

# **SHORT TAKES**

### 12 dead in Raj bus accident

Jaipur: Twelve people from Gujarat were killed and at least 11 others injured when a trailer rammed into their private bus from the rear in Rajasthan's Bharatpur district early Wednesday, police said. The bus was on its way to Mathura in Uttar Pradesh when the accident occurred around 4.30am. Expressing grief at the loss of lives Prime Minister Narendra Modi approved an ex-gratia of ₹2 lakh to the next of kin of the dead and ₹50,000 to the injured. The bus had stopped on a flyover when the trailer rammed into it. The condition of four among the 11 injured is very critical, police stated. Police are investigating whether the trailer suffered any mechanical failure.

### 6 airbags for cars 'not mandatory'

New Delhi: The government will not make six airbags mandatory for cars, Union Road Transport and Highways Minister Nitin Gadkari said Wednesday. The government last year proposed to implement the six airbags safety norm from October 2023 for enhanced safety of occupants. "We don't want to make six airbags rule for cars mandatory," Gadkari said at an event here. Airbags for both front seats are mandatory in vehicles manufactured on and after April 1, 2021. An airbag is a vehicle occupant-restraint system which interferes between the driver and the vehicle's dashboard during a collision, thereby preventing serious injuries.

- Martin 

NEW ACOUISITION: Chief of Air Staff, Air Chief Marshal VR Chaudhari poses Wednesday with the C-295 transport aircraft, the biggest in the world, at Seville in Spain. India will buy 56 such aircraft in the next 2 years

# 4 including Colonel, Major killed Dhonack and DSP Humayun Bhat

in the Garol area of Anantnag dis-

trict in the wee hours of

Wednesday. The officers suc-

cumbed to their injuries during

the treatment, officials said. They

added that a jawan also died. The

whereabouts of another soldier

was not immediately known.

#### PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

Srinagar, Sept 13: Three Army personnel, including a Colonel commanding a battalion and a Major and a deputy superintendent of J&K Police were killed in a gunfight with terrorists in the higher reaches of Kokorenag area in the valley while one soldier went missing, officials said here Wednesday.

DGP Dilbag Singh condoled the death of the officers of the po-Colonel Manpreet Singh, Commanding Officer of 19 lice and the Army. In a message, Rashtriya Rifles, Major Ashish he said every loss of life is un-

fortunate and asserted that the were critically injured in the gunperpetrators of the crime would fight with terrorists that ensued be brought to justice soon.

The banned Resistance Front, believed to be a shadow group of Pakistan-based Lashker-e-Taiba (LeT), has claimed responsibility for the attack.

Officials believe that it is the same set of terrorists who had carried out the attack on Army personnel August 4 killing three jawans in the higher reaches of the Halan forest area of Kulgam district.

# Nowhere to go

Development of

infra and setting

#### POST NEWS NETWORK

Bhubaneswar, Sept 13: India at present has at least 150 elephant corridors spanning 15 range-states across four elephantbearing regions. West Bengal tops the list with 26 such corridors while Odisha has 14 according to a new Union Environment Ministry report. The report has been compiled by the 'Elephant Task Force'.

The report, titled 'Elephant Corridors of India', highlights that the intensity of elephant use has increased in 59 of these corridors, remained stable in 29 and decreased in 29 others. However, in Odisha, elephant movement has decreased in nine of the 14 corridors while one is impaired. Movement in only four corridors has increased.

The report states that Odisha has four inter-state corridors out of the 14. The total length of the corridors is around 387.27km. The inter-state corridors are Karo-Karampada and Deuli-Suliapada (connecting West Bengal), Badampahar -Dhobadhobin and Badampahar-Karida (connecting Jharkhand).

The routes where elephant movements have decreased include Karlapat-Urladani corri dor, Badampahar-Dhobadhobin inter-state corridor, Buguda-

up of habitats close to corridors have led to frequent human-elephant conflicts as the pachyderms fight for their survival

# jumbo deaths recorded in

Central corridor. Kanheijena-Anantapur corridor, Karo-Karampada inter-state corridor, Tal-Kholgarh corridor and a few others. In the report various exterior influences have been named for the decrease of elephant movement. This has contributed largely to the human-elephant conflict in

the state, the report added. A total of 996 people have been trampled to death by elephants in Odisha in the last decade (2013-2023). During the same period, 794 elephants died in the state due to human-elephant conflicts including poaching. The highest number of human deaths due to elephant attacks occurred in



#### According to latest estimates there are approximately 30,000 elephants in India

Odisha in 2022-23, the highest in any state 2019-20, 113 in 2021-22 and 105 in 2017-18. Similarly, the highest number of elephants (93) died in 2018-19, and the second highest

deaths (92) occurred in 2022-23. The report states that the presence of agricultural plots, human habitats and development of infrastructure such as roads, highways and railway tracks close to the elephant corridors are seriously affecting the movement of the pachyderms.

The report has also asked the Odisha government to take steps and create awareness among the people about elephant movement and also to enforce the law strictly to prevent encroachment and poaching. The report stated that unless the corridors are freed, the conflict



Meet our new bureau chief.

# Asiad-bound athletes get ₹10 lakh incentive

POST NEWS NETWORK

Bhubaneswar, Sept 13: Ahead of the Hangzhou Asian Games in China. Chief Minister Naveen Patnaik announced Wednesday financial support for the state's athletes who will be representing India at the conti-

Kaudi and Sonali Swain (Rowing); Anupama Swain (Ju-Jitsu); Neha Devi Leichondam (Kayaking and Canoeing); Pyari Xaxa (Football); Deep Grace Ekka and Amit Rohidas (Hockey): Dumuni Marndi, Tarulata Naik, Mama Naik and Hupi Majhi (Rugby). Incidentally this is the first DSPL-232 Mukhyamantri



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The 13 Odia athletes who have been selected to represent India at the Asian Games are: Kishore Jena (Athletics); Anshika Bharati, Ritu

time that rugby will be played at the Asian Games.

Wishing all the athletes the very best, Patnaik expressed hope that they will showcase their talent at the Asian Games and this incentive will empower them to focus solely on their training and performance.

Sports Ministry officials and various other dignitaries are confident that will win more than 100 medals in this edition of the Asian Games.

# Renaming of Jajpur hosp approved

#### POST NEWS NETWORK



Bhubaneswar, Sept 13: Odisha Chief Minister Naveen Patnaik approved Wednesday a proposal to name the Jajpur Medical College and Hospital after Jajati Keshari, the famous Somavansi ruler of ancient Odisha. The hospital will become operational from 2024. The Chief Minister's Office (CMO) had recently received a request from the people of Jajpur to name the medical college after Jajati Keshari.

"Naming of Jajpur medical college after Jajati Kesari is a humble tribute to this great historical personality who enhanced the glory of Odisha." the CMO said in a release.

The Jajati Keshari Medical College and Hospital, Jajpur, has been built at a cost of ₹526.21 crore on a 46-acre campus. The state government is in the process of applying before the National Medical Commission (NMC) for issuing the Letter of Permission (LoP) for admission of 100 MBBS students.

# Surviving on home 'salary'

Approximately 16 million young Chinese have returned to their homes failing to get a decent job and are doing household chores to earn pocket allowances from parents

#### ASSOCIATED PRESS

Taipei (Taiwan), Sept 13: When she first moved to the Chinese tech hub of Shenzhen after graduating from college, Marguerite Wang imagined she would spend her career working hard in a big city. Instead, now she's living with her parents in her hometown in north-eastern China.

A record of more than one in five young Chinese are out of work, their career ambitions at least temporarily derailed by a depressed job market as the economy struggles to regain momentum after its long battle with Covid-19.

Wang, who was laid off from a gaming company in December, is



among an estimated 16 million young Chinese who, daunted by the difficulties of finding decent jobs, have moved back home.

After spending six months unsuccessfully applying for jobs in Shenzhen, the 29-year-old moved back home. Now she spends her days watching soap operas and

studying Japanese. However, she also does the household chores diligently as her parents have promised her a 'salary' every month.

The urban unemployment rate for the 16-to-24 age group in China reached a record 21.3 per cent in June.

Take the case of Gui Xiaoru, who was hoping for a better-paying position in a bigger city. She, instead moved back home to Mianyang, in southwestern China's Sichuan province. She cooks dinner for the family and does grocery. In return, she gets a 2,000 Yuan (about USD 274) monthly allowance from her parents.

Parents are also happy in this situation as their first priority is the well-being of their kids.

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## TAYLOR SWIFT SCRIPTS HISTORY AT MTV VIDEO MUSIC AWARDS

Singer Taylor Swift was the big winner at the 2023 MTV Video Music Awards, scooping nine prizes, and she made history as the first person to win Video of the Year four times.

## **KOURTNEY BRANDS SISTER KIM A 'WITCH' IN REALITY SHOW TEASER**

Kourtney Kardashian called her sister Kim Kardashian a 'witch' and declared: 'I hate you' in an explosive argument shown in the teaser for the new season of their family reality show The Kardashians.



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Your charismatic appeal is always ready-to-use. And today, you will possibly reap rich dividends through it. But there is always scope for improvement and you will find yourself drawn to altruism. Ganesha guarantees satisfaction in lending a helping hand to the needy

### TAURUS

You will enjoy your responsibilities at the home front, says Ganesha. People whom you trusted to watch your back might let you down today. Remember, what you sow is what you reap, so do not fall short of putting in the effort required to make something fruitful. Be careful and cautious in dealing with people, advises Ganesha.

### GEMINI

A favourable day to put an end to all the doubts surrounding your ability to do well, especially in the field of communication. People around you will find you incredibly charming and enchanting. You will win hearts with your verve and panache. You may want to spruce up you surroundings at work and at home.

#### CANCER It is quite possible that your

personal life will take precedence over your professional life. You will not be able to repress or ignore your feelings, and you should not either savs Ganesha. But you should be careful

# LEO

No matter how far you go, there is always a horizon that you desire to reach. And what holds true for all outer projections of life most certainly holds true for one's inner self as well, reminds Ganesha, Bear this in mind as you strive to improve yourself in as many ways as possible. You might consider part-time courses and crash courses to help increase your skills and double your efficiency. Self-improvement is a never-ending process, says Ganesha

## VIRGO

Financial doldrums are headed your way today. In order to seek what you desire, expect shelling out a hefty price. You might just net those short-term goals in the evening. Ganesha foretells large and important business deals will end the day on a high note.



you, especially if you are in the world of business. Long erm deals seem to be on the cards for

# **Shruti rocks out** to heavy metal

The 'Luck' actress also has her own alternative rock band 'The Extramentals' where she is the lead singer and has done various songs with them, including her big hit 'Edge'

Chennai: Actress Shruti Haasan, apart from being a star in both Bollywood as well as the South industry, is also a big fan of rock music. She recently shared a clip of herself rocking out to heavy metal while shedding weight, calling it a great experience and raising the devil horns

Taking to her Instagram stories, she actress was sporting a black sportswear and had no make-up on. With some metalcore playing in the background, the actress said in the clip: "Loosing hormonal weight, and bloating and all kinds of other s\*\* ' can be really challenging."

Raising the devil horns she added: "But when you have some heavy metal playing, it feels so good, feels soooo good!

The Luck actress has never made her love of rock music any secret, having grown up listening to bands

which currently is one of her better known songs. The actress-singer, has also done playback singing in films such as Unnaipol Oruvan and En Mana Vaanil. IANS





# Aamir's son to debut opposite Sai Pallavi

Mumbai: Actress Sai Pallavi, who is known for her work in Maari 2, Fidaa, Gargi and Shyam Singha Roy in south, is all set to make her foray in Hindi cinema.

The actress will be making her debut opposite Aamir Khan's son Junaid. It will be made as a love story

While Aamir has taken a break after the boxoffice debacle of his last film Laal Singh Chaddha, his son is gearing up for his big debut in a film under the banner of Yash Raj Films, according to a source.

For YRF, it has been a successful year at the box-office with the Shah Rukh Khan-starrer Pathaan in theatres and The

Romantics on the OTT. After his debut film at YRF, Junaid will be working on his next project. A Sunil Pandey directorial, the film is touted to be a love story

Mumbai: Filmmaker Vivek Agnihotri has hit back on veteran actor Naseeruddin Shah after he said it is disturbing that movies like The Kashmir Files and Gadar 2 are becoming massively popular. In a recent interview, when Vivek was asked to react to Naseeruddin's comment, the director said that the actor perhaps feels 'exposed' with the truth of The Kashmir Files, and 'likes to support terrorists' but

Mumbai: Actor-model Alankrita Anup Sahai feels that the way mental health is sues are perceived in our society needs to change.

'There are just extremes to define mental health issues, and no one talks about the gravity of the subject. Every person has their own share of grief to battle with, and I feel without demeaning the problem one should seek proper counselling as dialogue is the only key," says the *Namaste* England actress.

#### Sahai lost **'We** her father last year shouldn't and calls it the toughlook down upon est phase mental health for her. "I was broken, issues' and anxiety pangs never

left my side! I didn't want to work and I just wanted to stay alone. My father was with me through thick and thin. He never left my side and then, just in jiffy, he was gone. It took me months to understand that what worse than this could happen, and I should get back to work as that's what my dad would have wanted. I too sought advice from a counsellor at one point, but it didn't work well in my case. Eventually, it was my family, especially my mum, who helped me cope and get back to work. shared

Alankrita AGENCIE

# Vivek: Naseer likes to back terrorists



thing. Sometimes, people are frustrated with a lot of things, or maybe he feels he is getting exposed with the truth of The Kashmir Files something about him is getting exposed. People generally don't like being naked in front of people through somebody else's art.

He further added, "I mean he is happy doing films that support genocide, he has acted in movies that supports genocide. perhaps he has because of his religion or because of his frustration. For whatever reasons, perhaps he likes to support terrorists, I don't. I don't even care what Naseer savs because I have zero tolerance for terrorism, maybe he loves them, and I don't care. AGENCIES

about how you express yourself in public

you. If you happen to be a government officer, luck favours you today. Keep your ears and eyes open, there may be news of a possible promotion. All Ganesha has to say to you today is, keep your options open and hopes alive.

done various songs with them, including her big hit Edge,

Nirvana, Creed,

Metallica, Iron Maiden,

Black Sabbath, Foo

Fighters, Pearl Jam,

Motley Crue among

Shruti also has her

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He went on add, "I am a great admirer of Naseer sahab that's why I had cast

him in *The Tashkent Files*. But I don't

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know of late why he has grown old and if that's the case then I should not say any-

### **SCORPIO**

Ganesha feels that your intuitive feelings will rule your actions today. You will need to break past your stress threshold and tackle work with zeal and zest. Follow your instincts and relax to some good music when the burden of work is over whelming. At the end of the day, it is not the thought that matters but how that thought was implemented into action

### SAGITTARIUS

Ganesha sees a spectacular day in store for you, especially if you are an artist. Radio jockeys will be heard and cheered for. Television anchors will receive thun dering applauses and golden opportunities. Go ahead - seize the day!

## CAPRICORN

Your extraordinary skills passion for perfection, and an overpowering personali ty will inspire and motivate those around you, says Ganesha. Many will, in fact, emulate your actions, so much so that you could most likely have a fan follow ing. But while the inspired lot may achieve success and move on to target higher goals, you are likely to miss out on the best of opportunities to make money.

## AOUARIUS

Spirituality is your new passion and Calvin Klein matters less today! Mysticism attracts you, says Ganesha. This may lead you to seek solace in holy books and religious places. It's going to take some time for you to understand that spiritual attainment can be had in the flesh-and-blood world as well.

### PISCES

You are ceaselessly driven to find room for improvement. A part-time course to enhance your skills or to increase your efficiency is what vou will likely be pursuing today, says Ganesha





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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HENNIFER LOPEZ



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### **BRAINSTORMING SESSION**

Puri Municipality council meeting in progress at the civic body's office in the Pilgrim City, Wednesday



# **Day 1 business list of** special session out

#### PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

New Delhi, Sept 13: The government Wednesday listed a special discussion on Parliament's journey of 75 years starting from the Samvidhan Sabha on the first day of the five-day session of Parliament beginning September 18.

During the session, the gov ernment has also listed the bill on the appointment of the Chief Election Commissioner and other election commissioners to be taken up for consideration and passage. The bill was introduced in Rajya Sabha during the last Monsoon session.

"Discussion on 'Parliamentary Journey of 75 years starting from Samvidhan Sabha Achievements, Experiences, Memories and Learnings'" will be held September 18 besides other formal business like laying of papers.

The session is likely to see the proceedings of Parliament moving from the old building to the new Parliament building.

The other listed business for Lok Sabha includes 'The Advocates (Amendment) Bill, 2023' and 'The Press and Registration of Periodicals Bill, 2023', already passed by Rajya Sabha August 3,2023.

Besides, 'The Post Office Bill, 2023' has also been listed in the Lok Sabha business, according to an official bulletin. The bill was earlier introduced in Rajya Sabha August 10, 2023.

The list of business is tentative and more items can be

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added. The government has also convened a meeting of the floor leaders of all political parties September 17, a day before the start of the five-day session, Parliamentary Affairs Minister

Pralhad Joshi said. The invitation for the meeting has been sent to all leaders concerned through e-mail, Joshi posted on social media platform X. Joshi had August 31 announced a "special session" of Parliament for five days from September 18 but did not spell out any specific agenda for it. "Amid Amrit Kaal, looking

forward to having fruitful discussions and debate in Parliament," Joshi had posted on X.

