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MADONNA POKES FUN AT THE POPE

Pop singer Madonna has poked fun at the Pope by wearing a hoodie embroidered with an image of the Catholic leader wearing a Madonna-branded robe -- with the red in the picture inspired by the Jewish mysticism movement Kabbalah, reports femalefirst.co.uk.

CARDI B USES TIKTOK HACK TO AVOID WARDROBE MALFUNCTION

Rapper Cardi B has proven that a social media hack is worth trying. She uses a TikTok hack to avoid a wardrobe malfunction when they were on a private plane without her fashion stylist, reports aceshowbiz.com.





FOR ASTROLOGY DIAL 55181*

The stars today may play some tricks, which may land you in some sort of problem. But by m day, things will calm down and you will forget it. Ganesha says that in the evening, you will be calm and pensive which is an excellent thing

TAURUS

Your thinking is likely to be very clear and purposeful, this day says Ganesha. You will be eager to do something new, meaningful and exciting today. And you will be smart enough to think things out carefully and make elaborate plans before you make a move. This day is expected to become less stressful, more relaxed and trouble free compared to your average days.

GEMINI

Today is an auspicious and fruitful day for you. You will become excited by every very small accomplishments. You will need to fulfill the demands made upon you by your family and friends. You wil probably find yourself balancing the cheque book at home, or buying appli ances for the house, says Ganesha.

CANCER

You will savour a tasty meal. You will go out for dinner with your friends or family. It may so happen that you will take out time from your hectic schedule to prepare tasty food and invite friends and relatives. Your nature of helping others will make you popular and you will benefit from it, says Ganesha

You will be in the mood to express your thoughts and opinions unabashedly today. You will try your utmost to make gains in your profession. You will be able to clear off your debts. You should make the most of this beneficial time to end your financial troubles, says Ganesha

I VIRGO

Your creative talents will flourish today. Ganesha says you will be pleased with your possessions which you have carefully safeguarded for a long time. In the evening you may want to refurbish your house by making the necessary additions and subtractions

An extended family is a boon, especially when it comes to charting out some success. Okay, maybe it's not Don Corleone calling the shots in your favour but expect to get a favourable base from your relatives for the same. Bring your luck with you to work, and keep smiling Yes, it is your dazzling smile that will help you win people's hearts, says Ganesha.

SCORPIO

The Dons in the office may bypass your superiors and probably make you run around as an errand boy. You are likely to impress your superiors with your brilliance. Evening, though, will ring out the exhaustion of the morning.

SAGITTARIUS

All said and done, today Ganesha foresees you striking a fine balance between your profession and passion Profession will win the hand during the course of the day. Your flitting in social circles is slated to take a back-seat as you tend to focus more on your work.

CAPRICORN

The usually high spirit that you display at work is likely be dampened today by a trivial issue. So, try not to let too many thoughts trouble your mind today, advises Ganesha. Money matters may be pressing, forcing you to take risks. In the circumstances, keeping your cool will be the best thing to do, for a minor slip can cost you all that you may not be prepared to lose.

AQUARIUS

It's time for some family bonding! You realise that you've neglected your near and dear. Now, you need to do something substantial to win back your family's annroval. However, your sincerity alone will melt their hearts.

PISCES Friends are the subject of all vour activities today. You will make new acquaintances that will prove to be helpful in times of need. A loved one will make you happy like you've never been before. A candlelight dinner with your sweetheart is probably in the offing, says Ganesha

Fame brings hidden Not being a superstar isn't a sin: Annu challenges: Rhea

New Delhi: Actress Rhea Chakraborty in a recent interview shared that people are not ready to accept that one could be depressed despite being rich and famous.

The Jalebi actress said, "The truth is that mental health is not understood in this country at all. We are taking strides and the youth

is now talking about it and India is moving forward in understanding mental health. But when someone who is famous has a mental health condition, people

don't under-

stand it. They are like he has fame, he has success, why is he depressed? She added that people have

a hard time accepting this because we are taught to work towards fame and money and when people see someone who has both and is depressed. Rhea then addressed

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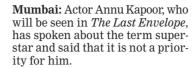
sues and acknowledged that she was well aware of his condition, she said, "I could never know the truth of what took him to do what he did because I don't live in his mind, contrary to popular belief. But I do know the truth about him being

going through.'

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He said, "Indeed, I am not a superstar and my thoughts on it haven't changed. I had to slog a lot in this industry and put in a lot of effort to prove myself. Unfortunately, it's a typical sign of a success-oriented society where individuals are evaluated and assessed based on social success rather than talent. Amitabh Bachchan, Akshay Kumar, Shahrukh Khan, they are all superstars! God bless them, but I'm not a superstar. There's nothing wrong with that, and you cannot

label me a sinner. Being a superstar

is not an important priority for me. As long as I am not harmful to society or my country, I have every right to express my views and opin-

The Last Envelope will air on October 12 in the JioCinema App.



coronavirus pandemic-induced lockdown which led to cost cutting and thus affected the budget of women centric films. *'Veere Di Wedding* is the

last female story that worked and the same producers are making this film. After Veere Di Wedding we had more such stories. Then lockdown happened

and then obviously there was cost cutting on female-centric films. Then again, we saw Rhea Kapoor, who made this kind of film again," the Mumbai-born actor told PTI.

"It is all about whether the film is good or bad. I remember when I had done *Saand Ki* Aankh, which is a femaleled film, compared to another film, which released on the same day, and it did overall business of Rs 350 crore. While my film did Rs 45 crore but our film was running in theatres for 100 days," she added.

"Films earn money but we hope people will come and watch our films. We don't take the pressure because certain things are not in our hands. The beauty of cinema is that good work will always be remembered and watched for generations", concluded the Badhaai Do actress said.

Konkona shares her homecoming sentiment Mumbai: Actress Konkona Sen first time I'm working on a se-Sharma revealed that she is exquel of a show which has actually been really lovely. It's a cited for the release of Mumbai feeling of homecoming espe-

Diaries season two as it is the first sequel she has worked on. Konkana

> or the character, but you're going deeper into it which was quite a wonderful experience.' Mumbai Diaries 2 also features Shreya Dhanwantary, Natasha Bharadwaj, Satyajeet Dubey Mrunmayee Deshpande in pivotal roles and will premiere on

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Prime Video. On the work front, Konkana was last seen in *Kuttev*.

October 6 on

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CANCER CARE HUB

Odisha will soon become a hub of cancer care in eastern India, says Chief Minister Naveen Patnaik

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KILLED IN MUMBAI FIRE

Seven people died and over 60 suffered injuries after a fire swept through a residential building in Mumbai's Goregaon area

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BAJRANG DISAPPOINTS

Experienced wrestler Bajrang Punia suffers embarrassing defeats to make Asian Games exit without a medal

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Odisha readies for possible cyclones

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

Bhubaneswar, Oct 6: As the months of October and November are considered the 'cyclone period' in Odisha, the state government has started preparation for the possible calamity.

Chief Secretary PK Jena, who presided over a high-level meeting here, has directed district collectors and department secretaries to remain alert for 45 days from October 10, an official said Friday.

While attending the meeting, director of the Bhubaneswar Regional Meteorological Centre, HR Biswas, informed the state government that the southwest monsoon is likely to be withdrawn by October 10.

Favourable weather conditions are created for cyclones in the Bay of Bengal within 45 days from the departure of monsoon in the state. Therefore, the state needs to remain vigilant for 45 days from October 10 as most of the cyclones were formed within that period in the past, Biswas told the state government.

Keeping in view the history of cyclones in Odisha, Jena issued directions to the collectors of vulnerable districts, emphasising the need for cooperation and coordination among departments.

INDIAN MEN MAUL JAPAN 5-1 TO WIN ASIAN GAMES GOLD AND SEAL PARIS OLYMPICS SPOT S of Asia

ON TOP OF THE WORLD: Indian players celebrate after winning the gold medal in the men's hockey event at the 19th Asian Games, in Hangzhou, China, Friday. The Indian team won the final against Japan 5-1 and qualified for the 2024 Paris Olympics

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The top court, however,

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INDIA HAD EARLIER WON GOLD AT THE ASIAN GAMES IN 1966, 1998, 2014 HARMANPREET SINGH TOP-SCORER IN TOURNAMENT WITH 13 GOALS, **MANDEEP 2ND BEST WITH 12**

INDIA UNBEATEN IN TOURNAMENT, **REGISTERING ALSO A HISTORICAL 10-2 VICTORY OVER PAKISTAN**

Hangzhou, Oct 6: Skipper Harmanpreet Singh led admirably from the front with two stunning goals as the Indian men's hockey team outclassed defending champions Japan 5-1 to reclaim the Asian Games gold. The win also helped India seal their spot in the Paris Olympics next year: Incidentally this was India's fourth gold medal at the Asian Games.

Harmanpreet (32nd, 59th), Manpreet Singh (25th), Amit Rohidas (36th) and Abhishek (48th) were the goalscorers for India. Serena Tanaka (51st) got a goal back for Japan, but by that time had established their supremacy in the game.

The Indians, who did not lose a single game en route to the gold were by far the much superior side in the final. They had also met Japan in the pool stages winning the game 4-2.
Using both the flanks, the

Indians kept Japan under pressure from the start. They also used the long ball to trouble the Japanese defence.

After missing a couple of chances in the first quarter, India took the lead in the second. Manpreet scored off the rebound

₹5L cash reward

Congratulating the Indian men's hockey team for the historic gold medal and sealing a berth for the Paris Olympics 2024, Chief Minister Naveen Patnaik Friday announced cash award of ₹5 lakh each for the players and support staff of the victorious side.

after Abhishek's fierce reverse hit was blocked by the veteran Japanese goalkeeper Takumi Kitagawa.

Japan's only chance in the first half came two minutes before the interval, but PR Sreejesh pulled off a fine save.

Two minutes into the second half, India secured three consecutive penalty corners and this time Harmanpreet was bang on target with the final attempt. Minutes later, Rohidas tripled India's lead, finding the net with a powerful high flick that beat Japan goalkeeper Kitagawa all ends up.

