

₹3,178cr mobility boost

Bhubaneswar, Sept 15: The ambitious Location Accessible Multimodal Initiative (LAcMI) aimed at facilitating assured and affordable transportation for people and commodities across the state with an outlay of ₹3,178 crore for 2023-26 is among the 19 proposals which received the approval of the state Cabinet, led by Chief Minister Naveen Patnaik, Friday.

Under LAcMI, as many as 1,000 buses would be introduced, connecting gram panchayats, block headquarters, major cities and economic hubs of the state. The project would be implemented in a phased manner. ₹3,178 crore will be spent on the project in the first three years - 2023-24 to 2025-26. The scheme would continue for 10 years and can be extended for another two years. Mission Shakti Self

Help Groups (SHGs) would be engaged in the operation and maintenance at block level. Meanwhile, the Cabinet approved separate proposals for upgrading the National Institute of Science and Technology (NIST), Berhampur and Silicon Institute of Technology (SIT), Bhubaneswar into non-affiliating unitary universities.

After upgradation, the uni-

ODISHA CABINET DECISION

versities shall be able to disseminate knowledge by providing academic research facilities in branches including engineering, technology and management. Upgrading the colleges into universities, the government said, will open doors for sharing of experience and taking up of collaborative ventures for higher learning and research with other universities in the state, country and overseas.

The state Cabinet also gave its nod to a proposal to fix land conversion fees at the rate of 1 per cent of the market value which shall be payable per acre of agricultural land to be used for any purpose other than agriculture after the commencement of Odisha Land Reforms (Amendment) Act, 2023.

The state Cabinet also approved a proposal to renovate 503 minor irrigation projects that would help revive around 16,400 hectare lost ayacut. The project would be executed for three years - 2023-24 to 2025-26 - with an outlay of ₹248 crore.

The state Cabinet approved construction of barrages across rivers Budhabalanga at Darkuli in Balasore district, and Turi as well as Guntat in Nabarangpur district with an allocation of ₹232.96 crore. The barrages will help irrigate over 16,435 hectares of land in the two districts.



FINAL SALUTE: Son of Colonel Manpreet Singh salutes as family members and relatives mourn near his mortal remains before his last rites, at his native place in Mohali, Friday. Singh was martyred Wednesday in an encounter with terrorists in Jammu and Kashmir's Anantnag

Rahul Navin new in-charge ED chief

New Delhi: IRS officer Rahul Navin was appointed as in-charge director of the Enforcement Directorate (ED) Friday on the completion of tenure of the incumbent Sanjay Kumar Mishra, officials said. According to an official order, Navin, a 1993-batch IRS officer, will hold the charge till the appointment of a regular director or until further orders. Navin is currently the ED's special director. The order stated that the President "is pleased to order the cessation of tenure of Sanjay Kumar Mishra...As Director of Enforcement in the Enforcement Directorate on 15.09.2023."

4 of family die in AP road mishap

Bhubaneswar: Four members of a family from Kendrapara died after the ambulance they were travelling in rammed into a truck near Tella Gundlapalli village on Chittoor-Tirupati highway in Andhra Pradesh Friday. The deceased were Rashmita Sahu, her spouse Umesh Chandra Sahu and their two uncles. The family members were returning to Odisha from Bangalore in an ambulance when the mishap took place.

IRREGULAR by MANJUL



He's very worried. His name is not on the INDIA list. Now, the govt is looking at him with suspicion

Earth electrons forming water on Moon

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New Delhi, Sept 15: Scientists analysing the remote sensing data from India's Chandrayaan-1 lunar mission have found that high energy electrons from the Earth may be forming water on the Moon.

The team, led by researchers from the University of Hawai'i (UH) at Manoa in the US, discovered that these electrons in Earth's plasma sheet are contributing to weathering processes

- breaking down or dissolving of rocks and minerals - on the Moon surface. The research, published in the journal Nature Astronomy, found that the electrons may have aided the formation of water on the lunar body. Knowing the concentrations and distributions of water on the Moon is critical to understanding its formation and evolution, and to providing water resources for future human exploration, the researchers said.

CHANDRAYAAN-1 DATA

The new finding may also help explain the origin of the water ice previously discovered in the permanently shaded regions of the Moon, they said. Chandrayaan-1 played a crucial role in the discovery of water molecules on the Moon. The mission, launched in 2008, was the first Indian lunar probe under the Chandrayaan programme. Solar wind, which is composed of high energy particles such as protons, bombards the lunar sur-

face and is thought to be one of the primary ways in which water has been formed on the Moon. The team investigated the changes in surface weathering as the Moon passes through Earth's magnetotail, an area that almost completely shields the lunar body from solar wind but not the Sun's light photons. "This provides a natural laboratory for studying the formation processes of lunar surface water," said Shuai Li, an assistant researcher at the UH Manoa School of Ocean.

Ukraine-returned medicos duped

GYAN RANJAN MOHAPATRA, OP

Bhubaneswar, Sept 15: The Commissionerate Police Friday arrested a former director of an overseas educational consultant firm here for allegedly duping 65 Ukraine-returned medical students of ₹43.72 lakh on the pretext of helping them get their certificates from universities in the war-torn country.

The 31-year-old accused, Swadhin Mohapatra, is a native of Bhandaripokhari area in Bhadrak district. Many meritorious students

had taken admission in various universities in Ukraine through Saheed Nagar-based Global Focus Education Pvt Ltd. Around 65 of them, who had returned following the war in 2022, recently complained to the MD of the firm, Mirza Abdul Zaheer Baig, that Swadhin had collected ₹43, 72,015 from them to help them obtain transcripts and other certificates from Ukrainian universities.

Following Baig's complaint, Swadhin, who quit the firm in February this year, was arrested by police.

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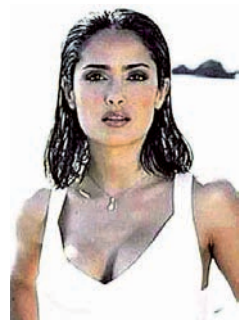
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SALMA REVEALS SECRET BEHIND HER BIKINI BODY

Hollywood actress Salma Hayek has been making the internet go crazy about her enviable physique at the age of 57. Sharing the secret behind her bikini body, the *Frida* actress told Entertainment Tonight that it's not exercising but practicing meditation is the key to staying youthful.

RAPPER SNOOP DOGG IS AFRAID OF HORSES

Rapper Snoop Dogg recently talked about his surprising animal phobia. On a recent episode of his YouTube news network series *Double G News*, the Sensual Seduction rapper, 51, admitted his equinophobia, or fear of horses, reports *People* magazine.



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ARIES

Some cheerful news could put you in really high spirits today. The news could either be of a personal or professional nature - perhaps about your career, or a social gathering, or some monetary profit. You always give your best, and Ganesh says today it will lead to rich dividends.

TAURUS

It is more than likely that you will emerge victorious in all your meetings and outings today, predicts Ganesh. Your calm temperament will not let you flinch in the face of pressure. It is in your best interest to take some time to cope with all the stress, advises Ganesh.

GEMINI

Today will be a day of joy, happiness and festivities on the home-front. You will try and spend as much time as possible with the children and will enthusiastically participate in home improvement projects. You will be able to solve pending issues at home by taking an intelligent interest in them, says Ganesh.

CANCER

Ganesh says that you will feel tiredness and weakness but in the office or business you will be relaxed, with less tension. Ganesh suggests that you should be careful to fulfil new responsibilities entrusted to you. You will spend on travel.

LEO

You may not get the desired results despite of working hard. You need to keep your weaknesses in mind, and your mistakes, before starting anew again. You will need to do more than necessary, if required, to make sure that your business relationships stay strong. Finances will improve, says Ganesh.

VIRGO

Ganesh advises you to quantify your worth in the spheres of emotions and sentiments. You will prepare yourself for everything, from games to peers to family. However, at the same time you will realise your shortcomings. Ganesh foretells that from today on the artist in you will begin to come to the fore.

LIBRA

Ganesh says your nature of spending wisely is highly appreciated as it is a good thing to save money for the future. This nature of yours will not allow you to spend money on useless things. You will be able to buy a home or a vehicle in the near future with these savings of yours.

SCORPIO

Don't run from your troubles, learn to face the challenges and try to solve your problems. This piece of Ganesh's advise is going to help you today. And you very well know why. Take all the tips that come to you sportingly and try to implement it in your practical life.

SAGITTARIUS

You are a social butterfly as you attend a series of parties and events today, says Ganesh. You may even bump into old pals and relive good of days. Also, you meet your extended family! It's time for soiree and merry-making.

CAPRICORN

You are a bighearted person and you love to help others in every possible way. But, people may take you for a ride, warns Ganesh. You may realise that if you would have been extra careful, you could have stopped others take advantage of you. By the end of the day, you will shake off such negative feelings and be grateful to the God for blessing you with all the nice things in life.

AQUARIUS

You will try everything to please your colleagues and bosses, but they will still have something negative to say about your performance. In order to be in the good books of everyone you end up hurting your own interests, feels Ganesh. The second half of the day promises to be relaxing, thanks to your sweetheart who will make special efforts to lighten your burden of work.

PISCES

If you are the leader of a project or a team, then today is your day. Your enthusiasm and creativity will give a sense of purpose and direction to your colleagues. You are more concerned about the means rather than the ends. Today is a good day to progress on the work-front. While no remarkable events are likely to occur in your personal life, your family will expect you to pay attention to their needs, says Ganesh.

Somy spills beans on Sallu-Sangeeta split

Salman was all set to marry Sangeeta Birlani, but things went wrong after she caught him red-handed at her (Somy's) apartment, shares former actress Somy Ali

Mumbai: From Sangeeta Birlani and Somy Ali to Aishwarya Rai and Katrina Kaif, despite dating so many beautiful ladies, Salman Khan is still a bachelor. But did you know his marriage was on the cards, and even wedding invitations got printed? Yes. The *Dabangg* actor's ex-girlfriend Somy Ali recently disclosed some shocking secrets about the Bhaijaan of Bollywood and revealed how he almost got married to Sangeeta Birlani.

During a conversation with a Hindi news channel, Somy shared that Salman was all set to marry Sangeeta Birlani, but things went wrong after she caught him red-handed at her apartment. "The wedding cards were printed, but Sangeeta caught Salman red-handed in my apartment. What Salman did to Sangeeta, the same happened to me. This is called karma, when I grew up a little, I understood about it", said the *Krishan Avtaar* ac-

tress. She confessed to having a crush on Salman and said she had come to marry the actor. However, Somy claimed that he used to abuse her physically on the pretext of showing 'love and care.'

Somy also admitted that her friend Manisha Koirala ended the relationship with her after she (Somy) didn't protest Salman's abusive behavior. AGENCIES



Deepika shares her equation with SRK

Mumbai: Actress Deepika Padukone opens up about her relationship with Shah Rukh Khan, calling them 'each other's lucky charms'. "We are each other's lucky charm. But honestly, we are beyond luck. We have a sense of ownership over each other... I am one of the few people he is vulnerable with. There is so much trust and respect, and I think that luck is just the cherry on the top," the *Om Shanti Om* actress told a magazine.

Earlier this year, Deepika was seen with Shah Rukh Khan in *Pathaan*, and in *Jawan* too. The latest is Deepika's fifth collaboration with SRK. Notably, Deepika made her debut opposite Shah Rukh in *Om Shanti Om* and both have co-starred in *Happy New Year* and *Chennai Express*.

For Deepika, however, it's less about the box office business and more about the audience response. "I've never been fascinated by numbers whether it was Maths in school or the numbers of *Pathaan*. I was just happy that cinemas had come alive again, that people had come alive again. I was really grateful for that," she said.

For the unversed, Deepika hasn't charged anything for her appearance in *Jawan*.



Huma makes debut as author

Mumbai: Actress Huma Qureshi, who is known for films such as *Gangs of Wasseypur*, *Badlapur*, and her streaming series *Maharani*, has turned author with her debut fantasy novel, *Zeba: An Accidental Superhero*.

The actress weaves a tale that combines magic, wonder, and intense passion in the book. It is a story of heroism, transformation,

and the indomitable human spirit in the face of adversity.

Talking about her novel, the *Tarla* actress said, "I've learned that accepting who you are, with all your quirks and uniqueness, is the most empowering journey one can embark on. We live in a world that needs diversity, and every individual's

story is a piece of that beautiful mosaic."

The actress further mentioned, "Stories of fierce women are not just the need of the hour; they are the timeless tales that inspire generations, reminding us that strength and resilience know no boundaries. We need these stories to remind ourselves that we, too, can be the heroes of our own lives. This novel is deeply personal and it puts out there the rawest, most unfiltered version of me."



Caspa launches drama school in City

Bhubaneswar: Canmass School of Performing Arts (CASPA), a drama school functioning in the port town Paradip of Jagatsinghpur, has opened its branch in the city. The school was inaugurated here at Bharatiya Vidya Bhawan, Friday.

Among the luminaries in attendance were playwrights Ramesh Prasad Panigrahi, Maya Das, Sankar Tripathy and Gourahari Das; theatre directors Satyabrata Rout and Ramakanta Mishra; and National Award winning film director Himanshu Khatua.

CASPA, a unit of well known theatre troupe Canmass, has been imparting training on acting, anchoring and news casting in Paradip for the last seven years under the guidance of



Dignitaries releasing the prospectus and syllabus of the course

alumni from National School of Drama, Film and Television Institute of India (Pune), eminent theatre personalities and other professionals.

"In India, there are various organisations that teach theatrical arts. However, there are only a few institutes in Odisha, thus

many kids do not have the opportunity to explore their talents. We launched CASPA seven years ago in Paradip with an objective to creating a pool of professionals, and it will now have a branch in Bhubaneswar," says the organization's secretary Sriman Narayan Mishra.