Sharing the agenda for the special Parliament session on X. Congress leader Jairam Ramesh said it "is much ado about nothing" and all this could have waited till the Winter session in November, but added that the government could be having 'legislative grenades" up its sleeves.

"Finally, after pressure from Sonia Gandhi's letter to the Prime Minister, the Modi Govt has condescended to announce the agenda for the special 5-day session of Parliament beginning September 18th," he said. "The agenda as published at

the moment, is much ado about nothing — all this could have waited till Winter session in November.

"I am sure the legislative grenades are being kept up their sleeves to be unleashed at the last moment as usual. Parde ke peeche kuch aur hai! (there is more behind the curtains)," he said on the agenda.

"Regardless, the INDIA parties will steadfastly oppose the in-sidious CEC Bill," Ramesh also said.

Former Congress chief Sonia Gandhi had written to Prime Minister Narendra Modi when no agenda was listed for the session.

Ramesh also earlier in the day listed several previous special Parliament sessions and said each time the agenda was listed in advance.

The government had in the last session tabled in Rajya Sabha the contentious Chief Election Commissioner and other Election Commissioners (Appointment, Conditions of Service and Term of Office) Bill that seeks to replace the Chief Justice of India with a cabinet minister in the panel for selection of the chief election commissioner and election commissioners



LEADING THE WAY: Dharitri and Orissa POST Editor Tathagata Satpathy addressing students at an elocution competition on 'Media, Democracy and Youth' at Ravenshaw University in Cuttack, Wednesday. The event was organised by Dharitri ahead of the leading Odia daily's 50th anniversary celebrations, (L-R) Director, Students' Welfare, Ravenshaw University Alakananda Parida, Registrar Kanhu Charan Malik, PG Council Chairperson Luna Samanta, Dharitri and Orissa POST Chief Executive Advasha Satpathy and jury members - Privadarshi Kar, Jnanee Debasish Mishra and Urmishree Bedamatta- are present on the dais

#### Student leaders urge govt to Cops nab four, foil Delete nan of 3.45L de of 3.45L de voters: EC **SCRUB TYPHUS Delete names** of 3.45L dead **CLAIMS 5 LIVES** Bhubaneswar, Sept 13: At least

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

Bhubaneswar, Sept 13: The Election Commission Wednesdayasked district Collectors to focus on the special summary revision of electoral rolls, and ensure that names of '3.45 lakh deceased people' are deleted from the voters' list, an official said. The directions were issued at a meeting of an EC team comprising Senior Deputy Election **Commissioners** Dharmendra Sharma and Nitesh Vyas, which was attended by Chief Electoral Officer Nikunja Bihari Dhal, the Collectors of all the 30 districts, revenue divisional commissioners (RDCs) and other senior officials. It was mentioned in the meeting that names of 'as many as 3.45 lakh deceased people were found in the voters' list'. 'The EC team asked the Collectors to take necessary action to make the list flawless," the official said. The Collectors were also asked to create awareness among people on the use of different applications for making correc tions in the voters' list. Though the meeting fuelled speculations of early Assembly polls in Odisha, a senior official claimed it was a routine exercise ahead of the 2024 general elections. Assembly polls in the state are due in March-April next vear.

The state government has not been holding college elections since 2018 due to various reasons including violence on campuses and

Student leaders demanded that the state government announce the dates for conducting the campus polls. National Students' Union of

India (NSUI) activists here burnt the letter of the High Education department in protest. NSUI. the student wing

streets," warned Patnaik. He also indicated that the student leaders would move the court for seeking the conduct of students' union elections.

State president of All India Students' Federation (AISF) Sanghamitra Jena said the government wants to cancel the stu

dents' union polls to stop build-

ing new leaders because the

ruling BJD allegedly has now

become a party of 'bureaucrats'.

Janata Dal, the student wing of

ruling BJD, Devi Ranjan Tripathy

said the students are violating the

norms set by the Lyngdoh

Commission. That's why the col-

endar, there is no proposal to

conduct the campus polls. If the

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Tripathy said.

"In this year's academic cal-

lege polls are put on hold.

President of Biju Chhatra



Bargarh district reported one such death case each, said Bargarh Chief District Medical and Public Health Officer Sadhu Charan Das.

five people in the state died in a

month due to scrub typhus in-

fection, which spreads through

bites of infected chiggers (larval

mites), an official said Wednesday.

were from Sohela block, Attabira,

Bheden and Barpali blocks of

While two of the deceased

Those who died of the infection were diagnosed in hospitals outside the district, he said, adding that two cases were detected in Burla Medical College. two others in a private hospital and another in a Bolangir hospital.

Scrub typhus Those who spreads when frequently a chigger bites visit farmland or forests are someone vulnerable to MOST common the infection symptoms of scrub When fever typhus include continues for fever and a black days, the patient inflamed mark should go through on the skir called 'eschar' an ELISA test

Das said that 142 samples were tested for scrub typhus detected in the district between September 1 and 10. Of these, four were found positive and all are now doing fine. As many as 168 samples were tested in Bargarh district during August. However, no one was found infected with scrub typhus, he said.

Public Health Director Niranjan Mishra alerted people about the mite-borne disease. The scrub typhus infection spreads when a chigger bites someone. The persons who frequently visit farmland or forests are vulnerable to the infection, he said. The most common symp toms of scrub typhus include fever and a black inflamed mark on the skin called 'eschar', Mishra said

When fever continues for several days, the patient should go through an ELISA test to scrub typhus. The test is available at the district public health laboratory of all district headquarters hospitals in the state. If diagnosed early, the disease can be treated effectively, he said.

Covid-19 pandemic

#### PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

Bhubaneswar; Sept 13: Student leaders in Odisha Wednesday demanded that the state government announce the dates for students' union elections in colleges and universities. They warned of protests in col-

leges and universities if students' union elections are not held this vear as the schedule for the students' elections was not mentioned in the academic calendar 2023-2024 prepared by the state Higher Education department.

The Higher Education department has directed vice-chancellors and principals to strictly implement the common academic calendar.

As per the academic calendar, there will be a minimum of 180 teaching days and 72 holidays excluding Sundays.

However, in the academic calendar, the department has not mentioned a schedule to conduct the students' union election

Congress, has also warned that it would protest in all the colleges if the students' union election is stopped.

"In an undemocratic way, the government has stopped conducting the union polls since 2018. If the college union polls are held. BJD will be rooted out from the state. So, in fear of defeat, the Naveen Patnaik government is not conducting the campus polls," said Yashir

Nawaz, state president of NSUI. Arijit Patnaik, state secretary, AVBP said the government has killed the leadership quality of the students. There are about 20 lakh youth voters on college

campuses. So, the government fears that they will go against it, he alleged. "We strongly demand the con-

duct of the college polls. Otherwise, ABVP will hit the

In this year's academic calendar, there is no proposal to conduct the campus polls. If the students' union election will not be conducted, the students can put forth their demands and issues at the administrative level

demic.

**DEVI RANJAN TRIPATHY I** BIJU CHHATRA JANATA DAL PRESIDENT

GYAN RANJAN MOHAPATRA, OP

Bhubaneswar, Sept 13: The **Commissionerate Police foiled** a highway robbery bid by four robbers who they rounded up during a raid in Nayapalli area of the city late Tuesday night.

The accused were identified as Pintan Nayak, 23, and Mantu Naik, 25- of Jhumpudia in Dhenkanal district, Santosh Kumar Pradhan, 26, and Rakesh Mukhi, 20 - of Mundasahi in Nayapalli police limits of the city.

A team of sleuths from Nayapalli police station during night patrolling Tuesday received a tip-off about the assembly of some anti-social elements near an isolated spot adjacent to the Central Reserve Police Force (CRPF) office at IRC village. The cops immediately made a swoop at the place and nabbed four of them while their fifth associate managed to give police the slip.

The cops allegedly recovered a knife, a sword and other sharp weapons along with various incriminating materials from the possession of the accused persons who turned out to be robbers. They allegedly confessed to the police that they were planning to commit robbery on National Highway 16 the same night.

During the course of investigation, the police found that two robbery cases were registered against Mantu at Nayapalli police station and one more at Khandagiri police station. Similarly, four cases at Nayapalli and one at Tamando police station are pending against arrested accused Santosh. Rakesh was involved in one criminal case registered against him at Nayapalli police station.

The accused Wednesday were produced before a local court that remanded them to judicial custody.

# MEDIA TRIAL MAY DEFLECT 'CAUSE OF JUSTICE': SC

#### PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

New Delhi, Sept 13: A media trial may result in "deflection of cause of justice", the Supreme Court observed Wednesday and directed the union home ministry to prepare within three months a comprehensive manual on how police should brief journalists about criminal cases.

The top court said there is an urgent need for a Standard Operating Procedure (SOP) about how journalists should be briefed as there has been an upsurge in reporting on criminal offences in print, electronic and social media since the last guidelines on the subject were issued by the Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA) in 2010.

A bench headed by Chief Justice D Y Chandrachud said a delicate balance has to be maintained between the media's fundamental right to free speech and expression, the right of the accused to fair investigation, and the privacy of the victim. The top court also asked the

Directors General of Police (DGP) of all states to submit their suggestions to the MHA within a month on how to go about preparing the manual. "All DGPs, in a month, should communicate to Ministry of

Home Affairs, their suggestions for guidelines...National Human Rights Commission's suggestions may also be taken," the bench, also comprising Justices PS Narasimha and Manoj Misra, said.

The SC said any disclosure by police at a "premature stage",

investigation is on, triggers a media trial that affects administration of justice since it could also influence the judge conducting the trial. The top

court said the nature of disclosure by police, in the absence of an SOP, cannot be uniform as it would depend on the nature

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crime and participating stakeholders including victims, witnesses and accused. The age and gender of the victim and accused also have a significant bearing on the disclosure, it said.

"Media reporting in matters involving commission of crimes involves several aspects of public interest. At a basic level, the fundamental right to free speech and expression is directly both in terms of rights of media to portray and disseminate news, views and information and the  $right\,of\,\,the\,viewing\,public\,and$ readers to receive a diversity of opinions.

"There can be no gainsaying in the fact that the media in terms of its right to speech and expression and consumers have a right to receive fair and unbiased information. Criminal offences and investigation by law enforcement machinery involves significant elements of public interest bearing upon the right to inform as well as the right to know," the bench said.

The apex court said there are competing considerations involving the accused and the victim which needed to be consid-ered as they have immense significance.







# downtown

# **Pact inked with 6 banks** to serve unbanked GPs



#### PNN & AGENCIES

Bhubaneswar, Sept 13: The state government has entered into a memorandum of understanding (MoU) with six public sector banks for catering to all unbanked gram panchayats, Wednesday, officials said.

The lenders include State Bank of India, Punjab National Bank, Union Bank of India and UCO Bank. Around 65 per cent of the 6,798 gram panchayats (GPs) do not have brick and mortar branches, they said

"Since banking is an essential service for financial inclusion, every GP of the state needs to be provided with a brick and mortar branch for easy access to banking services, and strengthening the direct benefit transfer

### Radhika feted by Soa

Bhubaneswar: Siksha 'O' Anusandhan (Soa) University felicitated Radhika Sharma in a programme Wednesday for her commendable performance in Odisha Administrative Service (OAS) examination. Sharma, who is a student of the 2014-19 batch of B.A. L.L.B. course at Soa National Institute of Law (SNIL), was felicitated by SOA founder president Manojranjan Nayak. Sharma, a graduate of SNIL, secured 47th rank in the OAS examination. She is a faculty of legal studies at the Soa University. Sharma credited Soa and her teachers for her success saying she had received all encouragement from her faculty members. She said she would also try to qualify for the Civil Services examination. SNIL Dean SAK Azad, senior professors of the institution Prabir Patnaik and Madhusudan Das and Associate Professor Chinmoy Mohapatra were present on this occasion.



system," an official said. The Odisha government has, therefore, come forward with a scheme for providing banking services to every GP through 'CSP (customer service point) plus banking outlets', he said.

The scheme, for which a provision of Rs 500 crore has been made, will be implemented in a phased manner to cover all unbanked GPs within the current financial year, he said.

'Odisha is the first state in the country to adopt such an exemplary model for providing

## **'Medical records** integral part of healthcare industry'

#### POST NEWS NETWORK

Bhubaneswar, Sept 13: SUM Ultimate Medicare (SUMUM) organised an event to observe the first National Medical Records Day, introduced by the Health Records Association of India, here Tuesday.

The event was attended by all the heads of departments and faculties at the hospital. Chief of Medical Services Biraj Mohan Mishra was the chief guest whereas Medical Superintendent of the hospital PK Panda was the guest of honour.

Head of the medical records department Manas Ranjan Sethi, while addressing the gathering, said that medical records had been the integral part of the health care industry's administrative system where the hardships of the medical record professionals needed to be appreciated.

banking services to all GPs," an

official of the finance depart-

initiatives by any state govern-

ment to transform financial in-

clusion and take it to the next

level in line with the 5T mantra

of the Chief Minister. Odisha

is the first state in the entire

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plary model for providing bank-

People residing in all Unbanked

Gram Panchayats of the state

will have easy access to all kinds

of banking services, free of cost.

Senior citizens, differently-abled

people and pregnant women will

get door step banking services

and avail the Direct Benefit

Transfer (DBT) of the govern-

ment in a timely manner.

ing services to all GPS.

This is one of the land mark

ment said.

The contribution of the medical records department in the healthcare industry has been immense. Starting from running the administration to rendering effective service to the patients, medical records have a crucial role to play.



# IMD predicts heavy rainfall

#### PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

Bhubaneswar, Sept 13: With the formation of a low pressure area in the Bay of Bengal (BoB) and the India Meteorological Department (IMD) forecasting heavy rainfall across the state, Odisha government Wednesday put certain districts on alert and asked to take all precautionary measures to deal with the situation.

The direction was issued by Special Relief Commissioner (SRC) Satyabrata Sahoo while holding a review meeting on the emerging situation following formation of a low pressure area.

The district collectors who were present in the state capital to attend the ECI meeting were apprised of the IMD forecast and asked to take actions accordingly, an official said.

The IMD in a bulletin said the low pressure area in the BoB has further intensified and under its influence, heavy rainfall is likely to occur in the next 24 hours. South Odisha, north Andhra Pradesh and Chhattisgarh are likely to experience heavy rainfall, it said. From Thursday 8:30am till Friday 8:30am, the IMD forecast Orange warning (Be Prepared) of heavy to very heavy rainfall (7 to 20 cm) very likely to occur at a few places over the districts of Koraput, Nabarangpur, Nuapada, Bolangir, Kalahandi, Kandhamal, Rayagada, Gajapati and Ganjam.

Meanwhile, the state has received extremely heavy rainfall



in four places and heavy rainfall in 16 places. The places where extremely heavy rainfall has been recorded till 8:30am of Wednesday were: Lanjigarh in Kalahandi district (156.4 mm), Daringbadi in Kandhamal district (128 mm), Chitrakonda in Malkangiri district (117 mm), Attabira in Bargarh district (116 mm), Tikabali in Kandhamal district (114 mm) and Bhanjanagar in Ganiam district (102 mm).

Earlier, the IMD had issued a Red warning of scattered heavy to very heavy rainfall (7 to 20 cm) with isolated extremely heavy (over 20cm) in the districts of Malkangiri, Koraput, Nabarangpur, Kalahandi, Bolangir and Kandhamal by 8:30am of Wednesday.

It had also issued an Orange Warning (Be Prepared) of heavy to very heavy rainfall (7 to 20 cm) at one or two places in the districts of Nuapada, Subarnapur, Boudh, Nayagarh, Khurda, Puri, Ganjam, Gajapati and Rayagada.

Similarly, from 8:30am Wednesday to the same time Thursday, the IMD issued a Red warning of scattered heavy to very heavy rainfall (7 to 20 cm) with isolated extremely heavy (over 20 cm) in the districts of Cuttack, Dhenkanal, Angul, Nayagarh, Boudh, Subarnapur, Kandhamal and Ganjam.

It also issued an Orange Warning (Be Prepared) of heavy to very heavy rainfall (7 to 20 cm) to occur at one or two places over the districts of Jajpur, Jagatsinghpur, Khurda, Puri, Gajapti, Rayagada, Nabarangpur, Kalahandi, Nuapada, Bolangir, Bargarh and Sambalpur Wednesday.

"The districts under red/orange/yellow warning to keep administrative machinery ready to face any eventuality," the SRC office said in a press release, adding that in case of overtopping of roads/ bridges due to heavy rain, the collectors were told to restrict plying of vehicles by deploying police and local officer, if situation arises.

In case of damage of houses, polythene sheets shall be provided and further arrangements shall be put in place while collectors will also ensure that in case of falling of trees, the local fire services shall be utilized for road clearance.

Meanwhile, a report received from Koraput district said train services were affected between Rayagada and Koraput after a huge boulder fell on tracks between Tigiri and Laliguma under Waltair Division Wednesday.

# Over 65% pleas during 5T Secy's visit resolved

#### POST NEWS NETWORK

Bhubaneswar, Sept 13: Secretary to Chief Minister (5T) VK Pandian along with CMO officials during his whirlwind tours to all the 30 districts in the last six months has received 57,085 grievances out of which more than 65 per cent have been disposed of. This was revealed during a review meeting conducted by Pandian with the district Collectors, Wednesday.