It was complete domination by the Indians as three minutes into the fourth and final quarter Abhishek made the scoreline 4-0 from a tight angle after receiving a pass from vice-captain Hardik Singh. The game was as good as over by then.

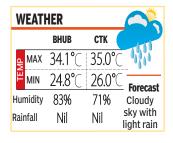
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SC questions Bihar over caste survey

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

New Delhi, Oct 6: The Supreme Court Friday questioned the Bihar government as to why it published its caste survey data but refused to restrain it from making public further data, and said it may examine if the state has power to conduct such an exercise.

A bench of Justices Sanjiv Khanna and S V N Bhatti issued a formal notice on a batch of pleas

Dharmendra wishes to contest LS polls

New Delhi: Union Minister and senior BJP leader Dharmendra Pradhan Friday said he wants to contest the 2024 Lok Sabha polls from Odisha and has requested the party to give him a chance. He said BJP's agenda is to ensure that PM Narendra Modi gets to serve the nation for a third term. "I want to contest the 2024 LS polls. I've informed the party about my wish," he told PTI

challenging the August 1 order of the Patna High Court that gave the goahead for the caste survey in Rihar

The SC bench listed the regarding the power of the matter in January 2024.

It rejected the petitioners' contention that the state government has already published some data preempting a stay. They sought a complete stay on further publication of data.

'We are not staying anything at this moment. We cannot stop the state gov-

RBI keeps key rates intact for 4th time

Mumbai: The Reserve Bank of India expectedly left its key interest rate unchanged Friday as inflation remains a major risk, and signalled it would keep liquidity tight using bond sales to bring prices closer to target. The monetary policy committee held the benchmark repurchase rate at 6.50 per cent in a unanimous decision for the fourth consecutive

limits in Keonjhar Friday after she refused to lend him money for medical treatment. The deceased was identified as Malati Barik. Prasanna Barik, asked Malati for some money for treatment. On refusal, he lost his cool and shot Malati dead with his licensed gun,

Man shoots sister dead in Keonjhar

Bhubaneswar: A man allegedly shot his sister dead at Somagiri village under Pandapada police who works as a security guard,

Nobel Peace for jailed Iranian activist

Oslo, Oct 6: Imprisoned Iranian activist Narges Mohammadi won the Nobel Peace Prize Friday in recognition of her tireless campaigning for women's rights and democracy, and against the death penalty.

Mohammadi, 51, has kept up her activism despite numerous arrests by Iranian authorities and spending years behind bars. "This prize is the first and foremost recognition of the very important work of a whole movement in Iran with its undisputed leader, Narges Mohammadi," said Berit Reiss-Andersen, the chair of the Norwegian Nobel Committee who announced the prize in Oslo.

She said the committee hopes the prize is an encouragement to continue the work in whichever form this movement finds to be fitting. She also urged Iran to release Mohammadi in time for



For nearly all of Mohammadi's life, Iran has been governed by a Shiite theocracy headed by the country's supreme leader. While women hold jobs, academic positions and even government appointments, their lives can be tightly controlled. Laws require all women to at

least wear a headscarf, or hijab, to cover their hair as a sign of piety. Iran and neighbouring Afghanistan remain the only countries that mandate it.

In a statement to The New York Times, Mohammadi said, "The global support and recognition of my human rights advocacy makes me more resolved, more responsible, more passionate and more hopeful.

"I also hope this recognition makes Iranians protesting for change stronger and more organised," she added. "Victory is near."

Mohammadi has been imprisoned 13 times and convicted five times, according to Reiss-Andersen. In total, she has been sentenced to 31 years in prison. Mohammadi's most recent incarceration began when she was detained in 2021 after she attended a memorial for a person killed in nationwide protests sparked by an increase in gasoline prices.

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Red menace: State seeks mobile towers, chopper

UNION HOME MINISTER AMIT SHAH ASKS STATES TO MAKE A RESOLUTION TO COMPLETELY ELIMINATE LEFT-WING EXTREMISM IN NEXT TWO YEARS



KULDEEP SINGH, OP

New Delhi, Oct 6: With a view to intensifying anti-Maoist operations amid a remarkable deernment Friday requested the Centre to enhance mobile connectivity in Maoist-affected districts and provide helicopter for

The state government put forth its demands during a review meeting on left-wing extremism (LWE) under the chairmanship of Union Home Minister Amit Shah in New Delhi. The meeting was attended by state Finance Minister Bikram Keshari Arukha, Chief Secretary Pradeep Jena and Director General of Police (DGP) Sunil Kumar Bansal

During the meeting, Arukha highlighted that the number of LWE-affected districts has come down to 10 from 21 in the state over the years due to pro-people policies of the state govern-

ment. The construction of Gurupriva bridge, strengthening of public transport system, healthcare facilities and distribution of 7,000 mobile phones to students of LWE-hit areas among others have weakened the support to ultra outfits in the state. Influence of Maoists has shrunk to some pockets of 10 districts, the minister added.

To get complete rid of red menace, Odisha demanded installation of mobile towers to strengthen communication networks in affected districts as soon as possible, Arukha said. Besides, the state also demanded a helicopter for deployment of security forces without any hindrance in affected districts during the naxal activities. It also requested for construction of schools and road networks to connect the affected areas with the mainstream. The minister said that the Union Home minister appreciated the steps taken

Declining **trend**

Odisha has witnessed a significant decline in LWE incidents from 218 such incidents reported in 2010 to mere 22 incidents reported in 2022. Number of deaths reduced to 11 in 2022 from 79 in 2010. Last year, the Union government had allocated Rs 49.40 crore to Odisha in 2022-23 under security related scheme (SRE). The districts covered under SRE scheme are: Bargarh, Bolangir, Kalahandi, Kandhamal, Koraput, Malkangiri, Nabrangpur, Nuapada, Rayagada and Sundargarh.

by the Odisha government in curbing Maoist activities in the state. Significantly, Shah, during the meeting, asked the states to make a resolution to completely eliminate LWE in next two years. He said that success has been achieved in curbing leftist extremism in the last few years and now this fight has reached a decisive phase. With the determination of Prime Minister Narendra Modi and the cooperation of all the states affected by LWE, major success has been achieved against it in 2022 and 2023, the HM said.

"There has been a decline of more than 52 per cent in LWE related violence, 69 per cent in deaths, 72 per cent in security forces deaths and 68 per cent in civilian deaths between 2014 and 2023 as compared to the period from 2005 to 2014," the home



SKILLING MATTERS: Officials from World Bank and Union Skill Development and Entrepreneurship Ministry's Directorate General of Training (DGT) took a tour of the Khapuria Government ITI in Cuttack, Friday

Complete Parikrama project by Dec: 5T Secy

Bhubaneswar, Oct 6: 5T Secretary VK Pandian Friday directed officials and agencies involved in the Srimandir Parikrama Project to complete the work by December this year.

The 5T Secretary gave the direction after reviewing the progress in project work at a meeting in Puri with the Works department principal secretary, Puri Collector, Puri SP, OBCC MD and other officials.

It was decided at the review meeting to make adequate arrangements for commuters and servitors to park their two wheelers, give special attention to keeping the outer access road free from encroachments and to expedite the matha redevelopment work involving all stakeholders and keeping in mind



history and heritage of the mathas.

As per sources, it was also decided at the meeting to give special emphasis to landscaping work, using plant varieties that are in tune with the Jagannath heritage, expedite the STP work. and complete the electrical substation work at the earliest.

"TATA project was instructed to engage more manpower during nights to complete the work in a time-bound manner," said an official.

The officials at the meeting also stressed that importance should be given to ensuring the

stressed importance should be given to providing the best experience for

devotees visiting the temple

■ It was also discussed to make adequate arrangements for commuters and servitors to park two-wheelers

best experience for thousands of devotees visiting the temple everyday with good-quality and timely completion of works.

The progress of work at Jagannath Ballav Parking Centre and Sri Setu were also reviewed along with parking facilities and provision of basic amenities for the devotees.

The agency constructing the 'Sri Setu' work and JBPC was directed to complete the project in time, so that the devotees coming to Puri will get have better access from the

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SC asks Centre to

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Bhubaneswar, Oct 6: With a view to extending its reach to a wider audience of entrepreneurs, Startup Odisha Friday launched an initiative with the Business Club of Entrepreneurs (BCE) with a goal to raise aware-

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executive chairman of Startup Odisha, along with prominent FICCI Nat'l Executive

Committee meet held

ness about the myriad pro-

grammes and advantages offered

by Startup Odisha. This pivotal

initiative was inaugurated with

a vibrant Coffee Session held at

O-Hub here, which witnessed

the participation of Omkar Rai.

Bhubaneswar: FICCI, the country's apex business chamber, held its National Executive Committee meeting in Ahmedabad which was addressed by Gujarat Chief Minister Bhupendrabhai Patel, Addressing the gathering, Patel appreciated FICCI's long association with the state and its contribution to sectoral policy formulation which has helped attract significant investment. Subhrakant Panda. president of FICCI and managing director of IMFA said, "Guiarat has made notable progress in the last two decades by growing at a compounded rate of 15 per cent per annum.

served as a platform for dialogue and exchange of ideas, setting the stage for an exciting journey ahead. Rai expressed his enthusiasm about this collaboration, stating, "We are thrilled to reach out to more entrepreneurs, share the mani-

members of the BCE. The event

fold benefits of Startup Odisha, and importantly, listen to their queries and aspirations. This partnership underscores our resolute commitment to bolstering the startup ecosystem in the state and empowering entrepreneurs to seize the oppor-

tunities we offer.



agency Network Events and Promotions Friday announced the event 'Dandiya Carnival 2k23' as part of its Navratri celebrations from October 20 to October 23 here at the Crystal Crown in Patia. "From religious significance to being a social gathering and an opportunity for fun outings, Navratri holds a special place in the hearts of people from all walks of life. It's a time for dance,

ties. This year, Network Events and Promotions is proud to bring to people of the City the Dandiya Carnival 2k23,' said a press note. The carnival will offer four days of non-stop entertainment, cultural richness, and gastronomic delights, said the release adding this festival is designed to bring together people of diverse backgrounds to celebrate the spirit of Navratri.