He informed that students will get a six-month certificate course twice a year for a fee of Rs 5,000.

For the uninitiated, Canmass has been conducting national-level theatre festival since 2004, and its members frequently perform at national and international events.

PEANUTS



CALVIN AND HOBBS

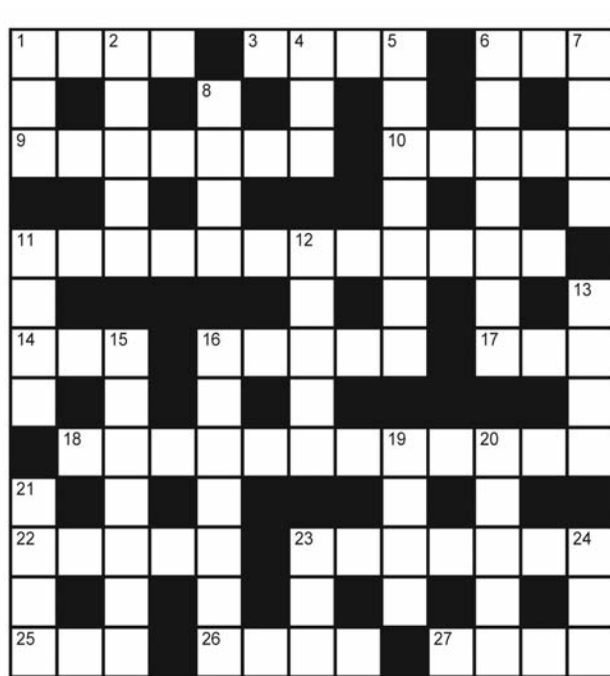


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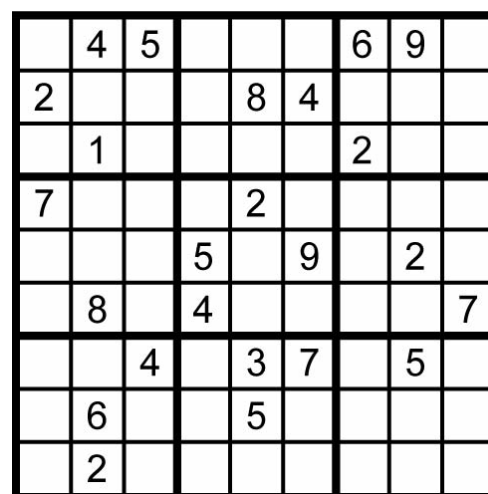
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- Across**
- 1 Yaks and goats produce it
 - 3 Crowning point
 - 6 Flop
 - 9 Japanese dish
 - 10 Spats
 - 11 Type of runner (4-8)
 - 14 Down in the dumps
 - 16 Fencing move
 - 17 Skye cap
 - 18 Tattler
 - 22 Caravan beast
 - 23 Long-haired breed of cat
 - 25 Lab eggs
 - 26 Elephant boy of 30's film
 - 27 Wildcat
 - Down**
 - 1 Gym item
 - 2 Junky vehicle
 - 4 Chinese brew
 - 5 Firth
 - 6 Shortfall
 - 7 Twilight
 - 8 Investment trust
 - 11 Verdant
 - 12 Wild time
 - 13 Chinese nurse
 - 15 Catch-22
 - 16 Little rocks
 - 19 Stallion's mate
 - 20 Bring together
 - 21 Audio effect
 - 23 Taproom
 - 24 Veto

SUDOKU

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



SOLUTIONS

CROSSWORD

MUTTON FALCON
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N O O D L E S A R R O W
K T X C Y P P E
E T H O S O P T I O N S
Y I U O T
E M E R A L D I S L E
P A R A I C A
H A M M O C K Y A C H T
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B R O K E I D O L L I S E
I T O T A P P N
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SUDOKU

7 3 2 9 8 1 6 5 4
8 5 9 2 4 6 7 1 3
6 4 1 3 5 7 2 8 9
5 9 8 1 2 3 4 7 6
2 1 7 4 6 5 9 3 8
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3 7 4 6 1 8 5 9 2
9 2 5 7 3 4 8 6 1

CHECK FOR SOLUTIONS OF THE PUZZLES TOMORROW

SC seeks status of virtual hearings

New Delhi: The Supreme Court Friday sought the response of all the high courts and some tribunals on whether they have disbanded the hybrid mode of hearing cases, allowing lawyers and litigants to appear in a matter through video-conferencing as well. A bench of Chief Justice DY Chandrachud and Justices JB Pardiwala and Manoj Mishra issued a notice to the registrars general of all the high courts and registrars of the National Company Law Appellate Tribunal (NCLAT), National Consumer Disputes Redressal Commission (NCDRC) and National Green Tribunal (NGT), and asked them to file an affidavit.

Helmetless: Snitch on fellow citizen

POST NEWS NETWORK

Bhubaneswar/Cuttack, Sept 15: The state Transport department has sought citizens' cooperation in enforcing traffic rules as it has urged the commuters to report about helmetless riding through Next Gen mParivahan app 'Citizen Sentinel' option.



- Citizens of Odisha can now assist the Transport dept in enforcing traffic rules
- They can report helmetless riding over Next Gen mParivahan App 'Citizen Sentinel' option
- Citizens can upload photos and videos of rider as well as pillion rider for not using helmet

ing help of citizens to keep check on those who ride without helmet. In future, other traffic violations will be added in the 'Citizen Sentinel' option. Due to continuous enforcement activities people are using helmets in urban areas but are unfortunately avoiding the safety gears in rural areas and highways where protection is much more needed.

He further said, "Even though it is mandatory, helmets are rarely worn by pillion riders despite similar risk of accidents like the driver. If riders take care of own safety by wearing helmets, they should not risk pillion rider's safety."

Citizens can upload photos and videos of both rider as well as pillion rider for riding without helmet, said Sethi adding that while clicking photographs and videos it must be ensured that the violation as well as vehicle number is clearly captured in the photograph and video.

"Location, date and time of violation will be automatically captured from live images and videos uploaded. Identity of any person reporting traffic rules violations will not be disclosed," he asserted.

MARKET WATCH	
INDEX	VARIATION
SENSEX	67838.63 ↑ 319.63
NIFTY	20192.35 ↑ 89.25
DOLLAR	82.94 ↑ ₹0.12
EURO	88.6940 ↑ ₹0.26
GOLD	₹59148 ↑ ₹560
SILVER	₹ 72512 ↑ ₹1530

WEATHER		
	BHUB	CTK
TEMP	MAX 33.2°C	33.6°C
	MIN 25.1°C	25.0°C
Humidity	80%	84%
Rainfall	Nil	Nil
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SCIENTIFIC TEMPER: Students in large numbers thronged the Regional Science Centre in Bhubaneswar on the occasion of Engineer's Day, Friday

Aditya-L1 completes 4th Earth-bound manoeuvre

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

Bangalore, Sept 15: Aditya L1 spacecraft, India's first space-based mission to study the Sun, during the early hours Friday, underwent the fourth Earth-bound manoeuvre successfully, ISRO said.

"The fourth Earth-bound manoeuvre (EBN#4) is performed successfully. ISRO's ground stations at Mauritius, Bangalore, SDSC-SHAR and Port Blair tracked the satellite during this operation, while a transportable terminal currently stationed in the Fiji islands for Aditya-L1 will support post-burn operations," the space agency said in a post on X, a platform formerly known as Twitter.

The new orbit attained is 256 km x 121973 km, it said: "The next manoeuvre Trans-Lagrangian Point 1 Insertion (TLI) - a send-off from the Earth - is scheduled for September 19, around 02:00 Hrs. IST."

162 scrub typhus cases in Sundargarh

Rourkela: Sundargarh is witnessing a rise in scrub typhus cases with the district registering 162 cases since January this year, said official sources, adding that there is no cause of panic. Tests for the disease are conducted at Rourkela Government Hospital and District Health Centre Sundargarh. Sundargarh chief district medical officer (CDMO) Kanhucharan Nag said, "So far, there are only 162 positive cases detected at both the centres. This test is being done from the beginning of January this year. This test and its medicines are available at both the places. Of the 162 positive cases, nine have been from outside the district and 10 from outside states - Jharkhand and Chhattisgarh," said the CDMO.

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Oppn to boycott Speaker election



PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

Bhubaneswar, Sept 15: The opposition BJP Friday announced it has decided to boycott the election for the Odisha Assembly Speaker September 21 as it coincides with the 'Nuakhai' festival, an agrarian event in the western region of the state.

The western Odisha people. "It is not possible for the MLAs of western Odisha to reach the Odisha Assembly a day after the Nuakhai festival. This is because the celebrations continue till the next day for 'Bhet-ghat'.

While Nuakhai is observed September 20, the next day is celebrated as 'Bhet-ghat' (get-together) where the younger members of the families seek blessings of elders.

The BJP leader said the people of western Odisha have been demanding two-day holiday for the Nuakhai festival, where people consume the first crop of the season.

"It is unfortunate that despite protests, the government decided to hold the Speaker election on September 21. The Congress MLAs will not be able to attend the Speaker election on that day.

Odisha's Planning and Convergence minister Rajendra Dholakia, who hails from western Odisha, rejected opposition parties allegation of "step-motherly" treatment towards the western region of the state.

The minister said the western Odisha region has witnessed a lot of developments including the setting up of two medical colleges in Kalahandi and Bolangir districts during Patnaik's tenure as the Chief Minister.



PRESSING GRIEVANCES: Members of 'All Odisha Sarpanch Mahasangh' protest near PMG Square for fulfilment of their 15-point charter of demands in Bhubaneswar, Friday

Expedite transformation of urban areas: Min

ARINDAM GANGULY, OP

Bhubaneswar, Sept 15: Housing and Urban Development Minister Usha Devi emphasised expediting transformation of urban areas of the state under the 5T initiative at the 22nd governing body meeting of State Urban Development Agency (SUDA) here Friday.

H&UD principal secretary G Mathivathanan presented a future roadmap on urban transformation in presence of SUDA director Sarada Prasad Panda.



was approved for the 2023-24 financial year.

Apart from discussions on audited financial statements for financial years 2021-22 and 2022-23, the body also discussed ini-

tiatives like institution building, self employment programmes, providing shelter for urban households and support for street vendors, and capacity building training for stake-

holders. "Resource development of SUDA trans partners and support to Divyangs were also discussed in the meeting.

Notably, SUDA was set up in 1990 by the state government to monitor and to coordinate planning and implementation of different anti-poverty schemes.

Innovative protests by jobless engineers

Bhubaneswar: Thousands of civil engineers of the state took to polishing shoes and selling of vegetable to protest in an innovative manner against unemployment and irregularities in appointments to the posts of assistant executive engineers by the Odisha government here Friday at the Secha Sadan on the occasion of 'Engineers Day'.

Odisha Startup Xpress starts with 10 schools



POST NEWS NETWORK

Bhubaneswar, Sept 15: Odisha Startup Xpress, a flagship initiative of the state government to nurture entrepreneurial mindset at school level, commenced its journey Friday visiting various schools in Khurda.

The Startup Xpress vans visited 10 schools and received 111 pitches, receiving participation from 876 students.

Both the Odisha Startup Yatra and Startup Express will visit more than 60 schools across all 30 districts of Odisha, thereby guiding and empowering young minds in innovation and entrepreneurship at the grassroots level.

Startup Yatra 2023, continuing its remarkable tour, so far has visited 39 colleges and 10 schools in Khurda seeing participation of over 4,760 students, resulting in more than 470+ innovative ideas generation.

The ten schools Startup Xpress visited included: Kendriya Vidyalaya Jatni (Khurda Road), Doon International School, DAV - Kalinga Nagar, Apeejay School, Prabhujee School, KV - 1 (Janpath), Capital Boys High School, Mother's Public School, ODM Global School, and St Xavier's International School.

The excitement and enthusiasm from the student community was palpable in their passionate pitches.

As the Yatra moves forward, it will cover ten eminent institutes and schools of Cuttack. It will visit, Ajay Binay Institute of Technology (ABIT), Ravenshaw University, Shailla Bala Women's university, Udayanath Autonomous College of Sc & Tech, Govt ITI Cuttack, DRIEMS College, Ganapati Institute of Engineering and Technology (Polytechnic) & Madhusudan Law College.

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I MAHENDRA CHAUDHURI, S/o Late Manika Chaudhuri residing at Nigamananda Lane, Simlipada, Angul Town, P.O./Dist. - Angul, Odisha, 759122, declare by this affidavit No- 2206, date-07.09.2023. That now onwards I shall be known as MAHENDRA KUMAR CHOUDHRY for all future purposes.

I, ANITA CHAUDHURI, W/o Mahendra Kumar Choudhry residing at Nigamananda Lane, Simlipada, Angul Town, P.O/ Dist.-Angul, Odisha, 759122, declare by this affidavit No.- 2205, date-07.09.2023. That now onwards I shall be known as ANITA CHOWDHARY for all future purposes.

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Starbucks wants to overhaul its iconic cup

Bethany Patton steps up to the counter and places her pink mug into a shoebox-sized dishwasher. It spins. It whirs. Water splashes inside. After 90 seconds, the door opens and steam emerges.

For bringing her own cup, Patton gets \$1 off her drink. "Saving the environment is important and all, but I probably come here more in knowing that I'm going to get a dollar off," says Patton, 27, a cancer researcher at Arizona State University.

Just as noteworthy as what they're carrying is what they are not: the disposable Starbucks cup, an icon in a world where the

word is overused. For a generation and more, it has been a cornerstone of consumer society, first in the United States and then globally — the throwaway cup with the emerald logo depicting a longhaired siren with locks like ocean waves.

Now, in an era where concern for the environment and sustainability can be good business, the Starbucks disposable cup may be on its way to extinction thanks to an unlikely force: Starbucks itself.