According to sources, Pandian conducted public grievance meetings and reviewed the progress of various developmental works in all the districts where he received 57,085 grievances of which 37,513 have been resolved till now (65.71 per cent).

At Wednesday's meeting

He reviewed the progress of various important projects that have been sanctioned after the district visit by CMO officials and progress of various educational institutions and religious/community projects sanctioned under Chief Ministers Special Assistance (CMSA) scheme and asked the Collectors to ensure their completion within the timeline. He emphasised that the community should be closely involved from the conception to the completion stage.

During the execution of various projects that have been recently sanctioned from CMSA and other schemes, he directed the Collectors to ensure the implementation of 5T principles. Under Transparency - all sanctioned projects should have project pillar and information board, pre-execution photo, during execution and post-execution photo. Under Team Work - involvement of the community at all stages, conception, sanction and implementation. Under Time-execution as per the project timelines with emphasis on quality; and Technology - to speed up the work all leading to Transformation.



PAYING HOMAGE: Chief Minister Naveen Patnaik pays floral tributes to former Speaker and Digapahandi MLA Late Surya Narayan Patro on his 12th day ritual



# 'Higher education to be more vibrant utilising 5T'

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#### AFFIDAVIT

By virtue of affidavit Sl.No. 28561/ Dt.02.09.2023 sworn before Notary Public, Bhubaneswar, I, Sasmita Rout, age- 23 yrs., D/o Kailash Chandra Rout, residence of Sahasapur, Jajapur Sadar, Dist.- Jajapur- 755017 have changed my name from 'Rasmita Rout' to 'Sasmita Rout' for all future purposes.

I, PARASURAM PRUSTY, S/O-BISWANATH PRUSTY, Resident of Ward No.2, MIG-2-386, Ground Floor, Phase-6, Sailashree Vihar, Bhubaneswar urban, PIN-751021, Odisha, India, declare by this affidavit dtd.12.09.2023 that now onwards I shall be known as PARSURAM PRUSTY for all future purposes.

#### POST NEWS NETWORK

ernment aided and non-government aided colleges partici-Bhubaneswar, Sept 13: A workpated in the workshop. shop-cum-orientation pro-

The prime objective of the gramme for principals of govworkshop was to foster dialogue ernment and non-government among the key stakeholders in the higher education sector in the ucational institutions was held state on various topics ranging at the Convention Hall of Lok from financial schemes to technical advancements. Seva Bhawan here, Wednesday.

Vice-Chancellors of three uni-Presiding over the workshopversities, 370 principals of govcum-orientation programme, **Higher Education Minister** Atanu Sabyasachi Nayak said, The field of higher education in the state will be more vibrant utilising the 5Ts. Odisha has excelled in food security and sports. We will achieve all-round excellence in the higher education sector by our unified approach.'

Mo College chairman Akash Das Nayak said, "Education is our valuable resource based on which we will be able to translate the dream of our Chief Minister into reality. Alumni of all colleges must come forward and contribute towards this process of transformation."

5T Secretary VK Pandian said Chief Minister has sanctioned Rs 1.000 crore for infrastructure development of the colleges in the first phase.

5T Secretary asked the Collectors to ensure personal attention towards disposal of public grievances. It was informed that 24,722 letters have been written to the petitioners regarding their grievance redressal and 22,407 phone calls also made in this regard.

Pandian appreciated the Collectors for their proactive and sensitive approach in resolving these grievances.

He also reviewed the drinking water and electricity related issues, and directed the authorities concerned to resolve them on priority.

Pandian also discussed various issues being faced by the districts and gave them suggestions on how to proceed towards resolving the grievances.

# 1.30L primary teachers on mass leave, 54K schools closed

#### PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

Bhubaneswar. Sept 13: As the indefinite ceasework by primary teachers of state-run schools in the state entered the sixth day Wednesday, about 1.30 lakh teachers took mass leave after closing down about 54,000 schools across the state

aided colleges, and teachers of ed-

While teachers staged an agitation pressing for the abolition of the contractual appointment system and the reimplementation of old pension, about 40 lakh students of state-run schools remained out of their institutions. The teachers continued their stir despite the Odisha government's appeal to withdraw their strike.

The teachers under the banner of United Primary Teachers Federation launched an indefinite agitation last Friday (September 8) for fulfillment of their demands include abolition of the contractual appointment system, hike in grade pay and restoration of the old pension scheme.

As the government did not take any steps on their demands, the aggrieved teachers went on mass leave and staged protests before the offices of block education officers (BEOs), said Brahmananda Maharana, an



agitating teacher.

Due to the protest, primary education in 56,000 schools has been hit badly. Maximum schools were locked after prayers while

in some schools, one or two teach ers conducted the classes

"Instead of looking into our demands, the government has constituted a sub-committee. When

an inter-ministerial panel has already been constituted, what is the need of the sub-committee?." a teacher leader asked. He also alleged that the sub-committee was formed "only to delay the process'

Meanwhile, opposition BJP and Congress slammed the state government for failing to address the issues of school teachers.

Though five days have already passed, the government has failed to address their grievances, said state BJP spokesperson Anil Biswal

Due to the apathy of the state government, the entire education system has virtually collapsed in the state, he alleged.

"When the government can spend Rs 500 crore on the chopper ride of a secretary, why are they unable to pay proper salary to the teachers?" asked the BJP leader.

State Congress president Sarat Pattanayak said an 'emergency' like situation has been created in the education system in Odisha. The government is sitting idle without resolving their issues, he said

On the other hand, BJD MLA Arabinda Dhali said the state government will certainly look into their genuine demands.

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# SAMBALPUR NECKLACE ROAD PROJECT

**NHAI unearths fraud for fat compensation** 

**18 HOUSES ERECTED ON LAND ACQUIRED FOR PROJECT DECLARED ILLEGAL** 

#### POST NEWS NETWORK

Sambalpur, Sept 13: The National Highways Authority of India (NHAI) has declared 18 houses constructed on the land acquired for construction of a necklace road in Sambalpur as illegal and void, a

said report Wednesday. Moreover, questions have been raised on the survey of special land acquisition department.

Notably, the NHAI

has planned for construction of a four-lane outer necklace road or ring road at an expense of ₹1,000 crore in Sambalpur town to ease the town's burgeoning traffic

The ring road will start from Goshala, Katapali on NH-53 and run via Maneswar, Jayantpur and Kabrapali via Gunderpur on the state highway connecting Sonepur to connect with the Rourkela-bound Biju Expressway at Sasan and the two national highways connecting Cuttack and Kolkata. The NHAI also issued notice to the concerned land owners for acquisition of their land under Section-3(A) of the Land Acquisition Act.

However, many people eyeing

POST NEWS NETWORK

Berhampur, Sept 13: Acting

on a tip-off, police busted a sex

racket operating from a rented

house at Shakti Nagar, first lane

under Nimkhandi police limits

in Ganjam district Wednesday.

A team from Nimkhandi po-

lice station raided a house at

first lane in Shaktinagar. The

police team caught three women

there in compromising position.

The women including one from

neighbouring Andhra Pradesh

owner and two youths were ar

Five mobile phones, liquor

bottles, cash worth ₹5,000 and

several objectionable items were

seized from the house. The res-

rested

were rescued while the house

Sex racket busted; 3

#### fat compensation constructed houses even after notices were issued to them for acquisition of their land. A report highlighting the manipulation done by people to grab hefty government compensation was published by

Orissa POST. The fraud came to the fore after NHAI authorities wrote a letter-629, dated June 30, 2023 to the Sambalpur district administration. In its letter, the NHAI has declared 18 houses constructed on the land earmarked

for acquisition as illegal and void. The letter mentions the names of the beneficiaries. the valuation of their houses and that the houses

have been constructed after the date of issue of notice.

As per norms, the status of land cannot be changed in the concerned area after notification for land acquisition is issued. The notice debars the land owners from construction of any new structure or further construction on their land identified for acquisition. In case of any urgency, the concerned land owner has to obtain the permission of the district Collector before carrying out any new construction. However, the rules

here This letter has exposed a major fraud involving crores of rupees. Locals questioned how the valuation of newly constructed



houses was done despite NHAI having proof about the wrongdoing. They claimed that the involvement of bigwigs and government officials will stand exposed if the irregularities

are probed by a special team. The houses which NHAI has cancelled for compensation due to illegal construction have been valued at ₹1.68 crore of Bhagaban Pradhan, ₹1.32 crore of Jaga Oram at Khuliapali, ₹92 lakh of Balaji Builders at Halipali, ₹35 lakh of Prakash Swain, ₹45 lakh of Subala Bhoi, ₹1.9 crore of Binod Pradhan,

₹45 lakh of Panchanan Nath at Dedar, Nuapalli village. Similarly, ₹29 lakh of Anand Oram, ₹1.59 crore of Biranchi Meher at Sudunga village, ₹26 have been completely violated lakh of Purusottam Sahu, ₹49 lakh of Ajit Panigrahi, ₹7 lakh

of Sangita Agarwal, ₹12 lakh of Girija Agarwal, ₹13 lakh of Pushpa Agarwal, ₹65 lakh of

Shila Narmada, ₹59 lakh of Gangadhar Sethi, ₹27 lakh of Ranjit Singh Chawla and ₹78 lakh of Bipin Bihari Seth at Gunderpur.

The NHAI authorities have termed the construction of these houses on land already earmarked for ring road project and after issuance of notice as illegal and void. These houses have been constructed after June 15, 2022 on these plots that had no houses at that time.

When contacted, NHAI project director S Nageshwar Rao said the district administration has been issued a letter informing them about the fraud. Further action will be taken as per norms, he said.

Sources said that the NHAI has floated a tender for construction of the ring road while acquisition of land for the project is also underway

# Decomposed body of doctor recovered from locked house

#### POST NEWS NETWORK

Keonjhar, Sept 13: Police Wednesday recovered the decomposed body of a doctor from a locked house at Mahadeijoda village under Sadar police limits in Keonjhar district.

The deceased was identified as Dr Balaram Sahu, 65, of the village. He was staying in the house after his retirement from Bhanda community health centre (CHC) under Champua block

The deceased doctor was unmarried and staying alone in the house. Neighbours said he was under mental stress due to old-age related problems and loneliness.

Police said that the house had been locked 🚮 for the last two days but neighbours informed them after stench started ema nating from

the house

Police broke open the door and seized the decomposed body in the presence of his kin. A case was registered in this connection and the body sent for post-mortem.

It is suspected that the doctor may have died because of heart stroke but the actual reason can be ascertained only after the post-mortem report is available to us, Sadar IIC Ramakant Roy said.



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# 2 brand new nature parks inaugurated in Sambalpur

#### POST NEWS NETWORK

Sambalpur, Sept 13: Two new nature parks -- Hirakud Nature Park at Govindpur and Debrigarh Nature Park at Zero Point, which are the two ends of Debrigarh Wildlife Sanctuary located here -- were inaugurated Wednesday. Both the nature parks are adjoining Debrigarh Wildlife Sanctuary and the

Ramsar wetland of Hirakud. PCCF (Wildlife) Sushil Kumar Popli inaugurated both the and thereby aiding their conparks in presence of local villagers who will manage them under supervision of Debrigarh forest authorities in the presence of divisional forest officer (DFO) Anshu Pragyan Das.

Govindpur is a beautiful village on Odisha-Chhattisgarh border, on the banks of Hirakud reservoir on the foothills of Debrigarh sanctuary while Zero Point is the entry point to Debrigarh from Sambalpur side. Hirakud Nature Park is at

Govindpur village on the foothills of Debrigarh sanctuary over looking Hirakud wetland. Hirakud Wildlife Division has recently started boating facilities at



'birds' village' during 2022 as this village community since ages has been providing protection to the migratory birds coming to Hirakud lake from various countries of the world

servation. Thousands of picnickers, bird watchers and visitors come to the birds' village for picnicking and boating in Hirakud. This area of the artificial lake has many submerged temples and hills within the reservoir. Debrigarh Nature Park at

Zero Point, entry point to Debrigarh Sanctuary, has similar amenities. It will be managed by the local forest-dependent communities as an alternative livelihood option. The refreshment kiosk, souvenir shop, boating facilities

have been completed.

## **GOVERNMENT OF ODISHA** DEPARTMENT OF P.R. & D.W. OFFICE OF THE PANCHAYAT SAMITI. TALCHER **INVITATION FOR BIDS (IFB) IDENTIFICATION No. TAL-01/2023-24** E-mail: ori-talcher@nic.in

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Bhabinipur village. During probe, police found out that Amulya has been running the sex racket in the house for long.

Abdul and Surya used to lure girls with attractive monetary offers and engage them in flesh trade. A case was registered in this connection and the accused persons and the women were taken for medical examination.

# **BEAR MAULS FARMER**

Wednesday at Sana Purunapani area under Manoharpur panchayat of Anandapur block in Keonjhar district. The deceased was identified as Ghanashyam Hembram, 45, of Sana Purunapani village. The incident occurred when Ghanashyam had gone to his farmland cultivation works. He came face to face with three bears which attacked and mauled him brutally. He sustained critical injuries on multiple parts of his body. Family members rescued him in critical condition and rushed him to Anandapur hospital where doctors pronounced him dead. On being informed his family members. The rest compensation of ₹5.40 lakh will be given to his family after completion of necessary formalities. District Congress secretary Hadibandhu Khuntia demanded to provide financial assistance to his kin as he was the lone bread winner in his family.

# Kantipal: A farmer was killed in bear attack

about 500 metre from his house to oversee his forest officials gave away ₹60,000 ex-gratia to

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cued women were handed over to their family members.

The arrested accused are house owner Amulva Padhi. Abdul Kalim of Khaja Sahi here and Surya Kiran Jena of

Amulya managed to get bail under Section-41 Of CrPC while the other two accused were produced in the court and remanded to judicial custody.

# Over 1.23 lakh monsoon birds throng Bhitarkanika



PNN & AGENCIES

Kendrapara, Sept 13: An estimated 1,23,867 monsoon birds were sighted and 26,118 nests were spotted by forest enumeration teams during the monsoon bird census this year in Bhitarkanika National Park in this district.

Park sources Tuesday said 7,797 more residential birds thronged Bhitarkanika National Park this year for the nesting process. This year, 1,654 more nests were reported in comparison to last year.

The monsoon bird census was carried out from September 3 to September 8 at four places in and outside Bhitarkanika National Park.

The monsoon birds selected 1,760 trees inside the park to build 26,118 nests, DFO of Rajnagar Mangrove Forest and Wildlife Division Gopinath Sudarshan Jadav said.

However, not a single nest has been spotted at Bagagahan Heronry, which has been a favourite nesting place for the monsoon bird species over the years. Last year, the monsoon birds did not visit the Bagagahan heronry. The monsoon birds have preferred to build nests at Laxmi Prasad Dia, Mathadia and Durgaprasad Dia heronries.

This time, the enumerators spotted

a new nesting place at Bali Dia under Rajnagar forest Range.

In Laxmi Prasad Dia, the forest personnel sighted 12,480 nests, 11,599 nests at Mathadia, and 1,532 nests in Durgaprasad Dia.

Altogether, 507 nests were found at Bali Dia. As many as 10 out of 11 types of species thronged to Bhitarkanika National Park this year.

The residential bird species that visited Bhitarkanika this monsoon included the Asian open-billed stork, large Egret, intermediate Egret, Little Egret, purple heron, Grey heron, Little cormorant, Black crowned Night heron, Black headed Ibis and Darter ,DFO Jadav said.

Asian open-billed stork once again came in larger numbers than other bird species. Similarly, the darter, which is called a snake bird and has become a rare species nowadays, was spotted during the census drive.

Every year, with the onset of monsoon season, these birds generally come in large numbers to Bhitarkanika, and the nesting process is completed by the end of November.

Darter, Grey Heron and Purple Heron start breeding early, and often chicks are seen during the first week of August, whereas Open-billed Stork and White Ibis are among the late breeders, with hatchlings seen during the August last week or September first week.

Open-billed Storks prefer to form their nests in Guan trees, and avian species form their nests on the top canopy, whereas the lowermost branches are preferred by smaller birds like little cormorants, forest official sources said



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# **Question Of Ethics**

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ast month, California regulators allowed two companies that operate self-driving cars to accept paying customers in San Francisco. The first week did not go well. One car drove itself onto freshly poured concrete in a road construction zone with traffic cones and workers with flags. The car got stuck in the wet concrete, and the company will be paying to repave the road.

In a more serious incident, a passenger in a driverless car was injured in a collision with a fire truck. As a result, the operator agreed to halve the number of driverless vehicles it operated in San Francisco.

The decision to permit self-driving cars may usher in a new era of transportation, or it may prove to be a false dawn. Either way, the issues surrounding self-driving cars illustrate many of the ethical questions raised by the impact of artificial intelligence on everyday life.

A world in which most vehicles were fully autonomous would have many advantages. Most private cars spend a great deal of time idle. If everyone could call up an autonomous vehicle whenever required, there would be no need to own one's own car, thus saving resources. Moreover, by keeping traffic flowing more smoothly, the widespread use of driverless cars may also save fuel and time.

But the most important reason for elim-

inating human drivers is that it could also eliminate the human errors that cause so many traffic accidents, injuries, and deaths. (The US National Highway Traffic Safety Administration puts the death toll on US roads last year at 42,795.)

Elon Musk has said that developing fully autonomous vehicles is a moral obligation because it can bring about a "virtually accident-free future." But that future is still some distance away: to date, the Teslas that Musk's company makes have been involved in more than 700 crashes, with 17 fatalities, when operating on Autopilot, their driver assistance mode.

