

LALCHND JEWELLERS SHAKES UP EASTERN INDIA WITH REINVENTED SHOWROOM & EYE-POPPING OFFERS



Lalchnd Jewellers, the largest and most trusted jewellery brand of eastern India, has reopened its comprehensively renovated showroom in Bhubaneswar's Master Canteen square with a practical twist and some unbeatable discount offers on the auspicious occasion of Ganesh Chaturthi.

"We regularly check out many jewellery shops, but Lalchnd always looks best with its superior jewellery quality, amazing variety and superb customer service. Their offers are just great, completely transparent, and their making charges are always lower than those of other jewellers. Since the price of gold is comparatively low at the moment, we bought the best-quality BIS-hallmarked antique gold jewellery for our daughter's wedding and paid only Rs. 499 per gram in making charges. No other jeweller is giving such an offer," said Bhubaneswar resident Prasanna Mishra.

The state's most iconic jewellery store, which has become one of India's poshest jewellery

establishments, now features a beautiful back entrance that will give customers the convenience of completely avoiding the busy Janpath road overlooked by the majestic façade of the showroom and instead entering the building from the much quieter backstreet with a proper parking space for four-wheelers as well.

Either way, once they get inside, they will find themselves blissfully lost in an entrancing world of the finest HUID-certified Gold as well as certified diamond and platinum jewellery, not to mention the widest range of jewellery designs in eastern India. And, of course, they can always rest assured of 100 percent transparent offers and world-class customer service.

"We have been buying jewellery for over 40 years, and we think no other jeweller has such a wide variety of beautiful designs. Making charges are low, too. But gold prices continue to rise. Thanks to the ongoing offer, I bought BIS-hallmarked, HUID-certified temple jewellery of 22 carat gold and paid only Rs. 499 per gram in

making charges. With other jewellers, the price for this quality is Rs 1800 per gram. Just imagine the difference! And oh, we also got Silver Coins free as our bill made us eligible for that offer" said Salil Khan from Cuttack.

Jewellers in Odisha (and other states, too, including Delhi) are making many tempting and misleading offers to lure in customers. For instance, many of their offers involving low making charges (MC) for gold jewellery are only applicable to a handful of old-stock and low-selling items. But Lalchnd Jewellers is offering flat MC of Rs. 499 per gram on all gold jewellery – without conditions or exceptions. Its latest offers on IGI-certified diamond are talk of the town.

"The 30% discount on IGI-certified diamond makes diamond jewellery a steal

at Lalchnd. I have never seen diamonds of such quality at such great value anywhere or anytime ever during my years of shopping experience. Plus, their valet parking system is just excellent. The showroom has some 5-6 staff drivers. We just handed one of them the car key and he parked the car and returned the key to us. On our way back, they smoothly brought out our car. I have seen valet parking in metro cities, but it was for the first time that I found this facility in Bhubaneswar," said Charupadma Khuntia from Khordha.

Lalchnd has also always supported the Odia entertainment industry and presented various Oollywood stars as its brand ambassadors over the years. At the relaunch of this grand iconic showroom,



customers got a rare opportunity to click selfies with Odia celebrities Kuna Tripathy, Akash Dasnayak, Bhoomika Dash and Suryamoyee Mohapatra. This Saturday and Sunday, there is more delight in store for customers as they will get another chance to click selfies with Bhoomika and Suryamayee.

For Odisha's No.1 jeweller, it has always been about customers.

Lalchnd Group Founder Chairman Sunjoy Hans summed it up perfectly: "Along with the renovation and beautification, we have also updated our jewellery designs. Since the beginning, we have been creating awareness about the importance of buying quality jewellery. Lately, we have been alerting customers to the various misleading offers doing the rounds on the market about discounts on making charges. That is precisely the reason why we have flat offers on every item and why we are offering customers a golden opportunity to purchase jewellery for weddings, Puja, Diwali and various other occasions."



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BTS RENEW CONTRACT WITH K-POP LABEL BIG HIT MUSIC

The K-pop boy band sensation **BTS** have now renewed their contract with the South Korean K-pop label Big Hit Music, an off-shoot of the Korean label giant Hybe.

RYAN TO BE HONOURED WITH LEGACY OF LAUGHTER AWARD

Actor Ryan Reynolds will be honoured with the *Robin Williams Legacy of Laughter* award. He will be felicitated at the 11th annual Revels & Revelations, *Variety* reported. This year's fundraiser will be held in New York City at City Winery New York October 9.



FORTUNE FORECAST

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ARIES

You feel positive about imbibing the ideas of spirituality today. This will make you open to the idea of accepting the responsibility for old mistakes, and it includes your relations with people in your neighbourhood. This will pave the way for your success in the future, says Ganesha.

TAURUS

You are not likely to take anything lying down today, says Ganesha. If you find anyone plotting and planning against you, you will not be too polite in dealing with them. Violent outbursts could make you lose the grace and dignity you are known for.

GEMINI

You will need to curb your tendency to pay attention to the professional demands and needs of other people over your own. Your work-load today will demand creative solutions and will require some amount of brain-storming with your colleagues.

CANCER

You will be attracted to the opposite sex and a love affair may ensue. You will turn more open and generous. You will have a realisation and handle issues with understanding, Ganesha is with you.

LEO

While the schedule you have planned for today will see some major changes, you will still stick by your decisions resolutely. If you suspect anyone of wrongdoing, now is the time to clear your misgivings. The day may start off on a tense note but by evening, things will be peaceful and calm, says Ganesha.

VIRGO

Ganesha warns that there may be a lot of problems brewing for you today. You will need to put in a lot of extra efforts in order to complete a lot of work that is pending because you have been procrastinating for a long time. You will feel inclined to share your most intimate secrets with your partner.

LIBRA

Ganesha says today is a day where you will have to make important decisions so be careful before making them. Those of you who are working professionals may find themselves favored by topmost officials who will be pleased with you and may give you promotions or a bonus. Ganesha says beware of people who wish to take advantage of your generosity and amiable disposition.

SCORPIO

Your confidence level will be the vanguard of your character today, says Ganesha. On the career front, you are likely to complete things that are seemingly impossible. Your skill and determination will leave people asking for more, predicts Ganesha.

SAGITTARIUS

Like a true Archer, targets are your aim today and focus, the buzzword. On the business front, the fast buck that you expected may not materialise. Though love may portray a rosy picture for you, today you end up having a tough time managing relationship.

CAPRICORN

Never judge a book by its cover. Same applies to human beings, also. And, you are one of them. At first, you may not be able to impress the other person with your looks, but once you display your communication power, you win him over, feels Ganesha. You are blessed with an art, the art to convince others. Ganesha advises you to maintain a calm head over your shoulders.

AQUARIUS

What you have been trying to hide in the corner of your heart, may come to the fore today. At work, you will be more patient and calm. Everyone will notice this change in you. Your friends and family members will also be surprised to see a different side of your personality, says Ganesha.

PISCES

Ganesha advises you not to entertain the desire to remain secluded and to spend time with friends and family. If you manage to do this then you will have a happy and exciting day. You will have memorable moments with closed ones and may even end up organizing a small party for them.

Jitendra Mishra selected juror for int'l film fests

BERLIN: Odisha-born filmmaker and festival director Jitendra Mishra has been selected as a jury member for multiple international film festivals and forums in September 2023. He will participate as a juror for two major sections of the renowned 28th Schlingel International Film Festival in Germany, scheduled for September 23, and for Animasyros, a leading film festival in Syros, Iceland Greece, set to take place from September 26.



honoured to have received the invitations from such credible international events. As a jury member, I have been privileged enough to get opportunities to watch the latest, unreleased, or recently released films from across the globe which gives me learning experiences as a filmmaker."

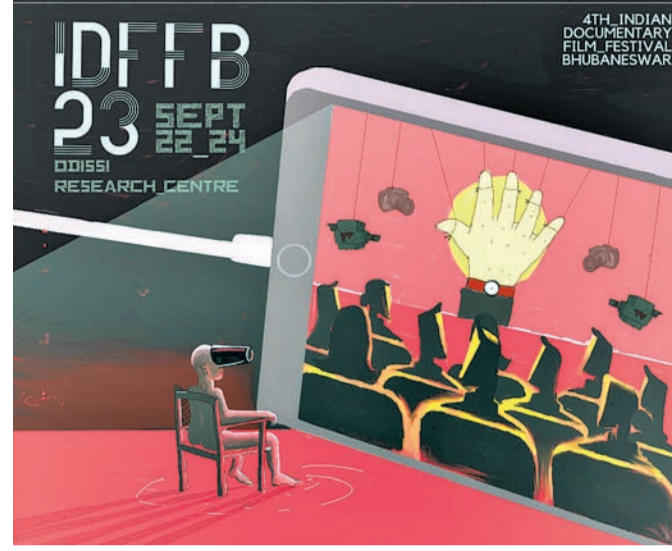
Hailing from Titlagarh of Odisha, Jitendra is among the few Indian film producers and promoters who have achieved international recognition for their contributions and has been involved in the production, distribution, and promotion of over 110 films in various categories and capacities, many of which have garnered worldwide acclaim.

Expressing his gratitude over the development, he said, "I am

Mishra has been a member of the Cannes Producers Network and has been invited as a jury member to more than 50 different international film festivals in the past.

4th edition of IDFFB kicks off today

THE EVENT WILL SHOWCASE 25 FILMS INCLUDING 13 BY WOMEN DIRECTORS THAT HAVE WON CRITICAL ACCLAIM AT MAJOR INTERNATIONAL FILM FESTIVALS



BHUBANESWAR: The 4th edition of the three-day Indian Documentary Film Festival Bhubaneswar (IDFFB), organised by the Film Society of Bhubaneswar, will begin here at Guru Kelu Charan Mohapatra Odissi Research Centre, Friday. The event will showcase 25 films, 13 of them by women directors that have won critical acclaim at major film festivals such as Rotterdam, the International Documentary and Short Film Festival of Kerala (IDSFFK), and others.

Lipika Singh Darai's acclaimed movie *Night and Fear* will have an Indian premiere at the festival.

The focus of the festival is on young filmmakers working in diverse regions of the country - from Kashmir to the north-east. "We have films in multiple

languages - Hindustani, Mizo, Bangla, Odia, Punjabi, Kashmiri, Gondi, Madiya, Urdu, and Pahari. There are debut films from diverse areas and diverse topics - farmer protests, involvement of women in CAA-NRC agitation, Odia digital archive - Odia Bibhaba, exploring the work of

Nirad Mahapatra, conservation issues, sexual minorities and their rights. There are also movies that explore issues of migration, gender, uneven development, issues of geo-politics, environmental degradation, political & ethical questions," said festival director Subrat Beura.

Top makers including Lipika Singh Darai, Himanshu Khatua, Nausheen Khan, Prateek Shekhar, Miriam C Menacherry, Subasri Krishnan, Farha Khatun, Amit Mahanti, Ruchika Negi, Varun Sukhray & Debolina Majumdar have confirmed their presence at the event, it was learnt.

The festival is being held with the assistance from Kerala Chalachitra Academy, the India Foundation for the Arts (IFA), the Films Division, NFDC, the Film Society of Ravenshaw, Collective Craft, and friends from the media and filmmaking fraternity.

There will be post-screening discussions with the makers every day, according to the organisers.

Tara reveals her unpleasant past

Mumbai: Tara Sutaria, who made debut at the age of 21 in Hindi film industry, reveals about her bitter past during a conversation in a recent episode of podcast *WTF is with Nishith Kamath*.

Sharing her experience, she said, "I chose to sort of be in my sister's shadow because I was so uncomfortable with being me. I was so scared actually."

The Student Of The Year actress continued: "I would go to a birthday party with Pia (sister), and I remember telling our driver or mom or dad to pick me up in five minutes, because I can't be at a party and stuff like that. So I was just very afraid, and I grew up like that. Unfortunately, my school experience and majority of my college experience involved a lot of ragging and a lot of bullying. So, when I was growing up, I chose not to attend college because of the persistent bullying for whatever reason. I think I was just different and people didn't know how to accept that."

On the work front, Tara was last seen in *Apurva*, a thriller directed by Nikhil Nagesh Bhat.



Sobhita shares impact of her works on fans

Mumbai: Sobhita Dhulipala has gained recognition for her performances in recent releases. Her portrayal of Tara in the second season of the critically acclaimed series *Made in Heaven Season 2* generated much anticipation among fans and viewers.

Both seasons of *Made in Heaven* have left a profound impact on a significant portion of the audience. In a conversation with Masala, Sobhita shared a remarkable incident related to the show's impact on its viewers. She recalled an encounter with a fan after the first season's release, where the fan expressed how the series helped bridge a gap between him and his parents.

Sobhita Dhulipala revealed one of the most meaningful responses she received following the release of *Made in Heaven*. She recounted an

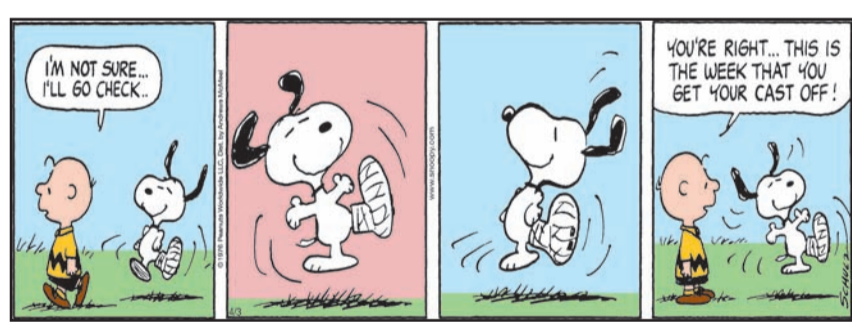
experience from a fashion week shortly after the first season's debut, where a young individual approached her. The person conveyed, "I watched the show with my parents, and right after the show, I came out as queer."

Furthermore, she mentioned the impact of the series on women who reached out via email, expressing their relatability to characters like Tara. These messages held significant meaning for her.

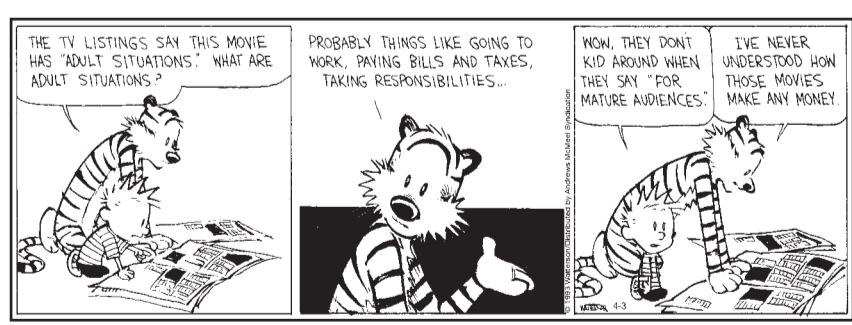
With Sobhita Dhulipala and Arjun Mathur in lead roles, the series also stars Jim Sarbh, Kalki Koechlin, Shashank Arora, Shivani Raghuvanshi and Vijay Raaz.