By 2030, Starbucks wants to move away completely from disposable cups, which represent big portions of the company's overall waste and greenhouse gas emissions. The stated rea-



son is that it's the right thing to do for the environment, and Starbucks has a long history of lofty sustainability goals around many aspects of their global operations. Some have been met, such as new stores being certified for energy efficiency, while others have been scrapped or revised along the way.

Today's drive to completely overhaul the cup arguably comes with a business imperative, as extreme weather events and other manifestations of climate change make waste like disposable cups more notable, and by extension increased expectations from customers for the company to be part of the solution.

"Our vision for the cup of the future — and our Holy Grail, if you will — is that the cup still has the iconic symbol on it," says Michael Kobori, head of sustainability at Starbucks.

Starbucks is not the first company to push toward a reusable cup. But as the largest coffee company in the world, with more than 37,000 stores in 86 countries and revenues of \$32 billion last year, Starbucks could force change across the industry.

served means doing two major things in parallel that are seemingly in conflict: Move toward only reusable cups while developing disposable cups that use less material and are more recyclable.

For several years, Starbucks has been increasing the amount of recycled material in disposable paper cups. In some markets last year, Starbucks began using single-use paper cups made with 30% recycled material, an increase from 10%.

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MGNREGA workers caught between job card deletions, Aadhaar seeding

Labourer murders wife, chops body into pieces

Vig arrests OAS officer over DA

PNN & AGENCIES

Bhubaneswar, Sept 15: Former tehsildar of Buguda in Ganjam district Sangram Keshari Jena was arrested by the Vigilance officials Friday for possessing disproportionate assets (DA) to the tune of 187 per cent excess of his known sources of income.

Jena who is at present working in Revenue & Disaster Management department in Bhubaneswar was arrested and forwarded to the Court of Special Judge, Vigilance, Bhubaneswar. A case was registered against Jena, U/s 13(2) r/w 13(1)(b) P.C. Amendment Act, 2018 and the Vigilance sleuths during house searches found movable and immovable assets worth crores in the name of Jena and his family members.

Labour minister rues lack of housing projects in Rourkela

POST NEWS NETWORK

Rourkela, Sept 15: Minister for Labour and ESI Sarada Prasad Nayak, during a discussion here Thursday, expressed his desire of setting up a satellite township for Rourkela. Doing an assessment of his own achievements, he rued about not being able to initiate a housing project in the Steel City.

"Actually with a sense of regret, I can say that as an elected representative I could not get one or more housing projects for the city. Look at the market, there is a serious gap between demand and supply as far as houses are concerned," the minister said. "Rourkela in fact requires a few big housing projects. Apartments are being built but those are not enough because there is a big market for finished houses and we are far away from meeting that."

He remembered raising this issue during a discussion with ST Secretary VK Pandian during his visit. "He was very serious about it because he is also aware of the issues being a former ADM of Rourkela. Now I am going to raise this issue at the appropriate platforms," said Sarada.

The minister explained that Rourkela required one satellite township because the main city, like Bhubaneswar and Cuttack, has reached a certain saturation level. "For a satellite township to come up, one requires at least 500 acre land. This is not available inside Rourkela. So, my plan is to search for land, especially on the outskirts or places in periphery like Kuanrunda, Bisra or somewhere in between," the minister said.

Way back in 2017, lands were earmarked in an empowered committee meeting for different housing and housing cum commercial projects in Rourkela. Those projects are at Chhend, Pradhanpalli, Liploi near Rajgangpur and near the present building of Rourkela Chamber of Commerce and Industries (RCCI). All these plans have been approved. Presently the Chhend housing project under the slums resettlement programme is going on. Rest projects never saw the light of the day.



The problem stems from a Central government move making the Aadhaar-based Payment System (ABPS) mandatory for all payments to the MGNREGA beneficiaries

The deadline for implementing ABPS has been extended a fifth time — to December 31 from the last set time limit of August 31

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Responding to questions raised by Congress MPs Gaurav Gogoi and VK Sreekandan about the 244.3% hike in deletion of MGNREGA job cards in 2022-23 fiscal against the previous two financial years, Rural Development Minister Giriraj Singh informed the Lok Sabha in a written reply July 25 that over five crore job cards have been deleted in the last fiscal.

The reasons mentioned for deletions were fake (incorrect) job card, duplicate card, unwillingness to work, permanent relocation of a family from a gram panchayat or cases where the only person listed in the card has passed away.

For instance, in Rayagada district, there were 2,26,151 job card households in 2021. Over the last three years, 68,864 job cards have been nixed, reflecting a deletion rate of more than 30%. Similarly, in Padmapur block of Rayagada district, the number of job cards has come down to 8,230 at present from the 15,515 in 2021-22 fiscal.

The Aadhaar effect

When Upendra Mandangi from Perupango village tried

Aadhaar-job card-bank account linking, he got the message of successful linking. However, after a few days, his job card number was no longer visible on the website. When he attempted to register for manual work, his name was missing from the muster roll.

"When I complained to the panchayat officials, they told me about an automated process on the website that caused the problem. They said it was beyond their control and they had no idea what was the reason for it," he added.

Ananda Dandasena from Akhusingi shared his bitter experience. "I applied for work, but did not get a notification. When I enquired with the supervisor (mate) on why my name was missing from the muster roll, he informed that my Aadhaar number had been automatically deleted from the website."

Possible solutions

Without any doubt, one can say that mass deletion has had an impact on many genuine workers as well. The MGNREGA job card serves as a key document of identification in rural areas. They are used for completing Know Your Customer (KYC) procedures at banks and post offices, while opening accounts. They also serve as the primary document for registering construction workers in labour offices, thereby providing them with insurance coverage.

Akhusingi gram panchayat sarpanch Purnabasi Sabar said when a family shifted to another panchayat, their data should ide-

ally be transferred to their new panchayat. "This process involves deletion of job card data, including Aadhaar and bank account numbers, from the old panchayat. Although the MGNREGA website permits entry of new household names, errors are shown when attempting to link Aadhaar and account numbers to the new job cards in the new panchayat. So the new panchayat where the beneficiaries shifted are unable to issue new job cards," he said.

Once an Aadhaar card data is deleted from the MGNREGA website, it cannot be re-entered. According to the official sources at the Panchayati Raj department in Rayagada district, it was earlier possible to unfreeze Aadhaar and account numbers of the deleted job card holders through the district programme coordinator's login. However, the Ministry of Rural Development removed this option last year.

Utkal Sabar, a social worker from Sandhikhola village, said the Central government should provide gram panchayats the power to delete job cards, and the related Aadhaar numbers and account details. Such an approach would prove beneficial when people shift to another panchayat.

Noting that job cards are issued on the basis of Below Poverty Line (BPL) survey data, 2002, Prabhas Kumar Padhy, a youth leader from Akhusingi, said, "It is high time we stopped issuing job cards based on such outdated data." Anil Kumar Parida, a social worker from Bahupadar, said the Central government should issue job cards based on Aadhaar data and not BPL 2002 data. "This would ensure seamless card generation, where account numbers are already linked. Such an approach would enhance rural job security and livelihood," he said.

Social activist Saroj Kumar Dash of Gudiabandha alleged that the clear intention behind job card deletions and technical errors was to curtail MGNREGA work at the grassroots level.

"During the scheme's initial days, the focus was on maintaining a 60:40 ratio between labour and material components. Now with the deployment of technology and resulting glitches, job seekers are unable to secure even a single day of work," Dash said.



PNN & AGENCIES

Berhampur, Sept 15: A 28-year-old labourer allegedly strangled his 22-year-old wife to death and chopped her body into pieces before disposing of those into a gorge in Rushikulya River in Ganjam district, police said Friday.

The incident took place in Bhagabanpur village in Sorada police station area.

He was questioned after being picked up on the basis of an FIR lodged against him by his mother-

in-law in Kodala police station area Thursday.

Following a heated exchange of words at their home Wednesday night, the accused strangled his wife to death and carried her body to the gorge, chopped it into five pieces with an axe and threw those into the river, a police officer said.

He said though the exact reason behind the murder is being investigated, a preliminary probe suggests that the accused had demanded that his wife hand over her gold ornaments to him, which she had refused to do.

The accused was planning to start a business after selling his wife's gold ornaments, he said. They had gotten married only three months ago at a temple. A day after the incident, he had informed his in-laws that his wife was missing.

The accused was detained for questioning Friday. Firefighters searched for the body parts in the river but have not met with any success as the water body is in a spate. The axe allegedly used in the crime has been seized, Aska SDPO Uma Shankar Singh said.

Police claimed that the accused has confessed to committing the crime but were waiting for evidence with the recovery of the body parts.

Coal India Chairman visits MCL

Sambalpur, PM Prasad, Chairman, Coal India, visited Basundhara and Mahalaxmi areas of MCL in Jharsuguda and Sundergarh districts of Odisha. During his visit, Prasad inspected the Kulda and Garjanbahal opencast mines gaining valuable insights into the ongoing operations. Prasad acknowledged and rewarded the outstanding employees for their exceptional performances and unwavering dedication to safety. Prasad also visited the Sirmal opencast coal mine and the Sardega railway siding within Mahalaxmi area, where he monitored the progress of the upcoming Rapid Loading system, a pivotal project poised to overhaul coal logistics in the region. Amrit Lal Meena, Secretary, Ministry of Coal, Government of India, chaired a review meeting at Mahanadi Coalfields Limited (MCL) headquarters in Sambalpur in presence of PM Prasad, Chairman, Coal India Ltd wherein he lauded the remarkable progress and achievements of the company. The meeting was attended by the senior management of MCL, OP Singh, CMD, Keshav Rao, Director (Personnel), PK Patel, CVO, JK Borah, Director (Tech/Op), AK Behura, Director (Finance) and AS Bapat, Director (Tech/P&P). Meena reviewed the area-wise production and despatch performance and commended the efforts of the MCL team for the consistent growth in production and despatch. He underscored the importance of new rail corridors to further enhance coal transportation. He also took keen interest in reviewing the critical land issues.



Rajgangpur to get new immersion pond ahead of Ganesh Puja festival

Including individual households and community 'pujas', the town hosts more than 400 such celebrations

POST NEWS NETWORK

Rourkela, Sept 15: With the popular festival Ganesh Puja drawing closer, Rajgangpur is set to get a new immersion pond for the Ganesh idols this year. The construction of the new pond became a necessity after an unidentified person claimed ownership of the piece of land where the old pond existed. The Cement City will see immersion of the elephant God's idols September 26 this year.

The administration has kick started the construction of the new pond near the Liploi nullah just opposite of where the previous one existed. Notably, Rajgangpur is famous for its annual Ganesh Chaturthi Mahotsav. Like the state of Maharashtra, it is celebrated with much pomp and fashion here. Including individual households and community 'pujas', the town hosts more than 400 such celebrations. The immersion takes place either on the seventh or the ninth day.

Earlier the clay idols were being immersed in the Baba Talab in Ward No. 3. However, following the order of the Supreme Court a blanket ban now exists on immersing idols in water bodies which are used by the

general public. Following this the administration constructed a pond for immersion. With a person staking claim of ownership on that piece of land, the administration decided instead to construct a new pond on a land that has no controversy.

Vice chairman of Rajgangpur Municipality Md Irfan said, "The construction has started at a cost of approximately Rs 20 lakh. We are going to finish the construction very soon so that it will be ready for use by September 26." Meanwhile, SDPO Abhishek Panigrahi also visited the spot. Speaking about his visit he said, "Rajgangpur needs the immersion rallies to be peaceful and for that, I visited the spot and inspected it. Because I wanted to have first-hand knowledge of the place so that police force can be deployed for the smooth completion of the immersion."

Rajgangpur Ganesh Chaturthi celebration is a much awaited festival in this part of the state. Large number of visitors from nearby areas, Sundargarh, Bona and even neighbouring states like Jharkhand and Chhattisgarh visit the Cement City to participate in the festivities. Industrialist Kamal Agarwal, chairman of the celebration committee, said, "It is a proud privilege for us where so many people from outside visit Rajgangpur. This happens because relatives and family friends visit the households here during the celebration."

NHRC asks Balasore SP to appear in person

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Kendrapara, Sept 15: The National Human Rights Commission (NHRC) has issued summons to Balasore SP to appear in person before the commission November 2 regarding the death of a fisherman inside DRDO range.

The NHRC took the stringent step of personal appearance as the SP failed to submit a detailed enquiry report. The commission also asked the Balasore Collector to submit a complete report or else he will face the coercive action.

The NHRC passed the order September 11 acting on a petition filed by human rights activist

FARMER'S DEATH INSIDE DRDO RANGE

Radhakanta Tripathy.

Tripathy stated that one fisherman identified as Kamal Lochan Majhi was killed while another Padma Lochan Mallik sustained injury, after being hit by splinters of an artillery shell fired from a Defence Establishment in Balasore.

Alleging that the fatal incident took place inside the prohibited area of Proof and Experimental Establishment (PXE), a unit of DRDO at Chandipur, Tripathy sought for assessing the situation and ascertaining the reasons behind the mishaps, permanent steps taken

to curb such incidents and compensation to the family members of the deceased and the injured fisherman. He Balasore DM in his report September 28, 2022 had stated that deceased Kamal Lochan Majhi along with other persons entered into the prohibited area (firing range of DRDO, Chandipur), while test firing was going on and sustained injuries, which resulted in the death of the victim. The DRDO, Chandipur has been requested to intensify awareness activities in the nearby area of the prohibited zone through public address system and

development of manpower in the vulnerable points including the sea beds, wherein there are chances of infiltration of human beings.

No monetary compensation has been paid to next of kin of the deceased. The Collector had requested the Director, DRDO, Balasore and Balasore SP on various occasions to submit the detailed report, so that the consolidated report could be filed with the commission.