Cuttack Stewart School Principal passes away

Bhubaneswar/Cuttack: The Principal of Stewart School in Cuttack Sunita Behera died after a three-month long battle with cancer, Thursday. She was 55. Behera had taken over the charge as the Principal of Stewart School, Cuttack in June 2023. Prior to this, she was the senior coordinator at New Stewart

Sukinda, She had been asso ciated with various other institutions and worked there dedicate ent capacities

School, Cuttack and Stewart School,

preparing teachers in coun es. She was the wife of FC North, former Principal of Stewart School Cuttack. The members of Diocese of Cuttack, management of Stewart schools. staffers, students and faculty members condoled her demise. Many eminent leaders, students, parents, and her friends and relatives have come over to pay their homage

New Delhi. Oct 6: The Supreme Court Friday sought responses from the Centre, AIIMS and all states on a plea filed by 251 parents of the children suffering

from muscular dystrophy seeking reliefs including a direction to them to launch a national programme for awareness and treatment of the rare and debilitating disease. The petitioners include 10 parents from Odisha.

A bench headed by Chief Justice DY Chandrachud sought the government's response in four weeks. The bench also comprising Justices JB Pardiwala and Manoj Misra asked the additional solicitor general Aishwarva Bhati to assist the court in the matter.

Advocate Utsav Bains submitted to the court that the disease is divided into three categories. The cost of treatment for category 1 is around Rs 50 lakh and for category 2 and 3 is much more, he submitted.

The apex court issued the notice on a petition filed by parents of the children suffering from muscular dystrophy that causes progressive muscle loss in children. The petitioners submitted that there are about 5 lakh such patients in the country but due to lack of awareness, testing facilities and high cost of treatment, the parents are helpless and have to be mute spectators sadly witnessing their children die each day and an untimely death as well.

"The National Policy of Rare Diseases has not reached many patients in as much as the cost of the treatment is still very high and runs into several crores for one patient and remains out of reach of a common man like the petitioners. Unfortunately, some of the parents have more than one child suffering from the disease which has further



he current therapeutic options available to treat the disease are minimal and highly expensive with costs shooting up to ₹2-3 crore per child a year and are mostly imported from abroad

he petitioners sought directions to formulate a policy to conduct free pre-natal test for pregnant women for prevention of birth of children with muscular dystrophy and to take steps

added their grievances," the pe

It further submitted that procedures like tracheostomy and ventilation are more expensive. Though in the initial stages, only medication and physical therapy are required, in advanced cases, genetic therapy is necessary, it said.

"The current therapeutic options available to treat the disease are minimal and highly expensive with costs shooting up to ₹2-3 crore per child a year and are mostly imported from abroad, accelerating dosing costs and putting them out of reach for most families," the petitioners said.

Odisha to become cancer care hub: C

Naveen inaugurates 2 linear accelerators and a 30-bed day-care unit at Acharva Harihar Post Graduate Institute of Cancer in Cuttack

PNN & AGENCIES

Bhubaneswar, Oct 6: Odisha will soon become a hub of cancer care in eastern India, Chief Minister Naveen Patnaik said Friday, inaugurating new facilities at the Acharya Harihar Post Graduate Institute of Cancer (AHPGIC) in Cuttack

Patnaik inaugurated two linear accelerators for radiotherapy and a 30-bed day-care unit. With this, the number of linear accelerators at hospital rose to four. With the new day-care unit, the number of such beds rose to

While the state spent Rs 38

crore for the linear accelerators.

the new unit cost it Rs 6 crore. Addressing the function through video conference, Patnaik said Odisha is witnessing a massive transformation in healthcare.

Apart from strengthening the infrastructure of various public health institutions and providing free quality healthcare, the government is now focused on making Odisha a major centre of cancer care in eastern India,

Besides infrastructure development for cancer care in public health institutions, the government is roping in private players for investment in the development of cancer care hospitals, he said.

A new cancer hospital is coming up in Jharsuguda, Patanaik said, maintaining that more such institutions will be developed in the next few years.

The Chief Minister said that the entire cost of treatment at AHPGIC is borne by the government

Health Minister Niranjan Pujari said AHPGIC is a centre of excellence in cancer treat-

State to implement 'One Health' soon

The One Health programme proposed by the World Health Organisation (WHO) will be implemented in Odisha soon, an official said Friday. The idea of One Health, which involves public health, veterinary and environmental sectors, is to contain zoonotic

diseases which spread from animals to humans like anthrax, nipah and scrub typhus through coordinated actions, said Public Health director Niranjan Mishra. Under the programme, statelevel and district-level action plans will be prepared and a coordination committee will be formed to implement it, he said. In order to achieve the objectives of the programme, coordination among various sectors like health, agriculture, veterinary, and wildlife is required, the director said.

ment, education and research.

The government is spending Rs 1,046 crore for free chemotherapy and other facilities across the state, he said.

to conduct gene therapy centre in every state capital and Union territories for children with the disease free of cost

tition reads.

The petitioners sought directions to formulate a policy to conduct free pre-natal test for pregnant women for prevention of birth of children with muscular dystrophy and to take steps to conduct gene therapy centre in every state capital and Union territories for children with the disease free of cost.

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4 years on, MSME Tech **Centre far from reality**

MINISTRY OF MSME HAD DECIDED IN 2019 TO SET UP 20 TECHNOLOGY CENTRES IN THE COUNTRY, INCLUDING ONE AT THE STEEL CITY

RAJESH MOHANTY, OF

Rourkela, Oct 6: The MSME Technology Centre proposed to be set up here by the Central government has made no headway even after four years of its conception with the project lying buried somewhere in the files of the ministry.

It was in the year 2019 that the Ministry of MSME, then under the stewardship of Pratap Sarangi, decided to set up 20 technology centres across the country. The meeting had zeroed in on two places in the eastern part of the country for the purpose, and one was Rourkela. The total cost of the project was ₹4,000 crore and the cost of setting up the centre in Rourkela was ₹200 crore.

Subsequently, a request was made to the Ministry of Steel for providing land free of cost. The requirement was for 20 acre land in Rourkela. The initiative was taken by Arun Panda, then secretary of MSME, who handled the agreement between the two ministries for the piece of land free of cost.

The state government also got involved in this prestigious project and helped in finalising the land. Land was given near Kantjhar behind NIT Rourkela

Int'l seminar at NIT R



and near the All India Radio sta-

Unlike free holding of lands by plants elsewhere, SAIL on its own cannot give land to anyone because the steel conglomerate is a lease holder. The state government also did not charge the mutation fee. Later it was found that of the total 20 acre, 4.5 acre belongs to the Forest department. The state government had asked the ministry to take charge of the non-forest land. Presently, the ministry has possession of 15.5 acre and soon it will get the rest of the land. However, apart from posses-

sion of the land, no other activity has been taken up there in the last three years. This inordinate delay has irked many. Now, it has been learnt that Ircon International Limited (IRCON), a government company incorporated by the Central government (Ministry of Railways), is going to undertake the construction of the building and the boundary wall.

Meanwhile, former secretary of Steel Executive Federation of India and social activist Bimal Bisi said, "I am going to draw the attention of the Government of India in this case very soon. I am going to write to PM Narendra Modi, MP Jual Oram and Minister for MSME Naravan Tatu Rane drawing their attention to this inordinate delay in the prestigious project. This has a vast potential to produce quality trained manpower and also generate revenue. It will have a direct link with the Central Tool Room Training Centre at Bhubaneswar.'

The Centre's aim is to test equipment and products of the MSME sector. It will be testing equipment from NIT, RSP and other industries thus earning revenue. Besides, it will also train people and help them get jobs outside. The centre will also be in a position to meet the market demand for different products.

"Like the Bhubaneswar centre supplying parts to ISRO, the Rourkela centre will be able to produce quality manpower and also earn revenue," said Bisi. He also felt that it will be a boon for the MSMEs of the district.

SUSHMITA, ALICE DEATHS

CBI PROBE DEMAND GATHERS FORCE

Rourkela, Oct 6: A massive demonstration was held in Sundargarh district Friday demanding a CBI investigation into the back-to-back deaths of two female government officials who were tribals.

Besides leaders of various tribal organisations, Sundargarh BJP MLA Kusum Tete, Rajgangpur Congress MLA CS Raazen Ekka and former legislator George Tirkey took part in the demonstration.

Assistant Collector Sushmita Minz, 35, was found dead under mysterious circumstances in the pond of Centurion Park in Plant Site police station area in Rourkela September 19. She was

posted at the Rourkela ADM's office, officials said.

Assistant Sub-Inspector Alice Narmi Lugun, 37, of the Uditnagar police station October 1 went to the spot where Minz's body was found. She felt uneasy and was taken to a nearby hospital where doctors declared her brought dead, they said.

Families of both the officers alleged that they were murdered. Holding placards, hundreds of tribals tried to gherao the

Collector's office

'We don't have any faith in the state police. So, we demand that the cases should be handed over to the CBI," said Tete.

She said that she would raise the issue in the Assembly during the Winter Session. The Congress MLA said, "Until we get justice, we will continue our protest." Meanwhile, Minz's husband Sushil Topno was quizzed by the police for two hours in connection with the death. He is a

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Bolangir district.

Bolangir, Oct 6: A person was

arrested by the Railway

Protection Force (RPF) here

Friday for pelting stones on a

running train at Padiabahal

under Puintala police limits in

The accused was identified

as Akash Dang, 20, son of Anadi

Dang of Padiabahal village. The

near Dipika Bike Garage situated

at Shankar Bhaji chowk on

Bolangir-Bargarh highway, where

one suspect Akash Dang was

working as a helper. The RPF

banker by profession and is cur-

been quizzed by the police in

rently posted in Chhattisgarh. Notably, it is for the first time that the deceased's husband has

connection with the incident. Topno and Minz got married a few months back but things didn't go well between them, officials said. A divorce petition was also filed in the court, they said. In fact, September 16, the day she checked into the hotel, she

had a divorce proceeding in court

to attend.

Bolangir youth arrested

for pelting stone at train

Sushmita's death has brought great humiliation for the administration here as the family directly raised their fingers at the ADM Rourkela and Sundargarh Collector for their involvement in her death

Man shoots sister dead

Keonjhar, Oct 6: A man allegedly shot dead his sister in Keonjhar district Friday and later surrendered before police, officials said.