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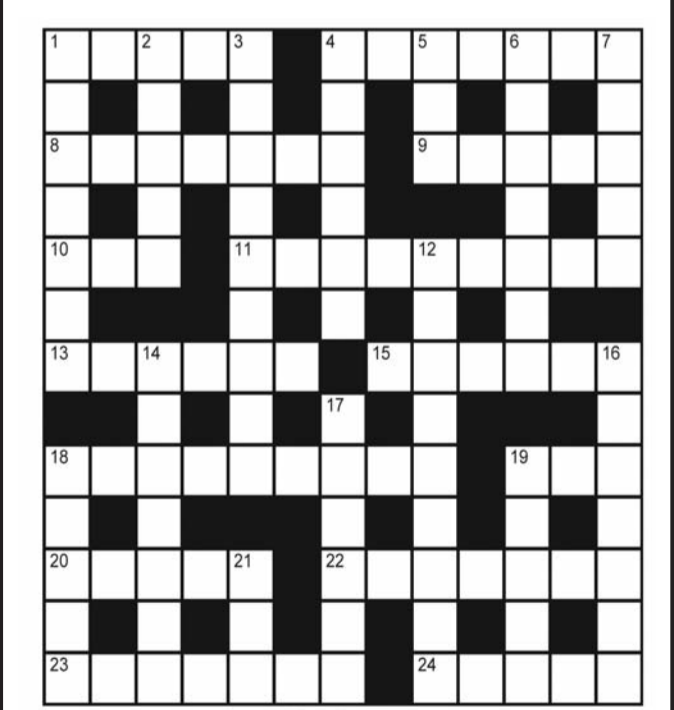
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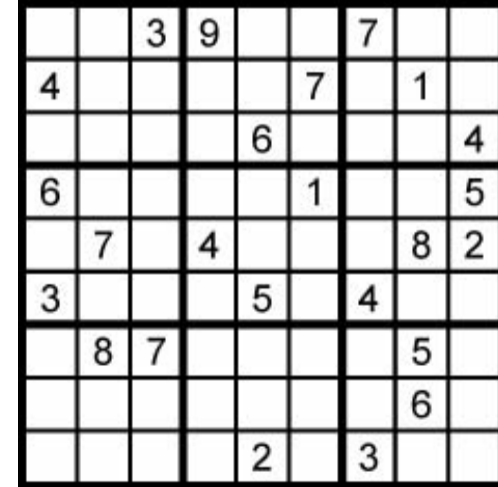
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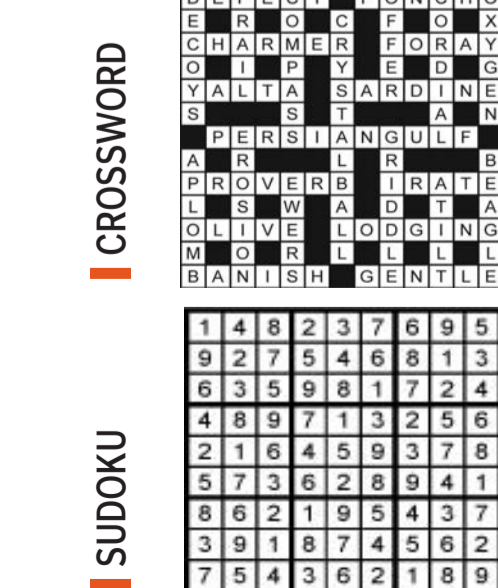
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 - 9 Deadly snake
 - 10 Dissolve
 - 11 Apathy
 - 13 Felt hat
 - 15 Doyle character
 - 18 Arctic denizen (5,4)
 - 19 Colliery
 - 20 Flightless birds
 - 22 Arched bridge
 - 23 Actor who's no longer popular (3-4)
 - 24 Knight's need
- Down**
- 1 Riptide
 - 2 Wanderer
 - 3 Moustache type
 - 4 Nagana carrier
 - 5 *Arabian Nights* menace
 - 6 Pergolas
 - 7 Give the slip
 - 12 Behind on the bills (2,7)
 - 14 Malady
 - 16 Jotted down
 - 17 Valhalla
 - 18 Australian capital
 - 19 Fuddy-duddy
 - 21 Go a-courting?

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



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MIGRATION MALADY

12 migrant workers from Kalahandi die in last 4 months due to inhuman working conditions at their places of work

STATE P3



PAK POLLS IN JAN

Pakistan's election commission announces that polls will be held in the last week of January, next year

INTERNATIONAL P8



LAST-MINUTE PREPS

India face Australia today in the first ODI of the 3-match series, which serves as final dress rehearsal before the WC

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SHORT TAKES

2nd Vande Bharat for Odisha from Sept 24

Bhubaneswar: The much-awaited second Vande Bharat Express in Odisha between Puri and Rourkela will start operations from September 24, the South Eastern Railway informed Thursday. Prime Minister Narendra Modi will virtually inaugurate the Puri-Rourkela Vande Bharat Express. The Puri - Rourkela-Puri Vande Bharat will run six days a week except Saturdays. It will leave Puri at 5.00am and reach Rourkela at 12.45pm. On its return journey, the train will leave Rourkela at 2.10pm and reach Puri at 9.40pm. The train will halt at Khurda Road, Bhubaneswar, Cuttack, Dhenkanal, Angul, Sambalpur and Jharsuguda.

Govt unveils new science awards

New Delhi: The Centre unveiled Thursday a new set of national awards in science, technology and innovation, called the 'Rashtriya Vigyan Puraskar', and scrapped nearly 300 awards by various science departments. An official statement said the 'Rashtriya Vigyan Puraskar' will be one of the highest recognitions in science, technology and innovation, to be given across four categories - Vigyan Ratna, Vigyan Shri, Vigyan Yuva-Shanti Swarup Bhatnagar and Vigyan Team. Scientists will be selected across 13 domains by a committee headed by principal scientific advisor to the government, the release added.

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MARKET WATCH

INDEX	VALUE	VARIATION
SENSEX	66230.24	↓ 570.60
NIFTY	19742.35	↓ 159.05
DOLLAR	83.28	↑ ₹0.17
EURO	88.67	↑ ₹0.12
GOLD	₹58,800	↓ ₹605
SILVER	₹72,652	↓ ₹578

WEATHER

	BHUB	CTK
TEMP MAX	32.8°C	31.6°C
TEMP MIN	24.4°C	24.6°C
Humidity	97%	95%
Rainfall	0.1mm	6mm

Forecast: Cloudy sky with light rain



GROWING POPULARITY: Congress leader Rahul Gandhi dons a porter's trademark red shirt and badge as he carries luggage at the Anand Vihar railway station in Delhi, Thursday. Rahul interacted with the porters for a substantial period of time to understand their problems

SHOWN THE DOOR Visa services suspended

■ BJD expels Khandapada MLA Soumya Ranjan Patnaik and Remuna MLA Sudhansu Parida for anti-people activities



Soumya Ranjan Patnaik



Sudhansu Sekhar Parida

Bhubaneswar, Sept 21: Ruling BJD president Naveen Patnaik expelled Thursday two MLAs including Soumya Ranjan Patnaik, also the owner/editor of an Odia vernacular daily, on charges of anti-people activities. "Two MLAs have been expelled from the BJD. They are Sudhansu Sekhar Parida from Remuna and Soumya Ranjan Patnaik from Khandapada," Patnaik told reporters here.

Soumya was earlier removed from the party's vice-president post September 12. In his own newspaper, he had written two signed editorials attacking his own party. He had criticised CM's private secretary VK Pandian for allegedly exercising influence beyond his official position.

The latest action against Soumya comes after the Economic Offence Wing (EOW) of the Odisha Police registered a case against him under different sections of the IPC including cheating and fraud.

"It is a serious case of organised bank fraud involving loans worth crores of rupees taken in

the name of more than 300 employees of 'Sambad' by using fraudulent means and forged documents," a BJD statement signed by the CM said.

Similarly, Remuna MLA Parida has been accused of misappropriating government subsidy worth ₹3 crore meant for farmers. The matter is being inquired into by the state Vigilance following an order of the Lokayukta, the BJD press note said.

Parida, however, claimed that he was not involved in any subsidy scam on basis of which the Chief Minister expelled him from the party. "I do not have any involvement in any scam as alleged. The Vigilance wing is probing the case. My people in Remuna are happy with my work," Parida said.

"Sri Sudhansu Sekhar Parida, when he was managing partner of M/s Nigamananda Associates, Balasore, in connivance with others misappropriated government subsidy meant for farmers to the tune of more than ₹3 crore during the period from

2017-18 to 2019-20. This matter is being inquired into by the State Vigilance on the orders of the Honorable Lokayukta," the party statement said.

Soumya is the fourth BJD MLA to be charged with 'anti-people activities' by the party.

The first in the list was Gopalpur MLA Pradeep Panigrahi, who was arrested and jailed before being expelled from the BJD. The second lawmaker was Prasanta Jagadev, MLA from Chilika, and Sudhansu Sekhar Parida was third to be sent packing.

The EOW has raided the office of the vernacular daily on a number of occasions, including Thursday over the alleged loan fraud. The investigating agency has claimed that it has seized 'credible' documents including loan/bank related papers.

"The loan in name of its employees by 'Sambad' and 'Eastern Media Limited' is a well thought of conspiracy and organised bank fraud," the EOW said in a statement.

AGENCIES

New Delhi, Sept 21: In a series of flip-flops, a private agency hired by India to carry out initial scrutiny of visa applications of Canadians put out a note Thursday on its website on suspension of visa services due to 'operational reasons', withdrew it within hours and then again put it back online. The agency, 'BLS International', also informed the stock exchanges that it had suspended India visa services in Canada with immediate effect.

The note put on Canada page of the firm's website, which was withdrawn and restored later, read, "Important notice from Indian mission. Due to operational reasons, with effect from September 21, 2023, Indian visa services have been suspended

till further notice. Please keep checking BLS website for further updates."

India and Canada are embroiled in a diplomatic row over the killing of a Khalistani separatist leader Hardeep Singh Nijjar in June. The row erupted

INDIAN GANGSTER KILLED IN CANADA

Chandigarh: On a day the Indian government suspended visa services for Canadian citizens, Gangster Sukhdev Singh alias Sukha Duneke, one of Punjab's most wanted criminals, was killed in the Canadian city of Winnipeg by unidentified people, sources said Thursday. "It is an inter-gang rivalry," a source informed. "The Lawrence Bishnoi gang claimed responsibility for the killing," the source added. P7



following Canadian Prime Minister Justin Trudeau's allegations of a 'potential' involvement of Indian agents in the killing Nijjar in June.

India advised Wednesday all its nationals living in Canada and those contemplating travelling there to exercise 'utmost caution' in view of growing anti-India activities and 'politically-condoned' hate crimes as well as 'criminal violence' in that country.

RS passes women's quota Bill

POST NEWS NETWORK

New Delhi, Sept 21: In a historic move, the Rajya Sabha unanimously passed Thursday the Women's Reservation Bill. It now needs the signature of the President to make 33 per cent reservation for women in Lok Sabha and state Assemblies official.

The Constitution (One Hundred and Twenty-Eighth Amendment) Bill, 2023, was passed in the Upper House after an 11-hour discussion in which

72 MPs from different political parties participated. As a Constitutional Amendment Bill requires majority of not less than two-third MPs of the House 'present and voting', the legislation was passed by division with 214 MPs supporting it and none voted against it. There were no abstentions and no negative votes. The Bill had been cleared Wednesday with the support of 454 MPs in the Lok Sabha. Only two lawmakers had voted against the Bill.

During the discussion, the Opposition parties asked the government to give the exact schedule regarding the implementation of the Bill. It also asked for inclusion of the OBCs in the ambit of the Bill. Congress president Mallikarjun Kharge cautioned the Modi government to ensure that this Bill doesn't turn into an election 'jumla'.

"Give us a clear date. Which month, which year you will implement the Bill. Don't turn it into an election jumla," Kharge said.

Family sues Google after man dies in mishap

LAWSUIT SAYS THE BRIDGE HAD COLLAPSED MORE THAN A DECADE BACK, BUT THE INFO WAS NOT UPDATED ON MAPS

INDO-ASIAN NEWS SERVICE

San Francisco, Sept 21: A family in the US has sued Google after a man died after driving his car off a collapsed bridge following directions from Google Maps. Even though the amount of compensation has not been disclosed by the plaintiff's lawyer, sources said that the amount is over USD 5 million.

In September last year, Philip Paxson drowned after his vehicle plunged off a bridge in Hickory, North Carolina that had collapsed in 2013, as per a report in the *USA Today*. Paxson's wife Alicia has also explained as to why there was the delay in moving court. "Initially we were not aware of what led to the ac-

cident. Later on we came to know that the 'Snow Creek Bridge' had collapsed many years back. However, the updated information was not available on Google Maps," she said.

In the lawsuit filed against Google's parent company 'Alphabet' this week, Paxson's wife Alicia alleged that 'Google Maps directed him to cross the 'Snow Creek Bridge' as he drove through an 'unfamiliar neighbourhood heading home from his daughter's ninth birthday party'.

The Navy veteran's body was found by state troopers 'in an upside down and partially submerged truck'. Paxson drove off an unguarded edge crashing 20 feet below, read the court filing.



There were no warning signs or barriers present along the roadway, the lawsuit stated.

"Our girls ask how and why their daddy died, and I'm at a loss



for words they can understand because, as an adult, I still can't understand how those responsible for the GPS directions and the bridge could have acted with

so little regard for human life," Alicia was quoted as saying in the report.

The lawsuit also states that in the years leading up to Paxson's death, 'Google Maps had been notified several times by a number of people urging it to update its route information'.

A Google spokesperson was quoted as saying that the company has the deepest sympathies for the Paxson family. "Our goal is to provide accurate routing information in Maps and we are reviewing this lawsuit," the spokesperson said. "We will certainly try and find out if the fault lies with our team. If so necessary steps will be taken to rectify the faults," the spokesperson added.

MINOR DEAD, MOM HURT IN ACCIDENT

POST NEWS NETWORK

Aska, Sept 21: An eight-year-old girl was killed while her mother sustained critical injuries after a sand-laden Hyva truck hit their scooter from the rear on Bada river bridge on the outskirts of Aska town in Ganjam district, Thursday.

The deceased was identified as Pujashreea. Her mother Geetanjali Mohini who was driving the scooter sustained critical injuries after the truck ran over her legs. Locals rescued the injured Geetanjali and rushed her to the Aska hospital. Later she was shifted to the MKCG Medical College and Hospital in Berhampur.

Geetanjali's father Binayak Mohini riding pillion on the scooter however, had a miraculous escape.

The mishap occurred when Geetanjali with her father and daughter on the pillion was on her way to College Square in this town. Following the impact, Geetanjali and her daughter were flung from the scooter. The rear tyre of the truck ran over Pujashreea killing her on the spot.

Police registered a case on the basis of a complaint filed by the woman's brother-in-law and seized the truck and launched an investigation. The driver has been absconding. Aska police IIC Swaroop Kishan said.

LOAN FRAUD CASE

EOW grills bankers; more searches at Sambad office



POST NEWS NETWORK

Bhubaneswar, Sept 21: Intensifying its investigation into the alleged loan fraud case against some employees and proprietor of Eastern Media Limited Soumya Ranjan Patnaik, the Economic Offences Wing (EOW) Thursday grilled officials of a bank and conducted further searches at the media house's office at Rasulgarh industrial estate.

Patnaik, an MLA representing the Khandapada Assembly constituency, was expelled from BJD by party supremo Naveen Patnaik over 'anti-people activities', Thursday.

Earlier during the day, the EOW summoned three senior officials of the Odisha Gramya Bank (OGB), IRC Village branch. The bankers, who showed up at the agency's office early in the morning, were grilled for over

three hours before they were allowed to go. Though the EOW is learnt to have amassed significant incriminating evidence during the marathon questioning, agency officials remained tightlipped about the details. EOW sources said more than 350 Sambad/EML employees had obtained loans from the same branch of OGB over the last few years.

Sources said most of these employees took loans to the tune of Rs 5 lakh each under various easy schemes offered by the bank for buying houses or carrying out repairs in existing houses. The sleuths reportedly found that Sambad/EML authorities secured these loans, on behalf of the employees, by producing inflated salary slips, almost twice the actual amount drawn by the 'victims'.

Later during the day, two EOW teams, comprising six sleuths,

resumed searches at the office of Odia daily Sambad at Rasulgarh industrial area. During the first round searches Monday, the agency claimed to have collected 'credible evidence' that corroborated the allegations made by the complainant against Soumya Ranjan Patnaik and other staffers, including HR head Bajjayanti Kar.

The EOW Wednesday recorded statement of five other former Sambad staffers who have leveled similar allegations of loan fraud against Patnaik.

"Investigation conducted/evidence collected, so far, revealed a huge, well and meticulously planned scam to get the loan amounts sanctioned in crores of rupees using fraudulent method of cheating, forgery and coercion," EOW said in a press release earlier. Following a complaint lodged by one Asim Mohapatra, a former district correspondent with Sambad, EOW had registered a case (24/23) under Sections 506, 467, 468, 471, 420 and 120-B of IPC against Patnaik and others September 16.

The complainant had alleged that employees in the media house were coerced to apply for loans by submitting forged documents prepared by company officials.



INTRICATE WORK: Artisans craft silver ornaments in Mansinghpata area of Cuttack, Thursday, as the Millennium City gears up for festivities

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House fortified for Monsoon Session

Over 1,000 security personnel, including 125 officers, have been deployed in a three-tier security build up for the crucial Assembly session

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

Bhubaneswar, Sept 21: Over 1,000 security personnel, including 125 police officers, have been deployed under a three-tier security arrangement in and around the Odisha Assembly for the Monsoon Session beginning Friday, an official said.

Director General of Police (DGP) Sunil Bansal Thursday reviewed the security arrangements. Police Commissioner Saumendra Priyadarsi, ADG (law and order) Sanjay Kumar and director Intelligence Sanjeeb Panda briefed the DGP about the security arrangements put in place for the session.