The Balasore SP however failed to submit a report despite issuance of summons July 4. The NHRC has forwarded the copy of the proceedings to the DGP, Odisha for ensuring compliance of the direction by the Balasore SP.

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mation of the Global Biofuels Alliance (GBA). This would be a second India-led platform after the ISA. Not just the US, but also Italy, Kenya, UAE and Brazil – the world’s second largest bio-fuel producer – underlined the need for sharing best practices across policy, technology and implementation. As is well known, biofuels are derived from a variety of biomass and considered a low carbon, affordable and sustainable source of energy. In India, the government is pushing biofuels such as ethanol blending of petrol and compressed biogas to reduce the economy’s carbon footprint, dependence on imported oil and raise incomes of farmers.

Though conferences such as the G20 spell out ambitious programmes, these may sometimes be difficult for governments to carry out. After the two years of the pandemic, the global economy has taken a beating and most countries have huge debts. In such a scenario, huge investments are needed. There are indications that \$100 billion contribution to the Green Climate Fund from developed countries – a goal they had committed to be met by 2020 – may be in the offing. This is definitely a great achievement that the G20 leaders accomplished.

That the looming environmental crisis is a great challenge before the world cannot be doubted and the G20 has taken a step forward in resolving some of these issues. With the determination to triple renewable energy globally by 2030, the Delhi Declaration resolved to reduce emissions by 43% (relative to 2019 levels) by 2030 and achieve net zero by 2050. Though some of the targets may be too ambitious, the positive outlook and the enthusiasm generated need to be hailed.

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population growth in Asia, Africa and Latin America. To put a brake to accentuating global warming, the summit has rightly focussed on the need for sharing technology and finance. The G20 Delhi Declaration has taken note of this and come out with some unique solutions apart from the usual resolve to fight together for a safe and liveable planet. It underscored the need to mobilise \$5.8 trillion from all sources by 2030 for developing countries to implement their nationally determined contributions. It goes without saying that the global ecological agenda needs to reflect on shared concerns, but how much the West is willing to share with the developing world needs to be seen in the coming years.

Apart from technology transfer and credit requirements, there is need for every country to be more aggressive in reducing its carbon footprint. Not that countries, especially the emerging economies, are not taking action but more stringent plans need to be evolved and this has been clearly outlined by the UNFCCC. The question arises

how much can be done, keeping in view the needs of industrialisation for growth and development of such a huge population. And this is especially true of India. According to a recent interview of Lord Nicholas Stern of the London School of Economics, the investments needed at this juncture are big around 2 to 3% of GDP and more in emerging economies. The estimated trillion dollars needed is indeed impossible for developing countries to garner unless external help comes.

As regards India, the International Solar Alliance (ISA) of 2015 has been a huge success and so is Modi’s LIFE (Lifestyle for Environment) initiative which shows how people can make changes in everyday life to prioritise both efficiency and ecosystems. In the very preamble to the New Delhi Declaration, LIFE has been recognised as an important tool to address development and climate challenges and conserve biodiversity, forests and oceans.

And now a very significant achievement of the G20 Declaration has been the for-



Dhurjati Mukherjee

FORESTS ARE NOW FOUND TO RELEASE STORED CARBON WITH PARTS OF THE AMAZON RAINFORESTS EMITTING MORE THAN THEY ABSORB

Just a day before the G20 summit, the UN climate body stated that limiting the warming to 1.50 C above pre-industrial levels was virtually impossible as progress has still been inadequate. This is quite evident from the fact that the Earth had its hottest three months (June-August) on record, according to the Copernicus Climate Change Service, with August estimated to have been around 1.50C warmer than the pre-industrial average for 1850-1900.

Scientists are unanimous that these soaring temperatures are caused by atmospheric carbon dioxide linked to emissions from fossil fuels at 419.2 parts per million (ppm), which is very much on the higher side. An important aspect of the warming may be attributed to the destruction of tropical forests in many countries, and India is no exception. Forests are now found to release stored carbon with parts of the Amazon rainforests emitting more than they absorb.

In its first global stock take, the UNFCCC reiterated what is well known that global emissions are not in line with desired goals and countries urgently need to set more ambitious targets to reduce GHG emissions further by 60% by 2035 compared to 2019 levels. Though this is considered a prerequisite to save the world from disastrous consequences of climate change, the chances of this becoming a reality is indeed remote.

In such a distressing scenario it is believed that the G20 summit under India’s presidency aptly highlighted the notion of environmental justice from the viewpoint of the Global South and achieved a lot through skilful negotiations and consensus. Developed countries are of the opinion that ecological problems have accentuated due to

To love is not to possess, but to give oneself.

THE MOTHER



Appointment U-turn

Consistency in government decisions is a fundamental principle of responsible governance. Each decision of the government is presupposed to have been taken after careful consideration and thereby carries significant weight. However, the recent abrupt reversal of a key appointment by Haryana Chief Minister Manohar Lal Khattar raises questions about its decision-making process.

The state government officially announced the appointment of Sudhir Rajpal as additional chief secretary for several critical departments, including Home, Jail, Criminal Investigation and Administration of Justice. But within a few hours, it reversed the order and issued a new order appointing Rajpal as Additional Chief Secretary of the School Education Department and Cooperation Department. Another IAS officer TVSN Prasad assumed the role of ACS for Home.

Observers have noted that the Haryana government has been besieged by a litany of administrative challenges, which conceivably may have prompted the reversal of Rajpal’s appointment. This sudden reversal has left many wondering about the underlying reasons, inevitably fuelling suspicions of political manoeuvring. It’s essential for Khattar to maintain credibility and trust, and such swift reversals can end up eroding that trust, especially in the fast-nearing election season.

Sherpas who scaled G20 Summit

The recently concluded G20 Summit in New Delhi will be remembered as a watershed moment in India’s diplomatic victory, with the unanimous adoption of the Delhi Declaration, said to be the first time that a G20 meeting has concluded with all members on the same page. Among the key figures who played a pivotal role in this, Amitabh Kant, India’s G20 Sherpa stands out as the true orchestrator of diplomatic excellence. His impressive track record as a civil servant and Niti Aayog top honcho made him the ideal candidate to represent India’s interests and ensure a cohesive strategy, which he delivered splendidly.

Obviously, this achievement is attributable not only to Prime Minister Narendra Modi and EAM S Jaishankar but also several dedicated babus, as Kant himself has noted. A formidable coalition of IAS, IFS and IIS officials worked through more than 200 hours of relentless negotiations, 300 bilateral meetings and 15 draft revisions towards a common goal. Besides, Kant, former Foreign Secretary Harsh Vardhan Shringla, and officers like Nagaraj Naidu Kakanur; Eenam Gambhir; Ashish Kumar Sinha, Lily Pandeya and Abhay Thakur, among others.

As India continues to assert its role on the global stage, it will be officials such as Kant whose ability to harness bureaucratic talent, navigate complex geopolitics and address global security concerns will determine the path to the future. These sherpas successfully scaled the peak of Indian diplomacy.



BABUDOM BYTES

Dilip Cherian

PESB revives board-level selection drive

After a month-long lull, the Public Enterprises Selection Board (PESB) has resumed the selection interviews for Board-level positions in various Central Public Sector Undertakings (PSUs). The last recommendation PESB made for a board-level position was that of Director (Technical) at Rashtriya Chemicals and Fertilizers on August 9, 2023.

According to sources, interviews slated for this month include the position of Director (R&D) in Indian Oil, CMD in Mahanadi Coalfields Ltd., and CMD of Power Grid Corporation (PGCIL). This last appointment is significant as the current chief, K Sreekanth, is retiring on December 31, 2023.

August saw only three selection interviews for board-level positions, marking the lowest number of selections this year. This lull was an anomaly in a year that otherwise witnessed a consistent flow of leadership selections. In all, PESB has held 73 selection interviews for Board-level positions this year, with the highest numbers in February (13) and March (14), followed closely by April (9), May and June (10 each). In contrast, January had six, while August had the lowest three selection interviews.

As the selection process gains momentum once again, it is hoped that this is a sign of something more than a routine administrative process.

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- Everything we hear is an opinion, not a fact. Everything we see is a perspective, not the truth. **MARCUS AURELIUS**
- Do not go where the path may lead, go instead where there is no path and leave a trail. **RALPH WALDO EMERSON**
- Your future is created by what you do today, not tomorrow. **ROBERT T. KIYOSAKI**

WORDSWORTH

Nihilartikel

If you have a copy of the New Oxford American Dictionary, please disregard the entry for esquivallence, which is supposedly the wilful avoidance of one’s official responsibilities or the shirking of duties. It has been discovered to be a fake entry. Compilers of reference works sometimes include them to reveal copyright infringements by competitors. Map makers might include a fictitious location, for example, or the compilers of wine encyclopaedias add entries for non-existent beverages (such as that for Via Gra in one of Robert Parker’s recent wine guides). The 1980 edition of the New Grove Dictionary of Music had a spoof entry for the composer Esum-Hellerup. Since nobody consulting such works would ever have cause to look them up, they do no harm (unless you’re one of that vanishingly rare breed that reads such works cover to cover and commits the whole to memory). Since we have no English word for deliberately invalid entries, some academics have used the German Nihilartikel. This is formed from the Latin nihil, nothing, plus German Artikel, so “nothing article”. In the past, we weren’t sure whether this was a real German word or one that had been invented as a joke by some English writer. However, half a dozen appearances in German sources since 2000, more than in English, suggest that it is a real, albeit rare, native German word. The word has made only very rare appearances in non-specialist English-language works. This is one of them: *There is considerable distrust among the community that the PostZon database is “clean” – that is, contains no intentionally wrong entries that Royal Mail could use to identify unlicensed use. Such an intentional mistake – known as a Mountweazel or Nihilartikel – effectively poisons the database to unlicensed users, because its presence proves that the data was copied rather than created from scratch (Guardian, 24 Sep. 2009).* The other term in this quotation, Mountweazel, derives from the fake entry for Lillian Virginia Mountweazel that was inserted by its editors into the 1975 edition of the New Columbia Encyclopedia. The article claimed that she was a fountain designer turned photographer, celebrated for a collection of photographs of rural American mailboxes titled Flags Up! A much older example of a Nihilartikel formed the final entry in several editions of Rupert Hughes’ The Music Lovers’ Encyclopedia, first published in 1903; it asserted that zxxjoanw was the name of a Maori drum.

SPECTRUM AGRICULTURE

The key to sustainable food systems



Kristina Skierka

REINFORCING THE FABRIC OF OUR GLOBAL FOOD SYSTEM REQUIRES A NEW FRAMEWORK DESIGNED TO REDUCE LAND USE, ENHANCE PRODUCTIVITY, AND MINIMISE FOOD LOSS

The fabric of our global food system is fraying under the strain of climate change and an ever-expanding population. To prevent it from unraveling, we must embrace distributed renewable-energy solutions, which are critical for reducing greenhouse-gas emissions, boosting resilience and productivity, and cutting costs. Failure to do so would jeopardise efforts to achieve the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals and threaten our very survival.

Halfway to the 2030 deadline, progress toward the SDGs – conceived as a “shared blueprint for peace and prosperity for people and the planet” – is lagging significantly. In July, the UN High-Level Political Forum on Sustainable Development in New York and the UN Food Systems Summit +2 Stocktaking Moment in Rome underscored the importance of ensuring access to modern energy (SDG 7) and achieving zero hunger (SDG 2), respectively.

When it comes to strengthening the long-term resilience and adaptability of the global food system, these two objectives are interlinked. Translating this into public policies has taken on new urgency, given that rapid global warming, population growth, public-health crises, volatile energy markets, and conflict have exposed the food system’s unique vulnerabilities and shortcomings.

Past solutions and approaches will no longer work; on the contrary, they contributed to the current problems. Previously, concerns about food supply – including high prices during the 2008 global financial crisis – invariably led to agricultural intensification and mechanization, as well as an increase in land use. As a result, agribusiness (including the production, transport, and storage of food) today accounts for roughly one-third of all GHG emissions, which in turn threaten the future of agriculture. While the effects of climate change are felt throughout the global food system, they are disproportionately borne by the those least responsible for the problem: smallholder farmers in the Global South. For example, Sub-Saharan Africa, which relies on rainfed agriculture, already experiences one-third of the world’s droughts and is vulnerable to higher temperatures and other extreme weather. The International Monetary Fund has found that a single drought can lower an African country’s medium-term economic-growth potential by one percentage point.

That conclusion reflects agriculture’s central role in the developing world: in some of the least-developed countries, it accounts for more than 25% of GDP, while 52% of employed people in Sub-Saharan Africa are active in the sector. Given

this, achieving sustainable and climate-friendly food production in the Global South could lead to significant welfare improvements. This will require a shift to distributed renewable energy, which can be used in primary production, post-harvest processing, storage, and cooking – the agricultural activities that tend to consume the most energy in developing countries.

To be sure, decentralised renewable energy is not a panacea. But it could contribute significantly to stabilising the global food system by lowering energy costs, a crucial factor for boosting productivity; by facilitating financing for productive applications, which could democratise access to yield-enhancing technologies; and by reducing GHG emissions and promoting climate-change adaptation. Last but not least, reducing reliance on fossil fuels and decentralising energy production can help shift global power dynamics within the food system.

Solar-powered irrigation, for example, has significantly improved water access and enabled multiple cropping cycles, increasing productivity and reducing GHG emissions. Solar-powered pumps have boosted farmers’ incomes by more than 50% in India and led to significant increases in yields in Rwanda. Additionally, the expansion of mini-grids to power post-harvest

processes can bring more economic and environmental benefits by enabling communities to preserve their produce locally. Cold storage and refrigeration are crucial for extending shelf life, reducing food loss, and maintaining product quality. Decentralised cold-storage solutions that are powered by renewable energy could improve market access and reduce spoilage for smallholder farmers and remote communities. By converting existing infrastructure to renewable energy sources, we can cut GHG emissions and make cold chains more environmentally friendly and affordable.