The incident took place at Somagiri village under Pandapada police station area. The deceased has been identified as Malati Barik and the accused as Prasanna Barik, Prasanna fired upon Malati following an argument between them, officials added.

According to the police, the accused, Prasanna Barik worked as a gunman with a private commonthly salary between his wife and unmarried sister, Malati.

Recently Prasanna was diagnosed with jaundice and some other diseases so he asked for some money from his wife for the treatment expenses

Prasanna's wife, who had gone to her maternal house, asked him to take the money from his sister, the police.

On Friday morning, Prasanna and Malati engaged in a heated argument after she refused to give him the money. Enraged at this Prasanna shot dead his sister with his licence gun. Neighbours rushed her to the district headquarters hospital where she was declared brought dead.

stone pelting incident occurred October 4 at 21:30 hours. However, it was very difficult to identify the culprit as it happened in dark at a secluded place, police Acting on credible information from sources, RPF personnel conducted a raid Friday morning at about 08:40 hours

and detained him after disclosing their identity. On being guestioned regarding his presence October 4 night at 21.30 hours on the track along with his friends, he disclosed that he was present there with his friend Biswaieet Karmi and Ratha Karmi to answer the call of nature.

personnel verified his photos

On being asked about pelting of stone on train near LC Gate No. 669/7-9, he could not reply satisfactorily and tried to mislead the team. But on further interrogation he confessed his offence of throwing a stone towards a running train which was coming from Bolangir in a playful manner while speaking on the phone.

The apprehended accused has been handed over to GRPS, Bolangir wherein a case was registered u/s 427 of IPC and 151 & 152 of Indian Railways

Kalahandi girl's Parliament

Rourkela, Oct 6: The 3rd international conference by the Department of Life Science, NIT Rourkela on the topic 'Frontiers in Biological Sciences (InCoFIBS-2023)' was inaugurated Thursday and will conclude October 7.

Over 115 participants, scientists, faculties and research schol ars from various institutes and universities of the country were present at the event.

Besides, the conference includes invited speakers and 35 reputed scientists. Two scientists from Texas A&M University, USA and Iowa State University, USA will join virtually.

In her inaugural address HoD Bismita Nayak said, "Many brilliant minds from diverse backgrounds have today come together to engage in this conference for intellectual discourse, sharing knowledge, and charting a course for the future. This conference is a collective endeavour to advance our understanding of the biological world for the betterment of humanity and the planet we call home.'

Dr. Amulya Kumar Panda graced the event as the chief guest. The conference's central theme, 'Frontiers in Biological Sciences' encapsulates the spirit of discovery and exploration in various biological disciplines.

speech mesmerises all POST NEWS NETWORK

Bhawanipatna, Oct 6: In a remarkable display of eloquence and knowledge, Anmol Ankita, a girl from Bhawanipatna in Kalahandi district, has left a lasting impression with her recently delivered talk on India's former prime minister Lal Bahadur Shastri in the Parliament House leaving all the invited dignitaries present in the House glued to their seats.

Words of praise and apprecia-

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NOTICE

pourfrom all quarters

after

Recently, a debate competi-

tion on Mahatma Gandhi and Lal Bahadur Shastri was organised online by the Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports, Government of India. In the debate, Ankita secured first position both in the district and state levels, and subsequently emerged as one of the eight speakers chosen from across India, showcasing her talent.

Anmol was the lone candidate selected from Odisha to participate in the prestigious programme organised by the Ministry of Youth Affairs and conducted by the Nehru Yuva Kendra Sangathan. This was the first time that a girl from Kalahandi district delivered a speech in the Parliament House.

In her impassioned speech, Anmol touched upon various tant aspects of

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empowerment, social equity, the green and white revolutions, apart from describing Shastri's visionary leadership and unwavering dedication. Born to Rakesh Kumar Swain

and Subhashree Samanta of Mandarabagichapada of Bhawanipatna, Anmol completed her matriculation from Bimala Convent School and passed intermediate from Oneness International School in Khurda. After completing her graduation recently from Kalahandi University, she is preparing for various competitive exams.

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Mr. Bishwaranjan All that piece & parcels ₹20,81,356/-Maharana, S/o: Krutibash Maharana / of Residential Land & as on 20.04.2023 Co-Borrower: Mrs. Rasmita Maharana, W/o: Mr. Bishwaranjan Maharana, Flat No.: 201/A, + interest & other charges thereon

Both are at Address: Dekuri, Benipur, Ground Floor, Sai Bijaya Palace, Unit No.: 33, Khata No. Balichandrapur, Jajpur, Odisha, 928/1015, Plot No.: 117/2978/3605, Area: Ac. 0.054 Dec and Khata No.: 928/976, Plot No.: 118/3571, Area Ac. 0.035 Dec., Total Area: Ac.0.089 Dec, Mouza: Jharpada, Bhubaneswar (A Residential Flat/ Apartment Consisting of 2 Rooms Admeasuring 975 Sq. ft. (Carpet) i.e. 1050 Sq.ft.(Built up)), standing in the name of Mr. Bishwaranjan Maharana & Mrs. Rasmita Maharana, Bounded by

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Place: Bhubaneswar Chief Manager/Asst.General Manager & Date: 03.10.2023

Authorised Officer, Bank of Maharashtra

VIMSAR students clash with pvt security guards Sambalpur: Tension ensued

after a clash broke out between medical students of Veer Surendra Sai Institute of Medical Sciences and Research (VIMSAR), Burla and private security guards of the hospital, police said Friday. A medical student and a private security guard were injured in the clash. The internal assessment examination of MBBS students. which was scheduled Thursday, was postponed following the tension, an official said. Police said a medical student and security guard entered into an argument at the Gents' Hostel of the institution late Wednesday night. The argument led to a physical scuffle, with some medical students assaulting the security guard, who subsequently required medical attention. However, a relative of the injured security guard arrived at the hospital and attacked a medical student, inflicting a head injury. According to the complaint of the medical students, the security guards allegedly attacked house surgeon Praneet Kumar Pujari besides his colleagues Gauri Behera and Srinibas Pradhan with sticks while they were at the Casualty department of the hospital for the treatment of one student Thursday. The security guards, however, alleged that the medical students attacked a security guard, injuring him critically.

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A Cautionary Tale

AS officer Rinku Dugga has been compulsorily retired by the government in the public interest on the grounds of "lack of integrity and ineffectiveness." It's worth noting that this decision was handed down almost two months ago. Curiously, the government asserts that this action is unrelated to the controversial incident involving Dugga and her husband Sanjay Khirwar, also an IAS officer.

The couple was accused of clearing Thyagraj Stadium in Delhi last year to accommodate their dog-walking activities. The Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA) had transferred the duo, who were then serving in the Delhi government, on allegations of misusing the stadium's facilities. In the aftermath of this episode, Khirwar was relocated to Ladakh while Dugga was reassigned to Arunachal Pradesh, pending an inquiry.

The government order of retirement emanated from the MHA since Dugga was a 1994-batch AGMUT cadre officer which falls under the purview of the Home Ministry, instead of the Department of Personnel and Training (DoPT). Apparently, in the past three years, 122 officers have been compulsorily retired, as disclosed in the Lok Sabha by the gov-

The Dugga case serves as a cautionary tale of babu excesses and, hopefully, sends out a strong message that the government aims to enforce accountability wherever officers are found to misuse their status and

Khare to continue as Advisor to PM

In a significant development. the Appointments Committee of Cabinet (ACC) has extended the tenure of Amit Khare as Advisor to Prime Minister Narendra Modi, until the completion of



his term as Prime Minister, which is set to conclude in May 2024. Khare's journey into his current role was rapid. A mere two weeks

after his retirement as Secretary of Higher Education in September 2021, he was appointed as Advisor to the Prime Minister, initially for two years. His remarkable career trajectory exemplifies the trust and confidence placed in him by the highest echelons of the government. Additionally, while serving as the Secretary for Higher Education, Khare also assumed the additional charge of Information and Broadcasting, affording him the unique opportunity to work in seamless coordination with the Prime Minister's Office (PMO) for over a year.

The extension of Khare's tenure carries several implications. It signals a commitment to continuity and stability within the government, emphasising the importance of experience and institutional memory in steering the ship of state. Khare's expertise and close association with the PMO during his dual role undoubtedly played a pivotal part in securing this extension.

Is Bihar's top cop ready for change?

If the grapevine is to be trusted, Bihar Director General of Police (DGP) Rajwinder Singh Bhatti is discreetly exploring the possibility of securing a Director General (DG) rank position within the Central paramilitary forces or the Central Police Organisation.

It's worth noting that Bhatti, who became DGP in December 2022, has an impeccable track record during his tenure as the Joint Director of the CBI and Chief Vigilance Officer (CVO) of the Airport Authorities of India in Delhi. The speculation surrounding his desire to seek a central posting within a year of becoming state DGP raises questions and

Some senior officers of the Bihar cadre, according to sources, believe that Bhatti may be struggling to navigate the state dynamics after Chief Minister Nitish Kumar split from the BJP. As we approach the 2024 Lok Sabha polls, managing law and order in Bihar, especially under the RJD-JDU government may be a formidable task, laden with high expectations and challenges.

So, does Bhatti yearn for a more tranquil assignment at the Centre? Interestingly, the prolonged delay in appointing a new DG for the CISF has only added to the speculation. Bhatti's potential shift from Bihar to the Centre, if it materialises, will undoubtedly be watched with keen interest

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WISDOM CORNER

To live is the rarest thing in the world. Most people exist, that is all.