Both companies operating driverless cars in San Francisco claim that their cars are involved in fewer collisions, and especially fewer collisions involving injuries, than human drivers in a comparable driving environment. But the validity of such claims is contested, owing to doubts about the driving environments being compared Still, even if the latest generation of driverless vehicles is less safe than the average human driver, it could be argued that putting them onto city streets now is justified because doing so will save so many more lives in the long run. Once autonomous vehicles are perfected, we may even restrict human drivers to lower speeds, or prohibit them altogether, because the risk

that they pose to other road users, relative to the safer option provided by driverless cars, becomes unacceptable.

Not surprisingly, opposition to "robo-taxis" has come from taxi drivers – a response familiar from other areas where AI threatens to put people out of work. By enhancing productivity, advocates say, AI will allow us to achieve a better work/life balance. But "us" will not include anyone who loses their job to AI, unless they are retrained for other work, and unless companies are required to pay their employees a living wage for a shorter work week. Will there be the political will to do that?

Looking further into the future, what if AI becomes so successful that few humans have jobs at all? Will we be able to develop new purposes that will replace the role of work in giving our lives meaning and fulfillment?

AI programming is likely to be another area for regulation. To return to the example of driverless vehicles, consumers in an unregulated market will seek cars that minimise the risk to themselves or their



Peter Singer & Tse Yip Fai

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oinciding Vishwakarma's with Jayanthi on 17 September this year, the government of India is launching its PM Vishwakarma scheme as if to satiate this divine architect and craftsman deity. The boon, the quid pro quo, the Modi government seeks from this God. looks to be the bountiful votes to the ruling party from the OBCs, who constitute about 52% of the population, in the coming elections to five state Assemblies Mizoram, Chhattisgarh, Madhva Pradesh. Rajasthan. and Telangana - toward this yearend and to the Lok Sabha later. The realisation of the desire will depend on to what extent the target groups will receive or at least perceive to receive the benefits: the second is always more important to the politicians be-

least perceive to receive the benefits; the second is always more important to the politicians because it is this perception that they think generates the votes for them. More so, since the scheme is slated to be implemented over five years 2023-24 to 2027-28 and the list of categories of eligible trades is stated to be expanded, the hopes and expectations, but not the actual benefits, will be tangible before elections. People's trust in the scheme is important to the party in power for the time being.

A closer look at the so far available details of the scheme suggests that it is unlikely to yield much benefit neither in quantitative nor in qualitative terms; not significant enough to woo voters from target groups despite the hype being created. Before going into the micro details, let us first look at the macro factors to see how big or small is the scheme. The five-year outlay is only ₹13,000 crore which means ₹2,600 crore per year in the entire country both in rural and urban areas. So, it is too small a sum compared to the size of OBCs.

The scheme covers eighteen trades: 1. carpenter; 2. boat maker; 3. armourer; 4 blacksmith; 5. hammer and tool kit maker; 6.locksmith; 7. goldsmith; 8. potter; 9. sculptor; 10. cobbler; 11. mason; 12. basket/mat/broom maker/coir weaver; 13. doll & toy maker (traditional): 14. barber: 15. gar



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land maker; 16. washerman; 17. tailor; and 18. fishing net maker. These are the initially identified trades and more traditional ones are supposed to be included later. The Prime Minister said in his Independence Day speech that, "In the days to come, we will launch a scheme on Vishwakarma Jayanti, benefiting individuals skilled in traditional craftsmanship, particularly from the OBC community. Weavers, goldsmiths, blacksmiths, laundry workers, barbers, and such families will be empowered through the Vishwakarma Yojana, which will begin with an allocation of around ₹13-15 thousand crore.' But we do not see weavers in the initial 18 trades list

Union minister Ashwini Vaishnaw says that the scheme is going to benefit 30 lakh families in all and five lakh families in the first year. This itself shows that the outlay is thinly spread. Afterall, poor spending cannot generate incommensurably high results leading to providing a succor to the beleaguered OBCs. Furthermore, the proposed number of people to be covered

number of people to be covered is less than half of the official estimate of 70 lakh artisan families in the country. If the unofficial figure of 20 crore is taken, the coverage would be a mere 3.5% of artisans.

Now, the micro details: the identified will get skill development training for 4-5 days with a stipend of ₹500 per day. They will get another ₹15,000 for purchase

#### of contemporary tools. Then, they will be given a PM Vishwakarma certificate and an ID card. They get a total subsidised loan of ₹2 lakh on a cheap interest, 5%; we do not yet know if any principal subsidy will be given in addition to the interest subsidy. This ₹2 lakh loan is not given all at a time: ₹1 lakh will be given first and another ₹1 lakh depending on successful performance, regular repayment, of the first tranche. The beneficiaries are also assured of getting marketing support and incentives for digital transactions.

The government has rightly identified the importance of the sector and the need to support the large section of the people depending on it for livelihood. However, it grossly failed to identify and provide the right solution

to the challenges the sector faces. Ture India's handlooms and handicrafts sectors are the second largest employment providers after agriculture. The handloom industry is the largest cottage industry in the country with 23.77 lakh looms. Undoubtedly, a large number of people are in the handloom sector with a total of 31,44,839 handloom worker households. as per the fourth handloom census (2019-20). Their incomes are too meagre for sustenance; 67.1% of weaver households get less than ₹5,000 a month and another 26.2% get incomes be-

tween ₹5000 and ₹10,000 and only 1.2% get above ₹20,000. Yet, handlooms and handi-

crafts are fetching good foreign exchange to the nation. For instance, the man-made textiles exports in 2021-22 were worth \$6.3 billion and the handicrafts were worth \$2.1 billion.

The continuance of the gurushishya tradition, the government wants, may appear a good idea on its face. But the government is unable to accept its impracticality for the simple reason that the products from artisans and cottage industries cannot compete in price and quality with those coming from modern industry. If a large number of people are continuing and de pending on these traditional occupations it is not because of the love for it nor the lure of income they can generate. It is just because they are not able to find alternative employment. Every parent in these occupations wants their children to have a modern education, and skills and be the part of modern economy and earn decent incomes They do not want their children to feel it their destiny (karma) to lead a life with low incomes and no modern education.

The peripheral supports without getting into root causes are unlikely to yield tangible results. If such schemes work, the earlier schemes and initiatives like handlooms and hand icrafts development programmes, the Khadi and Village Industries Commission, National Rural Livelihood Mission, Deendayal Antyodaya Yojana-National Urban Livelihoods Mission, the Skill India Mission and the like would have worked well and would have obviated the need for PM Vishwakarma.

As the overwhelming concern of the government now is the fast-approaching elections, its goal, to say it at the cost of repetition, clearly appears to woo the large section of the populace with big promises, but not to alleviate their woes with concrete plans and programmes that cut at the very root of the problems.

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## SPECTRUM DIPLOMACY

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passengers, even if that significantly increases the risk to pedestrians. Yet if all cars were programmed this way, the number of people killed or injured by cars would be higher than if cars were programmed to follow risk-minimisation strategies that are impartial between those inside the car and those outside it. Only regulation that requires such impartiality can prevent an outcome resembling the well-known "tragedy of the commons."

A more surprising issue raised by driverless cars is that they appear to be less reliable in detecting pedestrians with darker skin than those with lighter skin, and thus may hit disproportionately more darkskinned pedestrians. One study (published in 2019 and using technology that was state-of-the-art in 2018) suggests that this was because the software was developed and trained in regions with more light-skinned pedestrians than dark-skinned ones. If that is the case, then once we are aware of such problems, they can and should be fixed.

One important but often overlooked ethical issue raised by autonomous vehicles is whether they should be programmed to avoid hitting animals, and if so, which ones. All vertebrates, and some invertebrates, are sentient beings, liable to suffer if hit but not killed instantly. Moreover, in many species, the loss of a mate will cause distress, or may lead to dependent offspring starving to death. How we should value the lives and interests of all sentient beings is a question that AI ethics needs to address.

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- The man who asks a question is a fool for a minute, the man who does not ask is a fool for life.
- Everyone is a moon, and has a dark side which he never shows to anybody. MARK TWAIN
- However difficult life may seem, there is always something you can do and succeed at.

### WORDS WORTH

### Nidicolous

f your offspring are proving recalcitrant or obstreperous you may like to hurl the epithet nidicolous at them. It will be accurate and tantalisingly unclear; it might even provoke them to crack open a dictionary to discover whether you're insulting them. The term is unlikely to be encountered outside a specialist and rather formal book on zoology or ornithology. We found it in the article on birds in the 1911 edition of the Encyclopaedia Britannica. Latin scholars will recognise that the first part derives from the classical nidus, which is a relative of our nest as well as the source of niche and a component of a number of other specialist words. The second part is from the Latin verb colere to inhabit. However, it's more specialist than just "nest-living". It refers specifically to a bird or other animal that's hatched or born in an undeveloped state and that requires its parents to feed, care for.



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weekend in Delhi came up roses.mallyOverseas observers are laudingLetPrime Minister Modi and hisbeyorteam for the 'grand success' of thePrimemega event as Indian commen-buildtators are counting the take-Demglobal engagement beyond theDiploSummit.Dia

Admittedly, one could use several parameters to measure the success of the Summit, such as the history-making initiatives like the integration of the African Union to make it G-21, a bio-fuel alliance, the consensus-declaration issued by the leaders, fringe bilateral meetings, assertion of multilateralism and so on.

To be sure, what stands out as the India moment of G20 is the inclusion of the African Union, at least for two reasons. One, the global politics got restructured in Delhi. The European Union representing the North and the African Union of the South sit at the same table to discuss and decide the issues of the world. Second, the voice of the Global

South reflected through the 55countries AU and others got formally registered.

Let us look at the Summit and beyond with the lenses of 5Ds Prime Minister Modi used to build the global future --Democracy, Demography, Development, Dialogue and Diplomacy.

Dialogue is essential for peaceful and amicable settlement of differences. India has been emphasising on dialogue and diplomacy that go together on the Ukrainian war. Modi said more than once, "it is no time for war."

Development is an everlasting exercise. It is also a relative concept; some counties are less developed in comparison to others. Development also has differentiated meanings. Some measure it by GDP, others call for GDH -- Gross Domestic Happiness. Modi gave a call for human-centric approach in place of the GDP-based measurement of development. He underlined that the pathetic pandemic had necessitated this shift. However, development should be driven by a few global organising prin-

ciples-- participatory, inclusive,
just, and universal.

Demography has become an important input for growth and development. China's miracle growth is attributed to its 'captive and cheap' labour. But the demography has changed. China now has an aging population, and the labour cost has gone up. On the other hand, India, the most populous country in the world, has nearly 65 per cent of its population in the working-age. However, for India to harness its demographic dividend, its labour force needs to be imparted with appropriate skills for the modern economy. Demography in any country must be made productive with right skills and decent working

conditions. All the foregoing 4 Ds are contingent upon the 5th D, that is Democracy. The G7, the forerunner of G20 comprised all industrialised democracies. China's growth story confuses some countries if the Chinese model leads to wealth-creation. That is far from the truth. But the Chinese economy, as said before, was cheap labour with 'strict regulations.' Now, as China challenges the Western supremacy, they have begun to recoil and are turning to India and other democracies. Democracy is indispensable for stability, peace, and prosperity. I would like to end the assessment by simply quoting former PM Manmohan Singh's confirmedrane as the period

spurred by the Western coun-

tries that were searching for

mer PM Manmohan Singh's confirmatory as well as cautionary remarks, "I am not worried, am rather optimistic about India's future, it is on the right path on the world stage. But it will prosper only if it remains a harmonious society." It goes without saying that foreign policy and the international image of any country is a function of what happens within its borders, inside its territory. One only hopes that Prime Minister Modi and his team should hardly be oblivious to this existential reality.

> The writer is Secretary General, Association for Democratic Socialism. ©INFA

#### Serbian great

Sir, Many congratulations to Novak Djokovic for winning his fourth US Open and a record-equalling 24th Grand Slam singles championship. By doing so, Djokovic has become the oldest US Open champion in the Open era. Djokovic is the first player to win three Grand Slam titles in the same year four times, crowning his impending return to world No. 1 in the most fitting of ways. Of more importance to Djokovic, is his record against his peers. He is now a clear two ahead of Rafael Nadal and four of Roger Federer in Slam wins. His awe-inspiring 24 Grand Slam titles is a combination of dominance, redemption and history. During the presentation ceremony Medvedev humorously asked Djokovic, "What are you still doing here?" It is perhaps a question that must be lurking in the minds of the players of the current generation, as the Serbian great continues to win Grand Slam titles at an unprecedented rate against men almost a decade or more younger than him.

Ranganathan Sivakumar, CHENNAI

### A tall task

Sir, The chilling murder of a young girl working as a flight attendant trainee at her flat in Mumbai presumably by a housekeeping staff raises several questions and, at the same time, demand quick solutions. Subsequently, the 40-year-old man arrested for the alleged murder of the 24-year-old woman in the Marol locality was found dead in a police lock-up in Andheri. It is said that many housing societies in metro cities have fallen short of mandatory background verification of security and housekeeping staff. Since this is not legally mandated, residential society owners do not deem it fit to undertake a thorough employee screening. Therefore it is high time a police certification be made compulsory for employment in flats. Besides, an "employee review" should be frequently arranged under the guidance of the police. That being said, the housing societies themselves cannot shirk their responsibilities. Tracking the movement of a worker is a must. The societies should not allow any male worker to visit a single woman without a female attendant, a tall ask indeed but practicable.

Ganapathi Bhat, AKOLA



# SL prez asks Mamata if she will lead INDIA

at the residence of NCP supremo

Sharad Pawar in Delhi

that Wickremesinghe, seeing

her at the airport lounge, called

her to "join for some discussion"

when she invited him to the

state-organised Bengal Global

Business Summit (BGBS) in

Wickremesinghe saw me at the

Dubai International Airport

Lounge and called me to join for

some discussion. I have been

humbled by his greetings and

(have) invited him to the Bengal

Global Business Summit 2023

to visit the island country. "It

was a pleasant interaction with

also Wickremesinghe has invited her

said

in Kolkata," she said.

Banerjee

November 21-22.

"His Excellency the President

Sri Lanka Ranil

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#### PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

Kolkata, Sept 13: A smiling Sri Lanka President Ranil Wickremesinghe Wednesday asked West Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee in a lighter vein, whether she is going to lead the opposition alliance INDIA, at a chance meeting in Dubai

Banerjee who met Wickremesinghe at the Dubai airport was also amused by the auestion



"If people support us, we can be in a position (power) tomorrow," replied the chief minister who is on a 12-day official trip to Dubai and Spain.

Over two dozen Opposition parties have formed the Indian National Developmental Inclusive Alliance (INDIA) to take on the BJP-led National Democratic Alliance unitedly in the 2024 Lok Sabha polls.

The coordination committee of INDIA held its first meeting

# **RAJ BHAVAN VS BENGAL SECRETARIAT** Guv announces new prog for varsities bypassing edu dept In a post on X, Banerjee said

INDO-ASIAN NEWS SERVICE

Kolkata, Sept 13: The Governor's House has issued a fresh notification intimating West Bengal Governor CV Ananda Bose's decision to form a new committee for all state universities with an intent to accelerate the pace of administrative decisions and actions.

The committee christened "Speed Programme" constituted by the Governor, by virtue of being the chancellor of all state universities, is being seen as leading to yet another round of tussle between the Raj Bhavan and the state secretariat, as the announcement has been made keeping the state education department in the dark.

deep implications," she added. Banerjee reached Dubai On Tuesday evening, Calcutta High Court's division bench of Tuesday evening and was at the airport there this morning to Justices Indra Prasanna Mukerji board her flight to Spain. This and Hirnamay Bhattacharya year's BGBS is scheduled for sought an affidavit from the Raj Bhavan on a Public Interest Banerjee had Tuesday morn-Litigation (PIL) filed against the ing left for the tour of Dubai Governor's decision to not give assent to the West Bengal and Spain, during which she University Laws (Amendment) will attend business summits to attract investments to the state. Bill. 2022.



As part of the 'Speed Programme', there will be 25 committees for expediting actions relating to faculty appointments for these state universities. At the same time, the Raj Bhavan has announced the Governor's decision to form an advisory committee to oversee and ensure quick completion of the pending administrative work there

The decision to form 'Real-time Monitoring Cell' within the Raj Bhavan premises will enable the vice-chancellors and interim vicechancellors of state universities to maintain a line of communication with the Governor.

Complaints and grievances related to functioning of state universities can also be registered with this monitoring cell.

# Varanasi to boost tourism with hot air balloon rides

#### INDO-ASIAN NEWS SERVICE

Varanasi, Sept 13: The Uttar Pradesh Tourism Department and Varanasi Development Authority (VDA) have signed a memorandum of understanding (MoU) to jointly develop a 'tent city' and offer hot air balloon rides and water sports activities to visitors.

said the MoU would also gen-

erate employment opportu-

"At present, Uttar Pradesh

is leading in domestic tourism

in the country. Our effort is

to achieve the top spot in terms

of attracting foreign tourists

nities

also," he said.

on the lines of the KV Corridor," he said. Principal Secretary Mukesh Kumar Meshram said the fa-The state's Tourism and cility of hot air balloon ride was Culture Minister Jaiveer Singh previously provided to tourists

in Varanasi on a trial basis. "In view of its popularity, preparations are being made to extend the service permanently. The tourism department is conducting a survey to finalise the water sports that can be launched in the city," he added.