As it is an important session during which the supplementary budget will be placed, a



three-tier security arrangement — internal, campus and peripheral — has been made in and around the Assembly, said the DGP.

Bhubaneswar DCP Prateek Singh will directly look after the security arrangements under the supervision of the Police Commissioner, he said.

He informed that 30 platoons (one platoon comprises 30 personnel) of police force along with officers of the Commissionerate Police have been mobilised for the session.

When the House proceedings are on, all roads leading towards the Assembly will remain closed for the general public. Alternative arrangements have been made for smooth flow of the traffic,

he said. Moreover, separate arrangements have been made for smooth movement of the Chief Minister, Speaker and other VIPs to the House, he added.

Five control rooms, nine quick reaction teams, two mobile quick reaction teams, one special tactical unit, striking force and intelligence department officials have been deployed for the seamless conduct of the session, said the Police Commissioner.

As some people suddenly appear before the Assembly to make self-immolation bids to press for their demands, a special team has been deployed to foil any such attempts, he said.

Keeping in view protest rallies, tight security arrangements

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have also been made in the vicinity and the Mahatma Gandhi Marg, the designated protest place.

The monsoon session of the House will continue till October 4. The first supplementary statement of expenditure for the year 2023-24 will be presented on the first day. The Appropriation Bill on the supplementary budget will be presented October 3.

Baijayant gets threat

Bhubaneswar: BJP national vice-president Baijayant 'Jay' Panda has lodged a complaint with Delhi police alleging threat to his life from an unknown person. A press release issued by the executive secretary at the former MP's office in Delhi Thursday said, "A threat call was received by an assistant of Shri Jay Panda, National Vice President of BJP yesterday (Wednesday), in which the caller threatened that the same thing will be done to Jay Panda which was done to Naba Das (the Odisha Cabinet Minister who was assassinated in broad daylight this year)."

Committed to remove stigma attached to Alzheimer's: CM

ARINDAM GANGULY, OP

Bhubaneswar, Sept 21: On World Alzheimer's Day Thursday, Chief Minister Naveen Patnaik reaffirmed his government's commitment to provide all possible support to Alzheimer's patients and work to remove the stigma linked with the disease.

"Alzheimer's is a neurodegenerative disease that adversely affects a person's memory, thinking, social skills and daily living," said the Chief Minister on his official social media account adding, "Let's reaffirm commitment to remove the stigma attached to it and give all the support, love and care to those who are affected by the disease."

According to Dementia India Report, 2018 published by Alzheimer's and Related Disorders Society of India (ARDSI), Odisha will have 2,15,000 confirmed cases of Alzheimer's by 2026 growing by 125 per cent in two decades from 2006.

"Alzheimer's is a progressive neurodegenerative disorder which impacts cognitive function, memory, and daily life activities, worsening them gradually. It has a profound effect not only



on the individual but also on families and caregivers," said health expert Amrit Pattajoshi. He added that coping with Alzheimer's requires a multi-faceted approach that includes medical treatment such as medication for symptom management, as well as behavioral interventions to improve quality of life. "Caregivers play an essential role, and they often face emotional and physical stress; hence, support for them is equally important," Pattajoshi said emphasizing support for caregivers.

As early diagnosis is crucial for better management, routine screenings and medical checkups should be encouraged, especially for those at risk. Public awareness and funding for research are essential steps in mitigating the disease's impact, suggested the health expert as areas where the government can take some initiatives.

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Prez pat for Swati on winning global award

ARINDAM GANGULY, OP

Bhubaneswar, Sept 21: President Droupadi Murmu Thursday congratulated Odia scientist Swati Nayak for receiving the Dr Norman E Borlaug Award for Field Research and Application 2023.

Taking to her social media account, President Murmu said, "Her innovative work to engage farmers in rice seed systems will inspire scientists, especially women scientists, to support and educate farmers and work with them to promote climate resilient agriculture."

Earlier, Chief Minister Naveen Patnaik had hailed Nayak for bagging the prestigious award. While commending her outstanding contribution in the field of agriculture and food production, the Chief Minister hoped that her achievement



would inspire young scientists from across the world.

Nayak was credited for her innovative approach to engaging farmers in demand-driven rice seed systems, from testing and deployment to access and adoption of climate-resilient and nutritious rice varieties.

Nayak is presently working as a scientist and South Asia lead for seed system and product management at CGIAR-International Rice Research Institute (IRRI) in the Philippines. She received the award from the selection jury of the World Food Prize.

Rainfall till Sept 23



PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

Bhubaneswar, Sept 21: Rainfall activity will continue in the state till Saturday morning under the influence of a low-pressure area, the India Meteorological Department (IMD) said Thursday. In its mid-day bulletin, the IMD regional centre said Wednesday's low-pressure area now lies over southeast Jharkhand and its neighbourhood.

Light to moderate rain will occur at most places over the districts of north, south interior and south coastal Odisha in the next 24 hours, it said.

In its forecast till 8.30am of Friday, the weather office issued an 'Orange' warning (be prepared) of heavy rainfall (7 to 20 cm) for the districts of Sundargarh and Jharsuguda, while 'Yellow' warning (be updated) was issued for Nabarangpur, Nuapada, Kalahandi, Bolangir, Bargarh, Sambalpur, Deogarh, Keonjhar and Mayurbhanj.

In the past 24 hours, the state received an average rainfall of 26.6 mm.

Extend quota benefits to minority women: BJD

POST NEWS NETWORK

New Delhi, Sept 21: Extending its support to Women's Reservation Bill in Rajya Sabha, Biju Janata Dal (BJD) Thursday requested the Union government to extend the benefits of reservation to women belonging to minority community too.

At least five MPs spoke in Rajya Sabha on the Constitution (128th Amendment) Bill, 2023, which seeks to reserve one third

of the seats for women in Lok Sabha and state Assemblies.

While speaking on the crucial legislation, BJD MP Munna Khan appreciated the government for the historic move and requested the government to extend the benefits of this legislation to minority women also.

"I request the government to extend the benefits of reservation to minority women also. Bring amendments in this Bill so that the benefits of reservation can

also be extended to minority women," Khan said in the House.

He also apprised the upper house about the contribution of Odisha women in freedom struggle. He highlighted former Chief Minister Nandini Satpathy's contribution to the freedom struggle. Khan credited Odisha Chief Minister Naveen Patnaik for his enormous efforts to make 33 per cent reservation to women in Lok Sabha and Assemblies a reality.

Multi-disciplinary care model advised for ALD

POST NEWS NETWORK

Bhubaneswar, Sept 21: The best way to treat Alcoholic Liver Disease (ALD) is to have an integrated multi-disciplinary care model in which the treating hepatologist can have the treatment counselling along with a psychiatrist, and this model can cure more people, said an expert.

Speaking at KIMS Guest Lecture Series on ALD at Kalinga Institute of Medical Sciences (KIMS) Thursday, renowned expert on ALD Prof Ashwini Singhal from the University of Alabama, Texas said, "As ALD is the outcome of addiction, a multi-disciplinary integrated approach is best suited for the cause both in Western and Indian

and alcohol intake so as to have control over ALD.

Saying that the selection process for liver transplant (LT) in an ALD patient is a challenge world over as the medical centres differ in their approaches to finding the "suitable" patients to undergo LT. He also underscored the need for great vigil even after the transplant process as there was every chance of alcohol intake by the patient.

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MIGRATION MALADY

Mystery shrouds lady asst collector's death

Bodies of 12 migrants return to Kalahandi in four months

THREE AMONG THE 12 DECEASED DIED ONLY THIS WEEK



POST NEWS NETWORK

Bhawanipatna, Sept 21: The Centre and state government have framed various rules and schemes apart from spending crores from the exchequer for the benefit of migrant labourers. However, despite these measures, the vicious circle continues and woes of migration refuse to cease in Kalahandi district.

THE PROBLEM OF MIGRATION IS MOST ACUTE IN LANJIGARH, KALAMPUR, DHARMAGARH, KOKSARA BLOCKS OF KALAHANDI

Kalahandi district continue to migrate to other states in search of livelihood but their dreams often get shattered. They are made to work in inhospitable conditions even when they are suffering from severe diseases. Such inhuman torture and neglect are the causes behind their untimely deaths.

the last four months. Moreover, three among the deceased died only this week. Such tragedies speak volumes about the bane of migration prevailing in the district.

However, the district administration is yet to take note of the issue and take steps to check migration and provide livelihood facilities to the labourers near their villages.

While migrant labourers of Kalampur block prefer Bangalore for migration, their counterparts in Lanjigarh usually choose Hyderabad as their destination. A team led by Town police station SI Diptikant Barik rescued 13 migrant labourers from a worksite in Tamil Nadu after a video of them being held hostage in the southern state went viral on social media platforms.

On the other hand, what has surprised many is that the district administration was clueless about the number of labourers migrating outside the state.

An official Subhash Chandra Mandal of the district labour office said that they do not have any details about the migrant labourers as they do not register their names in the office while leaving for other states.

It was found that the district labour office also lacked the details of the labour agents who have valid license for labour supply. The district labour department is busy in conducting awareness programmes only and has not done much to address the real problem, local intelligentsia said.

POST NEWS NETWORK

Rourkela, Sept 21: Mystery shrouds the death of assistant collector Susmita Minz whose dead body was found floating in the Century Park pond Tuesday in a suspicious condition in front of Rourkela Steel Plant (RSP) here.

Speaking about the case, IIC of Plant Site PS Jyoti Ranjan Pati informed that the police were yet to get the post-mortem report.

"The report will be available to us tomorrow. Then only I can say something about the case," said the IIC adding that the boundary wall on the parking lot, which is just adjacent to Century Park pond is of very short height and anyone can enter from that side by jumping over it. "Perhaps no one could spot her because of



that. We saw her activities in the CCTV footage of the hotel and there was nothing suspicious," he said.

The assistant collector's dead body was found floating in the

Century Park pond Tuesday. Before that, she was staying in Radhika Regency Hotel. Sources said she had a disturbed family life and was attending office from Rambahal, near Rajgangpur. She went missing since September 15 and family members filed a complaint with police two days later. She was traced to the hotel September 18 but did not return home. Finally, her body was found floating in the Century Park pond, September 19.

Meanwhile, her mother Selvestin Minz has said she was dealing with too much work pressure and there was no respite for her. "She was tortured and harassed at office and used to be in a very depressed mood."

"Only the Collector and the ADM know the real facts and we want justice and nothing

else," she said to the media. ADM Rourkela Dr. Subhankar Mohapatra declined to comment anything about the whole incident. He brushed aside all questions put forth by the media-persons.

Meanwhile, the deceased's uncle has raised his finger at one of the BDOs of the district. Alleging this to be a murder, he questioned how she could commit suicide when police protection was given to her.

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Exercise Sagar Kavach-2 begins off Paradip coast

POST NEWS NETWORK

Paradip, Sept 21: As many as 15 agencies of the state and the Centre Thursday kicked off a two-day-long joint coastal security exercise 'Sagar Kavach-2' off the Odisha coast at Paradip. The participating agencies include the Navy, Coast Guard, Marine Police, Forest department, Fishery department, Odisha Police, Central Industrial Security Force, and Intelligence department.

team comprising officials from various departments tries to infiltrate and the blue team tries to foil their attempt by intercepting them.

On the first day, the exercise was carried out at different locations in and around Paradip town including the fishing jetty, Mahanadi mouth, slum, radar station, lighthouse, film hall, trade centre, bus stand, port gate, administrative building, and factory gates.

The objective of the drill is to ensure coordination among various departments to tackle terrorist threats.

11 taken ill after eating meat curry

POST NEWS NETWORK

Hatadihi, Sept 21: As many as 11 persons including six children were taken ill after consuming poultry meat curry at Amrutpur village under Aaitipur panchayat and this block in Keonjhar district, a report said Thursday.

The sick include three women, two men and six children. All are family members of a resident Ananta Narayan Dash of the village.

Sources said one of the family members had brought poultry meat from Gedma Square in the village. Later, the women members prepared curry and served it during lunch. However, after eating the curry, all of them experienced vomiting and head reeling. The ailing family members were rushed to Salania community health centre (CHC) and later shifted to Anandapur sub-divisional hospital after their health condition failed to improve. However, their health condition improved after doctors administered them treatment at Anandapur sub-divisional hospital.

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COLLEGE-GOING TRIO TURNS TORCHBEARER IN THIS VILLAGE

In a remote village where education has remained a misnomer till now, they have become the torchbearers for scores of youths aspiring for higher education



POST NEWS NETWORK

Sambalpur, Sept 21: Access to higher education has remained elusive for scores of youths belonging to the tribal community of Babupali, a revenue village under Jhankarpali panchayat of Jujumura block in Sambalpur district.

Surrounded by forests and with their parents being illiterate, youths of the remote village had never thought of getting higher education. However, with sheer determination and the desire to excel in life, three youths including a girl of this village have beaten all odds to enroll themselves in a college for higher education.

Barsha Guru has enrolled her name in Mandhata Baba College while two boys Chandan Palka and Sahil Bhoi in VSS College at Jujumura and Paramanpur College respectively. In a dark region where education has

remained a misnomer till now, they have become the torchbearers for scores of youths aspiring for higher education.

The village, located around 10 km from Sambalpur town and four km from Bhawanipali village square on National Highway-55 comprises 120 tribal families. The village tucked inside a forest has only an ME school for the children while the nearest high school is around five km from the village.

With almost all the villagers being poor and doing odd jobs to earn a livelihood, the pang of hunger has deprived them from receiving higher education. The children drop out at an early age in order to earn a livelihood.

Barsha's father was a blacksmith and died five years ago due to tuberculosis. After his death, Barsha's mother Santoshini decided not to give up and focused on her daughter's studies. Barsha is now attending classes by

travelling to her college which is around 10 km from her village. She dreams of becoming a teacher after completing studies and aims to work towards providing higher education to the youths of the village.

On the other hand, family members of two other youths have not engaged them in any work and encouraged them to study. This development has spread cheers among the villagers.

Jujumura CDPO Sabita Nayak said there are 12 girls in the village as per government records while the number of boys is over 50, the record of which is not available with her.

She said most of the children drop out from study due to poverty and lack of awareness. However, children are now being encouraged to study. Around 35 children have been identified for higher education.

Locals said that all villagers are labourers and live below poverty line. In the absence of drinking water facilities many villagers are suffering from kidney related ailments. The disease has claimed the lives of the elders in many families. So, children are finding it difficult to tread the path of life, they lamented. In the absence of male members, the women manage the domestic work while children are forced to take up odd jobs to meet the expenses of their families.

However, the village has been experiencing the winds of change for the last few years as children have learnt using computers and browsing internet.

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THE MOTHER



Universal Cancer Care

At the upcoming second United Nations High-Level Meeting on Universal Health Coverage, the world's governments are expected to adopt a new set of commitments focused on accelerating implementation of UHC. No resolution will be complete without the explicit inclusion of comprehensive cancer services.

Cancer causes an estimated ten million deaths each year. Beyond the human suffering, the disease has profound – and growing – economic consequences: by 2030, spending on cancer care worldwide is projected to reach \$458 billion. In many countries, patients have to pay for much of their cancer care out of pocket – a burden that often leads to financial catastrophe.

Given this, investing in cost-effective prevention and early-detection strategies is not only a moral imperative, but also an economic one. Prevention is far cheaper than treatment, and where cancer cannot be prevented, early detection makes successful treatment more likely, at a far lower cost. When cancer does progress, the full range of quality therapies – including surgery, radiation, and chemotherapy – should be accessible and affordable to all. For noncommunicable diseases overall, every dollar invested in cost-effective interventions can generate a return of up to \$7 through reduced health-care costs and improved productivity.

While prevention and treatment are vital, so is palliative care, which alleviates unnecessary suffering for patients, their families, and caregivers, and provides survivorship plans for remaining healthy. In the wake of a pandemic that significantly disrupted palliative-care services, and with a rising number of cancer survivors worldwide, investments in both areas are urgently needed. Comprehensive cancer care is essential to achieving social-development goals related to equality, social justice, and health. And, with sufficient political will, universal care can be achieved. In Pakistan, the Shaukat Khanum Cancer Hospital network offers world-class cancer care. The King Hussein Cancer Center has significantly expanded cancer care and scientific research in Jordan, and collaborates with international partners such as St. Jude Children's Research Hospital to deliver care to patients from Syria and Lebanon.

But countries face many challenges in incorporating cancer care into UHC schemes. In Kenya, for example, collaborative efforts by a range of cancer-control organisations have expanded access to services and removed financial barriers, but reaching rural populations remains difficult.