Life is like riding a bicycle. To keep your balance, you must keep

It's the possibility of having a dream come true that makes life

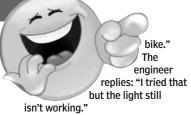
THIS DAY **IN HISTORY**

- **1949:** On this day, a constitution went into effect in the Soviet occupation zone of Germany that formed the country of East Germany, which existed alongside West Germany until 1990, when the two Germanys reunited. Until 1989, it was generally viewed as a communist state, and it described itself as a socialist "workers' and peasants' state." Before its establishment, the country's territory was administered and occupied by Soviet forces with the autonomy of the native communists following the Berlin Declaration abolishing German sovereignty in World War II; when the Potsdam Agreement established the Soviet-occupied zone, bounded on the east by the Oder–Neisse line.
- 1959: People on Earth get the first glimpse of the dark side of the Moon. Soviet spacecraft Luna 3 took pictures of the far side of the Moon. The images sent by the probe covered about 70 per cent of the far side of Earth's natural satellite and they were instrumental in helping astronomers make the first atlas of the dark side of the Moon. The far or dark side of the Moon is the side of the Moon that cannot be seen from Earth because of the way the Moon orbits around the Earth and rotate on its own axis. Due to lunar libration, people on Earth can see about 59 per cent of the Moon over
- 2001: War in Afghanistan begins. American and British troops began air strikes against Al Qaeda and Taliban targets after the Taliban refused to hand over Osama bin-Laden, the mastermind of the September 11, 2001 terrorist attacks, and other Al Qaeda operatives. to the United States. Nicknamed Operation Enduring Freedom, the military strikes were part of the so-called Global War on Terror.



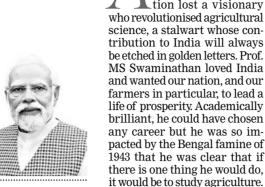
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he police officer stops a computer hardware engineer and asks him: "Your light isn't working. You have to get off your



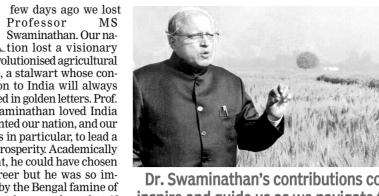


FARMERS' SCIENTIST



Narendra Modi

FIVE DECADES AFTER THE GREEN REVOLUTION BEGAN, INDIAN AGRICULTURE HAS BECOME FAR MORE MODERN AND PROGRESSIVE



Dr. Swaminathan's contributions continue to inspire and guide us as we navigate the path of agricultural innovation and sustainability

At a relatively young age, he came in contact with Dr. Norman Green Revolution began, Indian Borlaug and followed his work agriculture has become far more in great detail. In the 1950's, he modern and progressive. But, the was offered a faculty position in very foundations laid by Prof. the US but he rejected it be-Swaminathan can never be forcause he wanted to work in India gotten. Over the years, he unand for India. I want you all to dertook pioneering research in think about the challenging circombating parasites affecting potato crops. His research also cumstances in which he stood as a colossus, guiding our nation enabled potato crops to withtowards the path of self-suffistand cold weather. Today, the ciency and self-confidence. In world is talking about Millets or the first two decades since Shree Anna as super foods but Independence, we were dealing Prof. Swaminathan had encouraged discourse around milwith immense challenges and lets since the 1990's. one of them was food shortages. In the early 1960s, India was My personal interactions with

> Gujarat in 2001. During those days. Gujarat was not known for its agricultural prowess. Successive droughts and a super cyclone and an earthquake had impacted the growth trajectory of the state. Among the many initiatives we launched, was the Soil Health Card, which enabled us to understand the soil better and address problems if they arose. It was in the context of this scheme that I met Prof. Swaminathan. He appreciated the scheme and also shared his valuable inputs for the same. His endorsement was enough to convince those who were sceptical about the scheme which

> would eventually set the stage for

Prof. Swaminathan were ex-

tensive. They began after I took

over as Chief Minister of

Gujarat's agricultural success. Our interactions continued

during my Chief Ministerial tenure and also when I took over as Prime Minister, I met him at the International Agro-Biodiversity Congress in 2016 and the next year in 2017, I launched a two-part book series written by him.

The Kural describes farmers as the pin that holds the world together because it is the farmers who sustain everyone. Prof. Swaminathan understood this principle very well. A lot of people call him a "Krishi Vaigyanik" - an Agricultural Scientist. But, I have always believed that he was even more. He was a true "Kisan Vaigyanik" – a Farmers' Scientist. In his heart there was a farmer. The success of his works is not restricted to their academic excellence; it lies in the impact they have had outside the laboratories, in the farms and the fields. His work narrowed the gap between scientific knowledge and its practical application. He consistently advocated for sustainable agriculture, emphasising the delicate balance between human advancement and ecological sustainability. Here, I must also note Prof. Swaminathan's special emphasis on improving the lives of the small farmers and ensuring they also enjoy the fruits of innovation. He was particularly passionate about improving the lives of women farmers.

There is another aspect about Prof. MS Swaminathan which is remarkable - he stands tall as a paragon of innovation and mentorship. When he won the World Food Prize in 1987, the first recipient of this prestigious honour, he used the prize money to establish a not-for profit research foundation. Till date, it undertakes extensive work across various sectors. He has nurtured countless minds, instilling in them a passion for learning and innovation. In a rapidly changing world, his life reminds us of the enduring power of knowledge, mentorship, and innovation. He was an institution builder as well, having to his credit many centres where vi brant research takes place. One of his stints was as Director, International Rice Research Institute, Manila. The South Asia Regional Centre of International Rice Research Institute was opened in Varanasi in 2018.

I will again cite The Kural to pay tributes to Dr. Swaminathan. It is written there, "If those who have planned have firmness, they will attain what they have de sired the way they have desired." Here was a stalwart who decided early on in his life that he wants to strengthen agriculture and serve farmers. And, he did it exceptionally innovatively and passionately, Dr. Swaminathan's contributions continue to inspire and guide us as we navigate the path of agricultural innovation and sustainability. We must also keep reaffirming our commitment to the principles he held dear, championing the cause of farmers and ensuring the fruits of scientific innovation reach the roots of our agricultural expanse, fostering growth, sustainability, and prosperity for generations to come.

> The writer is the Prime Minister of India.

SPECTRUM CLEAN ENERGY

Quest for green hydrogen



Saniib Kumar Karmee

THE TRANSITION **TO GREEN HYDROGEN MAY NOT HAPPEN VERY SOON:** HOWEVER. **THINGS ARE ON** TRACK TO MAKE IT FEASIBLE

ndia has announced its targreen hydrogen. The initial budget get to achieve net zero emismospheric greenhouse gas. Interest in green hydrogen is rapidly growing among countries around the world. Both governments and industries are advocating utilisation of green hydrogen as a key pillar of net zero economy.

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shadows of famine and it is

then that Prof. Swaminathan's

unyielding commitment and

foresight ushered a new era of

agricultural prosperity. His pi-

oneering work in agriculture

and specific sectors like wheat

breeding led to a significant in-

crease in wheat production,

thus turning India from a food-

deficient country into a self-suf-

ficient nation. This tremendous

achievement earned him the

well deserved title of, "Father of

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the Indian Green Revolution.

a glimpse of India's "Can Do

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lenges. Five decades after the

Green hydrogen is a type of hydrogen produced through electrolysis or biomass conversion using renewable energy. It is sustainable since hydrogen is produced without any emissions of carbon dioxide or other pollutants. In this sense, green hydrogen is being developed as an alternative to fossil fuels.

Currently, India has hydrogen demand of around 6 million tonnes per annum of which oil refineries, steel plants and fertilizer plants are largest consumers, which is primarily produced as grey hydrogen using natural gas. Green hydrogen can play a major role in decarbonising these industries.

In January 2023, the Union Cabinet, chaired by PM Narendra Modi, approved an ambitious project called the "National Green Hydrogen Mission" with an objective to make India a leader of

of the project is ₹19.744 crore over sions by 2070. Net zero, or carthe next five years. The likely outbon neutral, means not comes of the mission will be: i) anadding into the amount of at-nual production of 5 million tonnes of green hydrogen with an associated renewable energy capacity addition of about 125 GW, ii) attract investments over ₹8 lakh crore, iii) create around 600,000 jobs, iv) reduction in dependence on imported fossil fuels over ₹1 lakh crore, and v) avert 50 million tonnes of annual greenhouse gas emissions. Furthermore, under the Strategic Interventions for Green Hydrogen Transition programme two financial incentive mechanisms are in place which aim at targeting domestic electrolyser manufacturers and green hydrogen producing industries. Importantly, the mission will also support pilot projects in the enduse sector and production pathways. In addition, it is planned that different regions engaged in large scale production and/or utilisation of hydrogen will be developed as green hydrogen hubs.

India has huge potential for green hydrogen production as it is blessed with abundant solar, wind, biomass and hydro resources. According to research conducted by Council on Energy, Environment, and Water, India can generate 1.700 terawatt-hours of solar and wind power by 2030 which will facilitate production is expected to reach 12 million of 17 million tonnes of green hyadvantages of India and several efforts by the government, many bottlenecks need to be addressed for the transition to green hydrogen. First and foremost, green hydrogen is more expensive (Rs 300 per kg) than hydrogen prepared using fossil fuels. The high cost of green hydrogen prevents its domestic consumption. There is also a lack of necessary infrastructure pertaining to production, storage, and transportation of green hydrogen.

Importantly, India needs to speed-up its domestic manufacturing of electrolysers since it is an essential component for green hydrogen production. Also, India has limited reserves of critical minerals like nickel, platinum and rare earth metals viz. lanthanum, yttrium and zirconium which are essential for scaling up electrolyser manufacturing. In addition, India is inadequately equipped with technologies to process these minerals. Policy and road map should be framed to access the supply chain of critical minerals from countries like Australia, China, Indonesia, Democratic Republic of the Congo. South Africa, Chile, and Peru.

The hydrogen demand in India

tonnes by 2030. It is reported that drogen. Experts point out that 40% of this demand will be met despite inherent geographical by green hydrogen, leading to 5 milmestic demand by 2030. The transition to green hydrogen may not happen very soon; however, things are on track to make it feasible. The way forward should be to impose specific obligations on selected sectors, such as fertilizer, refinery, shipping and aviation.

Companies such as Reliance, Adani Group, L&T, and PSUs like GAIL, NTPC, IOC, and HPCL have started making investments in green hydrogen. Collaborations between industries, government and other stakeholders are on the move to decarbonise industries using green hydrogen. Reducing the costs of electrolysers and round-the-clock renewable energy is key for making green hydrogen commercially viable. In the Indian context, a techno-economic analysis of green hydrogen production is required to clearly understand whether it is still competitive after adding the cost of solar, transmission losses, banking cost, and storage cost. Like every new technology, for green hydrogen as well the market and ecosystem need to be developed and expanded as per demand.

