth to generate employment and it functions under the Odisha skill development authority as part of the 'Skilled in Odisha' initiative of the state government. The centre offers one-year train-

ing to students across 7 advanced courses under the 'Finishing School' model, preparing them for the current job market.

issue of care and justice to children in conflict with law. He deprecated the practice of interrogation in cases involving children and said instead of interrogation, the investigating agencies should have conversation with the children. He urged judicial officers and functionaries under the Juvenile Justice Legislature to be sensitive in dealing with the children. He also emphasized on the need for homely environment for the children in conflict with law, instead of custodial measures

volving children and highlighted

the importance of pro-active-

ness of all the stakeholders.

and discussed on prevention, non-custodial alternatives, re-Delivering the welcome adhabilitation and restorative pracdress, Justice Dash highlighted tices and right of children to the objective of the consultafair trial. He stressed on the need of counseling and psycho-social support to the deprived children and said UNICEF is committed to the cause of child care. Speaking on the occasion, response to the problems in-

retied IPS officer Keshav Kumar shared his experience as a police officer in cases involving children in conflict with law.

emphasized on the need of di-

version from traditional methods

ED attaches Golden Baba's assets

The agency initiated PMLA investigation against Jyoti Ranjan Beura alias Golden Baba in respect to fraud perpetrated by him of providing loans worth ₹5.50 crore to

businessmen in the state



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DEURA WAS FIRST ARRESTED BY DEOW, BHUBANESWAR IN DECEMBER 2018 IN A ₹12CR FRAUD CASE

E HAD ALSO DEFRAUDED A PRIVATE HOSPITAL OWNER FROM THANE,



Be sensitive in dealing with kids: Chief Justice William Hanlon Jr of UNICEF

ARINDAM GANGULY, OP

Cuttack, August 26: To explore possible ways of implementing the Juvenile Justice (Care and Protection) Act, 2015 more effectively, a one day State Level Consultation was organized at the Odisha Judicial Academy under the aegis of Orissa High Court by the Women and Child Development department, in collaboration with

UNICEF, here, Saturday. The consultation was inaugurated virtually by Orissa High Court Chief Justice Subhasis Talapatra in the presence of

Justice Debabrata Dash, chairperson of the Juvenile Justice Committee of Orissa High Court and William Hanlon Jr chief of field office for Odisha, UNICEE

The Chief Justice flagged the

tion and said such deliberations would lead to effective solutions for children in conflict with law, and in need of care and protection. He emphasized on prompt



PUBLIC WOES: Dirty water from leaked sewage lines inundates the beachfront road at Puri, causing inconvenience to pedestrians and motorists, Saturday

Deadly heatwaves to become the norm in coming years: Study



eatwayes like the one we saw in 2023 could become the new norm in the coming years, as the risk of heatwaves with high excess mortality increase dramatically over the past 20 years, according to a new study in the journal Nature Communications.

The 2023 heatwave, which saw temperatures in Europe reach 47.5 degrees celsius, was one of the worst natural disasters of recent decades. claiming an estimated 45,000 to 70,000 victims in the space of a few weeks.

Forests burned, crops withered in the fields and emergency wards in the cities were full to capacity. Globally, costs totalled around \$13 billion.

"The excess mortality of a hot summer like 2023 used to be considered an extreme, once-in-a-century event. We now expect it to occur once every 10 to 20 years," says Samuel Luthi, lead author of the study from researchers from the Institute for Environmental Decisions at ETH Zurich, Switzerland.

"Or, in a world that is 2 degrees warmer, every two to five years in many places," Luthi added.

Heat mortality figures that were considered highly improbable in 2000 (once every 500 years), will occur 14 times every 100 years in a 2-degree scenario. Assuming no adaptation to the heat, the probability of mortality during such extreme heat waves will increase by a factor of 69, said the study.

The team has been systematically collecting data on daily heat-related excess mortality for 748 cities and communities in 47 countries in Europe, Southeast Asia, Latin America, the US and Canada since 2013.

The researchers calculated how excess mortality would develop with an average global temperature increase of 0.7 degree (the value in 2000), 1.2 degree (the value in 2020), 1.5 and 2 degrees. The results show that the risk of heatwaves with high excess mortality has already increased dramatically over the past 20 years.

Regions that are particularly at risk of escalating heatwaves include the Gulf and Atlantic coasts of the US, the Pacific coast of Latin America, the Middle East, Southeast Asia and the Mediterranean region.

Even in moderate climate scenarios, a hot summer in these regions can result in 10 per cent of all deaths in a country being heat-related, the study warned.

"The study assumes that the global average temperature is on track to increase by a maximum of 1.5 to 2 degrees celsius, but with greenhouse gas emissions at their current levels, the more likely figure is 2.6 degrees," the authors wrote, saying the results underline the urgency for action.

PNN & AGENCIES

New Delhi, August 26: The Enforcement Directorate (ED) Saturday said it has attached assets worth ₹1.53 crore as proceeds of crime acquired by Jyoti Ranjna Beura alias Golden Baba, the proprietor of Jyoti Trading and Co Bhubaneswar.

The ED initiated PMLA investigation against Golden Baba, in respect to fraud perpetrated by him of providing loans worth ₹5.50 crore to businessmen in the state.

An FIR was earlier filed against him in this respect by the Economic Offences Wing (EOW) Bhubaneswar, which later also filed a charge-sheet. The ED investigation revealed that Jvoti Ranjan Beura, through Jyoti Trading & Co, cheated various businessmen alluring them of unsecured loan, financial assistance at an attractive rate of interest and fraudulently received Letter of Credit from them and discounted the same in his account by creating and presenting false and fabricated bills without providing them the promised financial assistance/unsecured loan.

Earlier, the ED had frozen bank balances amounting to ₹52 lakh, seized two high end vehicles (one AUDI Q5 and another BMW 520D) having purchase value of ₹56 lakh belonging to Beura @ Golden Baba, Prop of Jyoti Trading and Co under PMLA.

The EOW has released Beura's photograph urging people to share any inMAHARASHTRA AND A HYDERABAD-BASED CONSTRUCTION FIRM

formation regarding the absconding accused in November 2021. It also promised monetary reward for the informers.

Notably, Beura was first arrested by the Commissionerate Police December 31, 2018 in connection with a case pertaining to fraud to the tune of ₹12 crore. He was involved in several fraud cases registered at different police stations including the EOW.

Beura had allegedly cheated several persons from outside the state including a private hospital owner from thane in Maharashtra and construction firm in Hyderabad on the pretext of providing loan amounting to several crores.



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5T Secy reviews progress of grievance petitions in Gajapati

discussed with officials the 4-

lane by-pass road in

Parlakhemundi and asked them

to expedite the land acquisition

He also reviewed the

Chheligada Irrigation project

timated cost of ₹10.2 crore.



process.

ARINDAM GANGULY, OP

Bhubaneswar, August 26: 5T Secretary VK Pandian, on a surprise visit to Gajapati, Saturday reviewed the progress of the grievance petitions received during his last visit.

During the meeting, the Collector apprised the 5T Secretary that a total of 789 grievance petitions were received during the visit of CMO in the month of May. Out of which, 725 petitions have been resolved and 64 petitions are at various stages of resolution.

On his visit, Pandian reviewed the progress of the Biju Expressway survey work. He Krushna Sagar (Rs 3.14 cr) Ramsagar (Rs 3.50 cr), Gajapati sagar (Rs 1.4 cr). He instructed the officials to ensure that the tenders are completed soon. He reviewed the progress of

works worth ₹11 crore sanctioned to various colleges for smart classrooms, science labs among other things and ₹18.45 crore for development of various religious and community buildings. He directed the officials to ensure the completion of work by October.

Pandian expressed satisfaction on the grievance redressal in Gajapati district with project sanctions completed for most of the petitions. He directed that works should also progress at fast pace and completed within the time lines. He asked the community to be involved in the process.

with special focus on the periphery development affected He said that the faith people villages. Various project comhave on Chief Minister Naveen ponents were approved for pe-Patnaik should be honoured by riphery development at an esresolving the issues raised in grievance petitions within a The Sanskruti Bhawan in time-frame and also informed the Parlekhamundi was sanctioned petitioners about the same and. at a cost of around ₹6.14 crore. The review meeting was at-He asked the officials to expedite tended by Vineel Krishna,

the tender process. The impor-Special Secretary to CM, tant minor irrigation projects Collector S Pradhan and senior have also been sanctioned for officials of the district.



REMEMBERING HEROES: Governor Ganeshi Lal with guests attending the Valedictory Ceremony of Krantiteertha organised to discuss the role of unsung heroes in the freedom movement including Adwaita Singhdeo, the first martyr of state, at JN Indoor Stadium in Cuttack, Saturday

GAA signs MoU with Centurion University

POST NEWS NETWORK

Bhubaneswar, August 26: Gopabandhu Academy of Administration (GAA), Bhubaneswar signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) Friday with the Centurion University of Technology and Management (CUTM) to establish collaborative knowledge partnership in the field of academics, research and training. The MoU was signed by Centre



for Good Governance, GAA Director Shashank Grahacharjya CUTM President and

MuktiKanta Mishra in the presence of Director General of GAA Raj Kumar Sharma.

Sharma expressed his pleasure over the signing of MoU. He said the partnership with CUTM -a well accredited skill universitywill go a long way in enhancing the training skills and competencies of the government officials of the state.

area. Saurav assured the vic-

tim doctor that he will provide

him a plot at ₹32 lakh in that

area. Later, Satyajit, without

physically inspecting the land,

paid ₹28.45 lakh to the accused

in different installments dur-

ing the last one year.

both institutions as knowledge Mishra, in his address, obpartners and to realise their full served that the MoU signing is potential in the field of aademic momentous, an honour and privresearch and training.

'Industry, academia collaboration' needed Builder held for duping doctor of ₹28.45L Recently, Satyajit, during reg

POST NEWS NETWORK

Bhubaneswar, August 26: Springer Nature, in collaboration with the Indian Education Ministry, hosted the India Research Conclave 2023 here at the Institute of Minerals and Materials Technology (IMMT) Saturday bringing together government officials, policymakers, academics, students and startup founders to discuss how research in India could be more accessible and inclusive.

Education and Skill Development Minister Dharmendra Pradhan joined as the chief guest, accompanied by department joint secretary PK Banerjee, and Minister of State for External Affairs and

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Education Rajkumar Ranjan Singh

Pradhan, in his address, said, ety and making lives easier." "The India Research Conclave "The conclave marks beginning of a nationwide learning 2023 is not just an academic event, it is a platform that builds and knowledge sharing experidialogue, fosters collaboration ence for young researchers in and envisions a future grounded form of national bus tour. It is in innovation, inclusivity and a unique opportunity for budding ethical excellence for Indian rescientist to learn about pubsearchers. There is a need for lishing opportunities, know about ways of spreading their better collaboration between in-

work on global platforms and harness the full potential of research for nation building," he added while congratulating Springer Nature for the initiative.

Steven Inchcoombe, president of research at Springer Nature said, "At Springer our mission is to advance science and research by meeting and serving the needs of researchers, their institutions and the wider research community. The transition to Open Science is reshaping global research communication so in addition to everything Springer Nature is already doing we will partner and work with researchers and organisations to drive this in India while maintaining highest levels of scientific rigour, integrity and trust.

GYAN RANJAN MOHAPATRA

Bhubaneswar, August 26: The Commissionerate Police Saturday arrested an alleged builder on the charges of duping a doctor of ₹28. 45 lakh on the pretext of providing landed plot at Hansapal on the outskirts of the City. The accused, identified as Saurav Kumar Mishra, 35, is a resident of Narasinghpur in Cuttack district.

According to sources, the complainant, Satyajit Swain who works in City AIIMS came into contact with the accused while searching for a suitable homestead plot in Hansapal

CSM Tech partners IIT Madras team

Bhubaneswar: Odisha-based IT consultancy firm CSM Tech, which has an active business footprint in Africa. Dubai, the US. and Canada, has teamed up with IIT Madras to help build the world's fastest, autonomously driven electric racecar by 2025. CSM Tech is backing Raftar, a motorsports team run by the students of IIT Madras. Raftar is a team of 40+ students from different disciplines in IIT Madras with a shared passion for automotive engineering and motorsports. Every year, the team takes up

Satyajit Swain who istration of the land, found that works in City AIIMS there is no approach road to the said plot. Further, he came to came into contact with know that the particular land has the accused while also been sold to different persons through fraudulent means. searching for a suitable When contacted, the owner of homestead plot in the plot told Satyajit that he has no knowledge about the trans-Hansapal area. action and the accused had forged his signature on the sale

> documents Finding no other way, Satyajit filed a complaint with the Pahala police that arrested Saurav registering a case (267/23) in this regard. Saurav was Saturday produced before the court that later sent him to judicial custody.

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development. This invaluable

partnership marks the begin-

ning of a long road ahead to be-

come innovative, imaginative

and creative in skill and com-

The objective of the MoU is to

establish co-operation between

petency building, he said.

CRPF constable hangs self

Phulbani: A head constable working with 127 CRPF Battalion and posted at Baliguda in Kandhamal allegedly hanged himself in the barracks, police said Saturday. The deceased constable was identified as Romesh CL (48), Baba Sankar Saraf, inspector-in-charge of Baliguda police station, said, adding he was staying in the barracks for a couple of months. Romesh hailed from Katakada village in Kerala, he said. The officer said Romesh's body was found hanging in the bathroom. Though he was taken to the local subdivisional hospital by his colleagues, doctors declared him brought dead, police said. Police said his body was sent to his native village after autopsy. A case of unnatural death has been registered and investigation is on, police said. He was believed to be under mental depression for some time, Saraf said.

Women's Equality Day observed at RSC

I, Smt. Binapani Mohapatra, W/o. Late



Upendra Mohapatra, declare that I have lost my original patta traveling by bike from my residence to Biridi Tahasil on Dt.28.07.2023 and I could not trace out with my best of my efforts bearing Khata No. 468/1, Plot No. 1119, 1120 total area A0.13 decimals date of publication 22.04.1994 of Mouza: Sarasuda, P.S. No. 17 (Biridi) Dist.: Jagatsinghpur and I could not trace out if any claims objection over the aforesaid property may please to contact Mr. Pravakar Patnayak, Mobile No. 9778070590 within 7 days from today.

AFFIDAVIT

I, Basant Kumar Behera, S/o. Late Mohan Behera, resident of Ward No. 14, Shaikh Bazar, P.O.: Tulasipur, P.S.: Lalbag, Dist.: Cuttack, PIN -753008, Odisha declare by this Affidavit No. 0243 Dtd.09.06.2023 that now onwards I shall be known as Basanta Kumar Behera for all future purposes.