"After the construction of

the Kashi Vishwanath

Corridor, the city has wit-

nessed rapid economic and

social changes. The state gov-

ernment has planned to con-

struct a corridor in Mathura



# 1st UPSSF contingent reaches Ayodhya for temple security

#### INDO-ASIAN NEWS SERVICE

Lucknow, Sept 13: The first contingent of 270 personnel of Uttar Pradesh Special Security Force (UPSSF) - a special unit of the Uttar Pradesh Police tasked to provide security to religious places and towns - has reached Ayodhya to formally take over the security of the Ram Temple.

The UPSSF will be deployed in the 'red zone' of the Ram Temple complex. Until now, PAC and CRPF were deployed on the Ayodhya temple premises.

Senior officials said though the force has been trained in handling the security aspects, the contingent will undergo a crash course in behaviour management and discharge their duties while maintaining the sanc-

tity of the temple. In first phase, the UPSSE be familiarised with the temple's security system. "We will show them how to frisk and check the pilgrims, and then gradually they will be given the responsibility," the official spokesman said. A contingent of CRPF will remain deployed, while the PAC will be gradually withdrawn to the outermost cordon. "The security will be further enhanced based on the security audit and movement of pilgrims," the spokesman said. He said that the CRPF will remain stationed in the isolation zone where Ram Lalla has been installed. The 'red zone', covering an area of 108 acres, will be secured by the UPSSE A contingent of 310 other UPSSF personnel will also be



deployed at the temple later. The the opening of Kashi Vishwanath UPSSF is also being deployed at the Vidhan

corridor. The UPSSF was raised The on the lines of the **UPSSF** will be **Central Industrial** deployed in the 'red Security Force (CISF) and was zone' of the Ram Temple provided training

# Intense lightning phenomenon in Lucknow decoded

#### INDO-ASIAN NEWS SERVICE

Lucknow, Sept 13: The terrifying lightning and thunder phenomenon that Lucknow witnessed in the wee hours of September 11 is the kind never seen before.

Although lightning with thunderstorms are not unusual, the residents of Lucknow faced a harrowing night because of high frequency. The Met officials said there was lightning for 11 and half hours intermittently from 7.40pm to 7.10am.

However, the India Meteorological Department (IMD) does not have data on the number of lightning strikes between these hours and any previous records.

Atul Kumar Singh, a senior scientist at IMD Lucknow, said that fact of intense heating of the Earth's surface and atmosphere. Such type of extreme weather events undoubtedly reflects the impacts of rising atmospheric temperature and climate change. August was the hottest-ever recorded in Lucknow and Uttar Pradesh, and the heat intensified cloud activities.

Virendra Singh Yadav, a retired deputy director of the Geological Survey of India, said, "Lucknow and adjoining areas may also experience an increase in the severity and frequency of these incidents in future. Hence, there is a need for prevention, preparedness and to invest in Disaster Risk Reduction (DRR) which will save lives, livestock, property and infrastructure. It is a wakeup call to us by nature.' "Lightning is of three types. The first is thundercloud or intra-cloud lightning. The second is cloud-tocloud or Inter-cloud lightning and third is cloud-to-ground lightning (CG). The third type of lightning takes a toll on lives and property, and therefore, is of more concern to us. However, inter-cloud and intra-cloud lightning are also dangerous as they may hit aircrafts. "Its peak power and total energy are very high, with the peak power discharge in the order of 100 million watts per metre of the channel and the peak channel temperature approaching 30.000 degrees Celsius. Peak currents in a lightning discharge range up to hundreds of kilo amperes (kA) with its typical value being 40 kA.

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general (law and order) Prashant Kumar said the temple later that a futuristic and dynamic secu-

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"Two plans, one for Ayodhya and the other for its adjoining districts where events like melas and snans were organised on different occasions, will be implemented. The security plan includes deployment of a state disaster response force at the ghats to curb drowning inci-

dents." Kumar said. He added that footfall in Ayodhya is likely to increase just like it did in Varanasi after

#### complex. A contingent of by the CRPF, the Indo-Tibetan **310 other UPSSF personnel** Border Police will also be deployed at (ITBP), and the CISF. The government has sanctioned

rity plan will be made,

219 platoon commanders, 853 head constables, 3,219 constables, 340 constable drivers, and others.

These battalions are being established in Prayagraj, Lucknow, Mathura, Gorakhpur and Saharanpur.

posts for five comman-

dants, five deputy comman-

dants. 25 assistant commandants.

The headquarters of this special security force will be in Lucknow for which 87 posts have also been approved. The cops deployed in the UPSSF were taken from the PAC and the state police.

movement of cloud mass is comparatively slower during monsoon.

Cvclonic circulations over northwest Madhya Pradesh and the monsoon trough was slightly to the south of its normal position due to which there was abundant moisture supply from Bay of Bengal over the state of Uttar Pradesh in the lower troposphere.

"At the same time there was an active western disturbance in the middle troposphere which was interacting with low level easterly due to this synoptic setting up this kind of rainfall activities in Uttar Pradesh," he explained.

Noted environmentalist Prof Venkatesh Dutta from the **Department of Environmental** Science at the Babasaheb Bhimrao Ambedkar University said, "Lightning occurred owing to the

EOI Notice No. 3176 Date. 12.09.23 EXPRESSION OF INTEREST FOR PREPARATION **OF DPR and Estimate for Rejuvenation of existing** 

Water Bodies of Pattamundai Municipality No.C-1396:- Executive Officer, Pattamundai Municipality, on behalf of Municipa Council, Pattamundai, invites expression of interest for the work "Survey work for Conducting Bathymetric survey of the existing 11 no's of ponds of the Municipality". The EOI paper can be had downloaded from District Website www.kendrapara.nic.in for the period from 13.09.2023 11 A.M. to 1 P.M. of 22.09.2023 and same should drop n the drop box on or before 5 P.M. of 22.09.2023 and same will be opened at 11 A.M of 25.09.2023 at Office of the Executive Officer Pattamundai Municiplity.

The firm desires to participate in the above EOI should be submit filled in EOI along with GST Clearance Certificate of last month/quarter, GST Registration Certificate, Pan Card, Turn Over Certificate, No Relation Certificate, Similar Experience Certificate and the filled in quotation should accompany with non efundable EOI Paper Cost of Rs. 10000.00 should drawn in favour of Executiv Officer, Pattamundai Municipality payble at Pattamundai and EMD Amount of Rs 10000.00 should be deposited in the form of TDR/DD duly pledged in favour o Executive Officer, Pattamundai Municipality failing which the EOI will not be considered for Financial Evaluation. The Tender Inviting Authority reserves the righ o cancel the EOI at any point of time without assigning any reason thereof

Sd./- Executive Officer, Pattamundai Municipality OIPR-13220/11/0009/232

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Email: baripadam.hud@nic.in: Website- www.baripadamunicipality.in No. 5230 Date: 11.09.2023

#### DTCN PART-I (TECHNICAL BID) SECTION-II **COMPETITIVE BIDDING THROUGH 'e' Procurement**

No. C-1382:- The Executive Officer on behalf of Baripada Municip Baripada invites percentage rate bids in single cover system in ONLINE MODE only in conformity with Detailed Tender Call Notice (DTCN). Bid Documents consisting of Work, Estimated Cost, Cost of Tende Paper, EMD, and time of completion, Clas of contractors and the set of terms and conditions of contract and other necessary documents can be seen in Govt. website i.e. www.tendersorissa.gov.in

#### Tender Reference No. BPDM-6 of 2023-2024 Tender I.D. No.: 2023 ORULB 94197

SI. No.	Description	Critical Dates
1	Procurement Officer - Publisher / Tender Inviting Authority / Bids	Executive Officer, Baripada Municipality, Baripada
2	Name of the Work	Up-gradation of Kutcha & WBM roads to Paver roads (As per DTCN)
3	Nos. of Work	As per DTCN
4	Tendered cost of the works	As per DTCN
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(ii)	Last date & time of bidding on-line (Submission of Bids)	Dt. 25/09/2023 (5.00 P.M.)
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# Kolkata Durga Puja pandal to replicate Chandrayaan-3

IN THE PANDAL, THE GODDESS WILL BE SEEN **STANDING INSIDE A REPLICA OF THE 'VIKRAM', THE** LANDER OF CHANDRAYAAN-3. **ALONG WITH THE ROVER 'PRAGYAN'** 

#### PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

Kolkata, Sept 13: Chandrayaan-3 will come down to a Durga Puja marquee in Kolkata, as its organisers will replicate India's successful moon mission to enthral pandal hoppers.

In the pandal, the goddess will be seen standing inside a replica of the 'Vikram', the lander of Chandrayaan-3. A model of the rover 'Pragyan' will also be there.

"This is how we want to celebrate Durga Puja. We wanted to show our respect to all scientists of ISRO and how all are proud of their achievement," Anirban Roy, a member of Netaji Sporting Club said while speaking to PTI.



The country scripted history August 23 as the ambitious third Moon mission of the Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) touched down on the Moon's South Pole, propelling the country to an exclusive club of four and making it the first nation to land on the uncharted surface.

The puja committee has named the theme 'Chandralok-e Uma' (Goddess Durga on the Moon).

The theme has been conceptualised by all members of the club and they did not hire any artist to give shape to their concept, Roy said.

After entering the pandal one will see a replica of the rocket, used by ISRO for carrying out the Chandrayaan-3 mission, on top of the entry gate. The visitor will then enter a tunnel to reach the main area where the goddess will be placed.

Photographs of various scientists along with some information about them will be displayed on the walls of the tunnel. Finally, when people step inside the main 'mandap', through visual effects, they will get to see the landing of Vikram on one side, while on the other side, the earth's view from the moon can be seen.

The model of the rover Pragyan will also be placed beside Vikram.

People will get a feeling that they are on the surface of the moon and looking at the lander, Roy said.

While the traditional idol of goddess Durga is being made by artist Nemai Pal, the pandal is designed by the organisers.

Every year, several puja organisers in West Bengal choose a theme, mainly social issues, and use their pandals, idols and lighting arrangements to depict it.











Director General Air (Operations) Air Marshal Surat Singh meets IAF contingent on the sidelines of exercise 'Bright Star 2023' in Egypt



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Chief of Naval Staff, Admiral R Hari Kumar greets Bangladesh Navy Chief, Admiral Mohammad Nazmul Hassan (R) as he arrives to inspect a guard of honour at South Block lawns in New Delhi



An artist gives final touches to a clay idol of Lord Ganesh ahead of Ganesh Chaturthi festival in Mumbai, Maharashtra



Bavarian herdsmen drive their beasts on a road during the return of the cattle from the Summer pastures in the mountains near Oberstdorf, Germany

Britain's King Charles III meets schoolchildren during his visit the Discovery Centre and Auld School Close to hear more about the 3.3million pound (4.1 million US dollars) energy efficient housing project in the area in Tomintoul, Scotland



Police use water cannons to disperse Congress party activists during a protest against the recent incident of an alleged assault and urination on a watchman in Bhopal, Madhya Pradesh

All India Federation of India  $\&\,$  College Teachers Organisations including KYS members protest at Jantar Mantar in New Delhi

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# **INDIA to hold talks on seat-sharing soon**

#### PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

New Delhi, Sept 13: Taking another step in its strategic plan to take on the BJP in the 2024 Lok Sabha polls, Opposition bloc INDIA Wednesday decided to hold their first joint public meeting in Bhopal in poll-bound Madhya Pradesh in the first week of October, and said the constituent parties will start seat-sharing talks "at the earliest."

Congress General Secretary KC Venugopal, who is a member of the panel, said Abhishek Banerjee of the TMC could not attend the meeting due to the summons issued by the Enforcement Directorate(ED). The CPI(M) is yet to nominate its member. He alleged that the ED summons was a result of the "vendetta politics" of the BJP and the prime minister.

'The coordination committee decided to start the process of determining the seat-sharing. It was decided that the member parties will hold the talks and decide (seat-sharing) at the earliest," Venugopal said, reading out from a joint statement. He said the committee also de-

cided that the opposition bloc's leaders will hold joint public meetings in different parts of the country.

"The first public meeting will be held at Bhopal in the first week of October on the issue of rising prices, unemployment and cor-

ruption of the BJP government. The CORRUPTION AND CASTE CENSUS parties present in THE DECISIONS WERE TAKEN AT THE meeting the FIRST MEETING OF THE COORDINATION COMMITTEE OF THE agreed to take up INDIA GROUPING WHICH WAS HELD AT THE RESIDENCE OF the issue of the caste census," the

Congress leader said. Aadmi Aam Party(AAP) leader Raghav

Chadha later told reporters that the BJP is "badly scared" of the INDIA alliance, claiming that "they are so scared that they are even ready to change the name of the country. They love neither Bharat nor India, they only love power." National Conference(NC) chief Omar Abdullah said discussions on seat sharing will start soon.

Javed Ali Khan of the Samajwadi Party(SP) said there were no differences between the members.

exam NEET, 16-year-old Richa

Singh from Jharkhand's Ranchi

allegedly died by suicide by

hanging herself to death in her

hostel room, police said

She is the 23rd student who

committed suicide here this year,

the highest ever for the coun-

try's coaching hub. Last year,

mation about Sinha's death

around 10.30pm on Tuesday from

the private hospital where she

was taken," said Amar Chand,

an assistant sub-inspector at the Vigyan Nagar police station.

was recovered from her room

and police are investigating the

He added that no suicide note

"The police received infor-

Wednesday.

the figure was 15.



"We decided that seat sharing should be completed as soon as possible

Asked if there will be seat sharing in assembly polls as well, he said, "It is an

NCP SUPREMO SHARAD PAWAR alliance... If they bring one nation one election, even for Panchayat elections there will be seat sharing, but that is not the case at present.'

Besides Pawar, Venugopal, Chadha, Abdullah and Khan, the other leaders present at the meeting were Jharkhand Chief Minister and JMM leader Hemant Soren, CPI's D Raja, DMK's T R Baalu, RJD leader Tejashwi Yadav, JD(U)'s Sanjay Jha, PDP chief Mehbooba Mufti and Shiv Sena (Uddhav

# Balasaheb Thackeray) leader Sanjay

The government of India has set localised

sustainable development goals in order to achieve the UN's SDG 2030. Under this, a maior focus is on development works at

the rural level

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Raut. Holding of joint public rallies while taking up public issues was decided at the last meeting of the grouping held in Mumbai.

The resolution issued September 1 after the third meeting of the bloc in Mumbai, said the parties would contest polls together "as far as possible", and that seat sharing in arrangements in different states would be "initiated immediately' and concluded "at the earliest".

According to opposition leaders while seat sharing in states like Maharashtra, Tamil Nadu and Bihar have been more or less sorted out, the negotiations in Delhi, Punjab and West Bengal could be challenging.

The meeting also focussed on finalising campaigns and rallies to be held in the coming days, but no decision in this regard was announced.

Over two dozen opposition parties have formed the Indian National Developmental Inclusive Alliance (INDIA) to challenge the **BJP-led National Democratic** Alliance(NDA) unitedly in the 2024 Lok Sabha polls.

At the first meeting of the Opposition bloc in Patna in June, it was decided that the strongest candidate from each seat would be picked up for the Lok Sabha polls.

# Cabinet okays 75 lakh free LPG connections

New Delhi/Lucknow, Sept 13: : The government Wednesday allocated ₹1,650 crore towards the release of additional 75 lakh free LPG connections under the Pradhan Mantri Ujjwala Yojana (PMUY) over three years ending March 2026.

As per the existing modalities of Ujjawala 2.0, the first refill and stove will also be provided free of cost to Ujjwala beneficiaries, Information and Broadcasting Minister Anurag Thakur told reporters after the meeting of the Union Cabinet. He said Cabinet, chaired by Prime Minister Narendra Modi approved the extension of PMUY for the release of 75 lakh LPG connections over three years from Financial Year 2023-24 to 2025-26.

### UJJWALA SCHEME

Prime Minister Narendra Modi said his government accords top priority to ensure pollution free kitchen and good health for women.