All the above examples demonstrate the diverse applications of distributed renewable energy, and each solution contributes to a more resilient, sustainable, and climate-friendly food system.

Reinforcing the fabric of our global food system requires a new framework designed to reduce land use, enhance productivity, minimise food loss, and cut GHG emissions. Renewable energy must be its foundation. Otherwise, developing countries will be unable to raise agricultural yields and end hunger, stop and reverse environmental degradation, or democratise energy access.

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Letters

TO THE EDITOR

Readers of Orissa POST are most welcome to contribute letters (200 words), articles and columns (between 750-1250 words). Contributors are requested to send their contact numbers and full postal address/email ID. They may also send in their valuable comments, opinion and suggestions, preferably by email, to: edit@orissapost.com

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Invest in teachers

Sir, This is in reference to “Resume duty, govt asks agitating teachers,” Orissa Post September 15. Agitation of 1.30 lakh primary teachers who are protesting indefinitely for their demands and which has resulted in closing down of almost 50,000 schools, is disappointing and absolutely uncalled for. The government must act swiftly. A prompt consensus must be built taking into confidence all the stakeholders and end this logjam as soon as possible. There is an old adage: “The destiny of a nation is indeed shaped in its classrooms.” The more we invest on teachers and quality of schools the more we are likely to prosper. For example, before partition North and South Korea might have been homogenous in every aspect but after division they steered into different paths. The schools in North Korea were never given the resources, they taught ideological indoctrination while South Korea invested heavily in teachers, innovative liberal teaching while bolstering the schools, and today almost seven decades later the difference in the trajectories of the two countries and the fate of their peoples can’t be more stark. We should learn from the likes of South Korea and Finland, another country which has one of the best education systems in the world. We should incentivise our teaching profession, invest in teachers and schools, but their demands should also be reasonable and genuine. The government should find an amicable solution sitting with them so that they call off the strike and join duty without jeopardising the careers of students.

Debi Prasanna Mohapatra, BHUBANESWAR

PM’s barbs

Sir, Prime Minister Narendra Modi has accused the Opposition I.N.D.I.A. bloc of destroying the Sanatana Dharma and pushing the country 1000-year back towards slavery. This was the Prime Minister’s first public intervention in the raging debate on the Sanatana Dharma ever since DMK leader and Tamil Nadu Chief Minister MK Stalin’s son Udhayanidhi Stalin likened it to coronavirus, malaria, and dengue. According to PM Modi, the Opposition alliance lacks policies, issues, and a leader. The PM’s barbs have paved the way for a verbal duel with the Opposition.

NJ Ravi Chander, BANGALORE

175 killed, 1,100 injured in 4 months of carnage

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

Imphal, Sept 15: As many as 175 people were killed, and 1,108 others injured while 32 are missing in the ethnic strife that has rocked Manipur since early May, police said.

Altogether, 4,786 houses were set on fire and 386 religious structures vandalised, they said.

Addressing a press conference here, IGP (Operations) IK Muivah said, "In this challenging time that Manipur is in, we can reassure the public that the police, central forces and the civil administration are trying round-the-clock to bring normalcy back."

Of the weapons that have been "lost", 1,359 firearms and 15,050 ammunition were recovered, Muivah said Thursday.

A large number of arms and ammunition of the police have allegedly been looted by the rioters during the violence.

As many as 5,172 arson cases were reported, Muivah said, adding, 386 religious structures - 254 churches and 132 temples - were vandalised.

"Security barricades from Phougakchao Ikhai in Bishnupur district to Kangvai in Churachandpur district have been removed, while security has been provided on national highways," he said.

IGP (Administration) K Jayanta said of the 175 people



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who died, nine are still unidentified. "Seventy-nine of the bodies have been claimed while 96 remain unclaimed. At RIMS and JNIMS (hospitals in Imphal), 28 and 26 bodies have been kept respectively, while 42 are at Churachandpur hospital," he informed.

Jayanta said that 9,332 cases

have been registered and 325 people were arrested.

Meanwhile, IGP (Zone-3) Nishit Ujjwal said NH-32 and NH-2 are functioning normally.

Ethnic violence broke out in the northeastern state May 3, when a Tribal Solidarity March' was organised in the hill districts to protest against the Meitei community's demand for Scheduled Tribe (ST) status.

Meiteis account for about 53 per cent of Manipur's population and live mostly in the Imphal Valley, while tribals, which include Nagas and Kukis, constitute 40 per cent and reside mostly in the hill districts.

12 ex-VCs send legal notice to Bengal Guv

These former vice-chancellors are those who were recently cited by the Governor as those who had to resign as per the order of the Supreme Court because their appointments were not as per norms

INDO-ASIAN NEWS SERVICE

Kolkata, Sept 15: Twelve former vice-chancellors of different state universities in West Bengal Thursday sent legal notice to Governor C.V. Ananda Bose, who by virtue of his chair is also the chancellor of all state universities.

These 12 former vice-chancellors are those who were re-



cently cited by the governor as those who had to resign as per the order of the Supreme Court because their appointments were not as per norms.

They have also clarified that the legal notice has been sent not to the governor but to the chancellor. Their contention is that the comments by the governor have resulted in the loss

of social prestige.

In the legal notice, these 12 vice-chancellors have demanded the Governor should withdraw his statement and tender a public apology within the next 15 days or face a libel suit in the court. They have also demanded a damage of Rs 50 lakhs for each of them from the Governor.

September 7, the Governor is-

sued a video message clarifying why he had to appoint interim vice-chancellors for those state universities which were running without the functional heads for quite some time.

"Why I had to appoint interim vice chancellors for so many state universities? That was because the previous vice-chancellors had to resign as per the order of the Supreme Court of India because their appointments were not as per norms. I did not ask them to resign. They resigned themselves following the apex court's order. Now you might ask why did not appoint state-nominated persons as vice chancellors. Some of those nominated persons were either involved in corruption while others have charges of harassing female students. How could I appoint them as vice-chancellors?" the Governor questioned.

Manipur clashes: Govt approves compensation for women victims

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

Imphal, Sept 15: The Manipur government has approved a compensation scheme for women victims of sexual assault and other crimes, an official order said.

The order issued by Commissioner (Home) T Ranjit Singh September 14 said that the state government has approved 'Manipur Compensation Scheme for women victims/survivors of sexual assault/other crimes, 2023'. Under the scheme gang rape vic-



tims will be entitled to a minimum amount of Rs 5 lakh to a maximum of Rs 10 lakh while rape victims will get Rs 4-7 lakh.

Victims of acid attack with face disfigurement will get Rs 7-8 lakh.

The order said in case of loss of life or enforced disappearance of women the compensation amount will be Rs 5-10 lakh. The scheme shall apply to victims and their dependents who have suffered loss, or injury as the case may be, as a result of the offence committed and who require rehabilitation.

It said compensation as decided by the Manipur State Legal Services Authority or District Legal Services Authority will be paid to the women victims or her dependents.



GREEN CRUSADERS: Students take oath during 'Global Climate Strike 2023', in Kolkata, Friday.

PTI Photo

CONCERN OVER HUMAN ATTACKS ON FISHING CATS

THERE ARE LOTS OF MISCONCEPTIONS ABOUT FISHING CATS, WHICH ARE OFTEN MISTAKEN AS MINI-LEOPARDS BECAUSE OF THE PATTERNS ON THEIR COATS



INDO-ASIAN NEWS SERVICE

Kolkata, Sept 15: The increasing incidences of human attacks on fishing cats in West Bengal, often resulting in the deaths of the animals, has become a major cause of concern for the state forest department.

The department officials admit that a lack of awareness amongst the people of these fishing cats, which is incidentally the state animal in West Bengal, is the main reason behind the attacks.

A senior department official said that there are lots of misconceptions about these fishing cats, which are often mistaken as mini-leop-

ards because of the patterns on their coats. When these fishing cats enter the human habitations, the local villagers often kill them out of this misconception.

"So, there is a necessity to create an awareness drive about fishing cats among local people," the official said. In order to eradicate the misconceptions, the forest department has decided to accelerate the pace of its awareness drive by conducting increasing number of workshops involving NGOs dealing with animals rights issues as well as experts and teachers from the zoology sector.

"We started the awareness drive

in November last year but organising workshops has not been frequent. But now we want to increase the numbers and frequencies of such workshops with the assistance of independent experts and NGOs," the department official said.

Last year, the department conducted a census of fishing cats in the mangrove forests of the Sundarbans area. Under that project camera-traps were laid.

Analyzing the footage, it has been revealed that currently there are 385 fishing cats scattered over the four ranges of Sajnekhali Wildlife Sanctuary, National Park East, National Park West Bengal and Basirhat.

That fishing cat census in the Sundarbans was the second of its kind in the world after the first one on this count being conducted at Chilika lake in Odisha in June last year in joint collaboration between The Fishing Cat Project (TFCP) and the Chilika Development Authority.

The number of fishing cats detected in the Chilika region then was 176, which was less than 50 per cent of the number detected in the Sunderban census this time.

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Withdraw Assam Rifles from Manipur: Meiteis

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

Imphal, Sept 15: Representatives of COCOMI, an umbrella body of Imphal valley-based civil society organisations, met Defence Minister Rajnath Singh and demanded the withdrawal of Assam Rifles from the state, alleging that the force was acting in a biased way.

The Coordinating Committee on Manipur Integrity (COCOMI), which represents Meitei groups, said in a statement that their representatives met Singh Thursday at his residence in Delhi and submitted a memorandum.

In the memorandum, they claimed that the Kuki groups caused embarrassment to the government by approaching the United Nations for a resolution to the Manipur crisis.

They also raised with Singh the issues of narco-terrorism, illegal immigrants and their identification as well as suspension of operations agree-

ment, the statement said.

On the other side, the Kuki groups have been accusing the state police of bias.

Last month, 10 Kuki MLAs of the state appealed to PM Narendra Modi to not withdraw Assam Rifles from the state, maintaining that this could jeopardise the security of the tribals.

Around 175 people have been killed and 1,100 injured since ethnic violence broke out in Manipur May 3, when a 'Tribal Solidarity March' was organised in the hill districts to protest against the majority Meitei community's demand for Scheduled Tribe status.

Government of India Ministry of Health and Family Welfare Department of Health Research 2nd Floor, IRCS Building, Redcross Road New Delhi - 110001. Applications are invited for filling up of 03 posts of Scientist 'C' and 02 posts of Junior Health Economist on contractual basis in the Department of Health Research, Ministry of Health and Family Welfare.

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Devotees participate in the 'Kali and Pili Marbat' procession as part of Pola festival celebrations in Nagpur



Karnataka Chief Minister Siddaramaiah along with other ministers recites the Preamble to the Indian Constitution during an event organised to mark the International Day of Democracy at Vidhana Soudha in Bangalore



A Sikh volunteer walks past with ornamental flowers as the Golden Temple is being decorated on the eve of the first 'Parkash Purab of Guru Granth Sahib' in Amritsar



A man holds a miniature red non-AC double-decker bus of Brihanmumbai Electricity Supply and Transport (BEST), in Mumbai. The iconic buses, which have been an integral part of the city's public transport system for more than eight decades, went off the roads from Friday



Workers carry harvested bunches of sugarcane at a field in Nadia district, West Bengal



Ocean Spirit, a tug, during its bollard pull test ahead of the arrival of the first ship that will dock at Vizhinjam International Seaport in Thiruvananthapuram. The first ship will arrive next month from China carrying the huge cranes needed for the Vizhinjam port



SDRF and police personnel during a rescue operation after a car fell into the river near Gangotri Highway in Uttarkashi district, Uttarakhand



Britain's Prince Harry and his wife Meghan, Duchess of Sussex, pose as they attend the sitting volleyball match between fans from Germany and Poland at the 6th Invictus Games in the Merkur Spiel Arena, in Duesseldorf, Germany

national



Due to the grand loot of the Modi government, the poorest 20 per cent people are bearing the brunt of the back-breaking inflation. The prices of food items are skyrocketing and the country has now realised that the only reason for their troubles is BJP

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DAC GIVES NOD TO NINE PROPOSALS WORTH ₹45K CR

India Thursday cleared nine procurement proposals of around ₹45,000 crore including ones to acquire 12 Su-30 MKI fighter jets as well as Dhruvastra air-to-surface missiles and upgrade of Dornier aircraft



of the day quote

The country needs an efficient multi-modal transport system for which rail, road, air and water transportation should be dealt with in a holistic approach rather than in isolation

We all have faith on Sanatan Dharma, but India has diverse culture and religion, and Sanatan Dharma does not teach to disrespect people from other religion

Once we win and get a majority, the legislators and the party leadership will then decide who will lead the legislature party. This is not something new. This has been the practice for decades and in the states, we are going to polls in the next few months, the same policy would be followed

One more Nipah case in Kerala Cong MLA held for Nuh violence

Kozhikode/New Delhi, Sept 15: A fresh case of Nipah virus was confirmed in Kozhikode, where two people were killed by the brain-damaging virus recently, the Kerala government said Friday.



Health workers collect clinical samples and investigate the home of a Nipah virus victim in Kozhikode, Friday

With the new Nipah infection in the state, taking the total number of active cases to four, the Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR) has decided to procure from Australia 20 more doses of monoclonal antibody for its treatment.

State Health Minister Veena George said a 39-year-old man tested positive for the virus, which was transmitted to him through direct contact with an infected person who died on August 30.

state to six, of whom two had died earlier. She said the man found infected had sought treatment at a private hospital where Nipah-infected persons were treated for other ailments earlier.