Bhubaneswar celebrated the Women's Equality Day, Saturday on its premises. A series of programmes like Interactive session on curriculum based science, hands-on science kit making workshop, presentation: skill development and quiz competition on Chandrayaan-3 were

Bhubaneswar, August 26:

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dustry, academia, and research

aimed at contributing to soci-

organised for girl students. As many as 30 selected students from different schools of Tetrominoes"

Coordination'

The event was started with an interactive session followed by science kit making workshop where all the raw materials were provided from Regional Science Centre. Presentation skill development was the main focus during the workshop

Bhubaneswar took part in the

programme and developed sci-

ence kits "Wire Buzz-Hand Eye

the challenge of building a swift formula student racecar. It works to become the nation's most competent and cohesive team of engineers. Industry partnerships play a pivotal role in the design, development and adoption of electric vehicles (EVs). The synergy between a tech company like CSM and an academic and research institution of IIT Madras' repute brings in a string of benefits like shared expertise and resources, cost sharing and risk mitigation, accelerated research and development, standardization and interoperability, policy advocacy, ecosystem development and knowledge exchange

WHY DO I CRAVE SUGAR AND CARBS WHEN I'M SICK?

and

7 hen you're sick, your appetite often decreases. So why, at other times, do you crave sugary treats and carbohydrate-loaded comfort foods?

A food craving goes beyond a mere desire to eat, it encompasses a complex mix of emotional, behavioural, cognitive and physiological processes. Whether it's the need for a quick energy source or a temporary relief from discomfort, our bodies and minds work in tandem to drive our food preferences. Here we'll explore the science

behind why our bodies crave sugar and carbs – especially when we're sick.

Fuelling the immune system When sickness strikes, our immune system springs into action, requiring additional energy to combat invaders.

This heightened activity often leads to an increase in our metabolic rate, energy demands and

nutritional requirements. Sugary treats and carbs are quick sources of energy, satisfying this increased demand.

But while a high sugar diet during times of illness may help meet increased metabolic demands, it could also exacerbate the immune and inflammatory response, potentially impeding recoverv

In the longer term, high-sugar diets promote chronic inflammation, alter gut microbiota composition, and are associated with chronic disease. For a wellfunctioning immune system. aim for a balanced intake of fruits, vegetables, fibre, protein, and low-glycaemic carbohydrates. The stress response

Being sick is stressful for the body. Acute mild or intense stress, adrenaline and cortisol. This

like we'd see if we're sick, boosts the "flight or fight" hormones

mobilises stored energy to meet increased demands, but it can



alleviate stress.

consumption.

The brain's reward system

brain's reward system, releasing

feel-good neurotransmitters like

short-lived and can lead to de-

creased alertness and height-

ened fatigue within an hour of

dopamine and serotonin.

Comfort foods trigger your

But "sugar rushes" are often

also curb appetite.

Prolonged stress can disrupt energy balance, and cause nutritional deficiencies and alterations in gut and brain functions. This can reduce a person's threshold for craving sugar and salt, increasing their preferences towards energy-dense foods.

The stress hormone cortisol can also increase your preference for high-calorie, comfort foods, which can temporarily to sugar) and serotonin can be traced back to 1971 when researchers found elevated tryptophan levels (serotonin's precursor) in rats' plasma and brains after a carbohydrate-rich diet.

Subsequent studies in humans established connections between carbohydrates and mood, especially in relation to obesity, depression and seasonal affective disorder. Therapies enhancing serotonin have since been shown to reduce carbohydrate intake. Remarkably, around 90 per

cent of serotonin production occurs in the gut. The vast microbial population in our gut exerts a potent influence on immunity, metabolism and appetite. Recent mouse studies have even identified specific microbes linked to sugar binges after antibiotic treatment.

Some people eat less when they're sick

The link between carbohy-Not everyone craves sugar drates (which the body converts and carbs when they are sick.

Some people eat less for a few reasons

They have less of an appetite. While ghrelin (the "hunger" hormone) levels might initially rise, prolonged illness can suppress appetite due to nausea, fatigue and discomfort. Critically ill patients have reduced food intake and are at risk of malnutrition

Metabolic adaptation. The body might slow specific metabolic processes to conserve energy, reducing overall calorie requirements

Altered taste perception. Taste is an important component that affects both appetite and energy intake. Alterations in taste and smell is a common symptom when we are sick and was common with Covid

Consuming fluids like water, tea or broths might be more appealing and manageable than solid foods. These fluids provide hydration but contribute minimally to calorie intake.

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Blackbuck killed in stray dog attack Jobs missing in Jajpur dist

POST NEWS NETWORK

Buguda, August 26: A blackbuck was killed after being attacked by a pack of stray dogs at a spot in between Manikpur and Antarpada villages under Buguda forest limits in Ganjam district, Saturday.

The dogs attacked the blackbuck when it had strayed into the farmlands in the area in search of food. The animal sustained critical injuries in the attack, collapsed and finally died. Forest officials seized the carcass and sent it for post-mortem.

Locals said that the animal listed as threatened species in the Red list of International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN) lives in Vetanai area under Buguda forest limits. The animals stray into human habitats in search of food and often die in stray dog attacks or after being run over by speeding vehicles.

2 labourers crushed to death under huge rock during blasting



POST NEWS NETWORK

Mohana, August 26: In a tragic incident, two labourers were crushed to death after a huge boulder rolled down the hill and fell on them at Bandhaguda village under Mohana police limits in Gajapati district, Friday night.

The two deceased were idenified as Naravan Nahak, 47. UNEMPLOYMENT IS ON A RISE IN JAJPUR DISTRICT AS MAJOR INDUSTRIAL FIRMS OPERATING HERE ARE ALLEGEDLY NOT GIVING JOBS TO LOCAL YOUTHS THROUGH DISTRICT EMPLOYMENT EXCHANGE

POST NEWS NETWORK

Jajpur, August 26: Unemployment problem has acquired a serious proportion in industrially rich Jajpur district, a report said Saturday.

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report said Saturday.ing unemployment.In comparison to the number
of industries present in the dis-
trict, employment opportuni-
ties have largely contracted in thesources said 9,609 youths reg-
istered for employment in the dis-
trict by April in 2023; 4,587 in
2022 and 4,357 in 2021. Among
them, 261 youths were sponsored

district. The state government says that industries and mines can generate jobs and help solve the problem of unemployment but the reality is far from truth. According to available data over 18,553 youths have regis-

tered with the district employ-

ment exchange (DEE) from 2021

to April, 2023. Taking this num-

ber into account, over 70,000 un-

employed youths are still await-

KALINGA NAGAR INDUSTRIAL COMPLEX

degree holders in their companies through campus placements held in government polytechnic colleges while rest of the big firms hardly care about employment generation.

There are a number of youths in the district possessing necessary technical qualifications from various engineering and polytechnic colleges. However, many of the firms are allegedly giving employment to youths hailing from outside the state on the pretext of lack of experience among the local youths despite being technically qualified. Lack of any opposition on the part of local public representatives and trade union leaders has only emboldened the firms to carry on with their wrongdoing with impunity.

Public representatives elected from the district have been part of the state Cabinet from time to time.

However, the district has failed in solving the issue of unemployment despite the public representatives having a clout in the power corridor at different points of time. Development continues to be a misnomer in remote Nagada, Tumuni, Guhiasal villages under Sukinda block where malnutrition deaths hit the headlines a few years back. The issues of healthcare, education. employment continue to haunt the residents while flooding in monsoon months has turned into a bane for the residents of riparian villages.

FAKE NOTES SEIZED; 2 HELD _

POST NEWS NETWORK

Nilagiri, August 26: Two persons including a woman were arrested from Santaragadia area under Nilagiri sub-division in Balasore district for circulating fake currency notes, Balasore SP Sagarika Nath said in a press conference at Nilagiri police station, Friday.

The accused Purnachandra Nayak of Ghudadian village under this police limits was arrested after he purchased liquor worth ₹3,000 from a liquor shop last Tuesday in exchange of six notes of ₹500 denomination.

Acting on the shopkeeper's complaint police detained Purnachandra for enquiry During the investigation police seized fake notes worth ₹32,700 and two mobile phones from the house of the accused.

Police seized 38 counterfeit notes of ₹500 denomination, 45 notes of ₹200 denomination and 47 notes of ₹100 denomination from the possession of the accused. Nayak disclosed the involvement of a woman Binapani Mukhi (50) resulting in her arrest from a rented house at Soro.

EAST COAST RAILWAY

Tender Notice No. MSM-HIRING-JE-17-23 NAME OF WORK : HIRING OF MANPOWER AT JUNIOR ENGINEER LEVEL TO SUPERVISE CARRIAGE AND WAGON ACTIVITIES IN SAMBALPUR DIVISION FOR A PERIOD

SAMBALPUN UNUSION 1 CTTT OF ONE YEAR. Approx cost of the Worki ₹21,74,976.60, Cost of Tender document: ₹ 3,540/-, EMD: ₹ 43,500/-, Completion period of the Work: One Year. Tender Closing Date and Time: At 1100

Hrs. of 08.09.2023. No manual offers sent by Post/Courier/ Fax or in person shall be accepted against such e-tenders even if these are submitted on firm's letter head and received in time. All such manual offers shall be considered invalid and shall be rejected summarily without any consideration.

shall be considered invalid and shall be rejected summarily without any consideration. Complete information including e-tender documents of the above e-tender is available in website : http://www.ireps.gov.in Sr. Divisional Mechanical Engineer, PR-494/0/23-24 Sambalpur

EAST COAST RAILWAY Tender Notice No. ST-OT-SIG-ZONAL-BALU-329, Dt : 21.08.2023

NAME OF WORK : SIGNALLING ZONAL WORK EACH COSTING RS. 5,00,000/- OR LESS IN THE SECTION UNDER JURISDICTION OF SSES/BALU OF KHURDA ROAD DIVISION EAST COAST RAILWAY FOR ONE YEAR. Tender Value : ₹55,70,015, EMD

1,11,400/-<u>idding Start Date :</u> 29.08.2023. ender Closing Date and Time : At 1100 rs. of 12.09.2023.

No manual offers sent by Post/Courier/ Fax or in person shall be accepted against the e-tenders even if these are submitted on firm's letter head and receipt in time. All such manual offers shall be considered invalid and shall be rejected summarily without any consideration.

Complete information including e-tender documents of the above e-tender is available in website : http://www.ireps.gov.in

Note : The prospective tenderers are advised to revisit the website 15 days before the date of closing of tender to note any changes/corrigenda issued for this tender. Divisional Railway Manager (S&T), Divisional Railway Manager (S&T),

PR-497/O/23-24 Khurda Road

August 25, 2023 It has been brought to the notice of the Exchange that an entity named, MCX COMMODITIES TRADING CO., is operating from #15, Arekempanahalli, Jayanagar, 1st Block, Bangalore - 560011, Karnataka, collecting investments from public through some scheme and offering fixed return on the same. The entity is misusing the Multi Commodity Exchange of India Ltd. (MCX) Brand name and logo.

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Where as the Bank acting through its Authorised Officer in exercise of its powers under-Section 13(4) of Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act 2002 (SARFAESI) has decided to put up for E-auction of the following properties for realization of the debts due to the Bank.

SI. No.	<u>BRANCH /</u> Name & Address of the Borrowers/Guarantors/ Mortgagors/ Total Dues	Description of the Properties	Reserve Price / EMD / Bid Increment Amou
1.	BHUBANESWAR BRANCH, PH.: 0674-2535303 / Borrower: M/s. Shree Loknath Stone Crusher, Prop.: Mrs. Puspalaxmi Mohanty, W/o.: Subhendra Mohanty, At:Lokeswarpur, Pallahat, Khurda-752056 / Total Dues: ₹96,73,778.43 as on 29.03.2021 + interest, costs and expenses from 30.03.2021, less any part amount repaid. Mohanty, W/o: Subhendra Mohanty, Bounded (As per S Jagannath Mahaprabhu, East: Gopal Chandra Narendra per Physical) by North: Plot No.: 1474 (Karunakar Mohar Chandra Behera, West: Basant Kumar Panda(Pond)	Sale Deed) by North:Karunakar Mohanty, South: Shree a & others, West: Maina Biswal & others,Bounded (As	₹32,78,000/- (excluding GS & other statutor dues) / ₹3,27,800/- / ₹50,000/-
2.	BHUBANESWAR BRANCH, PH.: 0674-2535303 / Borrower: M/s. Meera Creation, Prop.: Mr. Jiban Jyoti Barik / Guarantors: 1) Sumitra Barik, W/o.: Late Chitta Ranjan Barik, 2) Suchitra Barik, D/o.: Late Chitta Ranjan Barik, All are At: Plot No.: 267/B, Chitta Nivas, Nuapada, Bali Sahi, Madhupatna, Cuttack - 753010 / Total Dues: 73,11,98,798.62 as on 29.08.2022 + interest, costs and expenses from 30.08.2022, less any part amount repaid.	All that part and parcel of Land and Building situated over Plot No.: 1088/2628, Khata No.: 614/39, Mouza: Nuapada, Bali Sahi, PS.: Cuttack Sadar (55),Dist.: Cuttack, Land Area: Ac.0.120 Dec. i.e. 5227 Sq.ft., Kissam: Gharabari, Standing in the name of Mrs. Sumitra Barik , Bounded by North: Geetanjali Nayak, South: Kailash Choudhury, East: Gunanidhi Pasayat, West: Road	₹1,96,95,000/ (excluding GS & other statutor dues) / ₹19,69,500/- / ₹50,000/-
3.	SAILASHREE VIHAR BRANCH, PH.: 0674-2741922 / Borrower: M/s. Loknath Agency, At: Holding No.: 229, Ward No.: 25, Malgodown, College Square, Cuttack, Odisha - 753003 / Partners: 1) Mr. Baidyanath Parwat, At: Nazarpur, Jagatpur, Choudwar, P.O/P.S.: Jagatpur, Dist.: Cuttack-754021, Odisha, 2) Wajid Ali Khan, At: Somapur, Kishannagar, Cuttack, P.O/P.S.: Somapur, Dist.: Cuttack-754130, Odisha / Total Dues: ₹4,69,98,688.90 as on 28.04.2023 + interest, costs and expenses from 29.04.2023, less any part amount repaid.	All that part and parcel of the property consisting of Plot No.: 2176, Survey/Khata No.: 699/628, Area: Ac.0.0760 Dec. i.e. 3310.56 sqft, Kissam: Gharabari, Mouza: Cuttack Sahar Unit No.: 16 Kathagada Sahi, P.S.: Purighat, Tahasil: Cuttak Sadar, within the registration Sub-District and Dist.: Cuttack, standing in the name of Mr. Baidyanath Parwat , S/o.: Ramdev Parwat, Bounded by North: Plot No.: 2174, South: Road, East: Plot No.: 2177, West: Plot No.: 2175	₹3,15,14,000/ (excluding GS & other statutor dues) / ₹31,51,400/- / ₹50,000/-
4.	PURI BRANCH, PH.: 06752-222365 / Borrower : M/s. Surrendra Agency, Prop.: Mr. Soumya Ranjan Deo, At: Adiraju Barafa Gali, Penthakata, Puri / Guarantor : Mr. Surrendra Kumar Deo, S/o.: Bihari Deo, At: Adiraju Barafa Gali, Penthakata, Puri / Total Dues: ₹15,61,698.04 as on 04.07.2022 + interest, costs and expenses from 05.07.2022, less any part amount repaid.	All that part and parcel of the Land and Building situated over Khata No.: 87/117, Plot No.: 17/380, Area: Ac.0.025 Dec, Kissam: Gharabari at Mouza: Puri Sahar Unit -34, Balukhanda, P.S.: Puri Seabeach, SRO: Puri, Tahasil: Puri, Dist.: Puri, standing in the name of Mr. Surrendra Kumar Deo , Bounded by North: Mr. Rajendra Kumar Deo, South: Mr. K Prakash Subudhi, East: Govt. Land, West: Road	₹26,65,000/- (excluding GS & other statutor dues) / ₹2,66,500/- / ₹50,000/-
5.	PURI BRANCH, PH.: 06752-222365 / Borrower : Mr. Krushna Chandra Mishra, At: Mahavir Enclave, Maruti Nagar, Siddha Mahavir, Puri-752002 / Total Dues: ₹28,17,823.37 as on 30.04.2023 + interest, costs and expenses from 01.05.2023, less any part amount repaid. Town, P.S. No.: 33, Municipality Holding No.: 1459/3(I Mishra, Bounded by North: Open Space, South: Flat No		₹27,35,000/- (excluding GS & other statutor dues) / ₹2,73,500/- / ₹50,000/-
6.	SAMANTRAPUR BRANCH, PH.: 0674-2340434 / Borrower: Mr. Sushil Kumar Swain /Co-Borrower: Mrs. Minati Pradhan, Both are At: Plot No.: 22/23, Annapurna Residential Complex, Shelter Chhak, Cuttack - 753008 / Total Dues: ₹1,10,72,325/- as on 29.12.2022 + interest, costs and expenses from 30.12.2022, less any part amount repaid.	All that part and parcel of the Residential property situated at Plot No.: 1327/1340, Khata No.: 319/258, Area: Ac.0.032 Dec 9 Kadi i.e. 1431 sqft, Mouza: Cuttack Sahar Unit No.: 5, P.S.: Bidanasi, Dist.: Cuttack, Odisha, Standing in the name of Mr. Sushil Kumar Swain, Bounded by North: Netaji Nagar, South: 20 ft wide Road, East: Sub Plot No.: 21, West: Plot No.: 608(P)	₹94,37,000/- (excluding GS & other statutor dues) / ₹9,43,700/- / ₹50,000/-
7.	HARIPUR BRANCH, PH.: 06756-255042 / Borrower: Mrs. Manjulata Samantaray, W/o.: Hemanta Samantaray / Co-Borrower: Mr. Hemanta Samantaray, Both are At: Gotapalli, PO.: Kulei, Via: Gangadharpur, P.S.: Banpur, Dist.: Khurda, PIN-752034 / Total Dues: ₹62,15,740/- as on 03.02.2023 + interest, costs and expenses from 04.02.2023, less any part amount repaid.	All that part and parcel of Land and Building situated over Khata No.: 198, Plot No.: 652, Kissam: Gharabari, Area: Ac.0.344 Dec, at Mouza: Gotapalli, P.S.: Kulei, SRO: Banpur, Tahasil: Banpur, within the Registration Sub-Dist.: Banpur & Dist.: Khurda, standing in the name of Mrs. Manjulata Samantaray , Bounded by North: Chandramani Behera, South: Surendra Jena, East: Godabarish Sahoo, West: Road	₹56,89,000/- (excluding GS & other statutor dues) / ₹5,68,900/- / ₹50,000/-
0.	NAYAGARH BRANCH, PH.:06753-253254 / Borrower: Mr. Bijaya Kumar Sahoo, S/o.: Jagannath Sahoo / Guarantor: Mr. Buli Sahoo, W/o.: Mr. Bijaya Kumar Sahoo, Both are At: Deuli, PO.: Mali Sahi, Dist.: Nayagarh, PIN-752070 / Total Dues: ₹13,98,116/- as on 28.02.2023 + interest, costs and expenses from 29.02.2023, less any part amount repaid.	All that part and parcel of Land and Building situated over Khata No.: 369/355, Plot No.: 471, Area: Ac.0.03 Dec & Plot No.: 471/1429, Area: Ac.0.03 Dec, Kissam: Gharabari, Mouza: Deuli, P.S.: Nayagarh, DSRO: Nayagarh, Tahasil: Nuagaon, Dist.: Nayagarh, standing in the name of Mr. Bijaya Kumar Sahoo, Bounded by North: Sukuri Ghadei, South: Road, East: Matia Sitha, West: Basani Dakua	₹31,64,000/- (excluding GS & other statutor dues) / ₹3,16,400/- / ₹50,000/-
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that, you have to always learn." Odisha High Court Judge Justice Chittaranjan Das, who began his legal life from Rourkela, joined as the guest of honour. Over 300 delegates are participating from different parts of the country.