In Indonesia, a decentralised health system has improved health equity, but gaps remain in cancer prevention and early diagnosis. Even in Thailand, which has integrated six areas of cancer control – cancer informatics, primary prevention, early detection, treatment, palliative care, and cancer-control research – into its UHC scheme, improved public-awareness initiatives are needed to ensure that the relevant services are being used.

Nonetheless, the Thai model highlights the potential public-health benefits of UHC schemes that include comprehensive cancer care. Recognising that potential, the Union for International Cancer Control, which has more than 1,150 members in more than 170 countries and territories, works continuously with governments and other stakeholders around the world to develop and implement national cancer-control strategies and integrate them into national health-insurance plans.

Just as a goal without a plan is merely a wish, a plan without dedicated resources gathers dust. Unless essential cancer services are covered by basic health-insurance schemes, they will remain inaccessible or unaffordable to many who need them. And where insurance exists, limits on out-of-pocket spending are crucial. Cancer patients often reach their deductible soon after diagnosis, owing to the large number of tests and procedures that are required. But treatment often lasts months or years and involves numerous visits to doctors, tests, surgeries, radiation treatments, drugs, and other services.

An effective national cancer-control strategy must reflect a nuanced understanding of cost-effectiveness that encompasses not just upfront costs, but also long-term savings, including through improved quality of life and increased productivity. It must also include a commitment to addressing not only the illness itself, but each individual's holistic experience, and a firm resolve to break down financial and cultural barriers that prevent early diagnosis and treatment.

The UN High-Level Meeting provides a rare opportunity to elevate cancer care on the global UHC agenda. That is why it is welcome news that cancer has been referenced in the meeting's draft resolution. But governments must not stop at lofty pledges and verbal commitments. Only concrete action to implement UHC that includes quality cancer services and accounts for the diverse needs of populations across economic strata and regions, can ensure that cancer care does not become a missing piece in the global health puzzle.

The writer is Head of Knowledge and Advocacy at the Union for International Cancer Control.

PROJECT SYNDICATE

WISDOM CORNER

“By three methods we may learn wisdom: First, by reflection, which is noblest; Second, by imitation, which is easiest; and third by experience, which is the bitterest.”

CONFUCIUS

“We are what we repeatedly do. Excellence, therefore, is not an act, but a habit.”

ARISTOTLE

“Everything we hear is an opinion, not a fact. Everything we see is a perspective, not the truth.”

MARCUS AURELIUS

THIS DAY IN HISTORY

■ **1888:** The first issue of the National Geographic Magazine was published, and it became famous for its richly illustrated articles on the various geographic regions of the world. The magazine was published by a non-profit corporation, the National Geographic Society. The society originally intended the periodical to be oriented toward the United States of America, but the nature of its articles soon made it a magazine with a world view.

■ **1980:** The Iran-Iraq War began when Iraqi armed forces invaded western Iran along the countries' joint border; fighting continued until 1988, and a formal peace agreement was signed in 1990. It is thought to be one of the 20th century's deadliest and longest conventional war. It ended with no decisive victory and massive losses, both in terms of human lives and in terms of economy to both sides.

■ **1994:** The first episode of 'Friends' aired on NBC, and the show became one of the most popular sitcoms in the world. The sitcom was created by David Crane and Marta Kauffman, and starred Jennifer Aniston, Courteney Cox, Lisa Kudrow, Matt LeBlanc, Matthew Perry and David Schwimmer.

FOCUS PARLIAMENT

SYMBOL OF DEMOCRACY

The Parliament of India got relocated to the new building on 19 September from the iconic Parliament House built in 1921. Now the old Parliament building will be known as Samvidhan Sadan. It may be recalled that the opening ceremony of the extant Parliament House was performed on 19 January 1927. I am overwhelmed by nostalgia having served the institution for three decades and having witnessed its chequered current history. The historic building of architectural grandeur will continue to remain testimony to India's triumphs and turbulence of political resilience.



Rup Narayan Das

THE HISTORIC BUILDING OF ARCHITECTURAL GRANDEUR WILL CONTINUE TO REMAIN TESTIMONY TO INDIA'S TRIUMPHS AND TURBULENCE OF POLITICAL RESILIENCE



At this poignant moment one can only wish that institutions are not built by bricks and mortar alone, the eternal spirit of the Parliament should permeate our collective national psyche

located within the Parliament House complex. Prof Dandavate obliged me instantly. Such kind of humility and modesty from a high public figure is a rare thing today.

Yet another memorabilia of the iconic Parliament House was the library which was located within the precincts of the building before it was relocated to the Parliament Library Building few years back. The library was regularly visited by veteran Parliamentarians like Atal Bihari Vajpayee, LK Advani, KR Narayanan, Prof Madhu Dandavate, Prof ML Sondhi, just to name a few. Tables were reserved for them in the adjacent members reading room. Members used to read books and journals with rapt attention and prepare notes for their participation in debates in the House. I had seen Vajpayee evincing the contents of the books which were displayed at the library counter every Monday and they would reserve the books for their reading once

the mandatory period of one week of display was over. The library reading room in the ground floor housed in the erstwhile 'Princes Chamber' opposite to the Tea Board and Central Hall used to be a place where members would first come to browse through newspapers and magazines or submit their revulsions for reference materials to be provided by the highly efficient Reference Services located just above the reading room. Former Prime Minister Dr Manmohan Singh was a regular visitor to the reading room where prestigious magazines journals like The Times, The Economist, Far Eastern Economic Review, Economic and Political Weekly were displayed. The reading room also displayed regional newspapers and English newspapers published from state capitals. The courteous library staff were always eager to help and assist members and the members were equally respectful to the library staff.

What would be conspicuously missing in the new Parliament Building is the grandeur of the Central Hall, a mute testimony to India's pulsating democracy, where India's first Prime Minister made his famous "tryst with destiny" speech on the eve of transfer of power in 14/15th August 1959. The Central Hall has been used to enable the President of India to address the members belonging to members of both Lok Sabha and Rajya Sabha at the commencement of the Lok Sabha after the general election and also beginning of the first session of the year; besides the joint sittings of the two houses when needed. The Central Hall continued to be an icon of solemnity and a melting pot of India's plurality exuding bonhomie and camaraderie. At the Central Hall, the members relaxed and unwinded after heated debates in the House over a cup of filtered coffee from the Coffee Board or a steaming hot tea from the Tea Board, or a sandwich or simply a frugal khichdi or dahi-bhat from the adjacent cafeteria. It was the Central Hall which was a level-playing field, a meeting point of members and ministers.

While the new Parliament House will be able to accommodate both members of Rajya Sabha and Lok Sabha one wonders what will happen to the parliamentary tradition of enabling the Heads of State and Governments to address the members of Parliament. This was a rare honour extended to the heads of State and Governments.

At this poignant moment one can only wish that institutions are not built by bricks and mortar alone, the eternal spirit of Parliament should permeate our collective national psyche.

The writer is a former joint secretary of the Lok Sabha Secretariat. Views are personal.

SPECTRUM CONSTITUTION

Understanding the Basic Structure

In November 1975 when Indira Gandhi had accumulated all her dictatorial tendencies and the country was put in a State of Emergency, a review petition came to be heard in the apex court based upon just an oral mentioning. No less than 13 judges sat on the bench and the Constitutional Bench judgement passed on 24 April 1973 by a similar strength of judges (highest ever) in Kesavananda Bharati vs. State of Kerala was sought to be reviewed. During the hearing of the review, it is said that the great Nani Palkhivala reached the heights of advocacy never reached before, and upon a question from the Bench that they did not quite understand, what "Basic Structure" actually meant, a forceful reply by Nani came forthwith, replying that he never heard of the Supreme Court saying that they didn't understand their own judgement.



Arpit Sarangi

THE KESHAVANANDA JUDGEMENT IS ONE OF THE MOST CELEBRATED JUDGEMENTS NOT ONLY IN INDIA BUT ALSO ACROSS THE WORLD

The Kesavananda judgement is one of the most celebrated judgements not only in India but also across the world. It took five long months of hearing (highest ever) for the Supreme Court to arrive at the decision. However, the decision so arrived raised more questions than answers. In the judgement, without getting into the hyper techni-

calities of law, the SC was asked to decide whether the power of the Parliament to amend the Constitution was unfettered and can certain Fundamental Rights be taken away by amendment. It is in this context, that one must understand the relevance of the Constitution to a common citizen. The Constitution guarantees certain Fundamental Rights to its citizens and puts restrictions on the powers of the State. For example, Article 21 restricts the State to deprive any person of his life or liberty except by procedure established by law. Moreover, Fundamental Rights are considered to be an inalienable right of a citizen which are not considered to be playthings of the majority.

In the Kesavananda case, the SC by a majority of 7:6 held that the Parliament can amend the Constitution but cannot change the Basic Structure. The question arises as to what is the "Basic Structure of the Constitution." Despite, seven judges (majority) holding that the Parliament can amend the Constitution and the Fundamental Rights but not alter the "Basic Structure", it is interesting to note that there was no unanimity as to what constitutes the "Basic Structure". For example, Chief Justice Sikri

listed supremacy of the Constitution, secularism, etc. as basic features whereas Justice Grover and Justice Shelat in addition to the above list also added the dignity of the individual and welfare state. Justice Hegde and Justice Mukherjee listed the sovereignty of India and its democratic character as Basic Structure. Hence, even presiding judges were not unanimous as to what "Basic Structure" entails. However, in simpler language, the "Basic Structure" of the Constitution is what the motherboard is to a computer and what spirit is to the human body. One cannot comprehend the functioning of the entity in its absence. For example, without the ethos of the democratic character of the Constitution, the procedure for the functioning of the Parliament i.e. Articles 107 to 111 would be rendered meaningless.

The "Basic Structure" doctrine was first put to a major test in the case of Indira Gandhi vs. Raj Narain, where a challenge was laid to the bizarre amendment passed by the Central Government which restricted the courts from scrutinising election of Prime Minister, President and Vice-President. The said amendment was struck down

by the SC on the basis that it violated the principles of free and fair election and rule of law which forms a part of the Basic Structure. Hence, it acted as a shield against brute majority.

Despite all its advantages, many question the legitimacy of the Basic Structure. It is mainly criticised for being the weapon of judicial overreach and being uncertain and ambiguous. Recently, ex-CJI Ranjan Gogoi in his maiden speech in Rajya Sabha doubted its "jurisprudential basis". Furthermore, when the National Judicial Appointment Commission was struck down on the basis that it affects the independence of judiciary, Late Arun Jaitley called it the "tyranny of the unelected". Through the Basic Structure doctrine, the SC established itself as the final interpreter of the Constitution. In conclusion, if we were to choose between an unpredictable democracy and certain tyranny, I believe we must go for the former and let the SC be the final interpreter of our beloved Constitution.

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Letters

TO THE EDITOR

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Historic move

Sir, Twenty-seven years after the Women's Reservation Bill (Nari Shakti Vandan Adhiniyam,) was first introduced in the Parliament, it has now been passed in the Lok Sabha which will ensure one-third of seats in Lok Sabha and state assemblies are reserved for women. In a historic move, 454 members of the Lok Sabha supported the bill. An increase in the representation of women in the Parliament will hopefully bring women's issues to notice. This landmark moment was witnessed in the new Parliament Building after 75 years of Independence. Now the government should ensure that the bill gets implemented as soon as possible after the next delimitation in 2026 so that the women of our country could be represented in the temple of democracy.

Deba Prasad Nayak, DHENKANAL

Worsening ties

Sir, Canadian Prime Minister Justin Trudeau's recent accusation that India may have had a role in the murder of Khalistani terrorist leader Hardeep Singh Nijjar has significantly strained Indo-Canadian relations. Trudeau's handling of Sikh extremism in Canada has been widely criticised for its ineffectiveness, and there appears to be little hope for improvement under his leadership. His failure to take decisive action against Sikh extremist organisations like Sikhs for Justice (SFJ), designated as a terrorist group by India, has exacerbated tensions. SFJ's alleged involvement in inciting violence against Indian officials and advocating secession in Punjab has raised serious concerns. Critics argue that Trudeau's reluctance to address India's worries about Sikh extremism stems from his desire to retain support from the large Sikh voter base within his Liberal Party. This political consideration has seemingly taken precedence over fostering a robust relationship with India. The current state of Indo-Canadian relations is worrisome, given India's status as a rapidly growing economy and Canada's keen interest in strengthening economic ties. For a potential turnaround in their relationship, Trudeau must shift his approach and exhibit greater responsiveness to India's concerns. Concrete actions against Sikh extremist groups in Canada and a commitment to addressing India's worries are essential. Without such measures, Indo-Canadian relations are likely to worsen further.

Amarjeet Kumar, HAZARIBAGH

WORSENING INDO-CANADA TIES

No problem with BJP: AIADMK leader

BJP TAMIL NADU PRESIDENT K ANNAMALAI ASSERTED THAT THERE IS NO PROBLEM BETWEEN HIS PARTY AND THE AIADMK

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA



Madurai, Sept 21: The AIADMK does not have any problem over its (electoral) ties with the BJP and wants Prime Minister Narendra Modi to be re-elected in the 2024 Lok Sabha election, AIADMK senior leader and former state minister Sellur K Raju said Thursday.

Like the AIADMK, which is clear on who should be Prime Minister, the BJP too should be focused on projecting AIADMK General Secretary Edappadi K Palaniswami as the chief ministerial candidate in the next assembly election, he said. "We have nothing against BJP leaders like Narendra Modi, Amit Shah and J P Nadda. But we don't relish BJP state president (K Annamalai) insulting our leader C N Annadurai," Raju told reporters here.

Apparently advising the state leadership to be focused on not causing a rift in the relationship, he said, "We want Narendra Modi to become prime minister

again. And as far as Tamil Nadu is concerned, the BJP should accept Palaniswami as the chief ministerial candidate." Meanwhile, the BJP Tamil Nadu president Thursday asserted that there is no problem between his party and the AIADMK. He also said that he does not have any problem with any AIADMK leader. The 'common thread' that linked like-minded parties in the NDA is Prime Minister Narendra Modi and all who accept his candidature for the post of PM in the 2024 Lok Sabha polls are in the NDA alliance, he said. "Does the AIADMK accept it? Yes," Annamalai said. The BJP leader reiterated that he had not spoken ill of Dravidian icon and late Chief Minister CN Annadurai and had only recounted an incident from 1956. Hence, he said there is no question of tendering an apology.

Badal meets Shah; says Punjabis in panic

THERE ARE OVER 18 LAKH INDIANS IN CANADA AND A LARGE NUMBER OF THEM ARE PUNJABIS

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

New Delhi, Sep 21: Amid strains in India-Canada ties, Shiromani Akali Dal president Sukhbir Singh Badal Thursday met Union Home Minister Amit Shah and hoped for a quick resolution to disputes between the two countries, noting that Punjabis in large numbers live there and the deteriorating relations have left them in a state of panic. Badal told reporters after the meeting that it is very disturbing to hear of the woes of Punjabis, including a large number of Sikhs, because of the worsening relations between the two countries.



"There is a sense of panic among Punjabis. Both governments, India's as well as Canada's, should find a solution as soon as possible," he said. With India repeatedly conveying its concerns to Canada over Khalistani activities on its soil, Badal said Sikhs have been the most patriotic people who

made maximum sacrifices during the independence struggle. The community should not be blamed for what a few persons do, he said. The issues involving the two countries should be settled rather than escalated, he said. There are over 18 lakh Indians in

Canada and a large number of them are Punjabis, he noted. India Thursday "suspended till further notice" its visa services in Canada. The move comes amid the escalating diplomatic row that erupted following Canadian Prime Minister Justin Trudeau's allegations of a "potential" involvement of Indian agents in the killing of a Khalistani separatist in June. India has rejected the charge as absurd.

The India-Canada ties have been on a downward spiral in view of increasing activities of the pro-Khalistani elements in the North American country. India believes the Trudeau government is not addressing its genuine concerns.

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SUKHBIR SINGH BADAL | SHIROMANI AKALI DAL PRESIDENT

SUKHDOOL KILLING

Bishnoi, rival gang claim responsibility

SUKHDOOL SINGH, ALIAS DUNEKE, WAS WANTED BY PUNJAB POLICE IN CASES OF EXTORTION, ATTEMPT TO MURDER AND MURDER

INDO-ASIAN NEWS SERVICE

Chandigarh, Sep 21: Rival gangsters Lawrence Bishnoi and Jaggu Bhagwanpuria Thursday separately claimed responsibility for the killing of Punjab-origin NIA-wanted gangster Sukha Duneke, who was shot dead in Canada's Winnipig in an inter-gang rivalry. Sukhdool Singh, alias Duneke, was part of the Khalistan movement in Canada. He was believed to be an ally of the Bambiha gang and was wanted by Punjab Police in cases of extortion, attempt to murder and murder. In a post, Bishnoi wrote, "Sukhdool had murdered our brother Gurlal Brar and was also behind the killing of Vicky Middukhera as well as kabaddi player Sandeep Nagal Ambian."