Meanwhile, in a slight relief to Kerala, the test results of 30 healthcare workers, who were the primary contacts of the first deceased Nipah-virus-infected person, returned negative on Friday.

A HIGH-LEVEL MEETING WAS HELD AT THE KOZHIKODE COLLECTORATE TO TAKE STOCK OF THE SITUATION

THIS IS THE FOURTH TIME THE VIRAL INFECTION HAS BEEN CONFIRMED IN THE STATE. IT WAS DETECTED IN KOZHIKODE IN 2018 AND 2021 AND IN ERNAKULAM IN 2019

Gurugram/Chandigarh, Sept 15: Congress MLA Mamman Khan has been arrested in connection with the July 31 Nuh violence, police said Friday as the administration imposed prohibitory orders under section 144 in the district and suspended mobile internet services for two days.

The Ferozepur Jhirka legislator, who was named as an accused in an FIR lodged after the communal clashes, was arrested late on Thursday night. The charges in the FIR include promoting enmity between different groups on grounds of religion.

Nagina, some accused were interrogated and "the MLA's name came to the fore," the SP said. To a question about the charges against the Congress legislator, the police officer said, "In the acts of vandalism and arson that took place at Nagina's Barkali Chowk, he is accused of provoking people and inciting violence."

When asked if any such evidence has come to the fore which points to the legislator's involvement in a larger conspiracy behind the Nuh violence, the SP replied, "From the details which have emerged during the investigations so far, his involvement is there."

To a question on whether the legislator was physically present on the day of violence, Bijarniya claimed that from the information which has emerged so far, he was present there shortly before the violence occurred.

SHORT TAKES

Top court gives relief to Kavitha

New Delhi: In some relief to BRS leader K Kavitha, the Enforcement Directorate Friday told the Supreme Court it will extend by 10 days the summons issued to her for appearance in the Delhi excise policy case.

SC defers hearing on bail pleas

New Delhi: The Supreme Court Friday deferred hearing for October 4 on the bail pleas of AAP leader Manish Sisodia in two Delhi excise policy cases being probed by the CBI and ED.

4 workers killed

Noida: Four workers died Friday after a service lift had a free fall from the 14th floor at an under-construction group housing society in Greater Noida West, police said.

Jai Hind Papa: 6-year-old's last salute to Col Manpreet



Army personnel carry mortal remains of Colonel Manpreet Singh during his funeral in Mohali, Friday

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

Chandigarh/Panipat, Sept 15: "Jai Hind Papa." A stoic six-year-old Kabir dressed in army-style fatigues saluted his father one last time before Colonel Manpreet Singh, killed in the gunfight with terrorists in Kashmir valley, was cremated at his village in Punjab's Mohali district Friday.

In Haryana's Panipat, a bugler sounded the 'Last Post' for Major Ashish Dhonchak who was killed in the same encounter as thousands of mourners joined the grieving family for his final journey.

The mood was sombre in Bharaurjan village near Mohali where Colonel Singh's house witnessed a steady stream of mourners since early morning who joined his inconsolable wife, mother and other family members in his final journey.

An Army officer was seen holding Kabir as the family and others paid their last respects while a relative held on to his two-year-old daughter Banni. Kabir was later seen clinging to the tricolour-wrapped coffin of his father along with other family members.

SC says listening to nation's voice

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

New Delhi, Sept 15: The Supreme Court Friday trashed the allegation that it does not hear ordinary citizens, saying it has been hearing the "voice of the nation" and individuals from Kashmir on the issue of abrogation of Article 370.

It was reacting to lawyer Mathews Nedumpara's email to the top court in which he claimed the apex court has been hearing only constitution bench matters, which have no public interest involved, and not the cases of ordinary citizens.

SC extends protection to EGI members

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

New Delhi, Sept 15: The Supreme Court Friday termed the complaint against the Editors Guild of India (EGI) and its four members a "counter-narrative of the government" and asked as to how the offence of promoting enmity between different groups was made out against the journalists' body which merely gave a report at Army's request.



of the complainant and said it will examine the complaint which formed the basis of the FIRs against them. The court observed the EGI team went to Manipur after the Army wrote to it about "partisan reporting" on the ground by vernacular media.

While extending the protection from coercive action to the EGI members by two more weeks, a bench of Chief Justice D Y Chandrachud and justices J B Pardiwala and Manoj Misra sought the response tained the PIL against the EGI. The CJ was referring to the plea filed by the International Meitei Forum seeking quashing of the report submitted by the EGI.

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Both India and the US can combine their strengths to provide space-related applications and services to third countries across the globe
TARANJIT SINGH SANDHU | INDIA'S AMBASSADOR TO THE US

CHINESE DEFENCE MINISTER IN SOUP

Defence Minister Li Shangfu, who has been missing from public view for more than two weeks, has been placed under investigation by Chinese authorities, according to sources. The investigation into Li relates to procurement of military equipment, according to a regional security official and three people in direct contact with the Chinese military



of the day quote

Iraq's northern oil export route through Turkey will soon be ready to resume operation after checks on pipeline maintenance and repairs to flood damage

ALPARSLAN BAYRAKTAR | MINISTER OF ENERGY AND NATURAL RESOURCES OF TURKEY

The jobs, the communities, the cities, the industries, the very country that we want to create are all intertwined with how we tackle energy

ANTHONY ALBANESE | AUSTRALIA PM

We would also like to work on increasing foreign investments in Egypt

CATHERINE COLONNA | MINISTER FOR EUROPE AND FOREIGN AFFAIRS OF FRANCE

Kim inspects Russian aircraft factory

AGENCIES

Seoul (S Korea), Sept 15: North Korean leader Kim Jong Un inspected Russia's most advanced fighter jet as he toured an aircraft factory Friday on an extended trip that has raised concerns about banned weapons transfer deals between the increasingly isolated countries.

Since entering Russia aboard his armoured train Tuesday, Kim has met President Vladimir Putin and visited weapons and technology sites, underscoring deepening ties between the two nations locked in separate confrontations with the West.

Foreign governments and experts speculate Kim will likely supply ammunition to Russia for its war efforts in Ukraine in exchange for receiving advanced weapons or technology from Russia.

On Friday, Russia's state media published video showing Kim's train pulling into a station in the far eastern city of Komsomolsk-on-Amur.

An Associated Press journalist saw Kim's convoy, his limousine sporting the Russian and North Korean flags, sweeping out of the station on the way to the aircraft factory.

On Friday, Russia's state media published videos showing Kim's train pulling into a station in the far eastern city of Komsomolsk-on-Amur and Kim's convoy sweeping out of the station on the way to the city's aircraft factory. Russia's Cabinet later released video showing Kim, on an ele-



vated platform, looking at the cockpit of the Su-57 — Russia's most sophisticated fighter jet — while listening to its pilot. Kim beamed and clapped his hands when a Su-35 fighter jet landed after a demonstration flight.

According to a Russian Cabinet statement, Kim visited a facility producing Sukhoi SJ-100 passenger planes as well, accompanied by Deputy Prime Minister Denis Manturov.

"We have shown one of our leading aircraft plants to the leader of (North Korea)," Manturov said in the statement. "We are seeing potential for cooperation in the aircraft-making and other industries, which is particularly acute for solving our countries' task of achieving technological sovereignty."

Kim travels next to Vladivostok to view Russia's Pacific fleet, a university and other facilities, Putin told Russian media after

- US, South Korea warn Russia over sanctions
- Putin says Moscow won't violate any agreement
- Kim examines jet cockpit on trip to Russian factory

he met with Kim Wednesday.

US WARNING

The United States and South Korea appear worried by the revival of Moscow's friendship with Pyongyang which they fear could give Kim access to some of Russia's sensitive missile and other technology.

US and South Korean officials called on Moscow to show responsibility as a permanent member of the UN Security Council.

"We agreed to work together to ensure there is a price to pay for the grave violation of Security Council resolutions," South

South Korea and the United States said Friday that military cooperation between North Korea and Russia was a violation of UN sanctions against Pyongyang, and that the allies would ensure there is a price to pay

Korean Vice Foreign Minister Chang Ho-jin told a press conference in Seoul.

Bonnie Jenkins, US Under Secretary of State for Arms Control and International Security, who is visiting Seoul, said the United States condemned the escalation of defence and political cooperation between Pyongyang and Moscow.

Russian diplomats said Washington had no right to lecture Moscow after the United States had bolstered its allies across the world, including with a visit of a U.S. nuclear-armed ballistic missile submarine to South Korea in July.

The US State Department said Wednesday the Biden administration would not hesitate to impose additional sanctions on Russia and North Korea if they conclude new arms deals.

The Kremlin says it abides by UN sanctions but that it has a right to develop neighbourly relations, including on sensitive topics.

Libya floods: Death toll passes 11,000



ASSOCIATED PRESS

Derna, Sept 15: Libyan authorities evacuated residents from an inundated city Friday and limited access to it, as searchers dug through mud and hollowed-out buildings for 10,000 people missing and feared dead in flooding that has already killed more than 11,000.

Authorities warned that disease and explosives shifted by the waters could claim yet more lives. Two dams collapsed in exceptionally heavy rains from Mediterranean storm Daniel early Monday, sending a wall of water several metres high gushing down a valley that cuts through the city of Derna.

The unusual flooding and Libya's political chaos contributed to the enormous toll. The oil-rich state has been split since 2014 between rival governments in the east and west backed by various militia forces and international patrons.

The disaster has brought rare unity, as government agencies across Libya's divide rushed to help the affected areas. But relief efforts have been slowed by

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the destruction after several bridges that connect the city were destroyed. Heaps of twisted metal and flooded cars littered Derna's streets, which are caked in a tan mud. Teams have buried bodies in mass graves outside the city and in nearby towns, Eastern Libya's health minister, Othman Abduljaleel, said. But officials worried that thousands more were yet to be found.

Health officials warned that standing water opened the door to disease — but said there was no need to rush burials or put the dead in mass graves, as bodies usually do not pose a risk in such cases. The Libyan Red Crescent said as of Thursday that 11,300 people in Derna had died and another 10,100 were reported missing — though there was little hope many would be found alive.

SHORT TAKES

Nepal PM to meet Xi during China visit

Kathmandu: Nepal Prime Minister Pushpa Kamal Dahal Friday said he will embark on an official visit to China September 22, during which he will meet President Xi Jinping and several other top leaders. "After attending the 78th session of the UN General Assembly, I will leave straight for China's city of Hangzhou," Prachanda, as the Prime Minister is popularly known, said in an address to Parliament. In his capacity as Prime Minister, this is Prachanda's third visit to China, after making trips in 2008 and 2017.

Hurricane Lee to strike New England

Portland (US): After a deluge of rain, flooding, sinkholes and tornadoes this week, New England is about to face Hurricane Lee. A tropical storm warning was in place from Maine to Massachusetts and part of Maine was under the first hurricane watch in 15 years as the storm packing powerful gusts and 20-foot (6-metre) ocean swells approached. Forecasters said there would be tropical storm-force winds — 40 mph (64 kph) or greater — across an area spanning more than 400 miles (643 kilometres) ahead of landfall Saturday afternoon.

Setback for Nawaz's return to politics

Islamabad: In a landmark ruling, Pakistan's Supreme Court Friday scrapped the recent amendments to the country's anti-graft laws and restored corruption cases against public office holders, including former Prime Minister Nawaz Sharif, who was one of the major beneficiaries of the changes. The apex court was announcing its reserved decision on jailed former prime minister Imran Khan's plea filed last year, challenging the amendments made to the accountability laws by the then government led by former Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif, the younger brother of Nawaz Sharif.

Haiti border shutdown

Dajabon: The Dominican Republic shut all land, air and sea borders with Haiti Friday over a dispute about construction of a canal on Haitian soil, as armed Dominican soldiers patrolled entry points and military planes roared overhead. Flights were cancelled and border towns usually teeming with vendors and Haitians crossing daily to work in the Dominican Republic were subdued. Crowds of people on the Haitian side gathered under the shade of trees as they observed the scene Friday.

UAW begins strike at 3 major US carmakers

The strike comes after labour contracts expired Thursday night, with the UAW saying that the automobile giants had not put forward acceptable offers

REUTERS

Detroit, Sept 15: The United Auto Workers union launched simultaneous strikes at three factories owned by General Motors (GM), Ford Motor (FN) and Chrysler parent Stellantis NV (STL.A.MI) Friday, kicking off the most ambitious US industrial labor action in decades.



The walkouts at the Detroit Three will halt production of the Ford Bronco, Jeep Wrangler and Chevrolet Colorado pickup

truck, along with other popular models, though the action was smaller than some expected.

"For the first time in our history we will strike all three of the Big Three," UAW President Shawn Fain said, adding that the union will hold off more costly company-wide strikes for now, but all options are open if new contracts are not agreed.

The action caps weeks of clashes between Fain and Detroit Three executives over union demands for a bigger share of profits generated by combustion trucks, and stronger job security as automakers shift to electric vehicles.

The automakers' previous contract expired at 11:59 p.m. EDT on Thursday, and there will be no negotiations Friday, the UAW said.

Executives say the union's asks would make the automakers uncompetitive against other nonunion rivals. "We still have a ways to go with the offer they put on the table last night," said GM CEO Mary Barra on "CBS This Morning" Friday.

Ukrainian troops reclaim a village near Bakhmut

ASSOCIATED PRESS

Kyiv, Sept 15: Ukrainian forces recaptured a war-ravaged settlement in the country's embattled east, Kyiv's military leaders said Friday, a small territorial win in a churning counteroffensive marked so far by small victories but no major breakthroughs.