### Cabinet approves phase-III of eCourts Project

Seeking to upgrade the digital infrastructure of the lower judiciary, the Union Cabinet Wednesday approved the third phase of the eCourts Project as a central sector scheme with a financial outlay of ₹7,210 crore

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1.	Sagar Pattnaik, PI No -B- Patia, Bhubaneshwar/3108	55 Chandakha Industrial Area, 0610009994	₹ 40,737.00 + unapplied interest	14.50 / 14.
_	RAIKIA BRANCH,	MAIN ROAD, RAIKIA, KANDHA	MALA, PIN-76210	
1.	G Jogeswar Patra, S	IAGER: MR. BHUSAN SABAR, /o-g.purusattam Patra, At-	₹ 7,57,593.00 +	280
	Badenaju,po-raikia,dist-kano	dhamal/08100610019511 Iresh Chandra Sabat, Raikia,	unapplied interest	50.50 ST0257600
2.	Kandhamal / 081006100183	16	unapplied interest	26.97 / 23.0
3.	Raikia, Dist-Kandhamal / 08	100610022610	unapplied interest	28.60 / 27.0
4.	Via-Raikia, Dist-kandhamal		unapplied interest	11.76 / 10.0
5.	G Jogeswar Patra, S/o-g.p Po- Raikia, Dist- Kandhamal	urusattam Patra, At- Badenaju, / 08100610021736	₹ 1,87,938.00 + unapplied interest	54.53 / 52.0
	HINJILICUT BR/	ANCH, UCO BANK,AT/PO- HINJ NAGER: MR. DILIP KU SETHY, I	ILICUT, GANJAM	85
1.	Sampad Mochiram Muni	, S/o Mochiram Ganpati Muni,	₹ 62,311.00 +	20.00 / 18.
		m, Hinjilicut/04210610029947 CH, UCO BANK,AT/PO- GODIS/		4006
	NAME OF THE MANA	GER: MR. SANJAY KU BEHER	A, PH. NO.: 735651	1766
1.	Sadhu Charan Nayak, S/ Naraj Ps Baran / 13130610	o Artta Charan Nayak, At/ Po 028865	₹ 64,581.00 + unapplied interest	24.88 / 18.
		UCO BANK, MAITREE VIHAR I ANAGER: MR. SATYA KAR, PH		
1.	Rashmita Dash, L-139 P	H-III H B Colony, Dumduma	₹ 44,451.82 +	29.01 / 28.
	Bhubaneswar / 1839061000 SHREE JAGA	NNATH TEMPLE BRANCH, UC	o BANK, PURI	
1.	NAME OF THE MANAGE	R: MR. KISHORE CH MAHARA gadhar Khutia, Lokanath Road	NA, PH. NO.: 9778	3031638 10.53 / 10.
	Puri/20620610020579		unapplied interest	
CC	NAME OF THE MAN	UCO BANK, COLLEGE SQUARI IAGER: MR. AMIT KU PANKAJ,	PH. NO.: 99050073	
1.	Dhiren Nayak, C/o Jayanti Buxi Bazar Ps Purighat Cutta	Sen At 0841 Rousa Patna, Po ack/02450610022054	₹ 1,15,373.00 + unapplied interest	43.43 / 43.
BH	ANJANAGAR BRANCH, R.C	OAD, NR U.B HIGH SCHOOL, B	HANJANAGAR, G	
4	Basant Pradhan, S/o- Siba	ER: MR. MANAS RANJAN NAYA ram Pradhan, At- Jamapalli, Po-	₹ 22,591.00 +	
1.	Dihapadhal, Bhanjanagar, G		unapplied interest	9.10 / 7.00
2.	Dihapadhal, Bhanjanagar, G	anjam / 25280610043066	unapplied interest	20.30 / 14.0
3.	Unit-6, Landei Sahi, Bhanjana	nd Chandra Behera, Bhanjamarg, agar, Ganjam / <b>25280610040409</b>	₹ 22,515.00 + unapplied interest	8.30 / 6.00
4.	Namita Gouda, W/o- Naras Tilisingi, Ganjam, Bhanjanag	singh Gouda, At- Samarada,po- ar / <b>25280610035597</b>	₹ 31,116.00 + unapplied interest	12.00 / 9.0
	AIIMS SIJUA BRANCH	I, UCO BANK, At/Po- Patrapada AGER: MR. SUJIT KU PRADHAN	, Bhubaneswar-75	
1.	Rabi Narayan Pradhan, H	IG-252.K-5, KALINGA VIHAR,	₹ 63,345.00 +	23.50 / 21.
BIL	PATRAPADA, BHUBANES	NAR/31840610020517 UT MARG, SIKSHA SOUDHA(O	unapplied interest PEPA), UNIT-V, BH	UBANESW
	NAME OF THE MANAGER:	MRS. SOUMYA SUCHARITA PA	TNAIK, PH. NO.: 8	
1.		i/o- Maheswar Swain, Unit-iv ubaneswar/20740610013953	₹ 45,292.00 + unapplied interest	14.55 / 13.
		CO BANK, AT- DALAISAHI, PO- R: MR PRADYUMNA KU BEHE		
1.	Ramakanta Pattanaik, S/	o Ramhai Subudhi, Bolagarh	₹ 1,37,426.00 +	40.90 / 39.0
1.2		Panchu Sahu, Ramachandrapur		
	Patana Bolagarh, Khurda / 3	2760610014820	unapplied interest ₹ 1,57,587.00 +	24.75 / 23.0
2.	Mamata Paramanik W/o	Suresh Chandra Parimanik		109.90 / 50.
		garh, Khurda / 32760610014271	unapplied interest	
2.	Dalaisahi, Manikagoda Bolag Mamata Paramanik, W/o Dalaisahi, Manikagoda Bolag	garh, Khurda / <b>32760610014271</b> Suresh Chandra Parimanik, garh, Khurda / <b>32760610014325</b>	₹ 1,19,026.00 + unapplied interest	46.30 / 35.0
2. 3.	Dalaisahi, Manikagoda Bolag Mamata Paramanik, W/o Dalaisahi, Manikagoda Bolag	garh, Khurda / <b>32760610014271</b> Suresh Chandra Parimanik, garh, Khurda / <b>32760610014325</b> dabari Sahoo, Firifirapatana,	₹ 1,19,026.00 +	
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2. 3. 4. 5.	Dalaisahi, Manikagoda Bolag Mamata Paramanik, W/o Dalaisahi, Manikagoda Bolag Sridhar Sahoo, S/o Go Kalanga, Khurda / 32760610 Rabindra Kumar Mahapatra, Hatasahi, Manikagoda, Khuro NARSINGHPUR BRANCH	garh, Khurda / <b>32760610014271</b> Suresh Chandra Parimanik, garh, Khurda / <b>32760610014325</b> dabari Sahoo, Firifirapatana, <b>006009</b> S/o Madhab Chandra Mohapatra, da / <b>32760610014295</b>	<ul> <li>₹ 1,19,026.00 + unapplied interest</li> <li>₹ 21,015.00 + unapplied interest</li> <li>₹ 36,000.00 + unapplied interest</li> <li>3HPUR, CUTTACK</li> </ul>	13.00 / 11.0 13.30 / 12.0 -754032
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# SHORT TAKES

### AP HC stays CID petition against Naidu's custody

Amaravati: The Andhra Pradesh High Court Wednesday stayed the proceedings in a petition filed by the state CID seeking the custody of TDP chief N Chandrababu Naidu in connection with the multicrore Skill Development Corporation scam, till September 18. The court which was hearing a petition filed by Naidu requesting quashing the FIR registered against him in the case, posted for further hearing September 19.

### Petrol pumps to remain shut in Rai

Jaipur: More than 6,300 petrol pumps in Raiasthan remained closed from 10 am to 6 pm

plained being unwell Tuesday PRESS TRUST OF INDIA night and was given medicines. Kota, Sept 13: Less than six "Earlier, there were no signs of months after she moved to Kota stress. She used to gel well with to prepare for medical entrance her friends, eat meals on time,"

Rajawat said. Over 2.5 lakh students come to Kota annually to prepare for competitive exams such as the Joint Entrance Exam (JEE) for engineering and the National Eligibility-cum-Entrance Test (NEET) for admission to medical colleges

Packed schedules, cut-throat competition, constant pressure to do better, the burden of parents' expectations and homesickness are among the common struggles of the students here, according to those working there. With the record spike in such incidents, the administration has taken several steps including mandating installation of an anti-hanging device in fans and ordering coach-

23rd student suicide in Kota PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

Wednesday as part of a strike by operators against high VAT on diesel and petrol. The petrol pumps will remain closed for the same duration Thursday as well. Raiendra Singh Bhati, State President of the Raiasthan Petroleum Dealers' Association -- which called the strike -- said the protest was against high VAT on fuel in the state. If the state government does not fulfil our demands of reducing VAT. a decision would be taken on Friday to go on an indefinite strike, Bhati said.

### I-T raids against SP leader Azam Khan

New Delhi/Lucknow: The Income Tax Department Wednesday conducted raids at more than 30 premises in Uttar Pradesh and Madhya Pradesh as part of a tax evasion probe against Samajwadi Party leader Azam Khan and those linked to him, official sources said. The searches are being conducted at properties in Rampur, Saharanpur, Lucknow, Ghaziabad and Meerut in Uttar Pradesh, and Vidisha in the neighbouring state of Madhya Pradesh, they said. The I-T probe is related to some trusts run by Khan and his family members, the sources said. The raids drew sharp reaction from the Samajwadi Party.

### Fresh violence

Imphal: Conflict-torn Manipur witnessed a fresh incident of violence as unidentified gunmen, suspected to be cadres of banned terror groups, attacked people and hurled bombs at a village in Imphal West district, bordering Kangpokpi where three persons were killed a day before, officials said Wednesday.

reason behind the alleged suicide. Hostel warden Archana Rajawat said the student com-

#### ing institutes to not take any exam for two months.

# ED questions Abhishek for nine hours

Kolkata: Senior TMC leader Abhishek Banerjee was Wednesday questioned by the Enforcement Directorate (ED) for a marathon nine hours in connection with the West Bengal teacher recruitment scam, officials said. Soon after coming out of the ED office here, Banerjee said the interrogation was an effort to prevent him from participating in the INDIA meet and a testimony to the vital role TMC is playing in forging the opposition unity. The TMC national general secretary challenged the "central agency to submit his statement before the court" and said he won't cow down even if he is questioned for 72 hours. Banerjee, the party's national general secretary, was questioned by the agency officials from 11.38am to 8.40pm, officials said. "Banerjee was called to provide evidence in connection with the school recruitment irregularities," an ED official told PTI. "The ED is wasting their time, but I don't blame them. The ED officials are doing it to please their political masters. Even if they question me for 72 hours continuously, I don't care as I have nothing to hide," he told reporters.

"It has been our government's priority to ensure pollution-free kitchens for every family across the country. We are taking strong steps in this direction, so that along with the good health of our mothers and sisters, their standard of living becomes even better,"he said on 'X'.

The total financial implication will be ₹1.650 crore.

This includes ₹2,200 per connection (14.2 kg single bottle connection/ 5 kg double bottle connection), and ₹1,300 per connection (5 kg single bottle connection).

A targeted subsidy of ₹200 per 14.2 kg LPG cylinder for up to 12 refills per year is being provided to PMUY consumers. With the release of additional 75 lakh connections, the number of PMUY beneficiaries will go up to 10.35 crore.

# Nipah scare: Kerala shuts schools, offices

The Kerala government has strengthened measures to prevent the spread of Nipah infection after the brain-damaging virus killed two people and infected two others in this north Kerala district

#### AGENCIES

New Delhi, Sept 13: A 24 year-old health worker has become Kerala's fifth confirmed Nipah case since its recent outbreak, as the government stepped up its efforts to cure a 9 year-old boy suffering from the deadly infection by ordering the only anti-viral treatment available. Kerala shut some schools, offices and public transport Wednesday in a race to stop the spread of the, which has killed two people.

An adult and a child were still infected in hospital, and more than 130 people have been tested for the virus, spread via contact with the bodily fluids of infected bats, pigs or people, a state health official said.

We are focusing on tracing contacts of infected persons early and isolating anyone with symptoms, said the state's Health Minister Veena George, who told reporters the virus detected in Kerala was the Bangladesh variant, which spreads from human to human with a high mortality rate but has a his-



tory of being less infectious.

Two infected people have died since August 30 in the state's fourth outbreak of the virus since 2018, forcing authorities to declare containment zones in at least seven villages in the district of Kozhikode. Strict isolation rules have been

adopted, with medical staff being quarantined after contact with the infected. The first victim was a small landholder growing bananas and areca nuts in the district's village of Marutonkara, said a government official who retraced the movement of the victim to track down all the people he could have interacted with and the places visited before his health started to deteriorate.

The victim's daughter and brotherin-law, both infected, are in an isolation ward, while other family members and neighbours are being tested. The second death followed contact in hospital with the first victim, an initial investigation has shown, but the two were not related, added the official, who sought anonymity as he was not authorised to talk to the media.

Three federal teams, including experts from the National Virology Institute, arrived Wednesday to conduct more tests and to survey the fruit bat population from the isolated villages. The Nipah virus was first identified in 1999 during an outbreak of illness among pig farmers and others in close contact with the animals in Malaysia and Singapore. Outbreaks are sporadic and previous infections in South Asia have occurred when people drank datepalm sap contaminated with bat excreta. In Kerala's first Nipah outbreak, 21 of the 23 infected died, while outbreaks in 2019 and 2021 claimed two more lives.

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- 5. The jewel to be handed over to the highest bidder on payment of the balance amount within 24 hours or on the next working day of the bank during its business hours.
- 6. If the successful bidder fails to pay the amount, the earnest money will be forfeited and the jewel may be resold within 30 days from the date of auction.
- The unsuccessful bidder shall be entitled for the refund of the earnest money immediately after the auction is over.
- 8. It shall be lawful for the Bank to stop the auction at any stage without assigning any reason thereto in which case the earnest money shall be returned to whoever makes the deposit

Place: Bhubaneswar, Date: 14.09.2023

Authorised Officer, UCO Bank











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The United Nations Office

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As Turkey and other coun-

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They are focused on the manufacture and use of Indian-made vehicles. I think that Prime Minister Modi is doing the right thing in promoting the Make in India programme. He is right VLADIMIR PUTIN | PRESIDENT, RUSSIA

### **BIDEN'S APPROVAL RATING RISES**

US President Joe Biden's public approval rating edged up this month to 42% from 40%, its highest level since March, bolstered by support from members of his Democratic Party even as House Republicans launch a formal impeachment inquiry



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It's not untrue that the architecture of the Security Council was designed a very long time ago, decades ago when

geographically and geopolitically the world was a very different place DENNIS FRANCIS PRESIDENT, UN GENERAL

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One shouldn't give in to the narrative used by the coup leaders that consists of saying France has become our enemy

EMMANUEL MACRON PRESIDENT, FRANCE



India came out as the leader of the Global South. That also means that it was a loss for China because they did not send their president there

MUKESH AGHI PRESIDENT, US-INDIA STRATEGIC AND PARTNERSHIP FORUM

# SHORT TAKES

### Updated Covid-19 vax for Americans

Washington: Most Americans should get an updated Covid-19 vaccine, health officials said Tuesday. Advisers to the Centres for Disease Control and Prevention endorsed the new shots for everyone six months and older and the agency's director quickly signed off Tuesday on the panel's recommendation. That means doses should be available this week, some as early as Wednesday. The severity of the Covid-19 pandemic has faded, but there are still hundreds of hospitalisations and hundreds of deaths in the US each week. Hospitalizations have been increasing since late summer, though the latest data indicate infections may be starting to level off. particularly in the South.

LIBYA LEVELLED A QUARTER OF CITY WASHED AWAY

LIBYA STORM DEATH TOLL EXPECTED TO SWELL AS SEA WASHES BODIES ASHORE

#### AGENCIES

Derna, Sept 13: Thousands of people were killed and at least 10,000 were missing in Libya in floods caused by a huge Mediterranean storm that burst dams, swept away buildings and wiped out as much as a quarter of the eastern coastal city of Derna.

125,000 inhabitants, Reuters journalists saw wrecked neighbourhoods, their buildings washed out and cars flipped on their roofs in streets covered in mud and rubble left by a wide torrent after dams burst.

Mohamad al-Qabisi, director of the Wahda Hospital, said 1,700 people had died in one of the city's two districts and 500 had died in the other.

Storm Daniel barrelled across the Mediterranean into a country divided and crumbling after more than a decade of conflict.



- in the sea, in the valleys, under the buildings. I am not exaggerating when I say that 25% of the city has disappeared. Many, many buildings have collapsed

OTHMAN ABDUL-JALIL | HEALTH MINISTER, LIBYA

Dead bodies are laid out on the ground in the hospital corridors. As more bodies were brought to the hospital people looked at them, trying to identify missing family members. The local al-Masar television

said the eastern administration's interior minister had said more than 5,000 people died.

Tamer Ramadan, head of a delegation of the International Federation of the Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies, said the death toll would be "huge" 'We can confirm from our in-

dependent sources of information that the number of missing people is hitting 10,000 so far." he told reporters via video





disaster in the country's modern history. Years of war and lack of a central government have left it

**'NEVER FELT AS FRIGHTENED'** 

In Derna, Mostafa Salem, 39

said he had lost 30 of his relatives.

"Most people were sleeping.

Nobody was ready," Salem said.

flood with his wife and small

daughter after water had reached

an upper floor, but the rest of

Raja Sassi, 39, survived the

with crumbling infrastructure that was vulnerable to the intense rains. Libya is currently the only country yet to develop a climate strategy

#### International aio

Governments including Egypt, Qatar and Turkey have rushed aid to Libya. The Italian defence ministry said it was sending two military planes, carrying firefighters and other emergency rescue personnel, and a navy ship. The United Arab Emirates has sent two aid planes carrying 150 tonnes of urgent food, relief and medical supplies to eastern Libya, the UAE's state news agency WAM reported.

At Tripoli airport in northwest Libya, a woman wailed as she received a call saying most of her family were dead or missing. Her brother-in-law, Walid Abdulati. said: "We are not speaking about one or two people dead, but up to 10 members of each family dead."