The writer is a scientist.

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TO THE EDITOR

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Medical innovators

Sir, The Nobel Prize in Medicine for 2023 was awarded to Katalin Karikó and Drew Weissman, recognising their groundbreaking research on mRNA technology. Their contributions have had an immense impact, particularly during the COVID-19 pandemic. Their early recognition of mRNA's potential as a therapeutic tool, along with their subsequent advancements in its modification, paved the way for the rapid development of mRNA vaccines. These vaccines have not only saved numerous lives but have also opened up new possibilities for treating various diseases, ranging from cancer to allergies. Karikó and Weissman's determination and creative thinking have advanced medical science for the benefit of humanity. Their Nobel Prize recognition underscores the profound impact of their discoveries on the medical field.

Krishna Kumar Vepakomma, HYDERABAD

India scripts history

Sir, India scripted history by winning gold medal in Men's Hockey by beating Japan (5-1) in the Asian Games. One should not forget the contribution of the Odisha government in nurturing players of Indian hockey team. Odisha's contribution to upgrade and sponsor Indian hockey team is praiseworthy. The state government left no stone unturned in popularising hockey. By winning in Asian Games final. Indian hockey team has qualified for the Paris Olympics. With persistence comes success. Quitters never win and winners never quit. Let us congratulate the Indian hockey team for this outstanding performance.

Prabhudutt Dash. BHUBANESWAR

Lopsided probe

Sir, This refers to the news "Excise scam: SC raps CBI, ED" (Orissa POST, October 6). The apex court has opined that the ED has miserably failed to make out any prima facie case against former Delhi deputy chief minister Manish Sisodia. The case has been registered by the probe agency against Sisodia purely on the basis of "hearsay" evidence not tenable according to law. This is how the ED deals with corruption cases involving persons of status. With the accentuation of political rivalry, the ED has become lopsided with other money laundering cases and who knows the quality of investigations. Let no other persons of status face unnecessarv harassment by the ED.

Arun Gupta, KOLKATA



TWOSTATES



Lithium finds all set to power EV sector



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TMC continues indefinite sit-in outside Raj Bhavan

Kolkata, Oct 6: Senior TMC leader Abhishek Banerjee, whose indefinite sit-in outside Rai Bhavan here entered its second day Friday, said the time for the governor avoiding difficult questions is over as the people are demanding their rightful dues of the MNREGS funds withheld

The party will continue with their sit-in till the Governor CV Ananda Bose, who visited the flood-affected areas of north Bengal and left for Delhi Thursday, meets its delegation,

The opposition BJP said that the sit-in is jeopardising the security of the governor as it is being held within 150 meters of the Raj Bhavan.

Banerjee, who is TMC's national general secretary, launched the sit-in on Thursday after thousands of party functionaries and its top leaders marched to the British-era edi-



leged withholding of the state's MGNREGA dues by the Centre. He remained at the protest site through the intervening night between Thursday and Friday as did hundreds of party workers and held meetings with them.

"I will stay here and won't move an inch until the governor meets our delegation and answers our questions," Banerjee said. The TMC Lok Sabha MP from Diamond Harbour, however, said the sloganeering and use of loudspeakers by the agitators will be restricted between 11 a.m and 9 p.m.

Taking to the social media, the TMC leader said, "Our battle against zamindars rages on, fiercer than ever. Today on Day 2, we picked up right where we left off, determined to continue our dharna until the governor agrees to meet our delegation. The era of evading difficult questions is over. It's time to face us and provide answers."

He asserted that the party will not budge from the protest site budge until the demands

IN A GEOLOGICAL SURVEY, THE NATIONAL MINERAL EXPLORATION TRUST HAS FOUND THAT

KODERMA AND GIRIDIH HAVE LARGE RESERVES OF MANY RARE MINERALS BESIDES LITHIUM

INDO-ASIAN NEWS SERVICE

Ranchi, Oct 6: Jharkhand, which used to export mica to the world, is again in the news...this time for reserves of lithium - the 'cosmic' mineral which is needed as part of country's energy security plans.

Lithium is being seen as a gamechanger mineral to achieve the goals of zero carbon green energy in the coming years all over the world.

Large reserves of precious mineral in the state have also created immense possibilities for the battery-based electric vehicle industry in the country.

Apart from electric vehicles. lithium is used in medical technology, electronics industry, mobile phones, solar panels, wind turbines and other renewable technologies

In a geological survey, the National Mineral Exploration Trust (NMET) has found that Koderma and Giridih in Jharkhand have large reserves of many rare minerals besides lithium.

Recently, Geological Survey of India had found reserves of 1600 tonnes of lithium in Karnataka and 59 lakh tonnes of lithium reserves in Jammu and Kashmir' Reasi district.

Now, apart from Koderma, Giridih in Jharkhand, work is underway on the possibilities of extraction of lithium in East Singhbhum and Hazaribagh.

Geochemical mapping in and around Tilaiya block of Koderma district of Jharkhand has revealed high concentrations of lithium, cesium and other minerals. Currently, the country's electric vehicle industry is still completely dependent on imports for its lithium require-

ported mainly from China. The Central government has set a target to increase EV adoption by 30 per cent by 2030.

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Lithium is the most essential mineral to achieve this goal. Therefore, the government has special focus on the possibilities of exploration of lithium.

After Karnataka and Jammu and Kashmir. lithium reserves in Jharkhand are being consid-

ered very important from the future point of view.

According to the survey of GSI, apart from Lithium in Tilaiya block of Koderma and Dhodhakola-Kusuma belt of Jharkhand, there is a possibility of reserves of metals like Li (Li) Cesium, REE and RM in Gawan block of Giridih and Pihra belt of Koderma. September 29, a high-level meeting of the Geological Council of the Government of Jharkhand was held on the matter.

The government has started working on the possibilities of lithium mining in the state and investors have also evinced interest in it.

In June, Pan Asia Metals Ltd Chairman-cum-Managing Director Paul Lock had met Jharkhand Chief Minister Hemant Soren and discussed the possibilities of investment in the field of lithium mining in the state. Soren had said the state government will work in a planned manner on the possibilities of lithium production as per the rules.

According to experts, if India becomes self-sufficient in lithium production, then electric batteries will become cheaper and ultimately the price of electric cars will also reduce.

Jharkhand Congress rallies for PESA Act

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

Ranchi, Oct 6: Jharkhand Congress Friday took out an 'Adhikar Rally' here to demand immediate implementation of the Panchayats (Extension to the Scheduled Areas), Act, popularly known as PESA Act, in the

The rally started from Morabadi ground and concluded at Birsa memorial place in Kokar.

The PESA Act, which came into existence in 1996, aims to ensure self-governance through gram sabhas for people living in scheduled areas. The Act also empowers gram sabhas to play a significant role in approving development plans and controlling the social sec-

Jharkhand Congress in-charge Avinash Pandey said PESA protects rights of tribals. "I thank the Jharkhand government for finalising the rules for the PESA Act. We request the government to implement it at the earliest.'

Even though the PESA Act has been passed over two decades ago, its implementation has been a distant dream in Jharkhand in the absence of rules. In Jharkhand, 13 of the 24 districts fall under the Fifth Schedule of the Constitution.

Jharkhand Congress presi-

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dent Rajesh Thakur said, "The PESA Act was passed when the Congress was in power at the Centre. However, it could not be implemented in Jharkhand because of the absence of rules. Our coalition government in Jharkhand has finally drafted the rules and it would be implemented soon."
Talking to PTI over phone,

Jharkhand Panchayati Raj Minister Alamgir Alam said, "Our department has been finalising the rules for implementation of PESA Act in the state. The rules would soon be cleared by the state cabinet."

"Once the Act is implemented in the state, gram sabhas will have power to take decision on land and forest issues. Besides, various rights have also been given to traditional tribal lead-



PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

Ranchi, Oct 6: Jharkhand Chief Minister Hemant Soren Friday demanded that the Centre clear the ₹1.36 lakh crore due to the mining entities in the state and help in the implementation of the Pradhan Mantri Awas Yoina as eight lakh villagers are eligible for it, an official release said.

Soren, who participated in a conference on Left Wing Extremism in New Delhi, also advocated continued deployment of paramilitary forces to battle the problem, it said.

He drew the Centre's attention to the alleged non-cooperation by banks in lending, which,

Soren said, is reflected in the poor credit deposit ratio of 45 per

cent in the state against the na-

tional average of 67 per cent. 'The mining companies of the Centre owe ₹1.36 lakh crore to the state, which is not being provided by them. I request you @Shri Amit Shah to direct @MinesMin India to pay these dues as soon as possible," Soren posted on 'X' ,formerly Twitter.

In his representation to the union home minister, Soren said, "To ensure that the problem of extremism does not recur, it is necessary that development-oriented schemes be run on a large scale in these (affected) areas, for which resources will be required

from the state. In this context, I would like to draw your attention that the Centre's mining companies owe about ₹1.36 lakh crore to state ... You are requested to issue instructions to the mining ministry to pay the dues as soon as possible.

He stressed on the need to continue the deployment of central paramilitary forces in the state to prevent recurrence of extremism in the state to prevent recurrence of extremism, the release said.

The chief minister also sought the fixing of the tenure of the IG of CRPF deputed in the state for at least three years in order to maintain continuity in anti-

Naxal operations. Soren, who is the first Jharkhand chief minister to visit a former Maoist hotbed 'Budha Pahad' bordering Chhatisgarh in about four decades, said, "This area was earlier beyond the reach of the state government. I am happy to say that with the cooperation of the central government it has been freed from Naxalites. A police camp has been established there...After conducting an indepth survey, an action plan has been prepared for the development of six panchayats in this area. The work of implementing the scheme has started.'