The taking of the village of Andriivka, 10 kilometers (6 miles) south of Russian-occupied city of Bakhmut, underscores just how difficult Ukraine's multipronged counteroffensive is shaping up to be. In the east and the south, Ukraine is reporting minimal territorial gains after months of intense fighting and heavy losses. Despite being bolstered by NATO-standard weapons worth billions of dollars, Ukrainian military officials have said there are no quick solutions to puncture Russian defensive lines — only slow, grinding battles.

The wet weather of fall and winter will likely slow Ukrainian advances. President Volodymyr Zelenskyy is expected to visit Washington next week as Congress debates approving more aid.

Climate protesters demand end to fossil fuels as Earth heats up

THE STRIKE — DRIVEN BY SEVERAL MOSTLY YOUTH-LED, LOCAL AND GLOBAL CLIMATE GROUPS AND ORGANISATIONS, INCLUDING GRETA THUNBERG'S FRIDAYS FOR FUTURE MOVEMENT — IS TAKING PLACE IN DOZENS OF COUNTRIES AND IN HUNDREDS OF CITIES WORLDWIDE

ASSOCIATED PRESS

Washington, Sept 15: Tens of thousands of climate activists around the world are protesting Friday and through the weekend to call for an end to the burning of planet-warming fossil fuels as the globe suffers dramatic weather extremes and



Graffiti on a tent set up in front of the Metropolitan Cathedral reads in Spanish "202 años de Mentiras, Represion, Racismo. Nada que Celebrar" during an Independence Day ceremony, in Guatemala City. Following raids on electoral facilities, Guatemala's President-elect Bernardo Arevalo said he was temporarily suspending the transition process and called for the resignation of Attorney General Consuelo Porras



record-breaking heat.

The strike — driven by several mostly youth-led, local and global climate groups and organisations, including Greta Thunberg's Fridays for Future movement — is taking place in dozens of countries and in hundreds of cities worldwide.

In one strike in Quezon City in the Philippines, activists lay in front of the Department of Environment and Natural Resources in protest, and held signs demanding fossil fuels — from coal to natural gas — be phased out.

Outside the Ministry of Energy and Mineral Resources

office in Jakarta, Indonesia, protesters held signs calling for end to dirty fuels and greenwashing as police officers looked on.

In Sweden, climate activists gathered in front of Parliament, just next to the Royal Palace where Sweden's King Carl XVI Gustaf was celebrating his 50th anniversary on the throne. Their chants about "climate justice" could be heard in the palace courtyard as the king watched the changing of the guard during the golden jubilee celebrations.

A week before the planned protest, the United Nations warned that countries are way

off track to curb warming to 1.5 degrees Celsius (2.7 degrees Fahrenheit) since pre-industrial times, as agreed in Paris in 2015. The world has warmed at least 1.1 degrees (2 degrees Fahrenheit) since then.

Over the past few months, Earth broke its daily average heat record several times according to one metric, July was the hottest month ever on record, and the Northern Hemisphere summer was declared the hottest on record.

Dozens of extreme weather events — from Hurricane Idalia in the southeastern United States to torrential flooding in Delhi in India — are believed to have been made worse by human-caused climate change.

Another major strike is planned to take place Sunday in New York, to coincide with the city's Climate Week and the UN climate summit.

Climate activists have organised similar worldwide strikes in recent years, where protesters from different nations join together on a single day.

Joe Biden announces more Iran sanctions

ASSOCIATED PRESS

Washington, Sept 15: President Joe Biden announced new US sanctions Friday on "some of Iran's more egregious human rights abusers" as he marked the anniversary of the death of 22-year-old Mahsa Amini, who died while being held by the country's morality police.

Amini had been detained for allegedly wearing her hijab too loosely in violation of laws that require women in public to wear the Islamic headscarf.

She died three days later in police custody. Her death set off protests in dozens of cities across the country of 80 million people, with young women marching in the streets and publicly exposing and cutting off their hair. The government responded with a fierce crackdown, blaming the protests on foreign interference.

Amini remains a potent symbol in protests that have posed one of the most serious challenges to the Islamic Republic since the 2009 Green Movement protests drew millions to the streets.

Biden said Friday that the US reaffirms its "commitment to the courageous people of Iran who are carrying on her mission."

business

of the day quote

India may add 25 GW to 30 GW thermal electricity generation capacity in addition to 50 GW already under works to meet the rising demand

RK SINGH | UNION POWER MINISTER

India cannot stay protected forever, and more FTAs will be signed. But among all the Indian wine companies, Sula has the least to fear. We are ready to compete with foreign brands

RAJEEV SAMANT | CEO, SULA VINEYARDS

We will be extending this entire charging facility, not only for Mercedes customers but for all brands, luxury and mass, so that they can come in and charge their cars at a faster pace at our fast charging network

SANTOSH IYER | MD & CEO, MERCEDES-BENZ

SHORT TAKES

Arm's stellar debut

Tokyo: The roaring success of Arm Holdings' stock market debut makes it much easier for owner SoftBank Group to revert to its natural state - acquisition-hungry. Shares in the British chip designer jumped almost 25% on its first day of trade - propelling its value to more than double the \$32 billion SoftBank paid to acquire it in 2016. The tech investment behemoth raised nearly \$5 billion from Arm's offering while retaining 90.6% of the firm. Known for debt-fuelled acquisition sprees, SoftBank founder and CEO Masayoshi Son flagged in June that the company was shifting back into "offence mode" as he highlighted the potential of artificial intelligence. That's after a year of "defence mode" when tech valuations crashed amid higher interest rates and global banking jitters.

Vegoil imports up

New Delhi: India's vegetable oil imports rose 33 per cent year-on-year to 18.66 lakh tonne in August due to lower duties and a revival of demand after a fall in domestic rates, according to industry body SEA. India, the world's leading vegetable oil buyer, imported 14.01 lakh tonne of vegetable oil in August 2022. The country's total vegetable oil imports during the first ten months of the 2022-23 oil year (November-October) increased by 24 per cent to 141.21 lakh tonne, when compared to 113.76 lakh tonne in the year-ago period.

Air traffic surges

Mumbai: Domestic air passenger traffic rose 22.81 per cent to 1.24 crore in August this year as against 1.01 crore in the year-ago period, according to DGCA data. Budget carrier IndiGo flew 78.67 lakh passengers and accounted for 63.3 per cent of the total domestic passenger volume during the month, the Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA) said. Air India, now owned by the Tata Group, and its wholly-owned subsidiary AIX Connect (formerly AirAsia India), transported 12.12 lakh and 9.78 lakh passengers, respectively, during August, DGCA said. During the month, Air India's market share was 9.8 per cent while that of AIX Connect was 7.1 per cent.

Europe fines TikTok

London: European regulators slapped TikTok with a \$368 million fine Friday for failing to protect children's privacy, the first time that the popular short video-sharing app has been punished for breaching Europe's strict data privacy rules.

NEW PEAKS DREAM RUN FOR D-ST

Indian shares extend record rally as Sensex, Nifty hit fresh lifetime highs



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Mumbai, Sept 15: Equity benchmark indices Sensex and Nifty darted up to fresh lifetime highs Friday, propelled by a rally in global markets and renewed foreign capital inflows. Besides, buying in telecom, auto and tech stocks also helped markets to settle with gains, traders said.

Rallying for the 11th day running, the 30-share BSE Sensex jumped 319.63 points or 0.47 per cent to settle at a record closing of 67,519.00. During the day, it rallied 408.23 points or 0.60 per cent to hit its fresh all-time intra-day high of 67,927.23.

The Nifty went up by 89.25 points or 0.44 per cent to end at its all-time closing high of 20,192.35. During the day, it advanced 119.35 points or 0.59 per cent to hit its lifetime intra-day peak of 20,222.45.

"Nifty scaled fresh life highs on Friday, rising for the third consecutive session to end at a record close. Sensex rose for the 11th day, the longest streak of gains since October 2007," Deepak Jasani, Head of Retail Research, HDFC Securities, said.

Domestic equities continued their winning streak following their global peers boosted by better-than-expected Chinese and US economic data as well as optimism that the European Central Bank may be close to peak interest rates

SIDDHARTHA KHEMKA | HEAD - RETAIL RESEARCH, MOTILAL OSWAL FINANCIAL SERVICES

On the weekly front, the BSE benchmark jumped 1,239.72 points or 1.86 per cent, and the Nifty climbed 372.4 points or 1.87 per cent.

Bharti Airtel was the biggest gainer in the Sensex pack, rising 2.37 per cent, followed by Mahindra & Mahindra, HCL Tech, Tata Motors, Tech Mahindra, HDFC Bank, Wipro, Tata Consultancy Services, Axis Bank and Nestle.

Asian Paints, Hindustan Unilever, Bajaj Finserv and NTPC were among the laggards.

In the broader market, the BSE smallcap gauge climbed 0.27 per cent, and midcap index gained 0.09 per cent. Among the

DECARBONISING BID UK hands \$621mn to Tata Steel



REUTERS

London, Sept 15: Britain is to pump 500 million pounds (\$621 million) into Tata Steel to decarbonise its Welsh site, in a deal aimed at securing the future of the country's steel industry but which puts as many as 3,000 jobs at risk.

The 1.25 billion pound total funding package for Britain's biggest steel works includes 750 million pounds investment from Tata to pay for the switch to lower-emission electric arc furnaces from current coal-powered methods.

Britain said Friday's deal would help to safeguard 5,000 jobs, but Tata Steel UK currently employs more than 8,000 people, raising the prospect of 3,000 redundancies, as the lower-carbon electric furnaces are less labour intensive.

Business and trade minister Kemi Badenoch said the deal was the right thing for Britain and the workforce overall.

India-owned Tata Steel had long warned that without government help it could close the Port Talbot site.

Britain said the new electric furnaces would cut the country's total carbon emissions by around 1.5%, noting that Port Talbot is the biggest single carbon emitter.

UK SUBSIDIES The British government has been under pressure from businesses to help fund a transition to green energy.

Company bosses have warned that Britain is falling behind the United States, which has benefited from the subsidies of the Inflation Reduction Act, and the European Union, which also has incentive schemes.

The government said the 500 million pound steel grant was one of the largest state support packages in UK history. The deal follows an undisclosed level of financing the government provided to Tata Group, parent company of Tata Steel, in July to build an electric vehicle battery plant in England.

Int'l brands aim India growth with Reliance's luxury mall

LVMH, Gucci, Cartier, Kering, Burberry and Richemont are some of the brands set to open stores in Reliance's luxury mall in Mumbai

REUTERS

Mumbai, Sept 15: Gucci, Cartier and Louis Vuitton are among brands to sign leases for stores in Indian tycoon Mukesh Ambani's new Mumbai mall, as luxury firms and Reliance Industries seek to profit from strong economic growth and a rapid rise in the number of millionaires.

an industry source said is likely to open this year, is located inside Reliance's \$1 billion business and cultural hub in Mumbai's business district.

Reliance has yet to disclose details about the tenants, but lease documents provided by real estate analytics firm CRE Matrix showed that Burberry Group as well as several brands owned by LVMH, Kering and Richemont have agreed to rent shops in the mall, and also share between 4% and 12% of their monthly net revenue with Reliance.

The brands include jewellers Cartier and Bulgari, fashion



houses Louis Vuitton, Dior and Gucci, watch brand IWC Schaffhausen and luxury luggage maker Rimowa, which will open its first outlet in India. At almost 700 square metres

(7,500 square feet), Louis Vuitton's Jio World Plaza store will be the most spacious of its four outlets in India. Cartier's store will be its second in the country and for Dior, it will be the third.

India could achieve its nominal economic growth target of 10.5% this fiscal year

NIRMALA SITHARAMAN | FINANCE MINISTER

ECB RAISES RATES TO RECORD HIGH

The European Central Bank raised its key interest rate to a record high of 4% Thursday but, with the euro zone economy in the doldrums, signalled that the hike, its 10th in a 14-month-long fight against inflation, was likely to be its last



Forex kitty drops to \$593.90 billion

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

Mumbai, Sept 15: India's forex reserves dropped by \$4.992 billion to \$593.904 billion for the week ended September 8, the Reserve Bank of India said Friday.

In the previous reporting week, the kitty had jumped \$4.039 billion to \$598.897 billion.

The country's forex kitty had reached an all-time high of \$645 billion in October 2021. The reserves took a hit as the central bank deployed the reserves to defend the rupee amid pressures caused majorly by global developments since last year.

For the week ended September 8, the foreign currency assets, a major component of the reserves, decreased by \$4.265 billion to \$526.426 billion, according to the Weekly Statistical Supplement released by the RBI.

Expressed in dollar terms, the foreign currency assets include the effect of appreciation or depreciation of non-US units like the euro, pound and yen held in the foreign exchange reserves.

Gold reserves were down by \$554 million to \$44.384 billion, the RBI said.

The special drawing rights were down by \$134 million to \$18.06 billion, the apex bank said.

The country's reserve position with the IMF was also down by \$39 million to \$5.034 billion in the reporting week, the apex bank data showed.



Aug trade deficit flat at \$24.16bn



PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

New Delhi Sept 15: India's exports declined 6.86 per cent to \$34.48 billion, the seventh month in a row, in August this year due to a fall in shipments from key sectors like petroleum and gems and jewellery on subdued global demand.

The trade deficit (difference between imports and exports) during the month remained almost flat at \$24.16 billion. However, it widened on a sequential basis, as it was \$20.67 billion in July.

According to the government data released Friday, imports also declined, ninth month in a row, by 5.23 per cent to \$58.64 billion against \$61.88 billion recorded in August 2022.

Briefing media about the data, Commerce Secretary Sunil Barthwal said that there is some improvement and it is a "good sign for us".

India's exports contracted by 15.88 per cent in July.