RTBA organises 'Gyan Setu' conference

NIT-R celebrates National Sports Day

Rourkela: The Student Activity Centre (SAC) jointly with the Chief Warden Office, NIT Rourkela organised sports events to mark National Sports Day 2023. Each year, India celebrates National Sports Day August 29 to commemorate the birth anniversary of hockey legend Major Dhyan Chand. However, for the year 2023, the Government of India has decided to celebrate National Sports Day from August 21 to August 29, 2023 by organising sports events. The theme for this year is "Sports as an enabler for an inclusive and fit society." Prof. K. Umamaheshwar Rao (Director, NIT Rourkela) inaugurated the programme. Different deans, registrar and other senior members remained present during the inaugural ceremony. The sports competition included sprint events, basketball, football, tug of war and swimming. The winning trophy for football was named as Major Dhyan Chand Trophy to commemorate his contributions to Indian sports.

DRUCC meet held in Sambalpur div

Sambalpur: The 53rd Divisional Railway Users' Consultative Committee (DRUCC) meeting was held here Saturday. The meeting was presided over by Vineet Singh, Divisional Railway Manager, Sambalpur. Singh, in his opening speech, welcomed the members and stated

Rourkela: The 'Gyan Setu' a national conference on taxation got up to a solemn beginning today with Honourable Chief Justice of Odisha High Court Subasis Talapatra and honourable justice Chittaranjan Dash lighting the holy lamp here at Hotel Pahadi this morning. The two-day tax conference is organised by the Rourkela Tax Bar Association (RTBA) in association with All India Federation of Tax Professionals (AIFTP). The conference began with an address by president of RTBA Ram Krishna Mishra. Pankaj Ghia, the president of AIFTP informed that

of Jharedi Radhagobindapur village and Bishnu Prasad Nahak, 25, of Madhurchhua village under Khallikote police limits in Ganjam district. The two were relatives as Narayan was the maternal uncle of Bishnu Prasad.

Sources said both Narayan and Bishnu were working in the crusher unit at Bandhaguda village for the last five years. The duo had taken shelter under a 50 tonne boulder during blasting of explosives on a hill for stone extraction. reached the spot and urged the district administration to recover the bodies.

However, the boulder shud-

dered during the blast and rolled

down the hill. As a result, the two

were crushed to death under it.

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tehsildar reached the spot and

launched an operation to re-

trieve the bodies. Family mem-

bers of both the deceased also

Police, fire brigade person-

However, despite their best efforts, police and fire personnel failed to retrieve the bodies by Saturday evening. The operation will resume tomorrow and a stone cutting machine requisitioned from Paralakhemundi will be pressed into service.

Additional tehsildar Himanshu Bhushan Palai said that ₹ 50,000 ex-gratia will be given away to both the bereaved families from the Chief Minister's relief fund on the recommendation of the district Collector.

that the suggestions given by DRUCC members are given utmost priority by the division. He further elaborated on completed projects and ongoing developmental works under Sambalpur division. In the meeting, the DRUCC members, Krishna Chandra Panda, Bhojnath Dewangan, Manoranjan Sahoo, Vishwanath Panigrahi, Nishanta Kumar Dixit, Arun Kumar Mukherjee, Somnath Agrawal, Rajesh Kumar Agrawal, Madan Mohan Prusty, Gobind Prasad Agrawal, Gopabandhu Satpathy, Lipsit Mishra and Gopal Prasad Agrawal participated and gave their valuable opinions with regard to different problems and development works. Anand Singh, Addl. Divisional Railway Manager, Sambalpur and other officers also participated in the meeting. Garima Tiwari, Sr. Divisional Commercial Manager, Sambalpur and convener of DRUCC coordinated the meeting.

India's 1st Dokra museum coming up in Dhenkanal



POST NEWS NETWORK

Dhenkanal, August 26: The very first Dokra museum of the country will be established at Sadeibereni-Nabajibanpur crafts village under Saptasajya panchayat and Sadar block in Dhenkanal district.

A Dokra Library and Research Centre will also be set up here for the development of the endangered yet famous Dokra handicraft of Dhenkanal. Researchers in the field of handicrafts and experts will visit the museum to train the artisans in the application of the latest technologies and exchange ideas to solve the problems. Handicrafts from all parts of the country including Odisha will be displayed in the museum.

The state government will provide necessary financial and technical assistance for the project, informed Roopa Roshan Sahoo, Commissionercum-Secretary of the state ST & SC Development, Minorities & Backward Classes Welfare department, after visiting the crafts village last Wednesday.

During her visit, the commissioner saw the handicrafts exhibition stall, conference hall, hostel, handicraft preparation room, children's park, pond and boating arrangements in the village. She also exchanged views with women members of SHG and Mission Shakti. About the proposed plan she said, "Dhenkanal district also has straw crafts and handloom industries. All these artefacts will be displayed in the museum in order to introduce them to the public and make those more popular."

A large number of Dokra artisans live in Sadeibereni-Nabajibanpur. Crafts villages have been identified to promote the handmade traditional artefacts, which have created a unique identity in the state and the country.

In the crafts village, infrastructure development work is being carried out by the district administration in a phased manner. The administration has been advised to send necessary proposals. After receiving proposals, teams will be sent and steps will be taken on how to further promote various crafts, including Dokra.

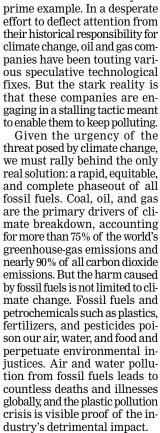
Tourist footfall here will increase after the country's first Dokra Museum and Research Centre is established, giving a fillip to the local economy. This will directly and indirectly benefit the artisans, said Commissioner Sahu.



FOCUS CLIMATE ACTION

OBSTRUCTIONIST TACTICS

s the world grapples with an unprecedented confluence of devastating floods, wildfires. and droughts, the debate about how to address the escalating climate crisis is increasingly distorted by big-business interests peddling false remedies and promoting deceptive narratives. The fossil-fuel industry is a



That is why reducing emissions is not enough. Mitigating the multifaceted environmental crises we face requires tackling its root cause: fossil fuels. A complete phaseout of oil, gas, and coal represents our greatest opportunity to minimise the catastrophic effects of global warming, limit the average temperature increase to no more than 1.5° Celsius, and safeguard our planet for future generations.

To this end, a growing coalition of governments, civil-society organisations, indigenous communities, and concerned citizens around the world is rallying behind the Fossil Fuel



Dangerous distractions that hinder meaningful action must be rejected. The world is burning, and there is no time to waste on illusory remedies

some of global warming's worst

effects, at least temporarily. This

approach, however, represents

the ultimate false solution - a

large band-aid with potentially

disastrous consequences, in-

cluding the potential to alter

global precipitation patterns.

And there's one additional huge

concern: while carbon lingers

in the atmosphere for thousands

of years, sun-dimming parti-

cles in the stratosphere would

dissipate within a year or less,

necessitating constant renewal.

Discontinuing solar geoengi-

neering could trigger a cata-

strophic "termination shock,"

causing global temperatures to

rise so fast that humans and

ecosystems could not adapt. In

other words, this method would

require indefinite maintenance

Despite its flaws and risks,

SRM is already distracting pol-

icymakers from the urgent task

of phasing out fossil fuels. With

the US and the European Union

researching and discussing mul-

tilateral solar-geoengineering

governance, a theoretical cli-

mate intervention strategy

largely relegated to science fic-

tion has emerged as a real and

present danger to climate ac-

tion and environmental justice.

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its development and deployment,

as more than 400 leading aca-

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gested when they called for an in-

ternational non-use agreement

on solar geoengineering in 2022.

Policymakers must heed these

The correct approach to this

and global governance.

Non-Proliferation Treaty. Representing an actionable solution to the climate crisis, this proposed treaty would put us on a path toward a sustainable future by leaving no room for oil and gas companies to continue their reckless activities.

The fossil-fuel industry will not go down without a fight. This is evident in its latest greenwashing and delay tactic: the suggestion that we could reduce emissions through technologies such as carbon capture and storage (CCS) and carbon capture and use. But CCS currently captures less than 0.1% of global emissions, has a decades-long history of overpromising and under-delivering, and is inefficient, costly, and does nothing to accelerate the shift away from fossil fuels. Moreover, carbon-removal technologies that rely on CCS, such as bioenergy with CCS and direct air capture, pose significant risks, come with great uncertainties, and could impede more effective nearterm measures.

But those profiting from business as usual have other powerful weapons in their arsenal. A new diversionary tactic gaining traction – primarily in the United States and among other major polluters - is solar geoengineering, also known as solar radiation modification (SRM). Advocates of this highly speculative and risky technofix believe that by spraying reflective particles into the stratosphere or by manipulating clouds to "dim the sun," they could mask

warnings, reject SRM, and refrain from wasting precious time contemplating non-solutions.

Governments play a crucial role in the fight for a safer climate and a sustainable future on this planet. Over the coming weeks and months, political leaders will have a chance to demonstrate true climate leadership at key events such as the UN Climate Ambition Summit in New York on September 20 and COP28 in Dubai later this year. They must seize these opportunities to take meaningful steps toward climate justice.

For starters, global leaders must follow the lead of countries like Vanuatu and Tuvalu - as well as numerous cities, health institutions, academics, and civil-society organisations around the world - and commit to working toward a robust and clear fossil fuel non-proliferation treaty. By ensuring that no loopholes are left open for the industry to exploit, policymakers can prevent oil, gas, and coal producers from postponing the inevitable decline of the fossilfuel-based economy.

Moreover, governments must stop supporting the fossil-fuel economy through subsidies for CCS and carbon-removal technologies, which merely serve as cover for further industry expansion and potentially doom us to a toxic future. At the same time political leaders must heed the call for an international agree ment preventing the development and deployment of solar geoengineering and should refrain from normalising this untested and dangerous technology as a viable climate policy option.

Our leaders owe it to all citizens and future generations to address today's climate emergency with real solutions. Dangerous distractions that hinder meaningful action must be rejected. The world is burning, and there is no time to waste on illusory remedies.

The writer is Director of Fossil Economy Program at **Center for International** Environmental Law. ©PROJECT SYNDICATE

THE FOSSIL-FUEL INDUSTRY WILL

NOT GO DOWN WITHOUT A FIGHT

Lili Fuhr

Science For Humanity

THE MOTHER

We must watch over our thoughts A bad thought is the most

dangerous of thieves.

The last astronauts landed on the moon 50 years ago. The last names of those Americans were Cernan, Evans and Schmitt. These are not as familiar to us as the name Armstrong. The fact is that after the first landing happened in 1969, the space race was deemed to be over. It is very expensive to run space programmes, and after boredom from the public the programmes of the Americans and the Russians declined in intensity and capacity and ambition after 1969. A plan to send humans to Mars was drawn up immediately after Armstrong's success but it was never executed. The man who made the plan, Von Braun, a Nazi rocket scientist captured by the Americans and brought to the US to head their space programme, was put to pasture and the Apollo missions to the moon were over. The giant rocket that took Americans there, the Saturn 5, was scrapped. The space shuttle was a more modest, partly reusable vehicle that took astronauts into lower earth orbit. It was functional for 30 years from 1981 to 2011. For a decade after that, America did not have the capacity to launch its own astronauts to the International Space Station (which orbits the earth at a few hundred kilometres) till a private company called SpaceX achieved this capacity during COVID. Till then, for a decade, NASA and European astronauts flew on Russian rockets.