Clear ₹1.36L-cr dues with state Now, damages for tiger victims in core area of Sunderbans



INDO-ASIAN NEWS SERVICE

Kolkata, Oct 6: The Calcutta High Court has ruled that henceforth, the West Bengal Forest Department will have to pay compensation to the families of those killed by tiger attacks in the 'core areas' of Sunderbans just as those killed in similar manner in the 'buffer zones' of the mangrove forestation area.

The single-judge bench of Justice Sabyasachi Bhattacharyya passed the order on a petition filed by the Association for Protection of Democratic Rights (APDR), wherein the association accused the Forest Department of evading compensation to families of victims of tiger attacks in the core areas under strange grounds.

The APDR pointed out that the argument of the Forest Department in denying compensation was that the families of the victims in the core areas of Sunderbans are not only ineligible for receiving compensation, but are also liable to pay compensation to the department in such events.

APDR's counsels Kaushik Gupta and Srimovee Mukheriee argued in the court that since the Forest Departments' circular on compensation does not differentiate between the core area and the buffer zone, the verbal logic given by the department is not tenable.

Although the order was passed a few days back, the copy of it was uploaded on the website of the Calcutta High Court Thursday.

Welcoming the order, APDR general secretary Ranjit Sur said that following the development, the families of victims of tiger attacks in the core areas will also be eligible for a compensation of ₹ 5 lakh, just like those who family members are been killed in tiger attacks in the buffer zones.

"The widows in the Sunderbans area who have lost their husbands because of tiger attack will be especially benefited," Sur said.

The myriad themes of Kolkata's Durga Puja

PUJA ORGANISERS GETTING READY TO SHED LIGHT ON HOW TO EXPLORE ONE'S SPIRITUAL SELF AND FIGHT MODERN-DAY TRAVAILS LIKE **ANXIETY AND STRESS**

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

Kolkata, Oct 6: As West Bengal gets ready for the state's biggest festival, organisers of big-ticket community Durga Puja committees have zeroed in on wideranging themes ranging from the economy revolving around the celebrations, to the message of harmony in religious festivities and how to show abused women the rays of light.

In their themes, the puja organisers are also getting ready to shed light on how to explore one's spiritual self and fight modern-day travails like anxiety and stress. Every year, several puja organisers in West Bengal choose a theme, mainly social issues and current incidents, and use their pandals, idols and lighting arrangements to depict it.

The Samajsebi Sangha, one of the oldest crowd-puller pujas in south Kolkata, has as its theme



the economic activity surrounding the festival which gives succour to lakhs of people.

"Named Sri Sri Durga Sahay (Goddess Durga is behind every effort), through models we will depict various segments of society which depend on the five days of the festival. They include the pavement hawker who does a good business in the runup to the festival catering to the lower income group, the tailor, the electrician who illuminates the neighbourhood, the labour-

ers who carry the large idols to the pandals, the decorators and the dhakis (drummers)," said Arijit Maitra, General Secretary of the puja committee.

The toil, blood and sacrifice of labourers - who are the real Viswakarmas behind a work will be highlighted as part of the theme, he told PTI.

"From balloonsellers to sweepers - people from different walks of life will be paid tribute at our pandal," Maitra added.

At Kashi Bose Lane, the theme

'Chaina Hote Uma' (Don't want to be Uma - the goddess) talks about the hundreds of women who are lost in the dark alleys of life. "Who will facilitate their returning homes? Do they want to remain Umas any more after all this? Our theme will show how to bring them back to the mainstream," Kashi Bose Lane Puja Committee General Secretary Somen Datta said.

BG Block Residents' Association in Salt Lake has themed its celebrations 'Brambha Puspo' where the idol will be illuminated by a radiant light. 'Brambha Puspo is a flower as-

sociated with Lord Shiva and Parvati, which is known for symbolising peace, harmony and happiness," a puja committee spokesperson said. This flower blooms at the sacred Kailash Mansarovar and is utilised in the worship of gods at Kedarnath, Badrinath, and Tunganath temples. "We want to highlight the all-embodying message of harmony in troubled times. Religion talks about harmony and loving humans. We want to spread the message," a puja committee spokesperson said. At Santoshpur Lake Pally, the organisers have themed their puja on 'Swatantra' (identity) which embodies selfdependence, exploring one's own identity.

"Our celebration talks about the invisible magic which helps in activating and releasing the divine power latent in our body and mind to achieve amazing results to gain total control on body, mind and soul of oneself," puja committee spokesperson

Somnath Das said. He said the theme talks about warding off and fighting stress, which kills the peace of mind of an individual and is as debilitating as physical illness and talks about harnessing one's spiritual side.

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The Bidders have to participate in ONLINE bidding only. Further details can be seen from the website: https://tenderodisha.gov.in. Any addendum/corrigendum/ cancellation of tender can also be seen in the said website

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Air warriors take part in a parade during full dress rehearsal ahead of the 91st Air Force Day celebrations, at Bamrauli headquarters of Central Air Command, in Prayagraj



Commuters on a waterlogged road after heavy rainfall in Guwahati



Lamborghini cars during a rally at the Ummaid Bhawan Palace to celebrate 60 years of the luxury car in Jodhpur



India and USA Armies personnel during the joint military exercise Yudh Abhyas 2023, in Alaska, USA



A balloon shaped as a whale shark during an awareness campaign to save whale sharks, at the Vizhinjam fishing harbour in Thiruvananthapuram



Congress general secretary Priyanka Gandhi tries her hands at 'charkha' in Kanker, Chhattisgarh



A farmer burns paddy stubble in a village near Patiala

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Mr. Modi has met Xi 20 times, including sitting on a ihoola with him. Mr. Modi gave the Chinese a clean chit publicly on the issue of border transgressions on June 19, 2020. Mr. Modi allowed PM Cares **Fund to take crores of donations** from Chinese companies JAIRAM RAMESH | CONGRESS LEADER

BILKIS BANO CASE: SC TO HEAR ARGUMENTS OCT 9

The Supreme Court said Friday it will hear October 9 the arguments on petitions challenging the premature release of 11 convicts in the Bilkis Bano gangrape case and murder of seven of her family members during the 2002 Gujarat riots





government officers to flash flood-affected Sikkim to ensure the safe return of students from the state stranded there

HIMANTA BISWA SARMA ASSAM CM

The government will not be opening more liquor shops in the state

KARNATAKA CM



The BJP is the only party that is fighting as a national party amid family parties all over the country and it is working in every state for a strong nation

J P NADDA | BJP PRESIDENT

SHORT **TAKES**

Students shoot teacher in leg

Agra: Two teenage students allegedly shot their former teacher in the leg outside their coaching institute here and then boasted on social media that they would pump more bullets into him six months later. Police said they have nabbed both the students, aged 16 and 18, after the incident on Thursday noon. The duo, both former students of Sumit Singh, had quarrelled with his brother Tarun over phone when he stopped one of them from talking to a girl, police said. On Thursday, they called Singh on the phone and asked him to step out, and then one of them shot at him.

Youth urinates on couple in train

Jhansi (UP): A 19-year-old youth, allegedly under the influence of alcohol. "accidentally" discharged urine on an elderly couple, an official said Friday. Ritesh was detained by the Railway Police Force (RPF). They were travelling in the AC compartment of runs between Maniknur iunction in Uttar Pradesh and Hazrat Nizamuddin in Delhi. Chief Public Relation Officer (CPRO) of the North Central Railways, Himanshu Shekhar Upadhyay, said senior citizen GN Khare and his wife were on adiacent lower berths in the train's B3 coach.

Maior faces Court of Inquiry

Rajouri (J&K): The army has initiated a Court of Inquiry against a major-rank officer who allegedly opened fire on his colleagues and exploded grenades inside a camp in the Rajouri district of Jammu and Kashmir, officials said Friday. At least five personnel, including three officers, were injured in the Thursday incident at the Neeli post near Thanamandi. Officials said Friday that army officers have rushed to the scene to take stock of the situation in view of the "unfortunate happening". The erring officer has been detained and is being questioned, the officials said, adding a Court of Inquiry has been ordered into the incident.

Five boys drown

Prayagraj (UP): Five boys drowned here Friday while bathing in the Ganga river, police said. Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath expressed condolence over their deaths and asked officials to provide assistance to the family members of the boys. Five teenagers had gone to bathe in the river in the Shivkuti area, SHO Sanjay Gupta said. According to locals, when Himanshu started drowning, the other boys jumped into the river to save him. However, all of them eventually drowned, the police said.

HC asks police to respond on NewsClick arrests

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fused by an active member of

the propaganda department of

the Communist Party of China,

Neville Roy Singham, it claimed.

Besides their arrest, the duo has

also challenged the trial court's

order remanding them in police

custody and sought quashing of

The high court asked the in-

vestigating officer to produce

the case diary before it on

Monday and ensure the medical

condition of Chakravarty, who

is differently-abled, is not com-

promised. Solicitor General

Tushar Mehta, representing the

Delhi Police, said replies to the

interim prayers will be filed

within a day. He urged the court

to grant him some time to get in-

structions and list the matter

the FIR in the case.

India" and cause disaffection

custody till October 11



New Delhi, Oct 6: The Delhi High Court Friday sought the response of the city police on the pleas filed by NewsClick founder Prabir Purkayastha and human resources department head Amit Chakravarty challenging their arrest in a case lodged under antiterror law Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act (UAPA).

Justice Tushar Rao Gedela also asked the police to file replies to their applications seeking interim release till the pendency of the petitions. The high court listed the matter for further hearing on October 9 as the first case.

Purkayastha and Chakravarty were arrested by the Special Cell of the Delhi Police October 3 and were ordered to be in their custody till October 11. Police have sealed the NewsClick's office in Delhi. The portal has been accused of receiving money to spread pro-China propaganda.

According to the FIR, a large amount of funds to the news portal came from China to "disrupt the sovereignty of India" and cause disaffection against the country. It also alleged Purkayastha conspired with a group - People's Alliance for Democracy and Secularism (PADS) -- to sabotage the electoral process during the 2019 Lok Sabha polls. These for-

As the counsel for Purkayastha and Chakravarty urged the high court to order their release in the interim if the matter were to be heard on Monday, Justice Gedela said interim relief cannot be granted at this stage.