Likewise, in another social media post, another Punjab-based gangster Bhagwanpuria, once a close aide of Bishnoi, claimed responsibility for the killing by saying he took revenge for Ambian.

Duneke, an associate of the Devinder Bambiha Gang in Punjab, escaped to Canada in 2017 on forged documents. Wednesday, his name figured among the list of 43 gangsters released by the National Investigation Agency (NIA) which sought information about his illegal properties.

His murder Wednesday night is similar to the killing of terrorist Hardeep Singh Nijjar in inter-gang warfare in Surrey in June. However, when IANS approached Punjab Police officials for comments, but they refused to comment on the killing owing to inter-gang rivalry.



The case of missing buffaloes & a small town's identity



INDO-ASIAN NEWS SERVICE

Tiruppur, Sept 21: Packets of snacks and a small heap of onions await customers in front of a road-facing house in Mettukadai, located six km south of Uthukuli - a town in Tamil Nadu famed for its butter. Not more than nine of the 100 households here rear buffaloes, in stark contrast to the four or five bovines in each dwelling almost 15 years ago.

Shopkeeper Chandramani is one among the few buffalo rearers of Mettukadai, but she regrets not knowing how to work at a garment factory in Tiruppur, unlike the majority of the women here. Besides the shop, the family has an acre of land where Chandramani's husband cultivates sorghum (broomcorn millet) once in a year to get dry fodder for the four buffaloes.

Chandramani and her husband cannot depend entirely on the income generated from milk. "The amount I spend buying hay, husk and cattle feed every month is between Rs 15,000 and 20,000. My income, on the other hand, is just enough to repay what I have borrowed to feed the bovines," says Chandramani, who guesses her age to be around 60. She makes Rs 100 to 200 per day from the shop.

Chandramani's present situation is typical of the buffalo rearers in and around Uthukuli. All of them are into it either because they do not know any other

About 20 years ago, the population of buffaloes in my village outnumbered that of humans. Nowadays, so much money goes into feeding them as sorghum cultivation is not as common as it was three decades ago

KUMARA RANGASAMY

job or it is the only option to put their small landholdings to use.

Located about 15 km east of district capital Tiruppur -- the knitwear export hub of India -- Uthukuli's rise to fame was driven by the establishment of a railway junction in the 1930s. The villagers saw an opportunity to sell curd and buttermilk to the passengers of trains passing through this parched land.

Much to their surprise, the taste of their buttermilk enthralled the Malayalam-speaking traders, who began to make a stopover in Uthukuli to buy butter. When the product got a good reception in the erstwhile princely states of Travancore, Cochin and Malabar, the frequency of their visits increased.

Noyyal, a tributary of River Cauvery, flows six km south of Uthukuli, which has a population of a little over 10,000. The water flow is not perennial, so rain-fed agriculture is the only way out. Since there was no cul-

tivation of paddy and other millets, the sorghum straw became the main feed for buffaloes. Drought-resistant grass species such as kolukattai pul (Anjan grass) were also fed. As a result, the milk of Uthukuli's buffaloes was thicker than the milk of buffaloes and cows from other parts of the state. Since the milk was creamier than the normal buffalo milk, the butter was thicker with less proportion of water in it.

However, the rise of the knitwear industry in Tiruppur in the 1980s opened up many employment opportunities, especially for unskilled and semi-skilled labourers with little or no education. This, along with irregular rainfall, sounded death knell for the dairy industry.

"About 20 years ago, the population of buffaloes in my village outnumbered that of humans. Nowadays, so much money goes into feeding them as sorghum cultivation is not as common as it was three decades ago," says Karattupalayam native Kumara Rangasamy (59). True to his words, many farmers say they are buying hay, coming mostly from the Cauvery Delta districts.

"To work in a garment factory, all I needed were two hands and legs," adds Rangasamy, who quit that job to launch a second hand automobile spare shop in Uthukuli over a decade ago. The five acres of land that his family owns has not seen any cultivation since then, except for a few

sorghum to sustain his only cow. The shift away from agriculture and cattle rearing reflects on the number of buffaloes in Tiruppur district. From 47,740 in 2012, it has dropped by 43.17 per cent to 27,129 in 2017. The decline rate for the entire state during the same period is 33.52 per cent, according to the Tamil Nadu government's Statistical Handbook 2020-21.

Stalin slams Centre over NEET

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

Chennai, Sept 21: DMK President and Tamil Nadu Chief Minister M K Stalin Thursday slammed the BJP-led Centre on NEET saying it has accepted that the test's benefit is zero and it has nothing to do with merit.

A day after his son and state Youth Welfare Minister Udhayanidhi hit out at the Centre over the same issue, Stalin said the Union BJP government has 'accepted' that the benefit of NEET is zero.

On X, he said: "By reducing the NEET PG cut-off to 'zero', they are accepting that 'eligibility' in National 'Eligibility' Cum Entrance Test is meaningless. It's just about coaching centres and paying for the exam. No more qualification is required. NEET = 0. NEET has nothing to do with merit, which we have been saying all along. It has become a mere formality de-

void of any real eligibility criteria." "The Union BJP Govt remained heartless despite so many precious lives were lost and has now come up with an order like this. The BJP Govt must be removed just for causing loss of lives with the guillotine called #NEET."

Wednesday, Udhayanidhi Stalin alleged the Centre reducing the qualifying percentile for NEET PG 2023 to be eligible for counselling to zero has exposed the 'conspiracy' of the national test.

It may be noted that the Tamil Nadu government had passed two bills in the state Legislative Assembly against NEET and the bills are for assent with the President of India. The state government has been at logger heads with the Central government over NEET and has pointed out the death of many students by suicide after not being able to clear the entrance test.



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1	Construction of Dining Hall at Govt. High School, Kantol	Rs.11,02,015.75	BDO, Kankadahad	Rs.6000/-	'C' & 'D' Class	Rs.11020/-	4 (Four Calendar Months)
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3	Construction of ICT Lab and Smart Learning Facility Center at Tarinipasi Govt. High School, Batagaon	Rs.11,59,936.26	BDO, Kankadahad	Rs.6000/-	'C' & 'D' Class	Rs.11599/-	4 (Four Calendar Months)
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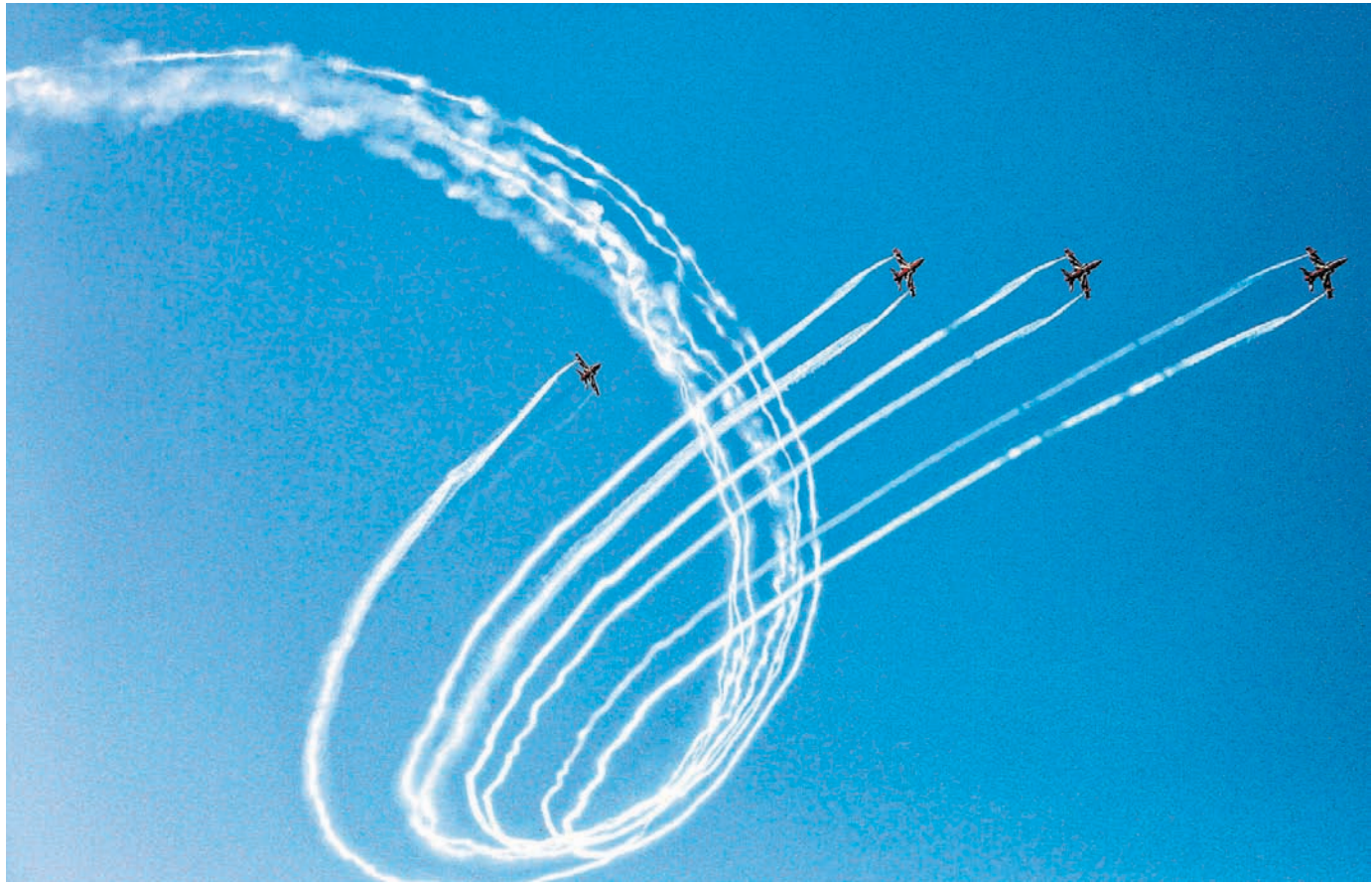
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Drummers perform during the torch relay for the 19th Asian Games in Hangzhou, China. The Asian Games are set to start in China. It's the biggest multi-sport international event in the country since pandemic restrictions were lifted there about nine months ago



Indian Air Force's (IAF) Surya Kiran Aerobatic Team performs during rehearsals for the upcoming diamond jubilee celebrations of Air Force Station Jammu



Protesters hold signs in front of counter-protestors at a demonstration against sexual orientation and gender identity programs in schools, in front of Parliament Hill in Ottawa. The protest was one of many across Canada, organised by "1MillionMarch4Children," as they protest against so-called "gender ideology" being taught in schools



Police in Bangalore detain members of Karnataka Rakshana Vedike during a protest against Cauvery Water Management Authority (CWMA) over its decision to ensure a flow of 5,000 cusecs of river water to Tamil Nadu till September 29



Paris Saint Germain's President Nasser Al-Khelaifi offers Britain's King Charles III a PSG jersey in Saint-Denis, outside Paris. On the second day of his state visit to France, King Charles met with sports groups in the northern suburbs of Paris and was scheduled to pay a visit to fire-damaged Notre-Dame cathedral



Actors Tamannaah Bhatia, Divya Dutta, Khushbu Sundar, Kirti Kulhari and others at the Parliament House during the special session in New Delhi



AICG General Secretary Priyanka Gandhi during party's 'Mahila Samridhi Sammelan' in Bhilai, Chhattisgarh



national

of the day quote

Based on the statistics we (Karnataka) provide, the Supreme Court gives its order. Law and Water Resources departments have completely failed in putting forward the argument effectively. Looking at today's SC order, it proves that the government had gone to the court without doing proper homework, and has failed to provide proper records

Why wait for the 2024 Lok Sabha polls...why not now? The decadal census should begin immediately. The Centre should start the enumeration exercise immediately

The values in politics have changed. People's sentiments are being used for political motives. People are being misled in the name of caste and religion as part of a political conspiracy so that they do not ask basic questions

SHORT TAKES

Jharkhand docs to boycott work today

Ranchi/ Dhanbad: Doctors in Jharkhand will boycott work indefinitely from Friday in protest against the alleged assault of a colleague in Jamshedpur. Jharkhand IMA secretary Pradip Kumar Singh Thursday claimed that over 14,000 doctors in government and private hospitals will participate in the agitation. Emergency services in the hospitals have, however, been exempted from the agitation, he said in a statement.

Army installs National Flag at War Memorial

Jammu: The Army in collaboration with Flag Foundation of India, Thursday installed a 70 ft high National Flag at Ajote War Memorial to honour the fallen heroes of Poonch in Jammu and Kashmir. The National Flag was dedicated to the people of Poonch by Brig Rajesh Bisht, Commander 93 Infantry Brigade.

Siddaramaiah files objections in HC

Bangalore: The Statement of Objections by Chief Minister Siddaramaiah in the petition challenging his election was filed before the Karnataka High Court Thursday. The Court recorded the submissions made and adjourned the hearing to October 6. "The election petition filed by the petitioner lacks legal merit and factual basis. The petitioner has filed the present election petition purely to wreak political vengeance and the same is filled with political malafides," the Statement said.

Naidu's arrest: Uproar in Andhra Assembly

Amaravati: The arrest of TDP leader N Chandrababu Naidu in connection with the AP Skill Development Corporation scam rocked the Andhra Pradesh Assembly Thursday, and all the members of the opposition party were suspended for allegedly disrupting the proceedings. Assembly Speaker Tammineni Sitaram barred three members-- two from Telugu Desam Party and one from YSR Congress-- for the rest of the session. While the other opposition legislators were suspended for the day for indulging in sloganeering demanding the release of former CM Chandrababu Naidu and seeking a discussion on the matter. Naidu is currently lodged in a prison in Rajamahendravaram.



India is the fifth largest economy in the world and will soon become third. Uttar Pradesh has a major contribution to it

DROUPADI MURMU | PRESIDENT OF INDIA

RAMLAL JAT BOOKED

The Rajasthan Police has booked the state's Revenue Minister Ramlal Jat following accusations that he took illegal possession of a granite mine in Bhilwara district, threatening the man who claims to be rightful owner



Fresh violence erupts in Manipur, several injured



AGENCIES

Imphal, Sep 21: More than 10 people were injured when Manipur security forces fired tear gas shells on protesters for trying to storm police stations and court arrest demanding the unconditional release of the five arrested youths Thursday. As a precautionary measure, the state government cancelled curfew relaxations in the twin districts of Imphal from 5pm, officials said. Responding to a call by six local clubs and Meira Paibis demanding the release of the five village volunteers, hundreds of protesters holding placards and shouting slogans tried to enter the Porompat police station in Imphal East and Singjamei police station and Kwakeithel po-

lice outpost in Imphal West district. However, police and RAF personnel deployed at strategic positions fired several rounds of tear gas shells to disperse the crowd. A protester, identified as Th Bimola at Porompat said, "We were left with no option but to court arrest as the government failed to release the five village volunteers. If such village volunteers are arrested, who will protect the Meitei villages in the periphery of the hills and the valley Kuki Zo militants." Similar attempts to enter Mayang Imphal police station in Imphal West district and Andro police station in Imphal East district were also reported. All Langthabal Kendra United Clubs Coordinating Committee president Yumnam Hitler said, "The decision to launch the 'voluntary mass arrest' agitation was taken after the government took no steps to release the five arrested youths." On September 16, Manipur Police had arrested five persons for carrying sophisticated weapons and donning camouflage uniforms.



The 108 feet tall statue of Hindu saint Adi Shankaracharya, named 'Ekatmata Ki Pratima' (Statue of Oneness), was unveiled at Omkareshwar in Khandwa district, Madhya Pradesh

CAUVERY DISPUTE Top court refuses to interfere with CWMA order

AGENCIES

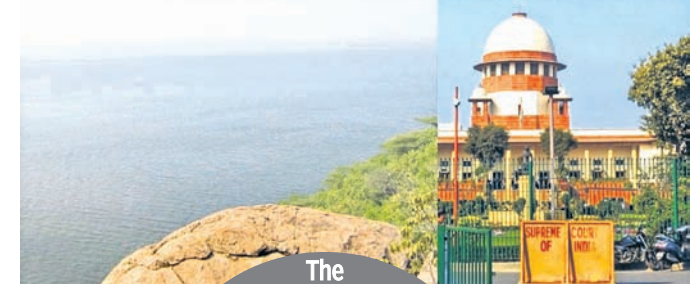
New Delhi, Sept 21: The Supreme Court Thursday refused to interfere with the order of the Cauvery Water Management Authority (CWMA) and the CWRC directing the Karnataka government to release 5,000 cusecs of water per day to Tamil Nadu for 15 days.