The two most active space programmes in the world today are run by this company and the Chinese. SpaceX had 61 launches in 2022. China had roughly the same. In comparison, India meaning ISRO in 2022 had four successful launches, three PSLVs and one GSLV, which is now renamed LVM. This number should not discourage us because our budget is far lower, though in ambition India's programme matches the rest.

After the phenomenal success of India's moon mission, the next step is to put a human in orbit. This was achieved by India in the 1980s, but on a Soviet rocket. The astronaut, Rakesh Sharma, remains the only Indian citizen to orbit the earth, and that was 40 years ago in April 1984. If all goes well, India hopes to send a spaceship called Ganganyaan with Indians to orbit sometime in the next two years or so. India already has achieved the most difficult aspect of this, which is to safely send a rocket to orbit, and it has proven that it has the capacity to do this several times over since the first orbital launch some 40 years ago. Recently we have seen that India has also mastered propulsive landing. Meaning the ability to set a spaceship down using its own

power, after slowing down from orbital velocity and through a controlled descent. When we achieve human spaceflight, we will be only the fifth nation or entity to achieve this, after the Russians, Americans, Chinese and SpaceX. It is very likely that we will get there and then we will push for more. What will that more be?

The ultimate aim of space programmes is not national glory, because at some point, the first to do this or that will be behind us. Much of it already has been achieved. The first person to orbit, first person to spacewalk, to land on the moon, all of that happened 50 years ago. There are people who have spent a year in orbit on the space station. The only 'first' to be achieved in the next couple of decades is to land humans on Mars and perhaps to set up a permanent base there. And so being first is not the ultimate goal, which is to further human civilisation. If and when a spaceship from our planet leaves the solar system and enters another, it will be a messenger not from a nation but from a planet. The International Space Station recognises this. It is a joint effort by the US, Japan, Russia, Canada and the European Union. The names of the astronauts currently on board the ISS reflect this diversity: Rubio, Prokopyev, Petelin, Bowen, Hoburg, Alneyadi and Fedyaev. Four others are scheduled to be launched on August 26, and their names are Furukawa, Borisov, Moghbeli and Mogensen. Note that through all the



Aakar Patel

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SPECTRUM TECHNOLOGY

AI's transformative journey

hostilities in Ukraine, with the EU and America arming them against Russia, the joint space programme continues. It does so because achievements and progress in space is about more than nations. China is not a member of the ISS community but it has built its own space station and is expanding it every year.

Science generally speaking, and space in particular, tends to make us come together as a race and as a planet. They say that all astronauts who have orbited the earth are permanently transformed. They see our planet in a way that the rest of us cannot. Their eyes see how thin the blue atmosphere is, and how vulnerable it is. They see the physical form of earth from above without its artificial borders and without races, as a unified whole. This is why all progress in space should excite us and encourage us to be optimists about a better future for our planet and all of us.

WISDOM CORNER

More is lost by indecision than wrong decision. Indecision is the thief of opportunity. It will steal you blind. MARCUS TULLIUS CICERO

The greater danger for most of us lies not in setting our aim too high and falling short; but in setting our aim too low, and achieving our MICHELANGELO

The greatest step towards a life of happiness and simplicity is to let go. Trust in the power that is already taking care of you моој pontaneously without effort.

WORDS**WORTH**

Mudlark

his word can have other meanings but it mostly refers to the riverside equivalent of the beachcomber, who searches in the mud at low tide for anything of value. These days they will probably be hobbyists armed with metal detectors, looking for items of historical interest (one recently turned up a rude medieval brooch in the Thames mud, probably a token from a nearby brothel). Their predecessors were of a quite different sort. The word came into use near the end of the eighteenth century to refer to destitute Londoners who picked over the Thames foreshore. They sought out lumps of coal, bits of old iron and other detritus that fell from ships in the port of London - anything which they could sell for a few pence. They were most vividly evoked by Henry Mayhew, in London Labour and the London Poor: They may be seen of all ages, from mere childhood to positive decrepitude, crawling among the barges at the various wharfs along the river: it cannot be said that they are clad in rags, for they are scarcely half covered by the tattered indescribable things that serve them for clothing; their bodies are grimed with the foul soil of the river, and their torn garments stiffened up like boards with dirt of every possible description. More sinisterly, they were not above a little light thieving from moored vessels, and were also used as gobetweens to people on shore by sailors who had smuggled in expensive commodities such as sugar or tea.



AI-POWERED AUTOMATION IS POISED TO REDEFINE THE WORKFORCE, **AUGMENT HUMAN CAPABILITIES, AND** ALLOCATE **RESOURCES TO MORE CREATIVE AND STRATEGIC**

TASKS

stands at the forefront of technological advancement, holding immense promise and potential across various domains. Its prospects are vast and impactful, reshaping industries and societies alike. As AI technologies evolve, their importance becomes increasingly evident, paving the way for a transformative future.

The prospects of AI are multifaceted. In healthcare, AI-driven diagnostics and personalised treatment plans hold the potential to revolutionise patient care, improving accuracy and speed of diagnosis. Industries such as manufacturing and logistics are embracing AI to optimise processes, enhance efficiency, and reduce costs. Moreover, AIpowered automation is poised to redefine the workforce, augment human capabilities, and allocate resources to more creative and strategic tasks.

The importance of AI is underscored by its ability to analyse vast amounts of data, extracting insights that drive informed decision-making. AI's predictive capabilities empower businesses to anticipate market trends and

rtificial Intelligence (AI) consumer behaviour, thereby gaining a competitive edge. Ethical considerations also underscore its significance, as responsible AI development is essential to address biases and ensure fairness.

Looking to the future. AI's trajectory appears boundless. Breakthroughs in machine learning and neural networks are continuously expanding AI's capabilities, enabling it to tackle increasingly complex tasks. The fusion of AI with other emerging technologies like the Internet of Things (IoT) and 5G connectivity opens doors to a hyperconnected world, where AI orchestrates seamless interactions between devices and systems.

However, challenges loom on the horizon. Ensuring data privacy and security remains a paramount concern, requiring robust frameworks to safeguard sensitive information. The ethical dimensions of AI, including transparency and accountability, demand ongoing attention to prevent unintended consequences.

The rapid surge in digitisation and the concurrent adoption of Artificial Intelligence

Technologies (AIT) have significantly reshaped the business landscape. Integrating AI technologies into Human Resource Management (HRM) has introduced enhanced capabilities, diverse insights, and analytical support to elevate people management practices. The convergence of Information technologies and HRM has increased efficiency, influenced service delivery, established standardisation, empowered managers, and revolutionised HR functions. AI. encompassing technologies like Machine Learning, Robotic Process Automation, and Natural Language Processing, have fun-

damentally impacted and trans-

formed business models. This transformation of technologies has ushered in a revolution in HRM practices, ushering in functionalities such as e-recruitment, e-training, and ecompetence management. AIenabled digital technologies have left an imprint on various HR functions, including resource planning, candidate sourcing, talent acquisition, attrition prediction, performance evaluation, succession planning, employee engagement, compensation, and

learning and development. HRM has evolved from a mere support function to being recognised as a strategic partner in the business landscape. In the context of rapid digitalisation, the prevailing expectation is to embrace contemporary technological advancements to cultivate digital and cognitive HRM competencies that enhance overall business performance. HRM is to emerge as a pivotal "transformation player" in technology adoption and mitigating resistance to change.

To conclude, the prospects of AI are limitless, from healthcare and industry to workforce augmentation and beyond. Its importance in data-driven decision-making and transformative potential across sectors cannot be overstated. As AI continues to evolve, its future holds the promise of unprecedented technological innovation, although careful navigation of challenges is imperative for its responsible and beneficial integration into society.

The writer is a former Professor of Economics, Gokhale Institute of Politics and Economics, Pune.

Promise ahead

Sir, This refers to "Pragyan traverses 8 metres on lunar surface," Orissa POST, August 26. Now, there is much promise ahead. Lander Vikram and rover Pragyaan have 14 days to conduct their studies and relay data to understand the region better. Having accomplished that on Wednesday evening, the focus now shifts to the firstever on-site studies by a rover/lander in that region. The rover is already out of the lander, exploring and studying the site. Using the five active payloads among them, the lander and the rover will, for the first time, determine the elemental chemistry of rocks and soils around the landing site, derive the elemental composition in the vicinity of the site, measure the thermal conductivity, temperature and seismicity in the region, and estimate plasma density and its variations. The findings will be of immense value to space agencies looking to ultimately set up permanent human bases at the Moon's south pole. The back-to-the-Moon push is spearheaded by NASA with its Artemis programme through an international collaboration, eyeing to take humans to the Moon in 2025-26, and ISRO is likely to collaborate.

N Sadhasiva Reddy, BANGALORE

Water from air

Sir, People have been choosing river basins to settle down since time immemorial and if we talk numbers, approximately 1.7 billion people reside in river basins. Due to excessive misuse of river water by people living in river basins all these years, more than one-fourth of the world's population will be living in water-stressed areas by 2025. However, India has come up with a solution to generate water from the atmosphere by processing the moisture in the air and making clean potable water. A Bangalore-based company called Uravu Labs has come up with this phenomenal technology and this can go a long way in solving the water problem. The water in the atmosphere regenerates in 7-8 days whereas the groundwater takes almost 1400 years to regenerate. Looking at all these positives we can say that this solution if implemented on a large scale will not only bring good revenue to India but also will quench the thirst of the world.

Noopur Baruah, TEZPUR (ASSAM)

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With land prices skyrocketing and builders of all sorts making a beeline to usurp every inch of available space in the city, the bare survival of some of the historical monuments has become uncertain

INDO-ASIAN NEWS SERVICE

Agra, August 26: As the countdown to a new tourist season and the annual Ram Lila celebrations begins, the city administration is locked in a fierce battle against encroachments that have virtually choked Agra's mobility arteries.

"You could probably get to the moon faster than commute between one part of the city to the other," said green activist Devashish Bhattacharya

The historical monuments are virtually dwarfed by encroachments from all sides, and all segments of the society, including the police have encroached upon public space, he added.

The Yamuna flood plains are heavily encroached, as new colonies have sprung up along the banks in the Dayalbagh area.

A religious sect has been accused of grabbing a stretch of the river bank, for developing a biodiversity park.

In the past three decades, almost all the community ponds and the extensive canal system in the district have disappeared



commissioner Ankit Khandelwal

launched a demolition drive in

the busy Sanjay Place commer-

cial complex, in the heart of the

city. The annual Janakpuri fair

has to be held in the area which

once was a Central Jail. Scores

of structures have been razed

to the ground and roadside kiosks

but unless all stakeholders get in-

volved to support the drive, it

will prove a temporary relief,"

Orders from the National

Green Tribunal and the Supreme

Court are not executed for one

"The campaign has just begun

have been shut down.

an official said.

reason or the other.

You could probably get to the moon faster than commute between one part of the city to the other DEVASHISH BHATTACHARYA

GREEN ACTIVIST

without a trace. The city administration does not have the gall to free the city of illegal encroachments. The Archaeological Survey of India routinely sends out notices but without district administration and police support, it feels helpless.

For the past two weeks, the Agra Municipal Corporation

"The irrigation department was asked by the NGT five years ago, to demarcate the floodplains of the Yamuna, but the officials do not have the guts to identify the encroachers that include multi-storeyed residential complexes and schools. Encroachments have prevented regular cleaning of drains and streets, besides being a constant irritant to traffic mobility," social activist Rajiv Gupta said.

"Since the cops have always been soft towards encroachers due to corruption, the sporadic anti-encroachment drives have not been successful," he said, adding that in fact, a number of police stations and chowkies have come up on encroached land. Perhaps the most alarming lapse has been ASI's abject failure to rid the monuments of illegal structures and encroachments. The 1958 Act gives it sweeping powers but the mandarins in the ASI have never had the will to act. Several smaller protected monuments in Agra and there are scores of them, have been virtually overwhelmed by new structures which threaten their existence.

Smart City Agra dwarfed by encroachments Lecturer removed for pleading against Article 370 abrogation

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

Srinagar, August 26: The Jammu and Kashmir administration has placed a lecturer in the education de partment under suspension with immediate effect, days after he appeared in the Supreme Court as a party against the abrogation of Article 370 of the Constitution.

Senior Lecturer Zahoor Ahmad Bhat was removed from his place of posting in Srinagar and was attached to the office of Director School Education. Jammu, while a senior officer was appointed as an inquiry officer to conduct an in-depth inquiry into his conduct, according to an official order.

'Pending enquiry into his conduct, Mr Zahoor Ahmad Bhat, Senior Lecturer, Political Science, presently posted at Government Higher Secondary School Jawahar Nagar Srinagar, is hereby placed under suspension with immediate effect for violation of provisions of J&K CSR,

ago, Zahoor Ahmad Bhat had appeared in Supreme *Court as a party* against the scrapping of Article 370

Days

Jammu and Kashmir Government Employees (Conduct) Rules 1971, J&K Leave Rules," School Education Department Principal Secretary Alok Kumar said in an order. During the period of suspen-

sion, the delinquent officer shall remain attached in the office of **Director School Education**. Jammu. "Further, it is hereby ordered that Ms Subah Mehta, Joint Director, School Education, Jammu is appointed as inquiry officer, who shall conduct an indepth inquiry in the conduct of the delinquent officer," the order issued Friday read.

Hailing from central Kashmir's Budgam district, Bhat who holds a law degree, personally appeared before the Supreme Court which is currently hearing a bunch of petitions challenging the scrapping of Article 370 that granted special status to the erstwhile state. The central government abrogated Article 370 and bifurcated Jammu and Kashmir into two Union Territories August 5, 2019.

57 new cyber PSs to come up in UP

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

Lucknow, August 26: Advancing the state police's efforts to check cybercrime, 57 new cyber police stations will be set up in Uttar Pradesh within the next two months, the Uttar Pradesh government said Saturday.

This decision came after a meeting chaired by Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath to review the cyber security arrangements in the state, an official release issued here said. Adityanath assured the state police that the government will equip them at all levels to effectively control cybercrime. He directed that the cyber crime police stations, currently operating at the regional level, be expanded to all 75 districts and the cyber cells currently operating at the district level, be expanded to all police stations,

the release said. Following the instructions of the chief minister, 57 new cyber police stations will be set up in the state within the next two months, while cyber cells will also be functional in every police station apart from cyber help desks. All cyber police stations will be set up in local police lines, the release added. Emphasising that awareness is the most important means to prevent cyber crimes, Adityanath instructed officials to prepare awareness material at the earliest and implement it, in addition to making it part of the school curriculum.