Karim al-Obaidi, a passenger

and neighbours.' An interior ministry spokesperson said that naval teams were searching for the "many families that were swept into the sea in the city of Derna".

on a plane from Tripoli to the

east, said: "I have never felt as

frightened as I do now ... I lost con-

tact with all my family, friends



### **WAR-TIME FRIENDS**

#### A senior medic in Derna told Reuters that more than 2,000 people were dead, while eastern Libva officials cited by local television were estimating a toll above 5,000. In Derna, a city of around

Islamabad: Pakistan President Arif Alvi Wednesday unilaterally proposed November 6 as the date for the general elections in a letter written to the chief election commissioner, amidst controversy over polling dates in the cash-strapped country. In his letter to CEC Sikandar Sultan Raja, President Alvi cited Article 48(5) of the Constitution, which he said: "empowers and mandates the president 'to appoint a date not later than 90 days from the date of the dissolution, for the holding of a general election to the Assembly".

Ukraine says it attacked

Sevastopol port in

seen as biggest on

Sevastopol since

2022 invasion

navy's Black Sea Fleet.

The strike on Crimea, which

was seized and annexed by

Russia in 2014, was confirmed by

Moscow. It highlighted Kyiv's

growing missile capabilities as

Russia continues to bombard

Ukraine from afar with long-

range missiles and assault

"We confirm a large landing

vessel and submarine were hit.

We do not comment on the

means (used) for the strike,'

Ukrainian military intelligence

AGENCIES

drones.

Pak polls on Nov 6

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Hanoi, Sept 13: A fire in a ninestory apartment building in Vietnam's capital killed at least 56 people, including at least four children, while 37 more are being treated, state media reported citing the police. Of the 56 people confirmed

dead, the police have identified 39 victims, the state-owned Viet Nam News said Wednesday evening.

Initial reports about the death toll were unclear since the injured and dead were taken to different hospitals across the



**BLAZE ENGULFS 56 IN VIETNAM** 

city. The fire started around midnight and was extinguished in the morning, rescue operations continued throughout the day.

The police have detained the owner of the building as part of their investigation. State-

owned national television channel VTV said four children were among those killed.

The fire was believed to have started late Tuesday and rescuers struggled to reach the building on a narrow lane in south Hanoi. It wasn't immediately clear how much of the building had burned

It was home to 150 residents, and 54 of the 70 people rescued from the fire were hospitalised for their injuries, state media said. Residents were being treated for smoke inhalation and injuries sustained as they tried to escape the building.

# Kim meets Putin in Russia as missiles launched from NK

AMID US SKEPTICISM, KIM JONG UN VOWS "FULL AND **UNCONDITIONAL SUPPORT" FOR VLADIMIR PUTIN** 



#### REUTERS

Moscow, Sept 13: North Korean leader Kim Jong Un and Russian President Vladimir Putin met for a rare summit on Wednesday at which they discussed military matters, the war in Ukraine and possible Russian help for the secretive Communist state's satellite programme.

Russia's most advanced space rocket launch site in Russia's Far East after Kim arrived by train from North Korea. Kim asked numerous detailed questions about rockets as Putin showed him around the Vostochny Cosmodrome.

After the tour, Putin, 70, and Kim, 39, held talks for several hours with their ministers and then one-on-one, followed by a an opulent lunch of Russian "pelmeni" dumplings made with Kamchatka crab and then sturgeon with mushrooms and potatoes.

Kim raised a toast with a glass of Russian wine to Putin's health, to the victory of "great Russia"

- Kim, Putin meet at Russia's new space launch station
- US, South Korea suspect arms deal for Russia in the works
- North launches ballistic missiles, first ever when Kim away

and to Korean-Russian friendship, predicting victory for Russia in its "sacred fight" with the West in the Ukraine war.

"I firmly believe that the heroic Russian army and people will brilliantly inherit their victories and traditions and vigorously demonstrate their noble dignity and honour on the two fronts of military operations and building a powerful nation," Kim told Putin.

US and South Korean officials have expressed concern that Kim would provide weapons and ammunition to Russia, which has expended vast stocks in more than 18 months of war in Ukraine. Moscow and Pyongyang have denied such intentions.

Putin gave numerous hints that military cooperation was

The Russian army and people will certainly win a great victory in the sacred struggle for the punishment of a great evil that claims hegemony and feeds an expansionist illusion KIM JONG UN | LEADER, NORTH KOREA

discussed but disclosed few details. Defence Minister Sergei Shoigu attended the talks and the Kremlin said neighbours discuss sensitive issues which are not for discussing in public.

When asked by Russian media, who were given significant access at the summit, if Russia would help Kim build satellites, Putin said: "That's why we came here."

For Russia, the summit was an opportunity to needle the United States, the big power supporter of Ukraine, though it was unclear just how far Putin was prepared to go in fulfilling any North Korean wish lists of technology. Putin said Kim now planned

to visit military and civilian aviation factories in the Russian city of Komsomolsk-on-Amur and inspect the Russia's Pacific fleet in Vladivostok.

Putin and Kim called each other "comrades" at lunch and Putin repeatedly reminded Kim that it was the Soviet Union which backed North Korea - and was first to recognise it just over 75 years to the day since it was ২ established.

Amid the Ukraine war, which has become a grinding artillery war of attrition, the United States and Kyiv's other allies are watching to see if Kim's visit paves theway for a supply of artillery to Russia.

annexed Crimea which is Kyiv, Sept 13: Ukraine said it struck Russian naval targets and port infrastructure early Wednesday in the Crimean city of Sevastopol, in what appeared to be the biggest attack of the war on the home of the Russian

> Ukraine has tried to push back against the fleet's naval dominance by attacking with sea drones packed with explosives, but Russia has continued to use its warships for missile attacks on Ukraine throughout the more than 18-month-old war

Ukraine hits Russian naval targets in Crimea

official Andriy Yusov told Reuters, giving no further details on the scale of the damage.

Russia's defence ministry said in statement that Ukraine had

attacked a Black Sea shipyard with 10 cruise missiles and three uncrewed speedboats in the early hours, damaging two military vessels that had been undergoing repairs.

It said it downed seven of the incoming missiles and that the attack boats had been destroyed by a Russian patrol ship.

"It really is the biggest attack on Sevastopol since the beginning of the war," retired Ukrainian navy captain Andriy Ryzhenko told Reuters by telephone.

The city is used by the Black Sea Fleet which the Kremlin uses to project power into the Middle East and Mediterranean and - during the war in Ukraine to impose a de facto blockade on Ukraine's seaborne food exports via the Turkish straits.

The West has poured weapons worth billions of dollars into Ukraine to help it fend off Russian forces that have occupied swathes of territory in the south and east since their fullscale invasion in February 2022.

The Ukrainian military, which launched a counteroffensive in early June, took the unusual step of publicly claiming responsibility for the strike, something it does not typically do for attacks on Russia or the Crimea peninsula.













# business



Tesla last year already bought \$1 billion worth of components from India... this year their target is \$1 7.51 0 billion

\$1.7-\$1.9 billion PIYUSH GOYAL | COMMERCE MINISTER

## **MUMBAI'S BIGGEST LAND DEAL**

Japan's Sumitomo Realty & Development Company will buy a 22-acre land parcel in central Mumbai from Bombay Dyeing for Rs 5,200 crore, the Wadias-run company said Wednesday. The sale of the land parcel in Worli is one of the biggest land sale transactions in the history of the financial capital





Technology is also moving faster than ever. We have seen over and over again from cloud to mobile to social to the data

explosion we are experiencing now. Plus now this burst of AI. Nothing like any of us have ever seen before, this has got everyone's attention

MARC BENIOFF CEO, SALESFORCE

Today, India has become the third largest automobile market in the world. Going ahead, it is estimated that, by

FY30-31, the annual passenger vehicle market size will expand to 6 to 7 million units

SUZUKI

More than 100 paper mills are expected to come under the ambit of the PAT scheme in the next one year

VADIRAJ KULKARNI VP, IPMA

# SHORT TAKES

# Russia's VTB to start ₹ transfers

Moscow: Russia's VTB Bank said Wednesday that it will launch money transfers in Indian rupees by the end of September, Retail customers will be able to send money to individuals and legal entities in India, the bank said. The maximum volume of one transaction will be 20 million roubles (\$213,106), the commission is 1% of the transfer amount. Russia's top lenders Sberbank and VTB have said they are improving their ability to convert rupees into roubles, helping exporters to get funds effectively trapped in India due to Western sanctions

## 'Byju's hid \$533mn'

New Delhi: Lenders have alleged that Byju's hid \$533 million in an obscure threeyear-old hedge fund to avoid



LATEST COURT TUSSLE

TWITTER, X HAS AN ONGOING LEGAL TUSSLE WITH MODI'S ADMINISTRATION OVER WHAT NEW DELHI ALLEGES IS NON-COMPLIANCE WITH CONTENT REMOVAL ORDERS

#### REUTERS

New Delhi, Sept 13: India's government has told a court that Elon Musk's X is a "habitual non-compliant platform" and for years has not followed many orders to remove content, undermining the government's role, according to a legal filing reviewed by Reuters.

The remarks were contained in an August 24 non-public filing by India's IT ministry to the high court in the southern state of Karnataka, which is set to hear a challenge brought by the social media platform over a government fine in coming days. X and India's IT ministry did

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has an ongoing legal tussle with Prime Minister Narendra Modi's administration over what New Delhi alleges is non-compliance with content removal orders.

In June, Karnataka's High Court fined the platform ₹5 million and said it had not complied with many blocking orders without any plausible explanation. Twitter challenged that rul-

Twitter challenged that ruling to a higher bench in the court  $% \left( {{{\mathbf{x}}_{i}}^{T}} \right)$ 



■ INDIA ACCUSES X OF WANTING TO BE A JUDGE OVER GOVT ORDERS

X ACTS ON MANY LAWFUL ORDERS ONLY AFTER WARNINGS, GOVT FILING

X HAS CHALLENGED INDIA FINE, ARGUED AGAINST CONTENT REMOVAL

and argued New Delhi could be emboldened to block more content and broaden the scope of censorship. Separately, it has sought court's

intervention to block the fine. In its 28-page filing, the IT ministry said X's plea should be thrown out, arguing the company had undermined "the role of the government in a democratic setup" and in the past unblocked some accounts - which government ordered to be

blocked - without its knowledge. X's "compliance rates with government requests have been significantly low," the ministry's filing stated. "It is the duty of the government to ensure that plat-

forms are doing business in a legally compliant manner." India and X have had strained relation for years. The tussle dates back to 2021 when the social media platform declined to block certain accounts New Delhi ordered to be taken down, related to farmer protests against the

Indian government's policies. Indian authorities have also asked the company to take down content, including accounts deemed supportive of an independent Sikh state, posts alleged to have spread misinformation about protests by farmers, and tweets critical of the government's handling of the Covid-19 pandemic.

The June ruling against Twitter followed a lawsuit filed by the company in 2022, before the social media platform was owned by Musk, challenging many of India's content removal orders.

Under Musk's ownership, X has been pursuing a legal challenge to that ruling since August.

In the latest court filing, India's government argues X is "advocating a dangerous trend" by seeking to judge the merits of government orders and that, if allowed, would make all platforms the "final arbitrator of lawful orders".

The ongoing lawsuits come when Musk's Tesla is discussing a plan to set up a factory in India to make electric vehicles.

# IndiGo set to wet lease 11 A320 jets

#### PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

New Delhi, Sept 13: Aviation watchdog DGCA has given approval to IndiGo to wet lease 11 A320 planes as the country's largest airline grapples with capacity challenges due to P&W engine woes, according to officials.

IndiGo, which operates more than 1,800 flights daily with a fleet of over 300 aircraft, is expanding its network on domestic and international routes. Around 40 planes of IndiGo

are grounded due to Pratt & Whitney engine issues.

Against this backdrop, the carrier has decided to wet lease narrow-body A320 aircraft to meet rising travel demand. IndiGo has been allowed to

wet lease 11 A320 aircraft, a senior official at the Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA) said on Wednesday.

When contacted, an IndiGo spokesperson said that with the continuous rise in travel demand, "we keep evaluating all possible measures to cater to our customers' needs".

However, the spokesperson did not comment on the wet leasing of A320 planes. A source in the know said the airline is looking to wet lease around 22 A320 aircraft.

Under the wet lease arrangement, aircraft are leased out along with operating crew and engineers. Generally, airlines opt for wet leasing of planes for short periods to tackle supply constraints.

The airline already has two Boeing 777 planes on wet lease from Turkish Airlines.

As many as 39 A320 aircraft of IndiGo are grounded out of the total fleet of 328 planes as of September 13, as per data available with the aircraft tracking website Planespotters.Net.

IndiGo is the largest customer of the A320 planes and the aircraft are powered by P&W engines.

# BULL MARKET Sensex rises for 9th day in a row, Nifty ends at record high



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Mumbai, Sept 13: Benchmark Sensex rose for a ninth straight session while Nifty closed above the record 20,000 mark for the first time Wednesday as positive macroeconomic data triggered buying in banking, energy and telecom shares.

The 30-share BSE Sensex bounced back from early lows to trade near its all-time high levels at 67,565.41 in day trading. Sensex hit the all-time intra-day high of 67,619.17 July 20, 2023.

The barometer finally settled at 67,466.99, up 245.86 points or 0.37 per cent, extending its gains to a ninth straight session - the longest winning streak in last five

months. As many as 20 Sensex shares closed in the green while 10 declined. The broader Nifty closed above the 20,000 mark for the first time,

rallying 76.80 points or 0.38 per cent to 20,070, its all-time closing high. Of 50 Nifty shares, 31 closed higher and 19 declined.

Among the Sensex firms, Bharti Airtel rose the most by 2.72

per cent. Titan, IndusInd Bank, Axis Bank, State Bank of India, Power Grid, NTPC and Tata Motors were among the among the major gainers.

Mahindra & Mahindra, Larsen & Toubro, Nestle, JSW Steel, Infosys and Tata Consultancy Services, Tech Mahindra and Maruti were the major laggards.

ex Retail inflation declined to 6.83 per cent in August after touching a 15-month high of 7.44 per cent in July, mainly due to softening prices of vegetables, but still remains above the Reserve Bank's comfort zone.

India's industrial production growth rose to a five-month high of 5.7 per cent in July, mainly due to pood showing by the manufac-

good showing by the manufacturing, mining and power sectors, according to data released Tuesday. The rupee depreciated by 6

paise to close at 83.01 against the US dollar Wednesday, weighed down by a surge in crude oil prices and strong American currency overseas.

Foreign Institutional Investors (FIIs) were net sellers in the capital market Wednesday as they offloaded shares worth ₹1,631.63 crore.

Oil prices surge ← on supply woes

#### **BIZ BUZZ Kutchina brings array of products at Dealers and Retailers Meet '23 Bubaneswar:** The leading kitchen solution provider in the East. **TPCODL wins all 10 gold awards at Quality Concept Convention 2023**

Kutchina Home Makers Pvt Ltd, Wednesday announced the introduction of a range of kitchen solution products, keeping in mind

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#### REUTERS

it being seized to make up for a loan default, but the ed-tech titan claimed its agreement with lenders did not explicitly proscribe movement of funds. Byju's US-based subsidiary Alpha Inc transferred more than half a billion dollars to Camshaft Capital Fund in 2022, Bloomberg reported, citing a lawsuit in US court. The investment firm, founded by William C Morton when he was just 23 years old, received the funds despite an apparent lack of formal training in investment. Since the transfer, luxury cars - a 2023 Ferrari Roma, a 2020 Lamborghini Huracan EVO, and a 2014 Rolls-Royce Wraith - have been registered in Morton's name, according to a lender petition in the court. Lenders claim the cash was collateral for a \$1.2 billion loan and now want control over it as there has been a default in payments

the necessity to cut time spent in the kitchen by homemakers. The brand is all set to storm the Kitchen Solution market, with the timely introduction of the technologically superior products, just ahead of the festival season. The Kutchina products are envisioned to combat the grease and oil of the Indian kitchens and as a result, the products have been liked immensely by many households. Speaking at the introduction of its new products at the Kutchina Retailer and Dealers Meet '23, Namit Bajoria , Managing Director, Kutchina Home Makers Pvt Ltd said, "Our products are not fancy, they add a different dimension banking on our technological advancement. We value the money of our customers. At the onset of any product development, we

try to identify the need and the genuineness of the requirement and with accordance to that, we add highlights, add core proficiency in our products. Today have introduced - New hob series, which is 100% gas saving/zero gas wastage, intelligent auto clean chimneys, temperature controlled waterfall, automated sink and faucet series. I am extremely confident how these products have shaped up and will definitely be adding value to the lives of our customers."



Bhubaneswar, Sept 13: TP Central Odisha Distribution Limited (TPCODL), a joint venture between Tata Power and the Government of Odisha, proudly announces its exceptional achievement at the 5th 'Chapter Convention on Quality Concept 2023', organised by Quality Circle Forum of India (QCFI) in Bhubaneswar from September 9th to 10th at Silicon Institute of Technology.

Under the theme "Nurture Quality Concepts for a Better Future," TPCODL secured all 10 gold category awards, demonstrating excellence in QCC, kaizen, and workplace management.

TPCODL's delegates, mentors, senior team leaders and dedicated team member's collective efforts were instrumental in achieving this remarkable feat. TPCODL's feat was achieved through 10 projects, highlighting its unwavering commitment to



continuous improvement and advancement.

In a competitive landscape featuring 180 project teams from esteemed organisations, including Odisha Mining Corporation, Jindal Stainless Ltd, NALCO, BALCO, UAIL, Tata Steel Ltd, Tata Consumer Products, TPWODL, TPNODL, TPSODL and RCF Mumbai, TP-CODL emerged winner with highest gold category awards.