He added that till July, there was a pessimism, but now green shoots are visible. "It means the global situation is improving. The trade deficit, which has always been a concern, but the figures (August) are looking good. It is a soothing factor for the economy," Barthwal told reporters here.

He, however, expressed concerns over rising interest rates in Europe, which may impact

Trade data for April-Aug

Cumulatively, exports during April-August this fiscal contracted by 11.9 per cent to \$172.95 billion. Imports during the five-month period fell by 12 per cent to \$271.83 billion. The trade deficit narrowed to \$98.88 billion against \$112.85 billion during April-August 2022

their manufacturing and Indian shipments.

Exports sectors, which recorded negative growth in August, include tea, coffee, rice, spices, leather, gems and jewellery, textiles, and petroleum products.

However, 15 of the 30 key sectors exhibited positive growth in August include iron ore, electronic goods, oil seeds, cashew, carpet, engineering, pharma and marine products.

On the import front, oil shipments in August dipped by 23.76 per cent to \$13.2 billion. During April-August 2023, it declined by 23.33 per cent to \$68.3 billion.

Gold imports in August rose by 38.75 per cent to \$4.93 billion. During April-August 2023, it increased by 10.48 per cent to \$18.13 billion.

According to the data, exports of electronic goods rose by 26.29 per cent in August to \$2.17 billion. During the five-month period, it has increased by 35.22 per cent to \$11.18 billion.

Pernod Ricard faces antitrust probe

Already facing many regulatory challenges in India, Pernod allegedly asked some retailers to stock more of its brand

REUTERS

New Delhi, Sept 15: India's competition watchdog is investigating Pernod Ricard for allegedly colluding with some retailers in a southern state to hurt competitors, regulatory documents showed, the latest challenge for the French drinks giant in a key market.

The Competition Commission of India (CCI) has been pursuing

the matter actively since early this year after senior members reviewed the case filed by Pernod's Indian rival, Radico Khaitan, and found merit in its allegations, a source with direct knowledge said.

In line with CCI's policy, details of cases related to collusion among parties are not made public. The source added that CCI could summon Pernod or retailers, ask for documents or even conduct search and seizure operations in the case.

Radico has alleged Pernod violated India's antitrust laws by entering into agreements with retailers in Telangana state to offer them "additional discounts and benefits" if they abstained



from selling Radico's 8PM whisky brand.

Pernod allegedly asked these retailers to ensure 70% share for its Royal Stag whisky brand at the shops, by entering into what Radico alleged in its case was a "Royal Stag Agreement", according to a government case document reviewed by Reuters.

As well as Royal Stag, Pernod's popular brands include Chivas

Regal, and the company has a nearly 19% share in India's \$31 billion spirits market, according to Euromonitor. Radico's market share is 6.6%, with brands including Magic Moments and 8PM.

The latest CCI case adds to Pernod's regulatory challenges in India. It has failed to get a licence to sell its brands in the capital New Delhi, after India's financial crime agency accused it last year of violating the city's liquor policy to boost market share illegally. Pernod denies any wrongdoing.

It also faces a nearly \$250 million federal tax demand for undervaluing certain liquor imports, which it has legally challenged.

BIZ BUZZ BOI CELEBRATES HINDI MONTH

Bhubaneswar: Bank of India, Bhubaneswar Zone celebrated Hindi month event from August 15 to September 14. On this occasion, six competitions like news reading, e-mail contest, essay writing, Oriya/Hindi song singing and slogan competition were organised. An oath taking ceremony was also organised to work in Hindi September 14. Hindi day messages were also read. The winners of various competitions were rewarded with certificates throughout the month. Ashok Kumar Jena, Deputy Zonal Manager, Bhubaneswar Zone, Neeraj Kumar, Assistant General Manager, Vigilance Department and Ved Prakash Ojha, Chief Manager, Security Department distributed the awards as Chief Guests. Speaking on this occasion, Jena, DZM said that Hindi is our national language and we should do more and more work in Hindi. The staffs of Zonal Office, RBC, SME and local branch were also present on this occasion. Employees from all the zones participated in all competitions. Sonia Sawant, Senior Manager, Rajbhasha gave vote of thanks.



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Luxury brands have always struggled for quality retail spaces in India and many were forced to open their first outlets in luxury hotels. These brands are now looking for meaningful presence

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the country is also home to more than 800,000 dollar millionaires who are splashing out on everything from luxury homes to expensive SUVs.

Real estate consultants Knight Frank estimate India will have 1.4 million millionaires by 2026, 77% more than in 2021, as the economy continues to strengthen.

The growth in India, where Euromonitor estimates the personal luxury market to expand almost 12% a year in 2022-2026 to nearly \$5 billion, contrasts with the slowing economy in China, whose appetite for designer goods has driven sales growth in luxury firms for years.

China's personal luxury market will grow an average 11.5% in the four years to 2026 to \$107 billion, Euromonitor data shows.

Bopanna gets ready for Davis Cup farewell

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

Lucknow, Sept 15: Hauling itself up from World Group II should not be a complicated task for India when it takes on an unostentatious Morocco in the home tie, which will be more of a celebration of Rohan Bopanna's Davis Cup career, which will come to a halt after 21 years Sunday.

The lack of singles players who could challenge the big boys of the ATP circuit, coupled with defeats in winnable matches, has hurt the Indian Davis Cup team badly in the last few years in this team tournament, but relegation to World Group II was a new low the Indian team hit in February.

It was for the first time since the new format was launched in 2019 that the Indians dropped to this level. Much has changed since India last played in the Davis Cup tie in March, when it lost 2-3 to Denmark.

Indian tennis has hardly had any memorable moments this season until Bopanna reached the US Open final last week. It's not just the lack of on-court results in singles; off-court, the country also felt the disappointment of losing its only ATP 250 event.

Yuki Bhambri, one of the finest players India has seen, has stopped playing the singles format. Ramkumar Ramanathan has dropped out of even the top-550 and is languishing at No.570. But Bopanna is still playing some solid tennis in the doubles format. At 43, he remains one of the most powerful servers on the circuit. His strokes still have sting, and he can still pull off those stunning passing winners from difficult angles or while running on flanks.

It would have been ideal if he had got his farewell tie where he wanted - in Bangalore - but he still has a chance to bid adieu to the Davis Cup before the home fans. In 32 ties played since mak-



MATCH SCHEDULE

Saturday: Sasikummar Mukund vs Yassine Dlimi; Sumit Nagal vs Adam Moundir;

Time: 12 pm onwards

Sunday: Rohan Bopanna/Yuki Bhambri vs Elliot Benchitri/Younes Lalami Laaroussi; Sumit Nagal vs Yassine Dlimi; Sasikummar Mukund vs Adam Moundir.

Time: 11 am onwards

Telecast: DD Sports

ing his debut in 2002, the player from Coorg has won 22 matches, including 10 singles.

He will team up with Yuki for

one final time in Davis Cup, even as he continues to play on the ATP circuit. Ranked inside the top-10, he has no reasons to hang up his racquet.

The AITA felicitated Bopanna in a special event Thursday night, where his contribution to Indian tennis was lauded. Bopanna will have a lot of friends and family members in the stands, which can accommodate about 1,300 people.

Ideally, as Bopanna had requested, his farewell tie should have been hosted in Bengaluru, which has much better infrastructure and can accommodate 6,500 spectators.

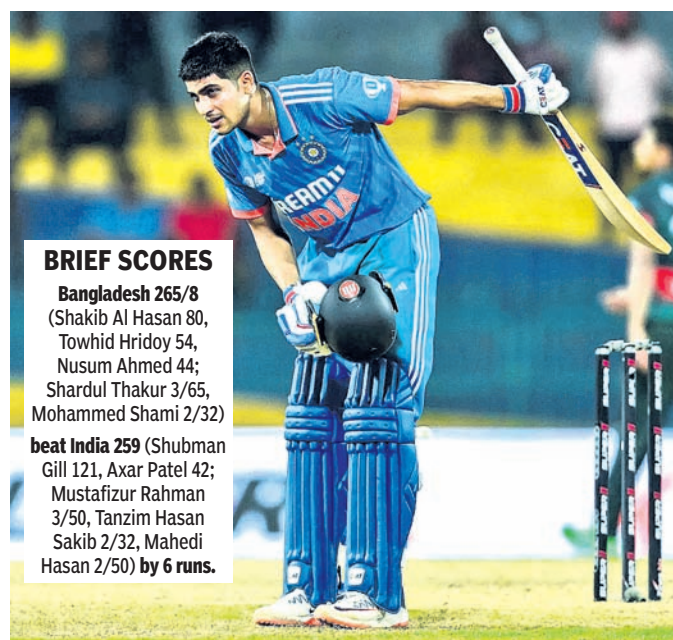
PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

Colombo, Sept 15: Shubman Gill gave an awesome display of his talent while registering his fifth ODI hundred, but Bangladesh managed to eke out an unexpected six-run win over India in an Asia Cup Super Four match here Friday.

Gill's 121 (133b, 8x4, 5x6) was exceptional. But it was not enough to drag India past Bangladesh's 265/8, built around fifties by Shakib Al Hasan (80, 85b, 6x4, 3x6) and Towhid Hridoy (54, 81b, 5x4, 2x6) after they were put into bat. India were bowled out for 259.

Axar Patel (42, 34b, 3x4, 2x6) tried gamely to bring India back into the game with some heavy blows, but the target stayed just beyond India's grasp. But in the tournament's context, the result did not matter as India had already entered the final. They will face Sri Lanka Sunday.

But the night belonged to Gill, despite the end result. Gill's batting is all about timing and minimalism. He pulls but not with the flourish of Rohit Sharma, and he drives but not with the flair of Virat Kohli. But Gill lends his own aesthetics and grace to his game. The knock was remarkable



BRIEF SCORES

Bangladesh 265/8 (Shakib Al Hasan 80, Towhid Hridoy 54, Nusum Ahmed 44; Shardul Thakur 3/65, Mohammed Shami 2/32)

beat India 259 (Shubman Gill 121, Axar Patel 42; Mustafizur Rahman 3/50, Tanzim Hasan Sakib 2/32, Mahedi Hasan 2/50) **by 6 runs.**

also because Gill hardly received any support from the other end. Apart from Gill none of the Indian batsmen looked part on this night, and they started the chase on a disastrous note.

Since Virat and Hardik Pandya were among the five rested players, India needed heftier contributions from captain Rohit

Sharma and the rest of the batsmen. India also gave a break to pacers Jasprit Bumrah, Mohammed Siraj and left-arm wrist spinner Kuldeep Yadav.

But the contributions from other batsmen never really arrived, as the highest partnership in India's innings was a 57 between Gill and KL Rahul for

India up to 2nd

DUBAI: Having stormed into the Asia Cup final, India have climbed to second place, ahead of Pakistan who have lost the No.1 ODI rankings following their elimination from the tournament. The Babar Azam-led side slipped two places to No.3 with 115 points in ICC's mid-week update. Two points ahead of India (116), Australia are now the No. 1 ODI side as the race for the top spot has intensified ahead of next month's World Cup.

the third wicket.

Earlier, Shakib and Hridoy exploited the reduced firepower in India's bowling attack to score half-centuries. Shakib, who added 101 runs for the fifth wicket with Hridoy, made a confidence-boosting fifty for himself after struggling to make an impact recently with the bat.

The pair also rescued Bangladesh from total disaster which they appeared to have headed at 59/4 in the 14th over. But they could not expand their knocks as Shakib was cleaned up by Shardul Thakur, while Mohammed Shami accounted for Hridoy. However, Nasum Ahmed (44, 45b, 6x4, 1x6) pushed Bangladesh past 250-run mark.

KIIT & KISS ATHLETES SET TO SHINE AT ASIAN GAMES

POST NEWS NETWORK

Bhubaneswar, Sept 15: Fourteen athletes from KIIT and KISS will represent India at the upcoming Asian Games in Hangzhou, China, from September 23 to October 8. KIIT & KISS is the only academic institute in the country to send the highest numbers of players to the Asiad.

Among the prominent participants, CA Bhavani Devi stands tall as she prepares to take on the world in fencing - women's Sabre and team sabre events. Amit Rohidas is set to be a cornerstone of the men's hockey team, while Sajan Prakash will make waves in the swimming arena.

Anshika Bharti is ready to take on the competition in women's lightweight double scull rowing.

In the field of athletics, Priyanka and Sandeep Kumar will don the India colours in the 20km race walk of women's and men's events respectively, while Kishore Kumar Jena and Tejinderpal Singh Toor will represent in javelin throw and shot Put respectively.

For the Rugby 7s women's team, Dumuni Marndi, Tarulata Naik, Mama Naik, and Hupi Majhi have earned their well-deserved spots. Tejaswin Shankar will showcase his prowess in the decathlon, and Amlan Borgohain will sprint his way into the athletics - 200m event.

Grand Prix of India MotoGP event gets FIM's final approval

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

New Delhi, Sept 15: The Buddh International Circuit (BIC) racetrack in Greater Noida has got all-clear from the international motorsports body for two-wheelers, FIM, to host the country's first MotoGP race - the Grand Prix of India - September 24.

The 13th leg of the prestigious MotoGP event will be the next big motorsports event to be organised at BIC after the three Formula 1 races held at the venue between 2011 and 2013.

Rohit Sharma, the chief marketing officer (CMO) of FairStreet Sports (MotoGP Bharat), the organisers of the event, said that

all the formalities were completed Thursday and about 3,000 'race management crew' would be working to make the event a success.

"The FIM (Federation Internationale de Motocyclisme) officials were there yesterday and they have approved the track. The homologation, resurfacing, crash zones, grid zones, gravel, everything is done. It just got approved yesterday by the authorities," said Sharma.

Homologation is the process a racetrack is required to undergo for certification to organise an event. He added that more than ₹120 crore had been spent so far with a "significant amount coming from the government".

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