RAY OF HOPE FOR 20K HOMEBUYERS Work begins in Noida's 'ghost town'

INDO-ASIAN NEWS SERVICE

Noida, August 26: For nearly 20,000 Jaypee Infratech Limited (JIL) homebuyers, who have been waiting for the handover of their flats for more than 13 years, a ray of hope has emerged as the work on at least 59 unfinished towers in the erstwhile 'ghost town' begins to speed up.

In March this year, the National Company Law Tribunal (NCLT) approved the Mumbai-based Suraksha Group's bid to buy Jaypee Infratech Ltd and finish housing units in various stalled projects spread across Noida and Greater Noida. Suraksha is infusing ₹250 crore in the debt-ridden Javpee

ished towers is now in progress," Swaminathan told IANS.

"After the NCLT verdict, Suraksha does not need to pay a single penny to YEIDA on legal grounds. Yet, they are willing to compensate farmers to the tune of around ₹1,689 crore, which the authorities have to take cognisance of and drive the momentum to deliver the pending flats as fast as possible," she added.

YEIDA wants to recover ₹1,689 crore from Jaypee Infratech or the takeover company Suraksha as 64.7 per cent hiked land compensation and ₹6,111 crore as additional land compensation. Suraksha Group recently submitted a proposal to the Yamuna Expressway authority, agreeing to build around 20,000 flats and compensate the farmers, along with certain conditions.

In August 2017, the NCLT kicked off insolvency proceedings against the Noida-based realty major.

As last reported, there were 18,767 active homebuyers who paid a collective principal amount of ₹8.676 crore. Nearly 413 homebuyers cancelled their bookings and their refund worth ₹64 crore was still pending.



Group firm, along with a ₹3,000 crore loan for completion of the flats over the next four years.

Jayashree Swaminathan, a homebuyer who has seen the decade-old agony unfold in front of her eyes, is relieved that the wait will soon be over for most of the buyers.

"Despite Jaiprakash Associates Limited (JAL) still making frivolous appeals and the Yamuna Expressway Industrial Development Authority (YEIDA) officials meeting Suraksha Group to iron out compensation issues and other land dues, homebuyers are upbeat that the work on several unfin-

Around 1,410 buyers were issued offers of possession valued at ₹528 crore, but no registration took place.

Hoping to put her daughter in a nearby law school, Swaminathan booked a 2,100 sq ft apartment in Kensington Park Heights -- a Jaypee property -- in 2009. "I could not fulfil the wish of my parents, especially my mother, of living together in our own abode. I am still living on rent in Delhi. The whole objective of buying this property is lost for which we paid through our noses. We are extremely tired of the legal battle," Swaminathan had told IANS.

Repora: The grapes village of Kashmir

While the international standard of the best quality of grapes is to have a berry size of 4-5 grams, Repora grapes usually have a size of about 12-14 grams -- exceeding international standards



PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

Ganderbal, August 26: Repora, a small hamlet in central Kashmir's Ganderbal district, is known for the best quality of grapefruit, which according to some experts exceeds international standards.

The environmental and rich rocky soil of Repora makes it fit for the plantation of grapes. The people of the region mainly earn their livelihood from grape farming and this has earned the area a sobriquet of the

'grapes village of the valley'. While the international standard of the best quality of grapes is to have a berry size of 4-5 grams, Repora grapes usually have a size of about 12-14 grams -- exceeding international standards.

One great advantage of the grape fruit cultivated in Repora is that these get ready when fresh grapes are not available anywhere in the world except in Italy.

"The Repora area of the Ganderbal district is famous for grape cultivation. Sahibi, Hussieni, and Abshari are the famous varieties of grapes grown in the region," Ghulam Rasool Bhat, a grape farmer, told PTI here. Abdul Raheem has been working at the grape farm for about 40 years.

"Repora is famous for its grapes cultivation and the quality of grapes size of grapes and the freshest fruit in the months of July to September make grapes of Repora unique on its own," he said.

This year's harvest has been delayed over a month because of untimely rain. However, the production is satisfactory, he added.

According to Joint director Horticulture, Kashmir, ZA Bhat the area under grape cultivation is more than 500 hectares while the total production expected is over 2200 metric tonnes

He said grape production has a bright future in Kashmir as temperature is rising due to global warming and the Department of Horticulture is providing power systems and grape plants as well. Moreover, there is a huge employment opportunity for the people of Repora.

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(E-Auction) Sale of secured immovable Assets under SARFAESI Act, 2002

E-AUCTION SALE NOTICE FOR SALE OF IMMOVABLE ASSETS UNDER THE SECURITISATION AND RECONSTRUCTION O FINANCIAL ASSETS AND ENFORCEMENT OF SECURITY INTEREST ACT, 2002 READ WITH PROVISO TO RULE 8(6) / 9(1) OF THE SECURITY INTEREST (ENFORCEMENT) RULES, 2002.

Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrowers/Guarantor that the below described immovable property mortgaged/charged to the Bank of Maharashtra, the possession of which have been taken by the Authorised Officer of Bank of Maharashtra, will be sold on "As is where is", "As is what is" and "Whatever there is" basis on Auction Date mentioned hereunder, for recovery of balance due to the Bank of Maharashtra from the Borrowers/Guarantor as mentioned in the table. Details of Borrowers/Guarantor, amount due, short description of the immovable properties and encumbrances known thereon, possession type reserve price, earnest money deposit and Bid increment amount are also given as under.

SI. No.	BRANCH & CONTACT NO. / Name and Address of Borrowers/Guarantor	Short Description of the Immovable properties with known encumbrances / Possession Type	Amount Due (Rs.)	Reserve Price / EMD / BID Increment Amount	Date & Time of E-Auction
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INS Sahyadri and INS Kolkata during the 5th edition of biennial AUSINDEX maritime exercise between Indian Navy and Royal Australian Navy conducted from August 22 to August 25, in Sydney



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Aspirants gather to board a train after the last day of Teacher Recruitment exam 2023, at Patna Railway station in Patna



Congress workers protest over rising cases of dengue outside Kolkata Municipal Corporation office, in Kolkata



People attend an event addressed by Prime Minister Narendra Modi outside Palam Air Force Station, in New Delhi





Children play at Edward Elliot's Beach in Chennai

Villagers catch fish with their specially made nets in the overflowing Ajay river, in Birbhum district, West Bengal



Artistes perform during the Korean Culture and Tourism Festival 2023 in Gurugram



Thousands of South Korean protesters shout slogans during a rally to demand the stop of Japan's release of treated radioactive water into the sea from the damaged Fukushima nuclear power plant in Seoul, South Korea PTI PHOTOS













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Sharad Pawar is using guerilla warfare tactics to fight those who left his party SANJAY RAUT SHIV SENA (UBT) LEADER

KARTI ALLOWED TO TRAVEL ABROAD

A Delhi court has allowed Congress leader Karti Chidambaram, an accused in the alleged Aircel-Maxis and INX Media scams, to travel to France and the UK from September 15 to 27



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Why is the PM keeping the country in the dark on what is happening on Ladakh border?

ASADUDDIN OWAISI AIMIM PRESIDENT

We have done several innovations in policing on the basis of which Raiasthan has become a model state in the country. Crimes have been controlled and the complainants have got relief

ASHOK GEHLOT RAJASTHAN CM



G KISHAN REDDY UNION MINISTER

SHORT **TAKES**

'Pakistani spy' held in Kolkata

Kolkata: A 36-year-old man, who was allegedly working as a spy for Pakistan, was arrested in Kolkata and several sensitive documents were seized from his possession, a senior police officer said Saturday. Acting on a tip-off, Kolkata police personnel picked up the man from his residence in Howrah on Friday night and arrested him after hours of grilling in the Special Task Force's office in Kolkata. The accused hails from Darbhanga district of Bihar. "The arrested man was found directly involved in activities prejudicial to the safety of the country," the officer said.

Plea for probe dismissed

Kochi: A court here Saturday dismissed a plea seeking vigilance inquiry against Kerala Chief Minister Pinaravi Vijavan, his daughter and some other political leaders in connection with alleged financial transactions between a private mineral ny and her I Muvattupuzha Special Vigilance Court judge, N V Raju, dismissed the petition filed by social activist Gireesh Babu, for want of evidence. The petition sought an investigation into the "illegal financial transactions, coming under the ambit of bribery, carried out between the accused persons," in connection with mining and other "business interests" of Cochin Minerals and Rutile Ltd (CMRL).

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Muzaffarnagar (UP), August 26: As outrage poured in from all quarters, including political parties, police Saturday booked the Muzaffarnagar school teacher accused of making communal comments and ordering her students to slap a Muslim classmate for not doing his homework.

The school was also served a notice by the education department in connection with the matter.

The teacher, Tripta Tyagi, was booked on the complaint of the boy's family under IPC sections 323 (punishment for voluntarily causing hurt) and 504 (intentional insult with intent to provoke breach of the peace) -- both non-cognisable offences. Such offences are bailable and do not lead to immediate arrest, and require a warrant.

The action comes a day after a video showed her asking her students to slap the Class 2 boy at Neha Public School in Khubbapur village and also making a communal remark. The video elicited strong words from several political leaders with



Protection of Child Rights (NCPCR), the apex child rights body, demanding action against the accused teacher.

In her defence, Tyagi has said the video has been tampered with in order to stoke tensions. She claimed that the video was shot by an uncle of the boy.

Tyagi said though it was wrong on her part to get a student slapped by his classmates, she was forced to do it as she is handicapped and was not able to stand up and reach the student who had not done his assignment.

Basic Shiksha Adhikari (BSA) of Muzaffarnagar Shubham Shukla said a showcause notice has been served to the school

management through the secretary of the management committee, Ravinder Tyagi. It has been asked to furnish its response by August 28 as to why the school's government recognition not be cancelled.

A criminal case will be registered against the authorities of the school where the incident took place, the BSA said, adding that a team has been sent there. The matter snowballed into a fray between the BJP and the opposition parties, many of which alleged that it was the ruling party's "politics of hate" that prepared the ground for such an incident to happen.

The NCPCR on Saturday said

it wrote to the district adminis tration and the Uttar Pradesh Police to file an FIR in the matter. Congress leader Rahul Gandhi, in a post on X on Friday, condemned the incident, saying a teacher could do no worse for the country as he accused the BJP of filling people's minds with poison.

Congress chief Mallikarjun Kharge slammed the BJP for its 'divisive thinking" and said "such incidents tarnish our global image'

The Samajwadi Party alleged that it was the "politics of hate" of the BJP and the RSS that had brought the country to such a pass where a teacher can ask her students to slap a boy from a minority community over his religion.

Samajwadi Party chief Akhilesh Yadav too demanded the teacher be sacked immediately and called her a "blot on teacher society"

Rashtriya Lok Dal chief Jayant Chaudhary spoke to the father of the victim and assured him of justice.

The BJP's Pilibhit MP Varun Gandhi, in a post on X, said the incident was shameful

UP teacher booked; outrage pours in Mobile internet suspended in Nuh

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

Chandigarh, August 26: The Haryana government Saturdav ordered the suspension of mobile internet and bulk SMS services in the communally-charged Nuh district till August 28 in view of a call for a 'shobha yatra'.

In view of the yatra call, Director-General of Police Shatrujeet Kapur presided over a meeting with senior officers of bordering states through videoconferencing and called for a coordinated effort to effectively deal with the situation.

In the meeting, attended by senior police officers of Punjab, Delhi, Uttar Pradesh, Rajasthan and the Union Territory of Chandigarh, Kapur said the administration has denied permission for the yatra due to a meeting of the G20 Sherpa Group, scheduled to be held in Nuh during September 3-7, and to maintain law and order in the aftermath of the July 31 violence.

The government announced the decision to suspend mobile internet from August 26-28, apprehending the spread of rumours through social media ahead of or during Monday's rally.

The Nuh authorities had recently denied permission to hold the religious procession on August 28 after an earlier one in July was disrupted following communal violence.

The order to suspend mobile Internet was issued by Additional Chief Secretary (Home) TVSN Prasad on Saturday. The district administration has also imposed Section 144 of the CrPC, prohibiting the assembly of four or more people in an area, as a precautionary measure.

This order will be effective from August 26-28, said officials. During this period, no person will be allowed to carry weapons such as licensed firearms, lathis, axes and others.

The Haryana government had earlier suspended mobile Internet services in Nuh after communal clashes broke out.

Six people, including two home guards and a cleric, died in the communal clashes that erupted



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in Nuh when a religious procession of the Vishva Hindu Parishad was attacked by a mob on July 31

According to an official statement on Saturday, police chief Kapur said despite permission being denied for the yatra, there are inputs that certain organisations have invited people from Haryana and neighbouring states to reach Nuh on August 28.

He said all necessary arrangements have been made by the Haryana Police in view of the proposed vatra. Police personnel have been

deployed to maintain law and order. As a preventive measure, mobile internet has been suspended in Nuh.

While emphasising the need for sharing intelligence inputs to effectively deal with the situation, Kapur asked the senior police functionaries of bordering states to ensure regular monitoring of social media and share information about the people who try to disrupt peace through hate speeches and take action

against them according to law. Inter-state barricading should also be done to prevent any kind of mobilisation of people, he asserted. Nobody will be allowed to take the law into their hands. Kapur said Additional Director General of Police (Law and Order) Mamta Singh will be the nodal officer and stationed in Nuh.

MP CM expands cabinet

National Commission for

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Bhopal, August 26: Madhya Pradesh Chief Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan Saturday expanded his cabinet by inducting three BJP MLAs as ministers, a move coming just a few months ahead of the state assembly polls and apparently aimed at balancing caste and regional equations in the council.

While one of the three new ministers - Rajendra Shukla - is a Brahmin, two others -Gaurishankar Bisen and Rahul Lodhi - belong to the Other Backward Classes (OBC) community. With their induction, there are now 34 members in the Chouhan-led cabinet.

As per the constitutional provisions, the number could go up to 35. State Governor Mangubhai Patel administered the oath of office as ministers to Shukla, Bisen and Lodhi at the Raj Bhavan here around 9 am. Shukla, a Brahmin leader and four-time MLA from Rewa in the Vindh region was a former minister. Bisen, a seven-time legislator from Balaghat in the Mahakoshal region, is also the chairman of the MP Backward Class Commission, while Lodhi is a first-time MLA from Khargapur in Tikamgarh district of the Bundelkhand region.



People pay floral tribute to Mother Teresa on her birth anniversary in Ahmedabad, Saturday

Elephant rescued

Ramgarh (Jharkhand): An eight-year-old elephant was rescued from a well and reunited with its herd Saturday in Jharkhand's Ramgarh district, a forest official said. The incident happened at Serengatu village under Gola block. The animal fell into the well at night and was spotted early Saturday by villagers.

While Shukla (59) and Bisen (71) took oath as cabinet ministers, Lodhi (46) was sworn-in as a minister of state. They are yet to be allotted portfolios, a Raj Bhavan official said. Lodhi is a nephew of senior BJP leader Uma Bharti, who has been opposing the liquor policy of the Chouhan-led government and earlier took to the

streets over the issue

to bow down".

that the governors are acting as "puppets" of the Union government to create hindrances in the functioning of non-BJP governments in states like Delhi, West Bengal, Kerala and Tamil

Won't bow down to Guv's threat: Mann **Gehlot should** resign: Shah PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

Chandigarh, August 26: Punjab Chief Minister Bhagwant Mann Saturday lashed out at Governor Banwarilal Purohit for "threatening" to impose President's rule in the state and asked why his counterparts were "silent" on the law and order situation in BJP-ruled states.