All 10 teams from TPCODL that received gold awards at the Chapter Convention on Quality Concept 2023 have also qualified for the prestigious National

Convention of Quality Concept (NCQC).

Arvind Singh, CEO of TP-CODL, expressed immense pride in the teams for their exceptional performance, stating, "TPCODL's unwavering commitment to quality and excellence is reflected in these accolades. Continuous improvement is the key to our success, and these awards are a testament to the hard work and dedication of our employees. We look forward to showcasing our capabilities at the upcoming National Convention of Quality Concept.'

London, Sept 13: Oil prices extended 10-month highs Wednesday, driven by expectations that crude supply will remain tight for the rest of the year.

Saudi Arabia and Russia's extension of 1.3 million barrels per day (bpd) of crude oil production cuts to the end of this year will lock in a substantial market deficit through the fourth quarter, the International Energy Agency (IEA) said Wednesday.

The continuing supply cuts could lift Brent futures above the \$100 a barrel threshold before the end of the year, Bank of America analysts said on Wednesday.

Benchmark Brent futures rose 57 cents, or 0.62%, to \$92.63 a barrel by 1006 GMT while US West Texas Intermediate (WTI) crude gained 57 cents, or 0.64%, to \$89.41.

Front-month Brent futures contracts traded as high as \$4.68 a barrel above those for delivery six months further out Tuesday, a width of spread not breached since last November, indicating tighter market supply.

Concern over European and US economies persist, however, and investors await the release of US consumer price index data later on Wednesday for possible insight on future interest rate moves. Forecasters expect the European Central Bank to raise interest rates at its meeting Thursday.

The IEA's fourth-quarter demand growth forecast, meanwhile, was revised down by 600,000 bpd in what Investec analyst Callum Macpherson said was a significant adjustment. "The deficit is now broadly

equal to the Saudi additional voluntary cut," he said.

The Organization of the Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC) Tuesday stuck to its forecasts for robust growth in global oil demand in 2023 and 2024.

# *iPhone 15: Faster chips with new charging ports*

ALL THE NEW MODELS WILL BE AVAILABLE IN STORES SEPTEMBER 22, WITH PRE-ORDERS BEGINNING THIS FRIDAY

#### ASSOCIATED PRESS

**Cupertino, Sept 13:** Apple unveiled its next generation of iPhones — a line-up that will boast better cameras, faster processors, a new charging system and a price hike for the fanciest model Tuesday.

The showcase at Apple's headquarters in Cupertino, California, comes as the company tries to reverse a mild slump that has seen its sales drop from last year in three consecutive quarters.

The malaise is a key reason Apple's stock price has dipped by about 10 per cent since mid-July, dropping the company's market value below the \$3 trillion threshold it reached for the first time

earlier this summer. Investors apparently weren't impressed with what Apple rolled out Tuesday. The company's shares fell nearly 2 per cent Tuesday, a steeper decline than the major market indexes.

As has been case with Apple and other smartphone makers, the four types of iPhone 15 models aren't making any major leaps in technology. But Apple added enough new bells and whistles to the top-of-the line model — the iPhone 15 Pro Max — to boost its starting price by \$100, or 9 per cent, from last year's version to \$1,200.

As part of the higher base price, the cheapest iPhone 15 Pro Max will provide 256



megabytes of storage, up from 128 megabytes for the least expensive version of the iPhone 14 Pro Max. Apple is holding the line on prices for rest of the line-up, with the basic iPhone 15 selling for \$800, the iPhone 15 Plus for \$900 and the iPhone 15 Pro for \$1,000. All the new models will be available in stores September 22, with pre-orders beginning this Friday.

One of the biggest changes that Apple announced is a new way to charge the iPhone 15 models and future generations. The company is switching to the USB-C standard that is already widely used on many devices, including its Mac computers and many of its iPads.

Apple is being forced to phase out the Lightning port cables it rolled out in 2012 because of a mandate that European regulators plan to impose in 2024.

Although consumers often don't like change, the transition to USB-C ports may not be that inconvenient. That's because the standard is already widely used on a range of computers, smartphones and other devices people already own. The shift to USB-C may even be a popular move since that standard typically charges devices more quickly and also offers faster data transfer speeds.

Besides its new iPhones, Apple also announced its next generation of smartwatches — a product that made its debut nearly a decade ago. The Series 9 Apple Watch, available in stores September 22, will include a new gesture control that will enable users to control alarms and answer phone calls by double snapping their thumbs with a finger.











# SPAIN ROUT CYPRUS ARGENTINA BEAT ALTITUDE, BOLIVIA IN SOUTH AMERICAN WORLD CUP QUALIFIER - SPAIN ROUT CYPRUS No Messi, no problem



**MPRESSIVE OUTING:** Ferran Torres reacts after scoring one of his two goals against Cyprus, Tuesday

#### ASSOCIATED PRESS

Granada, Sept 13: Spain's men restored normal service on the field, beating Cyprus 6-0 in a European Championship qualifying game two days after disgraced football federation president Luis Rubiales resigned.

Rubiales still managed to cast a further shadow over Spanish soccer that has been in turmoil because of his conduct at the Women's World Cup final on Aug. 20 and in the fallout since. At almost exactly the time Gavi gave Spain an 18th-minute lead Tuesday, a television interview given by Rubiales began broadcasting on a British cable news channel. Excerpts from the interview on TalkTV aired Sunday and were widely reported.

The full interview aired hours after it was reported Rubiales has been summoned by a judge to a Madrid court Friday as part of a criminal investigation into him kissing star player Jenni

#### UNEXPECTED INTERRUPT

Bucharest (Romania): The Romania and Kosovo teams were taken off the field for 45 minutes during a European Championship qualifying game in Bucharest when home fans aimed pro-Serbia chants at the visiting players. "Due to discriminatory behavior from supporters, the match has been suspended," UEFA said in an ingame report on its website. Romania fans chanted and displayed a banner with the "Kosovo is Serbia" slogan and the game was stopped after 18 minutes when the score was 0-0. The half resumed after a 45-minute delay and Romania eventually won 2-0. Kosovo's declaration of independence from Serbia in 2008 is formally recognized by about 100 countries and the majority of European Union members, but not Romania. Romania will face punishment from UEFA from a disciplinary case that must now be opened for making a prohibited political statement at a game.

Hermoso at the trophy ceremony in Australia.

Spain kept on scoring to keep its fans focused on the soccer action and Mikel Merino doubled the lead in the 33rd. Four goals in a 13-minute spell from the 70th sealed the comfortable win, scored by substitutes Joselu, Ferran Torres, twice, and Alex Baena.

The six-goal win followed a 7-1 rout at Georgia Friday to close the gap on Group A leader Scotland to six points. Spain, who have played one game fewer, hosts Scotland next October 12. Also in the group Tuesday, Norway stars Erling Haaland and Martin Odegaard scored first-half goals in a 2-1 win over Georgia to stay in outside contention for a top-two finish that would earn a place at Euro 2024 in Germany.

#### **ITALY BACK ON TRACK** Luciano Spalletti engineered

his first win as Italy coach as the Azzurri beat Ukraine 2-1 in crucial European Championship qualifier thanks

to two goals from Davide Frattesi. The Inter Milan midfielder scored both goals in a dominant first half for Italy before Andriy Yarmolenko got Ukraine back into the match four minutes before the break.

Italy moved into second place in Group C, above Ukraine on head-to-head record — with the return match scheduled for next month. The Azzurri have played a game less than Ukraine and England, who lead the group by six points. North Macedonia also moved onto seven points after winning 2-0 at Malta, who have zero points.

The win boosted Italy's chances of qualifying for Euro 2024 and defending its title after the misery of failing to reach last year's World Cup. Another positive note was the manner of the victory as Spalletti appears to have got Italy playing like his former Napoli team, even at this early stage of his tenure.

#### La Paz (Bolivia), Sept 13:

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Argentina expected a struggle in the altitude of La Paz. The World Cup champions' climb appeared even steeper with Lionel Messi out of the lineup.

Argentina still beat Bolivia 3-0 Tuesday in their second match of the qualifying campaign for the 2026 World Cup. It's now two for two in qualifiers for coach Lionel Scaloni's team, which was led by veteran Angel Di Maria and a strong midfield.

Uruguay had the chance to join Argentina atop the standings table, but lost 1-2 at Ecuador. The Ecuadorians now have moved back to zero; they started the tournament at -3 after having three points deducted by FIFA for the falsification of birth information of defender Byron Castillo, who is of Colombian origin.

The 2026 World Cup in the United States, Mexico and Canada is expanding to a 48team format. The top six teams in South America will secure a direct spot. The seventh-place

team will contest an intercontinental playoff for a berth.

Argentina defined the match in the first half with two goals. kept their pace in the second half and added a third near the final whistle. A red card for Bolivia's Roberto Fernandez in the 39th minute also made it less troublesome for the Argentinians.

Enzo Fernandez opened the scoring in the 31st from close range after a low cross by Di Maria from the right. The veteran striker also took part in the sec-ond goal — lifting the ball into the penalty box from a free-kick in the 42nd for Nicolas Tagliafico to score with his shoulder.

Nico Gonzalez added Argentina's third in the 83rd





Messi, the 36-year-old Inter Miami star, was neither in the starting lineup for the World Cup champions nor on the bench. Last week, he scored from a freekick to give Argentina a 1-0 home win against Ecuador in its first competitive international since winning the World Cup last December.

Messi's absence disappointed many Bolivians, including hundreds of local fans who turned out to welcome him to the country Sunday evening.

Also Tuesday, Chile and Colombia drew 0-0 and Venezuela beat Paraguay 1-0 with a goal from the spot by Salomon Rondon moments before the final whistle. It was the 33-year-old striker's 40th goal for his national team. The next games in South American World Cup qualifying will be played in October.



Argentina players celebrate a goal against Bolivia, while Lionel Messi (inset) watches the game from his team's duqout

# GERMANY BEAT FRANCE Rahul 'was a little nervous on comeback' **END WINLESS STREAK** PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

Colombo, Sept 13: India batter KL Rahul admitted that he was a bit nervous ahead of his comeback game against Pakistan but grew in confidence once he spent



# SHUBMAN GILL MOVES TO SECOND

**Dubai:** Opener Shubman Gill has achieved a career-best second position and is the highest-ranked among three Indian batters, who are now in the top 10 of the ICC Men's ODI rankings issued Wednesday. The other two Indians in the top 10 are skipper Rohit Sharma (8th) and the peerless Virat Kohli (9th). Last time, three Indian batters were in ODI's top 10 list, it was way back in January, 2019. At that time, Rohit, Kohli and out-of-favour veteran Shikhar Dhawan were the three batters. Pakistan also have three batters - Babar Azam (No.1), Imam-ul-Hag (5th) and Fakhar Zaman (10th) - in the top-10. Indian left-arm wrist-spinner Kuldeep Yadav has gained five places to reach seventh position in bowlers' chart.



Thomas Muller (No.13) was ecstatic after opening Germany's account against France, Tuesday

#### ASSOCIATED PRESS

Dortmund, Sept 13: From jeers to cheers inside three days. Germany beat World Cup runners-up France 2-1 in a friendly Tuesday in a dramatic turnaround from being whistled by the crowd in a 1-4 loss to Japan Saturday. That defeat cost Hansi Flick his job as coach the following day. The win lifts some of the gloom around the team hosting the European Championship next year.

Thomas Muller scored early on and Leroy Sane added a second on a late counterattack, ending the run of five winless games which led to Flick being ousted Sunday. The search is on for a new permanent coach ahead of games against the United States and Mexico next month.

Against France, Germany was coached by a three-person caretaker team including sporting director Rudi Voller. He was Germany's coach when they reached the 2002 World Cup final but hadn't taken charge of any game for 18 years.

France had not conceded a

goal in five games since losing the World Cup final to Argentina last year, but Germany scored in just the fourth minute. Muller, brought back to the squad by Flick last week for the first time this year, controlled Benjamin Henrichs' cross and hammered the ball

past goalkeeper Mike Maignan. France could have had a penalty when Antonio Rudiger appeared to shove Randal Kolo Muani to the ground in the penalty area in the 20th, but the referee opted not to give it.

Sane made it 2-0 on a swift counter in the 87th but almost immediately gave away a penalty for a foul on Eduardo Camavinga. Antoine Griezmann converted the spot-kick.

Barcelona midfielder Ilkay Gundogan, who went off injured in the 25th after landing heavily on his back following an aerial challenge.

#### **BELLINGHAM SHINES**

Scotland versus England is international's football's oldest rivalry. Jude Bellingham is one of the sport's brightest young

stars. And Tuesday the Real Madrid midfielder continued his outstanding start to the season by inspiring England to a 3-1 win at Hampden Park.

Bellingham scored a goal and provided an assist for Harry Kane after Phil Foden had fired the Three Lions ahead in the game that celebrated the 150-year anniversary of the Scottish Football Association. A Harry Maguire own goal provided the only moment of cheer for the hosts.

The 20-year-old Bellingham dominated a Scotland team that is on the verge of qualifying for Euro 2024 itself after winning five out of five games in qualifying to top a group that includes Spain.

Scotland's form had given their supporters hope of a famous win against their fiercest rivals in the 116th meeting between the teams. The fixture dates back to 1872 and, but for a pause during World War II, the clash was held annually until 1989. This was only the ninth

meeting since then, with the majority of those matches in tournaments or qualifying.

some time in the middle before going on to complete a memorable hundred.

In a rain-marred Asia Cup match, Rahul struck an unbeaten 111 and then kept wickets for the entire duration in his first match for India since March.

"I am happy with how the last two games have gone. I was a little nervous initially but as I started facing a few balls I felt alright," said Rahul in the postmatch press conference Tuesday night after India's 41-run win over Sri Lanka

Rahul said his strong preparations during the rehabilitation period at the NCA helped him prepare for his return. "I was thinking that I will be in the playing 11 and that's how I prepared. I was confident that I can still go there and do the job,"

#### said Rahul.

The 31-year-old said he was given a clear idea about his role in the team as a middle-order wicket-keeper batter. "The team management has also told me that this will be my role - batting in the middle-order and keep-

ing wickets," said Rahul. In that context, the Bangalore man said he worked on his wicket-keeping during his time at the NCA. "I have been keep-

ing wickets for the last couple of years. So, it is not new to me. I think I started keeping in 2019 when Rishabh (Pant) got concussed against Australia.

"During my time at the NCA, I have worked on my keeping with the coaches there. Hopefully, I can do both the roles well," he added. Rahul patted Kuldeep Yadav, India's highest wicket-taker in ODIs this year, for upgrading his skills and coming back as a better bowler. "I am really enjoying watching him bowling and I can see that he has developed a few new tricks that are giving some results to him.

"We keep talking between the overs about the strategy to be adopted to get a batsman out or how to keep a set batsman away from the strike. His rhythm has also been good in the last two matches," said Rahul.

MATCH SCHEDULE Pakistan vs Sri Lanka Time: 3pm **Telecast: Star Sports Network** Stream: Disney+Hotstar

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**OUT OF ASIA CUP** 

# Chhetri only notable face in Asiad team

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New Delhi, Sept 13: Veteran striker Sunil Chhetri was the only notable face in the 17-member Indian squad for the Hangzhou Asian Games as All India Football Federation (AIFF) finally managed to stitch a second-rung team, but there is still a big question mark on head coach Igor Stimac accompanying the team.

Most of the clubs had shown unwillingness to release the 22 players named in the Indian squad as the Asian Games' football competition schedule clashes with the ISL, which starts September 21.

After prolonged and hectic parleys, the AIFF was able to announce an under-strength team made up of nine players from the original 22, including Chhetri, while the remaining were made up of inexperienced players from the clubs.



But there are doubts whether Stimac will travel to Hangzhou at the helm of such an understrength team. He had earlier said that the Asian Games was a priority

It could be a rare instance of India sending an under-strength football team in a major competition. The only saving grace was the inclusion of the current Indian football poster boy Chhetri, who recently became a father. The national federation, which

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Gurmeet Singh, Dheeraj Singh Moirangthem, Sumit Rathi, Narender Gahlot, Amarjit Singh Kivam, Samuel James, Rahul KP, Abdul Rabeeh Anjukandan, Ayush Dev Chhetri, Bryce Miranda, Azfar Noorani, Rahim Ali, Vincy Bareto, Sunil Chhetri, Rohit Danu, Gurkirat Singh, Aniket Jadhav,

was able to stitch together the team just three days before its departure for China, still thanked the Indian Super League clubs

and the FSDL "for coordinating with it for the release of players" The Indian team is scheduled to begin their Asian Games campaign with a match against China September 19, followed by games against Bangladesh (September 21) and Myanmar (September 24). The top two teams from the six

groups will make it to the prequarterfinals, with four bestranked third-placed sides also qualifying.

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA Colombo, Sept 13: Pakistan were Wednesday dealt a big blow as fast bowler Naseem Shah has been ruled out for the remainder of the Asia Cup due to a shoul-

der iniurv. Naseem's unavailability will hurt Pakistan badly ahead of their must-win clash against Sri Lanka Thursday. Pakistan will take on Sri Lanka in a virtual semifinal here, with the winner progressing to Sunday's final against India.

The Pakistan Cricket Board named 22-year-old Zaman Khan, who is yet to make his ODI debut, as Naseem's replacement in the 17-member squad, while also calling up fast bowler Shahnawaz Dahani.

Naseem suffered the injury during the game against India, and left the field after bowling 9.2overs without any wicket.

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