The Cauvery Water Regulation Committee (CWRC) in its September 12 order, which was upheld by CWMA, directed Karnataka to release 5,000 cusecs (cubic foot per second) of water every day for the next 15 days to Tamil Nadu.

A bench of Justices BR Gavai, PS Narasimha and Prashant Kumar Mishra said it was not inclined to entertain Tamil Nadu's plea challenging the CWMA decision on the ground that it was facing a drought-like situation due to rain deficit.

The bench noted that bodies like CWMA and CWRC, which have experts from the India Meteorological Department (IMD), and those on agriculture and water resource management, have considered all relevant aspects like drought, deficit rainfall, water level in the river and only then passed the order.

"We are therefore of the considered view that the factors which have been taken into consideration by both the authorities cannot be said to be irrelevant or extraneous. In that view, we are not inclined to interfere with the orders," the bench said.



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It noted the two authorities are meeting every 15 days to take stock of the distress faced by both the states. Senior advocate Mukul Rohatgi, appearing for Tamil Nadu, submitted that the two authorities, despite having acknowledged there was deficient rainfall since August and the state was eligible for of 7,200 cusecs of water, reduced the volume to 5,000 cusecs a day. "I am a low riparian state... Water flows from Karnataka to Tamil Nadu from where it goes to Pondicherry. There is a shortfall of rainfall which has been taken into consideration by the authorities. In a regular year, I would have been eligible for three times more but I am not seeking that. I am seeking what is rightfully mine," Rohatgi said. He added Tamil Nadu has five lakh acres of standing crop and is facing a drinking water prob-

lem for which more water is needed. "If the drought-like condition was taken into account and the authority calculated it to be 7,200 cusecs per day, then there was no occasion to further bring it down to 5,000 cusecs per day," he submitted. Senior advocate Shyam Divan, appearing for Karnataka, said the upper riparian state was also facing drought-like conditions, and the release of 5,000 cusecs of water ordered by the authorities is against the "interest of the state". He insisted it should be further reduced to 3,000 cusecs per day. The bench then asked what the Centre has to say on the dispute over water sharing. Additional Solicitor General Aishwarya Bhati, who represented the Centre, said contrary to the claims made by the two states drought is not the only criteria which has been taken into account by CWMA before making the decision.

DGCA suspends AI's Flight Safety Chief Rajeev Gupta

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

New Delhi, Sept 21: Aviation watchdog DGCA Thursday said it has suspended Tata Group-owned Air India's Flight Safety Chief Rajeev Gupta for one month for certain lapses.

Besides, the regulator has directed the airline not to assign any audits, surveillance and spot checks to an auditor due to lack of diligence in work.

On July 25 and 26, the regulator's team carried out the surveillance of Air India in the areas of internal audit, accident prevention work and availability of required technical manpower. The surveillance found deficiencies in the accident prevention work carried out by the organisation and the availability of the requisite technical manpower as required in the approved Flight Safety Manual and the relevant Civil Aviation Requirements, DGCA said in a release.

"The approval of Chief of Flight Safety of Air India has been suspended for a period of one month for the lapses established," it said. Rajeev Gupta is the Chief of Flight Safety of Air India Ltd.

Watch duty time limitation norms In a "significant" move, aviation watchdog DGCA Thursday said regulations for watch duty time limitations and rest requirements for air traffic controllers have been implemented at 57 airports, including Amritsar, Coimbatore, Patna and Imphal. The implementation of the norms will ensure that air traffic controllers will get adequate rest while carrying out their duties and reduce fatigue among them.

'Do not give platform to persons charged with serious crimes, terrorism'

In an advisory to all private satellite TV channels, the ministry said it has come to its notice that "a person" in a foreign country who faces serious cases of crime including terrorism was invited for a discussion on a television channel



PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

New Delhi, Sept 21: The Information and Broadcasting Ministry Thursday advised TV news channels to refrain from giving platform to those belonging to proscribed organisations or facing charges of terrorism and serious crimes.

In an advisory to all private satellite TV channels, the ministry said it has come to its notice that "a person" in a foreign country who faces serious cases of crime including terrorism was invited for a discussion on a television channel.

During the discussion, the person made several remarks detrimental to the sovereignty and integrity of India, its security and friendly relations with a foreign state, the ministry said, without naming the person or the news channel. The remarks of the person

also had the potential of disturbing public order in the country, the ministry added. While the government upholds media freedom and respects its rights under the Constitution, the content telecast by the TV channels must adhere to the provisions of the Cable Television Networks (Regulation) Act, 1995, the ministry said. "In the light of the above, television channels are advised to refrain from giving any platform to reports/references about and views/agenda of persons of such background including those against whom there are charges of serious crimes/terrorism and belonging to organizations which have been proscribed by law, having regard to the reasonable restrictions laid down under Article 19(2) of the Constitution and mentioned under sub-section (2) of Section 20 of the CTN Act," it added.

Dawn on Moon; will Chandrayaan-3 wake up?

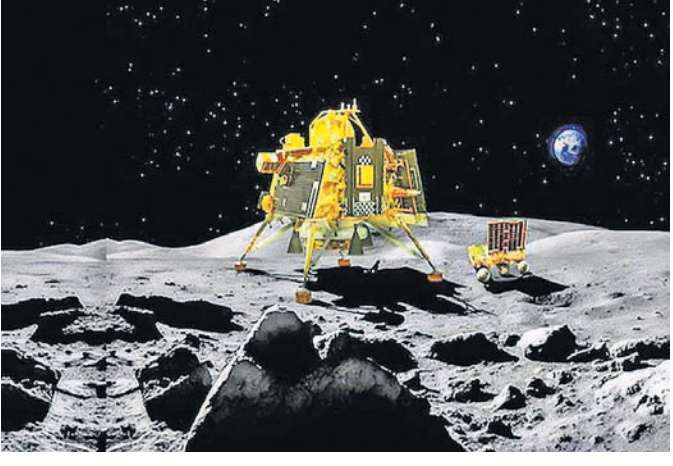
As per ISRO, the lander and rover are expected to be reactivated around September 22. However, the chances of revival are not very high due to the harsh lunar conditions

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

Bangalore, Sept 21: With dawn breaking on the Moon, ISRO is now gearing up to try to reestablish communication with its lunar mission Chandrayaan-3's solar-powered lander Vikram and rover Pragyan, to revive them so that they can continue with scientific experiments.

Both the lander and the rover were put into sleep mode earlier this month September 4 and 2 respectively, ahead of the lunar night setting in on Earth's only natural satellite. So, if ISRO is able to revive them as the Sun rises on the Moon again, information that is derived from experiments that could once again be conducted by the Chandrayaan-3 payloads would be a "bonus". With sunlight back on the south polar region

- Chandrayaan-3 made a historic landing on the Moon's surface August 23
- The spacecraft carried two modules, Vikram and Pragyan, which were put into sleep mode after 14 days of conducting studies and experiments on the lunar surface
- ISRO remains hopeful that the two vehicles might wake up when the Sun rises again above the Moon's south pole
- If successful, Chandrayaan-3 will continue its lunar studies beyond its initial mission duration
- If not, Vikram and Pragyan will remain on the lunar surface indefinitely



of the Moon, where both the lander and rover are located, and their solar panels expected to be optimally charged soon, ISRO is now slated to make efforts to establish contact with them again, check their health and ability to resume functioning, and try to revive them. "We have put both the lander and rover on sleep mode because temperature would go as low as minus 120-200 degree celsius. From September 20 onwards,

sunrise will be going on at the Moon and by September 22 we hope that the solar panel and other things will be fully charged, so we will be trying to revive both the lander and rover," ISRO's Space Applications Centre Director Nilesh Desai told PTI. "If our luck is good, we will have revival of both lander and rover and we will get some more

experimental data, which will be useful for us to further do investigation of the Moon's surface. We are eagerly waiting for activity from September 22 onwards. We hope that we are lucky enough to revive both lander and rover and get some more useful data," he said, adding that whatever data they get hereon would be a bonus.

After landing on the Moon, both the lander and the rover, and payloads onboard had performed experiments one after the other so as to complete them within 14 Earth days (one lunar day), before pitch darkness and extreme cold weather engulfed the Moon.

The lander and rover - with a total mass of 1,752 kg - were designed to operate for one lunar daylight period (about 14 Earth days) to study the surroundings there. However ISRO is hoping that they will come back to life when the Sun again rises on the Moon, and carry on with the experiments and studies there.

Press Council of India issues guidelines for coverage of LGBTQ news

New Delhi: The Press Council of India Thursday issued guidelines for covering news related to the LGBTQ+ community asking journalists to avoid use of words such as 'eunuch' or the phrase "sex-change surgery" and opt for transgender woman and gender affirmative surgery respectively. "Do not use transgenders in your article; 'transgender' is an adjective. Use transgender person, transwomen, transmen, and/or trans+ persons," the guidelines for covering news on the LGBTQ+ community said. The term "alleged" should not be used when describing LGBTQIA+ identities and relationships - such as "alleged transgender person", or "alleged relationship" - which are all as real and valid as any other, it said. The guidelines also recommend journalists not to focus on a transgender person's previous gender identity by using phrases like "he was a she", or "she was he" or their transitioning process and surgeries.

international

of the day quote

Humanity has opened the gates of hell. Horrendous heat is having horrendous effects - distraught farmers watching crops carried away by floods, sweltering temperatures spawning disease, and thousands fleeing in fear as historic fires rage

ANTONIO GUTERRES | UN SECRETARY-GENERAL

Kiev is considering imposing trade restrictions on three European Union member states if they do not agree to compromise in their grain export dispute

DENYS SHMYHAL | UKRAINIAN PM

We're absolutely not slowing down efforts to combat climate change. I'm very proud of our country's leadership. We've decarbonised faster than any other major economy in the G7 - not a fact you hear reported that often

RISHI SUNAK | BRITISH PM

SHORT TAKES

Explosion kills 4

Bucharest: Four people were killed and five injured in a gas pipeline explosion at a highway construction site in Romania early Thursday. Four bodies were found on site after the fire was put out, while five people sustained injuries, local media reported, citing emergency services. All the victims were working on the A7 Highway construction site in Calimaniesti of the central-eastern county of Vrancea, Xinhua news agency reported.

Quake in Indonesia

Jakarta: A 5.1 magnitude quake hit Indonesia's Northern Sumatra province Thursday, the GFZ German Research Center for Geosciences said. The tremor that rocked the region at 0407 GMT was epicentred at 0.32 degrees north latitude and 98.70 degrees east longitude, Xinhua news agency reported.

Probe launched

Washington: The US Marines has launched an official probe into the sudden disappearance of one of its most prized \$100 million F-35 stealth fighter jets Sunday over South Carolina eventually leading to its crash in Charleston in the same state. What made the pilot eject to safety is among various theories being probed. Was it shot down by somebody is also an angle being probed, media reports said.

Ten students hurt

Houston: Ten students were hurt after a school bus flipped over in southeast Houston, the largest city of the US state of Texas, the Houston Independent School District has said. The Houston Fire Department said ten children and two adults, the bus driver and the driver of the car involved in the crash, were taken to the emergency room with minor injuries, Xinhua news agency reported.

3 S Africa navy personnel die

Cape Town: Three South African navy personnel died and a senior officer was in a critical condition after seven crew members of a submarine were swept off its deck by big sea waves as a helicopter attempted a "vertical transfer" of supplies, the Department of Defence said Thursday. Wednesday's accident happened as an Air Force Lynx helicopter was attempting what's known as a "vertrep" - or vertical replenishment - of supplies to the SAS Manthatisi submarine on the ocean surface off the coast of Cape Town, the department said.

Poland will not supply weapons to Ukraine



ASSOCIATED PRESS

Kyiv, Sept 21: Russian missiles and artillery pounded cities across Ukraine early Thursday, sparking fires, killing at least three people and trapping others under the rubble of destroyed buildings, authorities said, as Poland said it would stop providing weapons to its ally amid a trade dispute.

The early-morning wave of missile strikes on what's known as the International Day of Peace was Russia's largest in over a month, and came as world leaders meet at the United Nations General Assembly in New York. In a speech there, Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy denounced Russia as "a terrorist state."

Poland, which has been a major supporter of Ukraine, said it would stop transferring weapons to its neighbour as it works to modernise its own military, but denied the decision was linked to a simmering dispute over a temporary ban on Ukrainian grain imports.

Polish Prime Minister Mateusz Morawiecki said the decision would not affect NATO and US weapons transfers through Poland. "We are no longer transferring any weapons to Ukraine

because now we will arm ourselves with the most modern weapons," he said in an interview on the private TV broadcaster Polsat News late Wednesday.

A dispute about whether Ukrainian grain should be allowed to enter the domestic markets of Poland and other European Union countries has pushed the tight relationship between Kyiv and Warsaw to its lowest point since Russia invaded Ukraine last year.

Morawiecki stressed that Poland would defend its economic interests, but added that the dispute over grain imports would not hurt Ukraine's security. "We are not going to risk the security of Ukraine," he said. Poland has transferred large amounts of its older weapons to Ukraine and has been upgrading its own inventory with new equipment purchased from South Korea and other countries.

Air raid sirens sounded repeatedly across Ukraine, as Russia launched dozens of missiles and, near the front lines, likely used shorter-range artillery to pound the southern city of Kherson. Three people were killed in Kherson Thursday and at least four injured after a residential building was hit, the Defence Ministry said on social media.

EASTER SUNDAY ATTACKS

No public access to evidence: Speaker

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

Colombo, Sept 21: The sensitive evidence recorded by the special presidential panel that probed the 2019 Easter Sunday attacks can only be accessed by MPs for scrutiny, Speaker Mahinda Yapa Abeywardena said Thursday.

Speaking at the commencement of a two-day debate on the Easter Sunday attacks, Abeywardena said that 87 volumes containing testimonies made at the commission were restricted to be kept at the parliamentary library exclusively for the use of members of parliament.

The opposition had demanded the two-day debate following revelations by UK's Channel 4 early this month that the terror attack was politically manipulated to gain an advantage for the Rajapaksa family, then in the opposition.

Pak to hold general elections in Jan 2024

IN A STATEMENT, THE ELECTORAL BODY SAID THAT IT REVIEWED WORK ON DELIMITING CONSTITUENCIES AND THE INITIAL LIST FOR THE DELIMITATION OF CONSTITUENCIES WOULD BE PUBLISHED SEPTEMBER 27

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

Islamabad, Sept 21: Pakistan's election commission Thursday announced that the general elections in the country will take place in the last week of January 2024, amid mounting pressure from political parties that pressed for timely elections in the cash-strapped country.

In a statement, the electoral body said that it reviewed work

Stay calm but vigilant: Canadian MP

AGENCIES

Toronto, Sept 21: Amid a diplomatic row between India and Canada, an Indo-Canadian lawmaker from Prime Minister Justin Trudeau's party has expressed dismay at the "glorification of terrorism" and hate crime targeting Hindus in this country in the name of "freedom of expression".

The sharp reaction from Chandra Arya, who represents the riding (electoral district) of Nepean in the House of Commons of Canada, came as extremist elements backed by a leader of the Khalistan movement openly asked Hindu Canadians to go back to India.

"A few days back Khalistan movement leader in Canada and the president of Sikhs for Justice which organises the so-called referendum Gurpatwant Singh Pannun attacked Hindu Canadians asking us to leave Canada and go back to India," Arya, a member of the Liberal Party of Canada, said.

"I have heard from many Hindu-Canadians who are fear-



ful after this targeted attack. I urge Hindu-Canadians to stay calm but vigilant. Please report any incident of Hinduphobia to your local law enforcement agencies," the Indo-Canadian MP posted on X.

The Khalistan movement leader is trying to provoke Hindu Canadians to react and divide the Hindu and Sikh communities in Canada, Arya said. His remarks came after Canadian Prime Minister Trudeau's allegations of "potential" involvement of Indian government agents in the killing of Khalistani separatist Hardeep Singh Nijjar in June in Surrey unleashed a diplomatic row between the two nations. India has rejected the charges as "absurd" and "motivated" and kicked out a senior Canadian diplomat in a tit-for-tat move to Ottawa's expulsion of an Indian official.