Mann said the "selected" governor does not have any moral authority to "threaten" elected representatives of the people and asserted that he is "not going

Addressing a press conference, the chief minister alleged



Nadu and said such things don't augur well for the country's federal structure.

"Punjab is most affected in the past due to (Article) 356. So, don't rub salts on our wounds... Governor Sahab, don't try to test the patience and emotions of the Punjabis," Mann said.

The governor has been accusing Mann of not responding to the letters sent to him in defiance of his authority.

Purohit had on Friday warned the Mann government that he

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BHAGWANT MANN PUNJAB CM

could recommend President's rule in the state and also launch criminal proceedings if his letters were not answered.

Mann said Saturday that the governor wrote 16 letters, of which replies have been given to nine and the rest are being followed up.

He said replies for the remaining letters are being readied and will be given in the coming week as in some cases detailed information has to be gathered which takes time.

At the same time, the chief minister alleged the letters from the governor reek of "hunger for power'

Taking potshots, he said Purohit may be feeling "politically irrelevant" and now he can become BJP's chief ministerial face for poll-bound Rajasthan, from where he originally hails, and take power there so that he can freely give orders

He asserted that that "threats" like the imposition of the President's rule won't scare him and the Punjabis

'The threat which the governor gave to the people of Punjab, peace-loving people of the state, I will call it a threat of imposition of the President's rule." Mann said at the press conference, decrying the governor's "unconstitutional" remarks.



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state government.

Jaipur, August 26: Union Home Minister Amit Shah Saturday demanded the resignation of Rajasthan Chief Minister Ashok Gehlot over a "red diary" which, he alleged, contained details of corruption and black deeds of the

Addressing a "Sahakar Kisan Sammelan" in Gangapur City in the poll-bound state, Shah said the BJP-led central government raised the agriculture budget by six times and formed a separate ministry for cooperatives, whereas the Congress had done nothing for farmers.

Pointing to a few people who raised slogans during the event, the home minister said, "I want to tell Gehlot saab that you will achieve nothing by sending some people to shout slogans. If there is any shame left in him, he should resign over the 'red diary' issue and enter the election fray."

"Nowadays Gehlot saab is very afraid of the colour red. The colour of the diary is red, but black deeds are hidden in it. The red diary has details of multicrore corruption," he said.

Sacked Rajasthan minister Rajendra Gudha had claimed ২ that the red diary which he had secured from the residence of Congress leader Dharmendra Rathore during an income tax raid in July 2020 on the directions of the chief minister haddetails of Gehlot's financial transactions.

Chandrayaan-3 landing spot to be called Shiv Shakti Point: PM

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

Bangalore, August 26: Conforming to a christening tradition, Chandrayaan 3's landing point on the Moon will be named 'Shiv Shakti Point," a convergence of welfare and strength, Prime Minister Narendra Modi announced Saturday.

Modi flew down to Bangalore Saturday morning from the Greek capital of Athens to interact with ISRO scientists on the successful lunar mission and announced the decision to name the spot where the lander 'Vikram' touched down as "Shiv Shakti point.

Terming the success of Chandravaan-3 mission as an 'extraordinary moment' in the history of India's space programme, Modi, who turned emotional, said the place where the Chandravaan-2 lander crashlanded on the Moon's surface in 2019 would be known as "Tiranga Point".

"There is a scientific tradition of naming the location of touch down. India has decided to name the lunar region where our Chandrayaan-3 landed. The place Vikram lander descended will be known as Shiv Shakti point.

"In Shiv, there is resolution for the welfare of humanity and Shakti gives us strength to fulfil those resolutions. This Shiv Shakti Point of the moon also gives a sense of connection with Himalava to Kanyakumari", the PM added. He said the new generation should come forward to



Prime Minister Narendra Modi with ISRO chairman S. Somanath during a visit to the ISRO Telemetry Tracking and Command Network (ISTRAC) in Bangalore scientifically prove the astronomical formulae in the scriptures of India and to study them anew

"It is also important for our heritage and for science. In a way, this is a double responsibility for the students of schools, colleges and universities today. The treasure of scientific knowledge that India has, has been buried, hidden during the long period of slavery. In this 'Azadi ka Amrit Kaal', we have to explore this treasure too, do research on it and also tell the world about it", he said.

"I was impatient and eager to visit and salute you for your diligence, dedication, courage, devotion and passion", Modi said in his address to team ISRO, his voice choking. "India is on the

moon! We have our national pride placed on the moon." Hailing the role of women scientists in the success of Chandrayaan-3, he said, "the country's Nari Shakti played a big role" in it.

The Prime Minister stated that the point where Chandrayaan 2 left its imprints will now be called 'Tiranga'. This point, he said, will serve as an inspiration for every effort that India makes and remind us that failure is not the end. "Success is a guarantee where there is strong will power.'

Declaring August 23 as the 'National Space Day,' Modi said it will celebrate the spirit of Science, Technology and Innovation, and inspire us for an eternity.













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We should concentrate more on highlighting the successes of the government's work and conduct the necessary discussions about our plans internally OIAF SCHOLZ GERMAN CHANCELLOR

POWER RETURNS TO KENYA AFTER 14 HRS

Electricity was being restored in most parts of Kenya Saturday, 14 hours after the longest outage in recent memory, the majority government-owned power distributor said. There was still no clear explanation for the outage that hit Friday night, shutting down the country's main international airport, affecting major hospitals and even the President's office compound





am also extremely worried about the safety of civilians in Al Jazira State, as the conflict moves closer to Sudan's breadbasket

MARTIN GRIFFITHS UNDER-SECRETARY GENERAL FOR HUMANITARIAN AFFAIRS

Monaco has ended a three investigation into him and his family over corruption allegations due to insufficient evidence NAJIB MIKATI LEBANON'S CARETAKER PM

We are working on alternative routes but objectively speaking the functioning of the Black Sea route is an optimal solution from all points of view

DMYTRO KULEBA UKRAINIAN FOREIGN MINISTER

SHORT TAKES

US, allies clash with NK, China & Russia

United Nations: The United States and its allies clashed Friday with North Korea. Russia and China over Pyongyang's failed attempts to launch a spy satellite and who is responsible for escalating tensions on the Korean Peninsula. The open Security Council meeting called by the US, Albania, Ecuador, France, Japan and Malta to condemn the attempted launch, which used banned ballistic missile technology, was attended by North Korea's United Nations ambassador for just the second time since 2017.

Greek fire officials arrest 2 for arson

Athens: Greek fire department officials arrested two men Saturday for allegedly deliberately starting wildfires



recorders found; DNA tests on victims underway Declines Oath of loyalty to confirm Prigozhin's introduced for volunteer fighters death

n crash flight

private military contractors was a clear move to bring such groups under tighter state control.

The decree, published on the Vladimir Putin has ordered Wagner fighters to sign an oath Kremlin website, obliges of allegiance to the Russian state anyone carrying out work on after a deadly plane crash bebehalf of the military or suplieved to have killed Yevgeny porting what Moscow calls its Prigozhin, the volatile chief of "special military operation" in Ukraine to swear a formal oath Putin signed the decree bring-

of allegiance to Russia. Described in the decree as a step to forge the spiritual and moral foundations of the defence of Russia, the wording of the oath includes a line in which those who take it promise to strictly follow the orders of commanders and senior leaders.

Western politicians and com mentators have suggested, without presenting evidence, that Putin ordered Prigozhin to be killed to punish him for launching the June 23-34 mutiny against the army's leadership which also represented the biggest challenge to Putin's own rule since he came to power in 1999.

his condolences to the families of those killed in the crash on Kremlin spokesman Dmitry Thursday and spoke of Prigozhin Peskov said Friday that the accusation and many others like He cited "preliminary inforit were false. Russian investimation" as indicating that gators have opened a probe into Prigozhin and his top Wagner aswhat happened, but have not sociates had all been killed and, yet said what they suspect caused the plane to suddenly while praising Prigozhin, said he had also made some "serious fall from the sky. Nor have they mistakes. "Putin's introduction officially confirmed the of a mandatory oath for emidentities of the 10 bodies ployees of Wagner and other recovered from the wreckage.



Danish astronaut Andreas Mogensen, left, front, NASA astronaut Jasmin Moghbeli, right front, Russian cosmonaut Konstantin Borisov, bck left, and Japanese astronaut Satoshi Furukawa leave the Operations and Checkout Building before heading to the launch pad to board the SpaceX Falcon 9 rocket on a mission to the International Space Station, at Kennedy Space Center in Cape Canaveral, Fla. It was the first US launch where every spacecraft seat was occupied by a different country - until now, NASA had always included two or three of its own on its SpaceX taxi flights. A fluke in timing led to the assignments APVPTI PHOTO

12 dead in stampede in Madagascar capital

Antananarivo: A crush at a stadium in Madagascar left at least 12 people dead and 85 injured as sports fans attended the opening ceremony of the Indian Ocean Island Games, authorities said Saturday. Government spokesperson Lalatiana Rakotondrazafy said that 33 of the injured remained in the HRJA Hospital. The crush Friday at the Mahamasina Stadium in the capital, Antananarivo, happened as people gathered at an entrance for the official opening of the regional multi-sports event. Madagascar Prime Minister Christian Ntsay said Friday that 11 people were in critical condition following the crush, which happened at around 4.30 p.M Ntsay visited victims at the hospital. Spokesperson Rakotondrazafy did not give any update on those who were critically injured in her statement posted on Facebook

UKRAINE WAR Fear grows of a 2nd **Russian takeover**

The shelling near the city of Kupiansk came as UK officials said that Russia may try to retake the area, which was captured by Kyiv in a lightning counteroffensive last September after more than six months of Russian occupation

ASSOCIATED PRESS

Kyiv, August 26: Russian forces struck a cafe in a key front-line area in northeastern Ukraine Saturday, killing two civilians and wounding a third, regional officials said



After the Russian occupiers left Kupiansk last year, Ukrainian authorities said they found torture chambers and mass graves in the region.

Ukrainian officials have so far reported limited advances in Kviv's large-scale counteroffensive launched in early June, including in the southern Zaporizhzhia region and on the outskirts of Bakhmut, the east-

Niger orders troops to go on 'maximum alert'

REUTERS

Niamey, August 26: The junta in Niger has ordered its armed forces to go on highest alert, citing an increased threat of attack, according to an internal document issued by its defence chief Friday that a security source in the country confirmed was authentic.

The document, which was shared widely online on Saturday, said the order to be on maximum alert would allow forces to respond adequately in case of any attack and "avoid a general surprise".

"Threats of aggression to the national territory are increasingly being felt," it said.

The main West African bloc ECOWAS has been trying to negotiate with the leaders of the July 26 coup, but has said it is ready to deploy troops to restore constitutional order if diplomatic efforts fail.

Fukushima residents cautious

as hundreds of firefighters battle blazes that have been blamed for 21 deaths. One man was arrested on Evia for allegedly deliberately setting fire to dried grass in the island's Karystos area. The fire department said the man confessed to having set four other fires in the area in July and August. A second man was arrested in the Larissa area in central Greece, also for allegedly deliberately setting fire to dried vegetation. Judicial authorities were informed in both cases.

Pak doctor gets 18 years in jail

New York: A Pakistani doctor, who worked in the US on an H1-B visa, has been sentenced to 18 years in prison for attempting to provide material support to terror organisation ISIS and conduct 'lone wolf" terrorist attacks in the United States. Muhammad Masood, 31, was sentenced Friday to 18 years in prison followed by five years of supervised release for attempting to provide material support to ISIS, a Department of Justice statement said.

10 mountaineers killed

Tehran: A minibus carrying

mountaineers in Iran plunged

into a ravine, killing 10 people,

Varzaghan, in East Azerbaijan

province, said the provincial

spokesman, Vahid Shadinia,

according to the state news

heading towards a tourist

village in the mountainous

agency IRNA. The minibus was

region when it overturned for an

undetermined reason and fell

into the ravine, an official said.

Saturday. The accident occurred

the state media reported

Friday near the city of

emergency services

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Moscow, August 26: President

ing in the change with immedi-

ate effect Friday after the Kremlin

said that Western suggestions

that Prigozhin had been killed

on its orders were an "absolute

lie". The Kremlin declined to

definitively confirm his death,

citing the need to wait for test re-

sults. Russia's aviation author-

ity has said that Prigozhin was

on board a private jet which

crashed Wednesday evening

northwest of Moscow with no

survivors exactly two months

after he led a failed mutiny

President Vladimir Putin sent

against army chiefs.

in the past tense.

the mercenary group.

Iwaki (Japan), August 26: Fish auction prices at a port south of the Fukushima Daiichi nuclear power plant were mixed Friday amid uncertainty over how seafood consumers will respond to the release of treated and diluted radioactive wastewater into the ocean.

The plant, which was damaged in the 2011 earthquake and tsunami, began sending the treated water into the Pacific on Thursday despite protests at home and in nearby countries that are adding political and diplomatic pressures to the economic worries. The decadeslong release has

been strongly opposed by fishing what to eat. groups and criticized by neighboring countries. China immediately banned imports of seafood from Japan in response, adding to worries in the fisheries community and related businesses. A citizens' radia-



tion testing center said it's getting inquiries and expects more people might bring in food, water and other samples as radiation data is now a key barometer for

Japanese fishing groups fear the release will do more harm to the reputation of seafood from the Fukushima area. They are still striving to repair the damage to their businesses from the meltdown at the power plant after the earthquake and tsunami.

The Japanese government and the plant's operator, Tokyo Electric Power Company Holdings, say the water must be released to make way for the facility's decommissioning and to prevent accidental leaks of insufficiently treated water. Much of tank-held water still contains radioactive materials exceeding releasable levels.

Fierce fighting there earlier this month prompted mandatory evacuations and fears of a second Russian takeover.

Russian shells Saturday morning struck the cafe in Podoly, an eastern suburb of Kupiansk, regional governor Oleh Syniehubov said in a Telegram post. He added that rescue teams were working at the site.

UK military intelligence Saturday assessed that Russia may "increase the intensity of its offensive efforts" around Kupiansk and nearby Lyman in an attempt to take pressure off its forces near Bakhmut and in the Zaporizhzhia region, where a Ukrainian counteroffensive has reportedly made gradual gains.

Earlier this month, Ukrainian authorities ordered a mandatory evacuation of nearly 12,000 civilians from 37 towns and villages around Kupiansk, citing a concerted effort by Russian troops to punch through the front line

ern city that became the site of the war's longest and bloodiest battle before falling to Moscow in May

A Washington-based think tank said late Friday that Ukrainian forces were pushing forward in Zaporizhzhia after taking the village of Robotyne earlier this week.

The Institute for the Study of War in its latest assessment cited pro-Kremlin military bloggers expressing concern over a lack of reinforcements and troop locations in the area, while the Ukrainian General Staff that same day claimed unspecified successes south and southeast of Robotyne

On Saturday morning, the Ukrainian regional administration of Zaporizhzhia reported that Russian shelling the previous day of Mala Tokmachka, one of the villages near which Kviv's troops were reportedly advancing, killed one resident and wounded another.



On Friday, the bloc downplayed this threat and said it was "determined to bend backwards to accommodate diplomatic efforts," although an intervention remained one of the options the table.

"For the avoidance of doubt, let me state unequivocally that ECOWAS has neither declared war on the people of Niger, nor is there a plan, as it is being purported, to invade the country, **ECOWAS** Commission President Omar Alieu Touray told reporters.

Ramaswamy may run on joint ticket with Trump: Report

Ramaswamy, the political outsider, addressed his first Republican Presidential primary debate Wednesday where rivals -- former New Jersev **Governor Chris Christies. former Vice President** Mike Pence and South Carolina Governor Nikki Haley -- gave him a tough fight The Telegraph reported

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Washington, August 26: Indian-American presidential aspirant Vivek Ramaswamy has hinted at running on a joint ticket with Republican rival and former US President Donald Trump if he fails to secure the party's nomination for the 2024 race to the White House, a media report said.

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sider, addressed his first Republican presidential primary

debate on Wednesday where rivals -- former New Jersey Governor Chris Christies, former Vice President Mike Pence and South Carolina Governor Nikki Haley -- gave him a tough fight The Telegraph reported. Post debate, a confident

Ramaswamy told reporters that only two candidates would be left in the race, which would

be him and Trump. When asked on GB News whether he would be "happy to be (Trump's) VP" Ramaswamy said: "See, this isn't about me. If this were about me, sure. That's a fine position for someone to have at my age.

"This is about reviving our country and I can only reunite this country if I'm doing it from the White House as the leader and the face of our movement."

Ramaswamy added that he had "fresh legs" and was "almost half (Trump's] age", but would ask him to serve as "my most valued adviser" in the White House. The 38-year-old entrepreneur did not rule out the possibility of teaming with Trump if the latter secured nomination for a third time, which



stood in stark contrast to his earlier stance on being interested only in the presidency.

According to the Telegraph report, rumours of a joint ticket between the two rivals for the 2024 race emerged after Trump campaign's praise for Ramaswamy

Vivek Ramaswamy has charged back into Iowa, stoking curiosity and skepticism after his attention-grabbing performance in the first Republican presidential debate

he charismatic 38-year-old businessman was met Friday by hundreds of GOP activists in small central cities near Des Moines, with more events planned in the coming days

in the Republican primary debate where he came up as a breakout star. Speaking of Ramaswamy's Milwaukee performance, Donald Trump Jr told reporters: "I thought he had a standout performance. I mean. I think that did what Ron DeSantis needed to

do." After launching his campaign in February this year, Ramaswamy vowed to "promptly" pardon the indicted former President if elected to the White House in 2024. Heaping praises on the former President, Ramaswamy told The New York Post that Trump "sets a high bar". "He's a friend. I know him. I genuinely believe he cares about national unity," Ramaswamy had said.

With a worth of more than \$950 million, Ramaswamy raised more than \$450,000, with an average donation of \$38, in the first hour after the debate. In addition, he was the most Google-searched Republican candidate, followedby rival Nikki Haley, according to Fox News.







business



India is taking incredible steps and doing things in a very innovative and creative way. We watched it back in London. Everyone around the world, I think, is excited about the country. India is the future BERNARD LOONEY | CHIEF EXECUTIVE, BP

US FED MAY RAISE RATES

The Federal Reserve may need to raise interest rates further to cool still-too-high inflation, Fed Chair Jerome Powell said, promising to move with care at upcoming meetings as he noted both progress made on easing price pressures as well as risks from the surprising strength of the US economy



Energy supply is

Russia's biggest

We want to reduce Russia's

ability to finance the war

COMMISSIONER FOR TRADE, EU

India.

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what we see is now a rapid in-

crease of refined oil products, so

to say, imports in the EU from

Russian oil, in a sense it defies

the purpose which we are putting

in front of us as the EU, as a

Western democratic world, to

reduce Russia's ability to wage

the civil war," he said. "So this

is something which will provide

some reflection on that," the top

On EU's trade ties with India

the Trade Commissioner said

the grouping is looking at sig-

nificantly expanding economic

"The EU is India's second

engagement with New Delhi.

largest trading partner, ac-

counting for some 120 billion

euros worth of trading last year,

which is 10.8 per cent of total

Indian trade. And India is the

EU's 10th largest trading partner.

accounting for 2 per cent of EU

total trade. But at the same time,

we see that there is still lots of

Dombrovskis said the EU is

looking at making sure that its

trade and investment coopera-

tion with India becomes much

rently working in a conflictual

geo-political situation. And in

this context, the value of trust

and reliability has increased_

substantially," he said.

"We know that we are cur-

"more intense"

untapped potential," he said.

trade official added.

BILATERAL TRADE RISING

"But if they are made with

source of revenue.

price inflation has touched a 15-

month high of 7.44 per cent in

July, against 4.87 per cent in

June, amid a sharp spike in food

A week back, India had im-

posed 40 per cent export duty

on onion to increase domestic

India's total exports of bas-

mati rice stood at \$4.8 billion in

2022-23 in terms of price, while

in volume terms it was at 45.6

at \$6.36 billion in the last fiscal.

In volume terms, it was 177.9

India's rice production is es-

timated to have risen to 135.54 mil-

lion tonne in the 2022-23 crop

year (July-June) from 129.47 mil-

lion tonne in the previous year.

according to the agriculture min

In July, the United Nations

food agency's rice price index

jumped to its highest level in

nearly 12 years as prices in key

exporting countries jumped on

strong demand after India im-

posed restrictions on the exports.

Exports of non-basmati stood

The decision to impose a 20% export duty on

parboiled rice will make purchasing the commodity

expensive for foreign buyers, thus limiting its

overseas sales and at the same time boosting

its domestic availability

India accounts for more than

40% of world rice exports, and

low inventories with other ex-

porters mean any cut in ship-

ments could inflate food prices

already driven up by Russia's

invasion of Ukraine last year

India has now imposed re-

strictions on all kinds of non-bas-

matirice, which poor consumers

in Africa and Asia usually pre-

fer, said a New Delhi-based dealer

to moderate in the last few days

after rallving more than 25% due

to India's restrictions last month.

However, prices are expected to

food commodities demonstrates

the sensitivity of the govern-

ment of Prime Minister

Narendra Modi to food inflation

ahead of a general election nearly

next year. His administration

has extended a ban on wheat ex-

ports after curbing rice ship-

ments in September 2022. It also

capped sugar exports this year

as cane yields dropped.

The recent curbs on exports of

rise again," the dealer said.

"Global rice prices had begun

with a global trade house.

and by erratic weather.



India is free to join the Regional Comprehensive Economic Partnership. It will boost trade between

India and China which is growing very fast WANG SHOUWEN VICE COMMERCE MINISTER, CHINA

There is no silver bullet for green transition in hard-toabate sectors. including steel TV NARENDRAN GLOBAL

CEO & MD, TATA STEEL



business realm isn't a negative designation. The objective isn't to erase the woman label, but rather to transform the narrative that surrounds it

VINEETA SINGH COFOUNDER & CEO, SUGAR COSMETICS

SHORT TAKES

FM meets UK Secy

New Delhi: Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman Saturday met UK Trade Secretary of State Kemi Badenoch and discussed bilateral investment and free trade agreement (FTA) "FM Smt @nsitharaman and Secretary Ms @KemiBadenoch briefly exchanged views and also reaffirmed the commitment by both sides for taking the ongoing negotiations on India-UK #FTA and India-UK #BIT to an early conclusion." the finance ministry tweeted. During the meeting, the two ministers discussed bilateral investment and trade issues of mutual interests. Earlier in the day. Sitharaman also met **European Commission** Executive vice president V Dombrovskis and discussed bilateral economic and financial issues of mutual interests.

Setback for Zee

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Mumbai: Zee Entertainment

Govt expands rice export curbs EU upset over Russian oil coming from India **PRICES AT 12-YEAR HIGH**

India imposes 20% duty on exports of parboiled rice. Last month, the country imposed a ban on exports of widely consumed non-basmati white rice, following a ban on broken rice exports last year

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Mumbai, August 26: India has imposed a 20% duty on exports of parboiled rice with immediate effect, a move that could further reduce shipments from the world's largest exporter and lift global rice prices, which are already trading near their highest levels in 12 years.

The export duty, imposed August 25, will remain effective till October 16, 2023, the Finance Ministry said in a notification. Duty exemption would be available on parboiled rice lying in customs ports which have not been granted LEO (let export order) and are backed by valid LCs (Letter of Credit) before

August 25, 2023 With these curbs, India has now imposed restrictions on all varieties on non-basmati rice. Non-basmati white rice constitutes about 25 per cent of the total rice exported from the country.

Last month, the government banned exports of non-basmati white rice to boost domestic supply and keep retail prices under check during the upcoming festive season. In September last year, exports of broken rice were prohibited

In the April-June period of this fiscal, about 15.54 lakh tonne of non-basmati white rice was exported against only 11.55 lakh

Govt mulls relaxing retirement age of PSB heads, MDs PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

New Delhi, August 26: State Bank of India Chairman Dinesh Khara is likely to get an extension as the government is considering relaxing the retirement age of chiefs of all public sector banks and LIC.

The proposal before the government also includes hiking the retirement age limit of managing directors of public sector banks (PSBs) to 62 years, from the current 60 years, a senior government official said This exceptional growth trend



GOVT IMPOSES 20% EXPORT **DUTY ON PARBOILED RICE INDIA EXPORTED 7.4MT OF**

PARBOILED RICE IN 2022

The ban prompted some buyers to increase purchases of parboiled rice and lifted its prices to record highs.

With this duty, Indian parboiled rice would become as expensive as supplies from Thailand and Pakistan. There is hardly any option for buyers now MUMBAI-BASED DEALER

tonne in the year-ago period.

The ban on exports of nonbasmati white rice was imposed due to the rise in prices of the foodgrain and higher exports. The annual retail or consumer

Spacetech gets \$62mn this year; 60% rise YoY

INDO-ASIAN NEWS SERVICE

New Delhi, August 26: As the world acknowledges India's space dominance after the Chandrayaan-3 success, the spacetech sector in the country received \$62 million in funding this year to date, reflecting a substantial 60 per cent increase compared to the same period last year. India currently ranks seventh

in terms of funding within the international spacetech landscape, firmly establishing its influence in this dynamic sector. according to a latest report by market intelligence firm Tracxn.



sation in 2020.

The steady expansion in funding sets the Indian SpaceTech sector apart from other industries affected by funding challenges and macroeconomic fluctuations. From a modest \$35 million funds

raised between 2010 and 2019, the sector experienced a meteoric rise in 2020, securing a remarkable \$28 million in funding.

previous year.

"Previously dominated by governmental players, the sector has witnessed a significant surge in private sector participation post-privatisation. Private entities are now actively involved in crucial aspects of research, manufacturing, and fabrication of rockets and satellites, fostering a vibrant ecosystem of innovation," the report noted.

India's emergence as a potent player in spacetech is further highlighted by its impressive satellite deployment.

With 381 satellites placed in low orbit, India has positioned itself as a key player in this arena. Notably, the successful launch of 36 satellites into orbit by ISRO for UK-based OneWeb illustrates India's contribution to global satellite ownership.

EU upset over Russian

Notwithstanding the global restrictions, India's procurement of discounted crude oil from Russia has witnessed a major upswing in the last over one year

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

New Delhi, August 26: The EU Saturday voiced concerns over 'rapid" rise in refined petroleum products made from Russian crude oil in India finding way to the European market, saying it defies the purpose of the

economic sanctions against Moscow that are aimed at reducing its ability to finance the war on Ukraine. The European Union's

Executive Vice-President and Commissioner for Trade, Valdis Dombrovskis, said oil products processed from Russian crude oil are arriving at the European market in "large quantities" and the grouping is looking at ways to deal with it.

In an interaction with a small group of journalists, the EU Vice President, currently on a visit to India, accused Russia of using its energy supplies, and food as "tools" of "war and manipulation" to continue its attack on Ukraine.

On the issue of food. Dombrovskis cited Russia withdrawing from the Black Sea grain initiative and blocking Ukraine's export of food grain to the world market.

Since Russia's invasion of Ukraine in February last year, the Western powers have imposed a series of sanctions on Moscow including a price cap on Russian oil by G7-plus nations, in order to reduce its ability to finance the war on Ukraine.

"We are obviously aware that a number of countries, including China and India have not ioined those sanctions. We are aware that Russia is actively seeking alternative markets for the lost European market,' Dombrovskis said. The EU trade commissioner

said this while asked about India's

increasing trade relations with

Russia, especially its procurement

India and the EU are currently holding negotiations for three agreements -- the free trade pact, investment protection agreement and the geographical indications agreement. The trade and economic ties between India and the EU have been on an upswing in the last few years.



Enterprises is set to d excluded from the MSCI Global Smallcap index, following the imminent merger of the company with Sony Pictures. Zee Entertainment has received final approval from the National Company Law Tribunal for the proposed merger, and the companies are in the final leg of completion. The effective date of merger is not yet known, and therefore, MSCI will announce the last trading date of the stock later. According to Nuvama Alternative & Quantitative Research, Zee stock's final trading day may fall at the end of September or early October, and could result in potential outflows of \$22 million

Saturday.

Under existing norms, the SBI chairman can hold the post until the age of 63 years. Khara attains 63 years in August next year.

is expected to continue in the upcoming months. The Indian SpaceTech sector's journey has been one of transformation, driven by the sector's privati-

This trend continued with exponential growth, reaching \$96 million in 2021 and an impressive \$112 million in 2022, marking a 17 per cent increase from the

of discounted Russian crude oil. "We indeed see new trade patterns emerging. Those are some issues which are also the new developments which we are currently assessing. For example,

IN 9 YEARS

Over 50cr Jan Dhan accounts opened; deposits cross ₹2tn

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New Delhi, August 26: More than 50.09 crore accounts have been opened under the PM Jan Dhan Yojana in the last nine years and the deposit balance swelled to over Rs 2.03 lakh crore, the Finance Ministry said Saturday.

The Pradhan Mantri Jan Dhan Yojana (PMJDY) was launched August 28, 2014, with the aim to provide universal banking services through the opening of zero-balance bank accounts for every unbanked household, based on the guiding principles of banking the unbanked, securing the unsecured and funding the unfunded.

Financial Services Secretary Vivek Joshi said 33.98 crore RuPay cards were issued to PMJDY account holders as of August 2023, up from 13 crore at the end of March 2015.

He said the zero balance accounts under Jan Dhan yojana have reduced to 8 per cent of total accounts as of August 2023, from 58 per cent in March 2015.

The average deposits in Jan Dhan accounts have increased from Rs 1,065 as of March 2015 to Rs 4,063 in August 2023, an increase of 3.8 times. 56 per cent of the Jan Dhan account holders are women and 67 per cent of the total accounts are in rural and semi-urban areas.