CANADA REJECTS INDIA'S ADVISORY

Toronto: The Canadian government has rejected a travel advisory issued by India about security risks in Canada, saying it is one of the safest countries in the world, and called for calm amid the escalating diplomatic row between the two nations over the killing of a Khalistani separatist leader in this country. Prime Minister Justin Trudeau's allegations of "potential" involvement of Indian government agents in the killing of Khalistani separatist Hardeep Singh Nijjar in June unleashed a diplomatic row with India rejecting the charges as "absurd" and "motivated" and kicking out a senior Canadian diplomat in a tit-for-tat move to Ottawa's expulsion of an Indian official.

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Pannun, who heads Sikhs for Justice, was Nijjar's New York-based lawyer. He was designated as a terrorist by India in 2020. He has called for Sikhs to rally outside India's High Commission in Ottawa as well as consulates across Canada on Monday.

"Let me be clear: The vast majority of our Canadian Sikh brothers and sisters do not sup-

Rupert Murdoch steps down as Fox chairman

ASSOCIATED PRESS

New York, Sept 21: Rupert Murdoch, the 92-year-old Australian media magnate whose creation of Fox News made him a force in American politics, is stepping down as leader of both Fox's parent company and his News Corp media holdings.

Fox said Thursday that Murdoch would become chairman emeritus of both companies, effective at board meetings in November.

His son, Lachlan, will become News Corp chairman and continue as chief executive officer of Fox Corp.

Lachlan Murdoch said that "we are grateful that he will serve as chairman emeritus and know he will continue to provide valued counsel to both companies".



Besides Fox News, Murdoch started the Fox broadcast network, the first to successfully challenge the Big Three of ABC, CBS and NBC, with shows like "The Simpsons". He is owner of The Wall Street Journal and the New York Post.

Fox News Channel has profoundly influenced television and the nation's politics since its start in 1996, making Murdoch a hero to some and pariah to others. The 24-hour network converted the power and energy of political talk radio to television. Within six years, it outrated CNN and MSNBC.

But it has been a rough year for Fox, which was forced to pay \$787 million to settle a defamation lawsuit related to its coverage of false claims following the 2020 presidential election.

Chinese navy seeks graduate students to fly shipborne aircraft

TRAINING WILL INCLUDE THREE TO FOUR YEARS OF AVIATION THEORY AND PRACTICAL FLIGHT TRAINING

REUTERS

Beijing, Sept 21: The Chinese navy wants to hire graduate students to fly shipborne aircraft, and is raising the age limit to expand its search as it seeks to improve the qualifications of its air personnel and build a "strong army".

Besides upgrading its hardware from warships to warplanes, China is also trying to improve the calibre of its recruits, as the military is a career path traditionally favoured by the less educated.

Last year, it allowed undergraduates aged 24 or below to apply for the first time. Before that, the limit was high school graduates age 20 and younger. "The need for high-quality military talent becomes more imperative day by day," the People's Liberation Army Navy



said in the advertisement, published on Wednesday. "The mission and tasks of the navy continue to expand. The speed of

the strategic shift of the navy is being accelerated."

Candidates must be male with a clean "political history" and no legal or disciplinary history, according to the advertisement. Training will include three to four years of aviation theory and practical flight training. Those who become pilots will have free medical care for themselves and their immediate families, as well as government-provided housing.

China is in the final stages of preparing its third aircraft carrier - the Fujian - for sea trials,

a key step before the warship goes into operational service.

China is aiming to modernise its military by 2035. As China speeds up training of military aircraft pilots, it has also tried to recruit serving and former British military pilots, prompting Britain to block of such moves.

It has also drawn Washington's attention. The Biden administration in June added 43 entities to an export control list, including an aviation company in South Africa that hired former British military pilots to help train Chinese pilots.

business

of the day quote

We believe that Malls will be a significant lever for monetisation in the future. We are also expecting 3x order growth during the festive season

DHIRESH BANSAL
CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER, MEESHO

Throughout history, real estate has been a cornerstone of investment. The Covid-19 pandemic has enhanced its relevance, making it the preferred choice for many

DHRUV AGARWALA
GROUP CEO, HOUSING.COM

With the growth of e-commerce, retail, and coupled with the influx of global companies foraying into India, we strongly believe that the demand and supply of Grade A warehouses will only witness an upward trajectory in the coming years

BOMAN IRANI | PRESIDENT, CREDAI

SHORT TAKES

BoE halts rate hikes

London: The Bank of England halted its long run of interest rate increases Thursday as the British economy slowed, but it said it was not taking a recent fall in inflation for granted. A day after a surprise slowing in Britain's fast pace of price growth, the BoE's Monetary Policy Committee voted by a narrow margin of 5-4 to keep Bank Rate at 5.25%. It was the first time since December 2021 that the BoE did not increase borrowing costs. It cut its forecast for economic growth in the July-September period to just 0.1% from August's forecast of 0.4% and noted clear signs of weakness in the housing market.

TPREL enters Nepal

New Delhi: Renewables solution provider Tata Power Renewable Energy Thursday said it has collaborated with Nepalese firm Dugar Power to accelerate Nepal's renewable energy initiatives. This tie-up heralds TPREL's strategic entry into Nepal's rapidly evolving renewable energy sector and sets the stage for a quantum leap in accelerating Nepal's shift toward sustainable energy, according to a statement. "Tata Power Renewable Energy Ltd (TPREL) has signed an agreement with Dugar Power Private Ltd (Dugar Power), a subsidiary of Dugar Group which is a prominent business house in Nepal," a company statement said.

Kia to hike prices

New Delhi: Automaker Kia India Thursday said it will increase prices of Seltos and Carens by up to 2 per cent from October 1, according to a senior company official. However, the company will not hike the prices of its entry-level model Sonet. "We are looking to take about a 2 per cent price increase on Seltos and Carens from October 1," Kia India National Head (Sales and Marketing) Hardeep S Brar told PTI. The company had last hiked prices in April this year as it upgraded its portfolio to conform to Real Driving Emission (RDE) norms, he said.

L'Oreal expands ops

New Delhi: French personal care company L'Oreal Thursday announced its entry into the Indian dermocosmetics market and said it has introduced L'Oréal Dermatological Beauty (LDB) in the country. LDB, a new division for the Indian market will bring products to dermatologists, patients, and consumers, a company statement said. It will start its journey in India with CeraVe, a leading dermatologist-recommended skincare brand in the US market.



My growth projection (of India's GDP growth) is 6.5 per cent plus minus 0.5 per cent... Because my experience is that the fluctuations in global GDP more or less has balanced out for us, assuming normal changes
ARVIND VIRMANI | MEMBER, NITI AAYOG

PIAGGIO FORAYS INTO BIKE SEGMENT

Italy's Piaggio Group aims to enhance its presence in the premium two-wheeler segment in India, as more and more customers seek feature-rich options for mobility requirements. The company, which is present in India through a wholly-owned subsidiary -- Piaggio Vehicles, has forayed into the growing mid-size bike segment by unveiling Aprilia RS457



STRUGGLING CARRIER

Akasa blames DGCA inaction as pilots quit

LAUNCHED IN AUGUST 2022, AKASA IS INDIA'S NEWEST AIRLINE BUT IT IS NOT THE ONLY ONE DEALING WITH CHALLENGES. GO AIR, WHICH IS GROUNDED, IS FACING BANKRUPTCY, AND SPICEJET IS STRUGGLING AMID A FUNDING CRUNCH

REUTERS

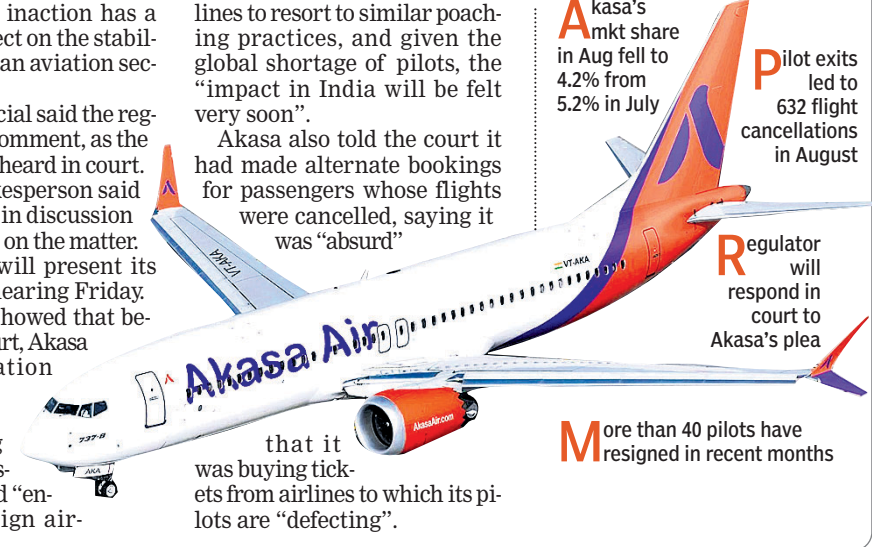
New Delhi, Sept 21: Indian budget carrier Akasa Air has accused the aviation regulator of causing it "significant financial and operational hardship" by not intervening to stop pilots from abruptly quitting and disrupting operations, legal filings showed. Over 40 of more than 450 pilots have recently quit Akasa without serving their notice, leading to cancellations of around 18% of the 3,500 flights it usually runs a month in August. Akasa is suing some of the pilots for alleged contractual violations, and has warned in

court that it might have to shut down if the exits continue. India mandates a notice period of 6-12 months for pilots which some pilot organisations are challenging in court. Akasa argues its contractual obligations with pilots remain in force, and is suing the regulator for not intervening in the public interest. In its 265-page legal filing, made September 14 and seen by Reuters, Akasa accused the Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA) of being "unwilling to take any action", which resulted in "significant financial and operational hardship" as well as "reputational loss".

The DGCA's inaction has a "cascading effect on the stability" of the Indian aviation sector, it added. A DGCA official said the regulator cannot comment, as the case was being heard in court. An Akasa spokesperson said the airline was in discussion with the DGCA on the matter. The DGCA will present its response at a hearing Friday. The filings showed that before going to court, Akasa wrote to Aviation Minister Jyotiraditya Scindia, saying sudden pilot resignations would "encourage" foreign air-

lines to resort to similar poaching practices, and given the global shortage of pilots, the "impact in India will be felt very soon". Akasa also told the court it had made alternate bookings for passengers whose flights were cancelled, saying it was "absurd" that it was buying tickets from airlines to which its pilots are "defecting".

Akasa's mkt share in Aug fell to 4.2% from 5.2% in July. Pilot exits led to 632 flight cancellations in August. Regulator will respond in court to Akasa's plea. More than 40 pilots have resigned in recent months.



BEAR MARKET

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Investors' wealth erode by ₹5.50L-cr in three days as markets fall from record highs on weak global trends

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New Delhi, Sept 21: With equity benchmark indices falling for the third day running Thursday, investors' wealth eroded by ₹5.50 lakh crore during this time amid a weak trend in global markets and foreign fund outflows. The 30-share BSE SENSEX fell 570.60 points or 0.85 per cent to settle at 66,230.24 Thursday. During the day, it dropped 672.13 points or 1 per cent to 66,128.71. In three days, the benchmark has fallen by 1,608.39 points or 2.37 per cent. The market capitalisation of BSE-listed companies eroded by ₹5,50,376.85 crore to ₹3,17,90,603.86 crore in three days.

On the other hand, NSE Nifty declined 159.05 points or 0.80 per cent to end at 19,742.35. It declined 231.90 points or 1.15 per cent to end below the 20,000 mark at 19,901.40 Thursday. Bearish sentiment across global equities led to selling in the domestic market for the third straight session as investors fretted over the US Fed statement indicating one more rate hike later this year. Other negative catalysts like lingering overseas fund outflows, rising US Dollar index and treasury yields, and higher crude oil prices are making investors jittery, Shrikant Chouhan, Head of Research (Retail), Kotak Securities Ltd, said.

In Asian markets, Seoul, Tokyo, Shanghai and Hong Kong ended in the negative territory. European markets were trading in the negative territory. The US markets ended in the red Wednesday. The US Federal Reserve left its key interest rate unchanged on Wednesday for the second time in its past three meetings, a sign that it's moderating its fight against inflation as price pressures have eased. But, Fed officials also signalled that they expect to raise rates once more this year. Mahindra & Mahindra, ICICI Bank, State Bank of India, IndusInd Bank, Kotak Mahindra Bank, Tata Motors, UltraTech Cement, Bajaj Finserv, Axis Bank and Power Grid were the major laggards among the Sensex firms. Tech Mahindra, Asian Paints, Infosys, Bharti Airtel, Hindustan Unilever and Larsen & Toubro were the gainers.

In the broader market, the BSE midcap gauge fell 0.99 per cent and smallcap index declined 0.98 per cent. Among the indices, bankex fell by 1.75 per cent, auto declined 1.58 per cent, financial services (1.35 per cent), realty (1.16 per cent), consumer discretionary (1 per cent), utilities (0.97 per cent), power (0.90 per cent) and commodities (0.75 per cent). Teck emerged as the only gainer. The rupee consolidated in a narrow range to settle 2 paise lower at 83.13 against the US dollar. Foreign Institutional Investors (FIIs) were net sellers in the capital market as they offloaded shares worth Rs 3,007.36 crore.

IN LAST THREE DAYS, SENSEX HAS FALLEN 2.37% NIFTY 50 ENDS AT LOWEST SINCE SEPTEMBER 7

DOMESTIC MARKET DECLINED FOLLOWING A HAWKISH STANCE BY THE FED CHAIR AND PROLONGED HIGH INTEREST RATE TRAJECTORY WHICH IS NOT POSITIVE FOR A SLOWING GLOBAL ECONOMY

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Household debt doubles in FY23

HOUSEHOLD SAVINGS MORE THAN HALVES TO 5.1% OF GDP, A 50-YEAR LOW

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Mumbai, Sept 21: The net financial savings of households plunged by close to 55 per cent in FY23 to 5.1 per cent of GDP, and their indebtedness more than doubled to ₹15.6 lakh crore from FY21, primarily led by massive borrowings from banks, shows an analysis of latest official numbers. According to SBI Research, a good portion of the drawdown from savings have gone to physical assets and of the ₹8.2 lakh crore increase in household indebtedness in FY23, as much as ₹7.1 lakh crore accounted for bank borrowings, primarily for home loans and other retail finances. In FY23, household savings plunged to 5.1 per cent of GDP, from 11.5 per cent in FY21, a 50-year low, and 7.6 per cent in FY20, which was not the pandemic period. It can be noted that the most important source of funds for the two deficit sectors – general government finances and the non-financial corporations, are household savings. The household sector in the na-



increase, as much as ₹7.1 lakh crore accounted for an increase in household borrowings from commercial banks. When juxtaposed this increase in borrowings from banks with the increase in bank credit, as much as 55 per cent of the retail credit to households in the last two years have gone to housing, education and vehicle purchases. According to Ghosh, this is possible due to the low interest rate regime, resulting in a paradigm shift of household financial savings to household physical savings in the last two years. He sees a significant long-run relationship between housing loans and households' savings in physical assets. As a result, the decline in net financial savings of households has resulted in a concomitant increase in household savings in gross physical assets. In fact, savings in physical assets, which accounted for more than two-thirds of household savings in FY12, had declined to 48 per cent in FY21. However, the trend is again shifting and the share of physical assets is expected to reach 70 per cent in FY23, due to a decline in share of financial assets.

ADANI FORMS JV TO REDEVELOP DHARAVI

ONE OF ASIA'S BIGGEST SLUMS

THE DHARAVI SLUM, ABOUT THREE-QUARTERS THE SIZE OF NEW YORK'S CENTRAL PARK, HAS GIVEN SHELTER TO 1 MILLION PEOPLE FOR DECADES

REUTERS

Mumbai, Sept 21: Indian billionaire Gautam Adani's property unit has formed a joint venture with Mumbai's slum rehabilitation authority to redevelop the Dharavi, a key step towards rebuilding one of Asia's biggest slums that is mired in legal controversy. A spokesperson from Adani Group confirmed the formation of the entity, Dharavi Redevelopment Project Pvt Ltd,

without elaborating further. Redevelopment of Dharavi, where 1 million people live, has been delayed for decades. The setting up of the JV is a critical step and assumes significance as it comes as Adani faces an ongoing legal challenge from a rival bidder, Dubai-based SecLink Technologies Corporation. SecLink alleges Mumbai's Maharashtra state improperly cancelled an original 2018 bidding process and restarted it so that



Adani could win. The state and Adani deny any wrongdoing, and say SecLink's case should be thrown out. SVR Srinivas, who heads the state-run Dharavi Redevelopment Authority, told Reuters in an interview in August that the state will appoint the chairman of the new 80:20 Adani Properties-

state government JV, while the CEO will be from Adani's camp. The next step would be the submission of a master plan by the Adani group which will have key details including planning on infrastructure, rehabilitation and public amenities, he said. Adani group won the Dharavi rebuilding project in July by bidding \$610 million for the project. Apart from the legal challenge by SecLink, Reuters reported in August that Dharavi residents are concerned about billionaire Adani's capacity to deliver amid high-profile financial setbacks post allegations by US short seller Hindenburg of improper dealings in January, which he denies.