'27th Ruchi Prativa Samman Samaroha-23' on Sept 2

Cuttack: Recognising individuals who have rendered untiring services to the nation and society, Ruchi Prativa Foundation - the socio-cultural arm of the leading spice house of Odisha Ruchi Foodline announced the name of awardees for the 'Ruchi Desha Gourav', 'Ruchi Desha Jyoti', 'Ruchi Desha Seva, 'Ruchi Vidyasagar', 'Ruchi Seva Jyoti', 'Ruchi Barabati', and 'Ruchi Pratibha' awards 2023 at a press conference held in Cuttack Saturday. Ruchi Prativa Foundation is going to organise the '27th Ruchi Prativa Samman Samaroha-23' September 2 at 6.30pm at the main auditorium hall of Seven Pillars, Ravenshaw University, Cuttack. Famed functionary of Indian corporate world Santrupt B Mishra (Director, Aditya Birla Group): Arvind Pani, inventive IT



entrepreneur and CEO of Reverie Language Technology, Bangalore; Purna Chandra Mohapatra, Obstetrics & Gynaecology specialist of international fame; Chinmavee Bhuvan. promising sports personality; Jubin Mohapatra, 2021 Odisha IAS topper; Sreeyashi Jena, matriculation topper 2023; Nishita Das, CBSE Odisha topper are the stars to be awarded at the Prativa Samman ceremony. The initiative was launched in 1996 to honour and celebrate the humanitarian contributions of those who have excelled in the areas of education. sports, social services, entrepreneurship, medical & health care etc in the state. Addressing the press conference, Sarat Kumar Sahu, MD, Ruchi Foodline & Chairman of Ruchi Prativa Foundation. expressed his gratitude to the people of Odisha who have extended their love and support for the growth of his dream enterprise Ruchi and said, "Now it is our moral duty to pay off the debt of the people."

Investors see long wait for enlarged BRICS' economic boon

INVESTORS AND ECONOMIC ANALYSTS ARE SKEPTICAL THAT EXPANSION WILL LEAD TO INCREASED FOREIGN DIRECT INVESTMENT WITHIN THE BLOC

REUTERS

Johannesburg, August 26: The expansion of the BRICS group of developing countries could provide a lifeline to capitalstarved new entrants Iran and Argentina, but investors and analysts say a broader economic boon for the bloc's members is far from certain.

Leaders of the BRICS - Brazil, Russia, India, China and South Africa - invited the two as well as Saudi Arabia. the United Arab Emirates (UAE), Ethiopia and Egypt into the club at a summit this week in Johannesburg.

The move is aimed at increasing the BRICS' clout as a champion of "Global South" nations, many of which feel unfairly treated by international institutions dominated by the United States and other wealthy nations.

The additions are a mixed bunch: Saudi Arabia and the UAE are wealthy oil producers,

inflation-wracked Argentina is desperate for foreign investment, Iran is isolated by Western sanctions, Ethiopia is recovering from a civil war and Egypt's economy is in crisis.

"Egypt has already been expecting a lot of FDI from Saudi... and the Gulf money is not coming - and it is not because they are not in the BRICS organisation, it is because the proposition is not attractive," said Viktor Szabo, a portfolio manager at abrdn in London.

Still, BRICS leaders and other investors touted the increased economic heft from the expansion. The new members would grow the bloc's share of global GDP to 29% from 26% and trade in goods to 21% from 18%, Li Kexin, a senior Chinese foreign ministry official, told a press briefing Thursday.

Increasing trade links between existing and prospective members of the bloc have garnered



I don't know if I would say it's a game changer, but

in terms of opening up consumer markets there is scale there OLA EL-SHAWARBY DEPUTY PORTFOLIO

MANAGER, VAN ECK

attention. "The growing trade interconnectedness seems to be providing some fundamental ground for political announcements,"

said Chris Turner, global head of markets at ING.

ING calculates that since 2015, the share of core BRICS in the new candidates' imports increased from 23% to 30%, replacing the euro area, the United States, and other developed economies.

Other analysts and investors say Iran, which is under Western sanctions, as well as the bloc's heavyweight member China which has long-pushed for enlargement - are among the main

come strategist at BankInvest in Copenhagen.

said

Ekholdt

"At most, the enlargement is a benefit for the new entrants that are hungry for capital," said Hasnain Malik, a Dubai-based managing director at Tellimer, an emerging markets research firm. "But this assumes they would not have seen capital inflow anyway from the richer BRICS countries and that any capital provided via a BRICS institution does not jeopardise that from other multi and bi-

"China and Brazil, India will

benefit in terms of easy access

to oil, and Argentina and no-

tably Iran will benefit in

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beneficiaries of expansion. lateral sources."

A BRICS loan to Argentina could conflict with the bailouts it has received from the International Monetary INVESTORS Fund, which has SKEPTICAL LARGER deeper pockets, said **BRICS WILL LEAD TO** abrdn's Szabo. **INVESTMENT BOOM** Increasing use SAUDI ARABIA, UAE, IRAN AMONG of national cur-

THOSE JOINING CLUB rencies to reduce US dollar de-FUELS SPECULATION OIL pendence was an-PRODUCERS TO SWITCH TO other goal BRICS **NON-\$ TRADE** leaders discussed at

the summit in Johannesburg. They said this could help lessen their economies' vulnerability to a strong dollar and foreign ex-

And with oil producer heavyweights among the newcomers, investors said this would feed speculation that Saudi Arabia might increasingly switch to non-dollar-denominated currencies for oil trade



change fluctuations.





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time in two

New York, August 26: Novak Djokovic is back in the United States, back in New York - and back at the US Open for the first

years. Unable to compete at Flushing Meadows in 2022 because he was not allowed to fly to the country as a foreign citizen who is not vaccinated against COVID-19, the 23time Grand Slam champion will be back in Arthur Ashe Stadium Monday as play begins in the sea-

son's final major tournament. He was asked Friday whether he harbored some resentment over the way things happened, he said: "No, there was no anger. It was last year during the Open that I felt it's

a pity that I'm not there. I felt sad for not being able to participate. I don't think about what happened in the last vear or last couple of years. Just focusing my attention to this year's tournament."

The last match the 36-yearold from Serbia played in Ashe was the 2021 US Open final, a 6-4, 6-4, 6-4 loss to Daniil Medvedev. Not only did that drop Djokovic's record in title matches at Flushing Meadows to 3-6

but, of more significance, it left him one victory shy of 臣 completing the first calendar-vear Grand Slam in men's tennis since Rod Laver's in 1969. Djokovic wept at the end of that match, something he attributed that day to a mix of relief at his pursuit of the milestone no longer hanging over him and of appreciation for the way the thousands of spectators saluted his effort.

While that bit of history went by the wayside, Djokovic is still winning and chasing more achievements. He already has won more major singles championships than any other man in tennis history, one more than Rafael Nadal and three more than Roger Federer. But that's not to say he wouldn't love to get No.24, which would put him one ahead of Serena Williams for the most in the Open era.

He has spent more weeks ranked at No.1 than any man or woman. But that doesn't mean he would mind overtaking current leader Carlos Alcaraz simply by defeating rookie Alexandre Muller Monday.

Competitors know that Djokovic can find motivation anywhere. They also know-based on his titles at the Australian Open in January and French Open in June, and his run to the Wimbledon final in July, and his victory over Alcaraz in the Cincinnati Masters final last weekend — that he's still a, if not the, favorite in every tournament he enters.

India men's 4x400m relay team break Asian record, reach **World C'ships finals**

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

Budapest, August 26: The Indian men's 4x400m relay team shattered Asian record in a stunning race, clocking 2 minute 59.05 seconds to qualify for its maiden final round of the World Championships here Saturday.

The Indian quartet of Muhammed Anas Yahiya, Amoj Jacob, Muhammed Ajmal Variyathodi and Rajesh Ramesh finished second in heat number one behind USA (2:58.47) to make it to the final to be held Sunday. The top three finishers in each of the two heats and the next two fastest qualify for the final.

The earlier Asian record of 2:59.51 was in the name of Japanese team. The earlier national record was 3:00.25 set in 2021.

The Indians gave the world record holders Americans a run for their money, finishing closely behind them. India eventually finished second overall also after the two heats, behind USA, but ahead of strong teams like Great Britain (3rd; 2:59.42) and Jamaica (5th; 2:59.82).

Prannoy signs off with bronze medal

Indian World No.9 squander lead to go down against World No.3 Vitidsarn in BWF World Championships semifinals



PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

Copenhagen, August 26: HS Prannoy's dream run at the World Championships ended after he lost in three games to World No.3 Kunlavut Vitidsarn of Thailand in the men's singles semifinal to sign off with a bronze, extending India's record of having at least one medallist in the showpiece since 2011.

The 31-year-old Prannoy squandered an opening game advantage and a 5-1 lead in the second as Vitidsarn, a three-time former world junior champion, dished out better defence and attack to win 18-21, 21-13, 21-14 and seal a second successive final spot.

Notwithstanding the loss, it was a brilliant achievement for Prannoy as he became only the fifth Indian men's singles player to win a World Championships medal.

Kidambi Srikanth (silver) Lakshya Sen (bronze), B Sai Praneeth (bronze) and Prakash Padukone (bronze) are the other medallists in men's singles.

Two-time Olympic medallist

Virat perfect for No.4 spot at WC: De Villiers

Maddison opens his Spurs account in their 2-0 victory AGENCIES

London, August 26: James Maddison scored his first goal for Tottenham in a 2-0 win over Bournemouth in the Premier League Saturday that maintained Spurs' unbeaten start under Ange Postecoglou. Maddison put Spurs ahead in the 17th minute with a precise finish and Dejan Kulusevski doubled the advantage with his first goal of the season in the 63rd.

Man United edge past Forest

Manchester United came back from two goals down to record a thrilling victory against 10-man Nottingham Forest at Old Trafford. Taiwo Awoniyi and Willy Boly scored the goals for Forest. Christian Eriksen pulled one back before Casemiro levelled the scores. Bruno Fernandes struck the winner from the penalty spot.

10-man Fulham hold Arsenal

Joao Palhinha scored in the 87th minute to give 10-man Fulham a 2-2 draw at Arsenal. A defensive howler after just 57 seconds allowed Fulham take the lead through Andreas Pereira. The hosts, however, came back to lead 2-1 thanks to second-half goals from Bukavo

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

New Delhi, August 26: Virat Kohli would be the perfect answer for India's No.4 conundrum at the World Cup as he can put the innings together and play any kind of role in the middle order, feels South Africa great AB de Villiers.

India have struggled to find a suitable No.4 ever since Yuvraj Singh retired from cricket. With the 50-over World Cup less than two months away, there has been a lot of discussion around who will bat at the spot.

"We're still talking about who will be the No. 4 batter for India. I've heard some rumours about



Virat possibly taking up that position. I would be a big supporter of that," De Villiers said on his Youtube channel



"I think Virat is perfect for No.4. He can put the innings together, play any kind of role in that middle order. I don't know

if he would like to do that. We know he loves his No.3 position; he's scored all his runs there, but at the end of the day, if the team needs you to do something, play a certain role, you have got to put your hand up and go for it," De Villiers added.

While Kohli prefers to bat one down, he has a decent record coming in at No.4. In 39 innings. he has scored 1,767 runs at an average of 55.21 and strike rate of 90.66.

However, it has been over three years since Kohli batted in the No.4 position in January 2020 when he played against Australia in Mumbai.

his best as his defence looked shaky and attack lacked consistency during the 76-minute clash. Prannoy had lost to Vitidsarn

in 2022

in two tight games at the All England Championships last vear and knew about the Thai's defensive prowess and ability to retrieve.

medals, including a gold in 2019,

and Saina Nehwal (silver and

bronze) claimed two, while the

women's doubles pair of Jwala Gutta and Ashwini Ponnappa

bagged a bronze in 2011 and

Satwiksairaj rankireddy and

Chirag Shetty clinched a bronze

A day after knocking out Olympic gold medallist and de-

fending champion Viktor

Axelsen, Prannoy, who claimed

Malaysia Masters title and a

runner-up finish at Australian

Open this season, failed to find

India's top-ranked men's singles shuttler made a good start but signs of exhaustion set in from the second game, perhaps due the three-game matches that he played in the last two days.

Sehrawat books Worlds berth, Punia skips trials

along supported Bajrang in his protest against outgoing Wrestling Federation of India (WFI) chief Brij Bhushan Sharan Singh

Kaliraman, however, has an outside hope after Bajrang Thursday said that he would withdraw from the Asian Games if all the panchayats that backed him luring the protest at Jantar Mantar ask

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Saka and Eddie Nketiah. But they couldn't see out the win despite Fulham going a man down when Calvin Bassey was shown a second yellow.

Sterling lifts Chelsea

Raheem Sterling scored twice and set up the third goal to help Chelsea beat Luton 3-0 late Friday night giving Mauricio Pochettino his first win as Blues manager. Nicolas Jackson added his first Chelsea goal in the 75th after being on hand to tap in a low cross from Sterling.

Match schedule

PREMIER LEAGUE

Sheffield vs Man City (6:30 pm) Newcastle vs Liverpool (9 pm) **Telecast: Star Sports Select** Stream: Disney+Hotstar LA LIGA Villarreal vs Barcelona (9 pm) Telecast: Sports 18 Stream: Jio Cinema

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

Patiala, August 26: Aman Sehrawat asserted his supremacy in the men's 57kg free-style category as he clinched a World Championship berth while seasoned Olympian Deepak Punia skipped the national trials, here Saturday. Aman defeated Atish Todkar in the final to make it double joy for him this year.

Besides Aman, Akash Dahiya will be representing India in the 61kg after getting the better of Neeraj, while Anuj Kumar will be seen in action in the 65kg category, where Olympic medallist Bajrang Punia ply his trade.

Bajrang is set to leave for Issyk-kul in Kyrgyzstan to train for the upcoming Asian Games after skipping the trials. He was given direct entry to compete in the Asian Games despite his rival in the 65kg category Vishal Kaliraman topping the trials. The "injustice" done to Vishal did not

go down well with the khaps, who had all

him to do so during the Khap Mahapanchayat, September 10.

World championships silver medallist and Bimingham Commonwealth Games gold winner Deepak also skipped the trials in the 86kg category after the Sports Authority of India permitted him to train abroad to prepare for the Asian Games. In Deepak's absence, Sandeep Singh got the better of Jonty Kumar to win the 86kg trial.

The World Championships will be held in Belgrade, Serbia from September 16. The two-day trials ended Saturday. It remains to be seen whether the selected grapplers will be able to don India colours at the Worlds or compete under the United World Wrestling (UWW) banner after the world body banned the Wrestling Federation of India Thursday.

Selection trials result:

Men's Freestyle: 57kg Aman (RSPB), 61kg Akash Dahiya (SSCB), 65kg Anuj Kumar (Haryana), 70kg Abhimanyu (Delhi), 74kg Naveen (Haryana), 79kg Sachin More (Haryana), 86kg Sandeep Singh (Punjab), 92kg Pruthviraj Patil (SSCB), 97kg Sahil (Punjab), 125kg Sumit Malik (Haryana).

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EVES CLAIM HISTORIC GOLD AT IBSA WORLD GAMES



Birmingham: The visually challenged Indian women's cricket team, Saturday, scripted history winning a gold medal beating Australia by nine wickets at the IBSA World Games. India restricted Australia for 114/8 in the allotted 20 overs and then chased down the revised target of 42 in 3.3 overs. Cricket for visually challenged made its debut in International Blind Sports Federation World Games this year. This was the first final in the World Games and India won the ultimate showdown beating Australia by nine wickets in a rain-affected final.

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