Condom-shy India arouses interest of contraceptive makers

Strong economic growth, willingness to pay for premium goods, social media use and evolving attitudes to sex are changing how condom makers view a country where talking about sex is largely taboo, condom ads are banned from prime-time TV and rural consumers are skeptical about contraceptives

REUTERS

Bangalore, Sept 21: Global contraceptive makers are betting on condom-shy India becoming their biggest growth market, following the blockbuster IPO of a domestic prophylactic maker just weeks after the UN said the country would become the most populous by mid-year. With population decline and aging societies in major markets such as Europe, Japan and China, condom manufacturers are taking advantage of modern marketing tools to reach India's huge, young and tech-savvy demographic in both urban and rural settings. Such is the trend that the market is set to more than double to \$1.7 billion by 2030, showed data from GrandView Research.

"The Indian market is very attractive. The condom usage rate there is still low," said Kazuhiro Kamio, chief of overseas sales and marketing at Japanese condom maker Okamoto Industries. "If non-users can be educated on how to use them, given the population size, the volume would be tremendous." As few as 5% of sexually active men use condoms as a regular form of contraception, and as many as 2% were not familiar with condoms at all, showed a government survey conducted in 2020. By contrast, 19% of US

men use condoms every time they have sex, showed data from the National Center for Health Statistics. POPULATION GROWTH Condom makers would follow other global firms in chasing

India's growth in disposable income. World Bank data showed that, in 2021, per capita gross domestic product crossed \$2,000 - a threshold at which, in China in 2006, consumption jumped. Moreover, India was set to



Contraceptive sales have benefited from a broader cultural shift among the younger end of the target market

The Indian market has the potential to be the world's biggest. India does not just have the largest population base but also the largest demographic relevant for such products

ARVIND SINGHAL | CHAIRMAN, TECHNOAP ADVISORS

overtake China this year to become the world's most populous country, the United Nations said in April. Almost one billion Indians are aged 15-64 years. "We believe that with such a population and a very young population, India has a lot of opportunity," said Chief Executive Miah Kiat Goh at Malaysia's Karex, the world's largest condom maker. Karex aims to partner local brands to fuel expansion whereas Okamoto, whose condoms are available in India online, wants to build brand awareness and put its products on store shelves. Britain's Reckitt Benckiser Group has launched new products under its Durex brand and expanded its "Birds and the Bees" rural marketing campaign. Church and Dwight, owner of top US brand Trojan, plans to of-

ficially enter India which it regards as one of the most lucrative markets, said a person familiar with the plans, declining to be identified as the matter was not yet public. India's market leader is domestic manufacturer Mankind Pharma with a 33% share, ahead of Reckitt Benckiser at 14%, TechSci data showed. Mankind conducted a \$520 million initial public offering (IPO) in May and saw its stock soar 32% on its market debut, valuing the company at \$7 billion. The maker of Manforce condoms has been boosting its online presence to better cater to urbanites and investing in local-language advertising to reach more rural consumers. Like rivals, it has made more use of social media influencers and events.

Last-minute preparations

With the World Cup a fortnight away, Iyer to prove his fitness, Surya his worth during three-match ODI series against Australia

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Mohali, Sept 21: Shreyas Iyer's dodgy match-fitness will be put to ultimate test while Suryakumar Yadav's desperation to alter a dismal ODI record adds a fascinating sub-text to India's three-game series against Australia, which also serves as final dress rehearsal before the World Cup, beginning next month.

With pillars of Indian batting – skipper Rohit Sharma and the brilliant Virat Kohli – resting for the first two games along with lead spinner Kuldeep Yadav and premier all-rounder Hardik Pandya, it will be head coach Rahul Dravid's final chance to assess his bench strength.

The two Mumbai batters – both very different players from each other – are fighting their own little battles to be a part of the most important tournament of their lives.

The 28-year-old Iyer hasn't played much cricket in last six months due to stress fracture surgery. A stiff back just before an Asia Cup match against Pakistan raised questions about his fitness.

As chairman of selectors Ajit Agarkar has said that Iyer is good to go in the three games but whether his body is holding for 100 overs during the three games over next five days, will be observed keenly.

As much as Ishan Kishan has done his bit, India will need Iyer, the proverbial slayer of spin bowling in the middle overs during the World Cup.

For Surya, literally 'SKY' has been the limit in T20Is but before anything else, he perhaps need an uncluttered mind about what kind of role is he looking at in ODI cricket. In today's day and age, 27 ODIs are a lot and less than 25 average is neither a true reflection of his talent nor his capabilities.

Surya won't be a starter in

playing XI during the World Cup but for his own good, he would want the team management to be assured that they didn't make a wrong choice. Tilak Varma is hot on his heels and at 33, he won't practically get a shot at another 50-over World Cup.

'Ash' is name of the game. The small quadriceps tear that left-arm spinner Axar Patel suffered has opened an unlikely door for 37-year-old Ravichandran Ashwin to play his third and what could likely be his last 50 over World Cup in case the former doesn't recover in time.

Even two weeks back, Ashwin was not even in Indian team management's radar and now the crafty veteran and his younger state-mate Washington Sundar are locked in a battle for an outside chance to make it to the squad.

If one goes by the buzz, Ashwin even if he doesn't do well in the upcoming games, is way ahead of Washington in terms of probable chance of a look-in. Ashwin's battle against David Warner and Steve Smith could be a fan's de-

light. The absence of Kuldeep Yadav and Hardik Pandya will give both Ashwin and Washington, a chance to showcase what they have to offer to the team. But, there is every possibility that even if Ashwin does brilliantly, the team management will go with Axar if he recovers on time and plays the third ODI.

Usually, a small tear takes two weeks to heal and for a spinner, it is not a serious injury unlike for fast bowlers, where it takes more

time before they can go full steam. Hence India will remain hopeful about getting Axar fit before the tournament proper starts.

TEAM COMBINATION

With no Rohit at the top of the order, Ishan Kishan is likely to open with Shubman Gill while Kohli's place is taken by Iyer, who needs game time.

India's Asian Games-bound skipper Rituraj Gaikwad is in the squad more as a cover and could be released after the second game as he would link up with T20 team flying to Hangzhou Sept 28.

India haven't rested any of its fast bowlers but Jasprit Bumrah and Mohammed Siraj may play two of the three games as three 50-over games have been slotted in five days and it also includes travel. Workload management of two pacers will be paramount.

MATCH SCHEDULE

India vs Australia

1st One-day international

Time: 1:30 pm

Telecast: Sports 18 Network

Stream: Jio Cinema



STOPPAGE-TIME DRAMA AGAIN

Bayern pip Man United in seven-goal CL thriller

ASSOCIATED PRESS

Munich, Sept 21: Mathys Tel's stoppage-time goal proved enough for Bayern Munich to beat Manchester United 4-3 in their Champions League opening game.

Tel scored with a spectacular finish in the second minute of injury time Wednesday, restoring Bayern's two-goal lead just when United threatened to pull off another remarkable comeback after Casemiro scored in the 88th.

Casemiro did score again in the fifth minute of stoppages with a header to Bruno Fernandes' free-kick, but this time there was no fairy-tale ending for United, which beat Bayern with two late goals to win the 1999 Champions League final.

United had forced the initiative early as the old rivals met again in the group stage, but Harry Kane's penalty in the 53rd for 3-1 seemed to be the final blow for an injury-hit team low on confidence after starting the Premier League with three defeats in five games.

Bayern had to wait till the 20th minute for its first chance and had fortune on its side with United 'keeper Andre Onana deflecting Leroy Sane's harmless-looking shot inside the right post in the 28th after Sane had played a one-two with Kane.

Serge Gnabry capitalized on Sane's blow by adding another goal four minutes later, sweeping a shot from distance inside the far post after a fine run from Jamal Musiala to set him up.

Rasmus Hojlund scored with a deflected shot early in the second half, but Danish compatriot Eriksen was penalised through VAR for hand ball after Dayot Upamecano headed the ball into his hand. Kane duly converted the penalty for his first



MATCH WINNER: Mathys Tel reacts after scoring Bayern Munich's winning goal against Manchester United in Munich, Wednesday

WINNING RETURN

London: Arsenal made a stylish return to the Champions League by sweeping aside PSV Eindhoven 4-0 at Emirates Stadium after a six-year absence from the competition. Arsenal seemed determined to make up for lost time and jumped out to a 3-0 lead by the 38th minute Wednesday. In a game played in driving rain throughout, Bukayo Saka, Leandro Trossard and Gabriel Jesus all scored in the first half, before Martin Odegaard added the fourth with a long-range strike in the 70th. Arsenal qualified for the Champions League for 19 straight years under Arsene Wenger but had not played in the competition since 2016-17. PSV last played in it five years ago, and the two teams met in the group stage of the second-tier Europa League last season.

Champions League goal in a Bayern jersey. The six-time champion maintained control until Casemiro restored some excitement to the finish.

BELLINGHAM'S STOPPAGE TIME GOAL SEALS REAL WIN



JUST THE USUAL: Jude Bellingham (C) scores past Union Berlin goalie at Santiago Bernabeu, Wednesday

ASSOCIATED PRESS

Madrid, Sept 21: Jude Bellingham keeps delivering for Real Madrid. This time the heroics came in his Champions League debut with the Spanish powerhouse.

Bellingham helped extend Madrid's perfect start to the season by scoring a stoppage-time goal in the team's 1-0 win over newcomer Union Berlin in Group C Wednesday. It was Madrid's sixth consecutive victory, with the other five coming in the Spanish league.

The newly signed Bellingham scored his sixth goal in as many matches with Madrid by picking up a loose ball inside the area and firing it into the open net four minutes into stoppage time at the Santiago Bernabeu Stadium.

His winner against Getafe in the Spanish league had come five minutes into stoppage time, and against Celta Vigo it came in the 81st. Bellingham has scored in all but one of his appearances with Madrid.

Madrid had missed chance after chance and was denied by the woodwork a couple of times as the Spanish powerhouse appeared to be headed to a disappointing group-stage debut in the European competition.

Both Rodrygo and Joselu hit the post before Bellingham came through with the winner from

Lautaro saves Inter's day against Sociedad

San Sebastian (Spain): Lautaro Martinez's scoring streak continued as he helped Inter Milan snatch a 1-1 draw at Real Sociedad and prevent what would have been a dream return to the Champions League for the Spanish side. Brais Mendez's early goal Wednesday looked set to see Sociedad mark their first match back among Europe's elite in a decade with an impressive win over last season's runner-up. But in the end they were made to pay for their profligacy as Martinez pounced with three minutes remaining, netting his sixth goal of the fledgling season. Salzburg won 2-0 at Benfica in the other Group D match.

close range after Federico Valverde's shot from outside the area bounced off a couple of Union defenders and went toward the England midfielder for an easy goal.

The record 14-time European champions were making their 27th straight appearance in the tournament's group stage, while Union were playing their first-ever Champions League match. The German club qualified by finishing fourth in the Bundesliga last season for their highest league result. They are enjoying their third consecutive season in a UEFA competition, and fourth overall.

Chhetri keeps India's Asiad hopes alive

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Hangzhou, Sept 21: The Indian football team rode on a late Sunil Chhetri strike to beat Bangladesh by a solitary goal and stay alive for a place in the knockout of the Asian Games here Thursday.

The 39-year-old veteran scored from the spot in the 85th minute to help his team earn full points after the 1-5 hammering at the hands of hosts China Tuesday. India will next play Myanmar, who beat Bangladesh 1-0 on the opening day.

After the loss to China, Igor Stimac's wards were back against their familiar South Asian foe, a team that has actually been a tough one to break down for the Blue Tigers.

India were the ones to create a first attempt at goal in the ninth minute when Rohit Danu and Rahul KP combined to put the ball at the feet of Chhetri, inside the box. The skipper's shot, though, was deflected wide.

Chhetri had another chance a few minutes later, with Ayush Dev Chhetri's cross falling to

him inside the six-yard box. Chhetri played the ball across goal rather than towards it, and Bangladesh cleared with ease.

The game fell into a pattern soon after, and there was more midfield tussle than end-to-end action. Bangladesh's pacey wingers were the focal points of their attack, constantly probing and drifting crosses into the Indian box.

The Blue Tigers' lynchpin for the first half was Bryce Miranda, the winger tirelessly running at defenders and constantly making the Bangladeshi players second-guess their options.

India were in control of the tempo of the game, but Bangladesh were not to be written off. In the 60th minute, India almost had the opener, in glorious style, no less. From a free-kick wide on the left, 35 yards from goal Samuel James shot for goal, when a cross was perhaps more expected. It caught everyone by surprise, Marma included. To Bangladesh's relief, though, it bounced off the post.

Bangladesh rode that luck



to create a brilliant chance on a counter; Mojibor Rahman Jony dancing his way into the box after a cross field ball had found him in yards of space. He dribbled past Lalchungnunga, and broke to his left, but by the time he pulled the trigger, Dheeraj had smartly closed the angle

and distance to make what was a superb save.

Miranda, a constant thorn for Bangladesh's defence, was brought down inside the box by Rahmat Mia. The referee pointed to the spot, despite protests from Bangladesh. Chhetri took the ball and slotted it home, low and hard into the bottom left.

PTF says 'no' to neutral venue

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New Delhi, Sept 21: India have been drawn to play Pakistan in the World Group I Play-offs and the Pakistan Tennis Federation (PTF) Thursday made it clear that it won't agree to shift their home tie to a neutral venue this time.

India had drawn Pakistan in 2019 also but due to "security concerns" the Asia/Oceania Group I tie was shifted to Kazakhstan, a neutral venue.

As a mark of protest, Pakistan's top players Aisam-ul-haq Qureshi and Aqeel Khan had opted not to play the tie in which rookies Mohammed Shoaib, Huzaifa Abdul Rehman and Yousaf Khalil competed for them.

The ITF had agreed to shift the tie to a neutral venue in 2019

INDIA DRAW PAKISTAN AGAIN IN DAVIS CUP

but it will be very tough for AITA to convince the world governing body if the national federation pushes for a neutral venue.

Pakistan's veteran player Aqeel Khan told PTI that they are hoping for the Indian team to travel to their nation. Pakistan last week beat Indonesia 4-0 at home in the World Group II tie, played on grass courts in Islamabad.

PTF President Salim Saifullah Khan said they will host India on grass court. "They should come to Pakistan. It's not fair that they do not come to Pakistan. The Indian team is much better than us. We have a beautiful hotel just across the sta-

dium. If Indians come it will send a good message that we are good neighbours," Saifullah Khan told PTI.

If India decide to travel, it will be the Davis Cup team's first visit across the border in 59 years, and only third in the history of the team tournament. The last time an Indian Davis Cup team travelled to Pakistan was in 1964 when the visitors beat the hosts 4-0.

"We have hosted Lithuania, Slovakia, Korea, Iran, Thailand. All these countries have come and there have been no issues. We won't play on a neutral venue. If India does not want to come, we will not play this tie. We will play on grass courts and the Indians are a better team. And in February-March, the weather is lovely in Islamabad," Saifullah said.

PRAGATI-BHARGAV PAIR WINS U-17 MIXED DOUBLES GOLD



POST NEWS NETWORK

Bhubaneswar, Sept 21: Odisha SAI Regional Badminton Academy trainees Pragati Parida and Bhargav Ram clinched the gold medal in the U-17 mixed doubles event of the 35th Sub-Junior National Badminton Championship, which was played September 14-19 at the Jwala Gutta Badminton Academy in Moinabad.

Bhargav also won the gold in U-17 boys' doubles event part-

nering Viswa Tej. Viswa and Visakha Toppo bagged the bronze in the U-17 mixed doubles event. Visakha and Pragati teamed up for bronze in the U-17 girls' doubles category. Jangeet Singh and his partner had to settle for silver in the U-15 mixed doubles event after losing the final.

Four trainees from the academy have been selected for Sub-Junior Asian Championships, which will take place in China, October 17-22.