Senior advocate Kapil Sibal. representing Purkayastha, said a raid was conducted at the residence of his client on the morning of October 3 and he was taken to the office of the Special Cell at Lodhi Road. He was arrested the same evening at around 7 PM. The next day, he was taken to the residence of the trial court judge at around 6-6:30 AM for production where the prosecutor and legal aid counsel were present but the family members or counsel of Purkayastha were not informed, Sibal claimed.

Sibal said the family members and counsel were later informed about the remand proceedings. They objected when told that the remand application will be sent through WhatsApp and he can file his objections using the same mode.

The remand application was sent through WhatsApp message to Purkayastha's counsel at around 7:07 PM after which he sent a document containing detailed objections to the grant of remand on the same number. the senior lawyer said.

However, they came to know that Purkayastha had already been sent to police custody for seven days and the trial court's order records that it was signed at 6 AM, which could not have been the case as no remand order was passed at least till 7 AM when the petitioner's family member was called to join the proceedings, Sibal contended.

SC tells HCs not to deny hybrid hearings

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

New Delhi, Oct 6: Irked over the minimal use of technology, the Supreme Court Friday said no high court in the country shall deny access to video conference or hearing through hybrid mode to lawyers and litigants after two weeks and made clear that technology now is not a matter of choice for judges.

"The question is not whether a particular judge is tech friendly. If you want to be a judge then you have to be tech-friendly. It is like how a judge can say that I do not know what 'res judicata' (a common legal principle which says one cannot claim judicial relief twice in one case). Every judge in the system has to be trained," a bench comprising Chief Justice DY Chandrachud and justices J B Pardiwala and Manoj Misra said while issuing a slew of directions to ensure that hybrid mode of hearings in all high courts are not disbanded.

"Technology is no longer a matter of choice for judges," the CJI said. The top court drew parallel between driving and technology and said if one doesn't know how to handle technology then he or she can't be a judge and questioned the approach of some of the high courts.

"After the lapse of two weeks from this order, no high court shall deny access to video conference facility or hearing through hybrid facility to any member of the bar and litigants," the bench said in one of the directions. It issued several directions for extending the facilities for hybrid mode of hearing across 25 high courts and tribunals. The bench directed all the state governments to provide necessary infrastructure for ensuring smooth functioning of hybrid mode of hearings in all high courts.

Sikkim flood: Toll rises, 143 missing



PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

Gangtok/Jalpaiguri, Oct 6: Army and NDRF teams, both on foot and in boats, have recovered 25 bodies including seven army men from the slush and debris of the flash flood which swept through Sikkim's Teesta river, officials said Friday.

The flood which was triggered by a cloudburst in the early hours of Wednesday also resulted in a large number of people going missing. Officials said 143 are still missing though some 2,413 people have been rescued and are in shelters.

Sikkim Chief Minister Prem Singh Tamang announced an ex-gratia compensation of Rs 4 lakh to the families of those who died in the flash flood in the state. He also declared an immediate relief of Rs 2,000 each to all those who are being sheltered in relief camps.

'There have been damages worth thousands of crores of rupees. We cannot give exact details about damages, it will be revealed once a committee is formed and it completes its analysis. Our first priority is to save those who are stranded and provide them immediate relief," he said.

'Road connectivity between districts has been cut off and

he flood destroyed 13 bridges in the state, with eight bridges getting washed away in Mangan district alone. Three bridges were destroyed in Gangtok and two in

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bridges have been washed away. Communication in North Sikkim has been severely affected," Tamang said. Of the 23 army personnel who had gone missing from Bardang area, the bodies of seven have been recovered from different areas downstream while one had been rescued earlier.

Search for the remaining is continuing both in Sikkim and the neighbouring northern part of West Bengal through which the Teesta river flows, the chief minister said. The Sikkim State Disaster Management Authority (SSDMA) said in its latest bulletin that 25 people have died so far and 143 have gone missing. While 15 people including six army personnel died in Pakyong district, Mangan and Gangtok districts accounted for four and six deaths respectively, the SSDMA said.

Tourists

Kullu

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participate

SC notices to Centre, EC on freebies in MP, Raj

The plea sought a direction to state governments and others to not misuse consolidated funds or grant under the ruse of the public purposes ahead of Assembly elections

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

New Delhi, Oct 6: Freebies being doled out by the Madhya Pradesh and Rajasthan governments ahead of the assembly polls Friday came under scrutiny by the Supreme Court which sought responses from the two states, the Centre and the Election Commission on a PIL alleging misuse of public money.

The top court, which was initially reluctant to consider the plea and asked as to how it can control all kinds of promises made by the respective governments before elections,

later agreed to take it up. 'Before elections, all kinds of promises are



not control this," a bench comprising Chief Justice D Y Chandrachud and Justices J B Pardiwala and Manoj Misra said, and asked as to why the plea was not filed in the high court

"There can be nothing more atrocious than the government distributing cash before the polls. This is happening every time and the burden is on the taxpayers ultimately," lawyer Varinder Kumar Sharma, appearing for the petitioner, said.

He also said the plea pertained to grant of freebies in two states. "Issue notice. Returnable in four weeks," the bench said and asked the lawyer to delete the Madhya Pradesh chief minister's office from the memo of parties and replace it with the state government, to be represented through the chief secretary.

The bench then ordered clubbing the petition, filed by Bhattulal Jain, with an earlier pending case filed by lawyer Ashwini Upadhyay on the issue

of election freebies that was referred to a three-judge bench in August 2022.



PRESS TRUST OF INDIA Mumbai, Oct 6: Seven people, including two minors, were killed and more than 60 injured after a fire swept through a residential building in Mumbai's Goregaon area in the early hours of Friday,

a civic official said. Five of the injured are in critical condition.

Hours later, the city's fire brigade chief said the building had no firefighting system.

As many as 30 residents were

rescued from the terrace and various floors of the seven-storey structure, he said.

Maharashtra Chief Minister Eknath Shinde condoled the loss of life in the fire and announced an ex gratia of Rs 5 lakh for the kin of each of the deceased.

The CM said that those injured in the fire would be treated at government expense.

The blaze started around 3 am at 'Jay Bhavani SRA building' near Azad Maidan at Unnat Nagar in Goregaon West, said an



official from the Brihanmumbai Municipal Corporation (BMC). It had a lot of old clothes on the ground floor, they said.

A total of 68 residents were

rushed to various hospitals. While 42 were admitted to the civic-run HBT Trauma Care hospital at Jogeshwari and 15 to BMC-run Cooper Hospital at Juhu, 11 were taken to three private hospitals, civic officials said.

Of these, seven including two minors and as many women died – six at Trauma Care and one at Cooper.

The condition of five others is critical. Nine took discharge against medical advice, they

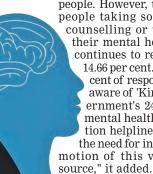
90% blame fast-paced lifestyle for mental health issues: Survey

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

New Delhi, Oct 6: An overwhelming 90 per cent of Indians blame fast-paced lifestyle for growing mental health issues in the country, a new survey ahead of the World Mental Health Day on October 10.

The pan-India survey, conducted by news aggregator Inshorts, also recorded a growing willingness of people to engage in conversation on mental health, where 55 per cent of respondents admitted that they feel comfortable discussing mental health issues openly with their friends and family.

The number of people blaming fast-paced lifestyle for growing mental health issues highlights the importance of work-life balance and stress management. Whereas, we also found 55 per cent of the respondents are open to conversations, suggesting that individuals are increasingly open to discussing mental health challenges, further reducing the stigma associated with them," read the survey with a sample size of over 4.5 lakh



people. However, the count of people taking some form of counselling or therapy for their mental health issues continues to remain low --

14.66 per cent."Only 11 per cent of respondents were aware of 'Kiran', the government's 24X7 toll-free mental health rehabilitation helpline, suggesting the need for increased promotion of this valuable re-

As per the survey, the interest of people on mental health topics or their awareness on mental health policies is on the rise as close to 53 per cent of respondents admitted seeking out and reading mental health-related topics, underlining a genuine interest in understanding and addressing mental health con-

In terms of policy awareness, around 41 percent of people said they knew that all 'health insurance policies in India are now mandated to cover mental health".

In 2022, the Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority of India (IRDAI) made it mandatory for all insurance companies to cover the costs related to mental health treatment within the healthcare insurance plan.

Also, recording coping mechanism of the respondents, the various activities incorporated by them to reduce mental stress include listening to music (43 per cent) followed by practising meditation (19 per cent), playing sports (17 per cent), reading (15per cent) and Yoga (six per

international



Europe must be strong despite what happens in other places like the **United States** VOLODYMYR ZELENSKYY

NEW COVID WAVE HITS SINGAPORE

Singapore is experiencing another Covid-19 wave, with more people expected to fall sick and be hospitalised in the coming weeks, Health Minister Ong Ye Kung warned. Ong said that the estimated daily cases have risen from about 1,000 three weeks ago to 2,000 over the past two weeks





We very much appreciate our with India on a defence level. We continue to foster a partnership with India and that is

something that I think you'll continue to see us do going forward PAT RYDER PRESS SECRETARY, PENTAGON

The foundation for mobility in the region is security and safety. The tensions within the last days between Serbia and Kosovo are also endangering this

Berlin Process ANNALENA BAERBOCK

FOREIGN MINISTER, GERMANY



with the additional pressure that will come in the future in many, many big

JEREMY FARRAR INFECTIOUS DISEASES SPECIALIST, WHO

SHORT TAKES

Indian family killed New York: An Indian-origin

couple and their two children were found dead in their home in the US state of New Jersey and police are investigating the matter as a homicide. Tej Pratap Singh, 43. and Sonal Parihar, 42. were found dead alongside their 10-vear-old son and 6year-old in their Plainsboro home sometime after 4:30 nm Wednesday, the Plainsboro Police Department said, Middlesex County Prosecutor Yolanda Ciccone and Chief Eamon Blanchard of the Plainsboro Police Department

Rana gets time

investigation.

announced Thursday that a homicide is currently under

Washington: A federal court has allowed Tahawwur Rana more time to file his motion against extradition to india where he is facing a trial for his involvement in the 2008 Mumbai terror attack. In August, Rana had appealed before the Ninth Circuit Court against the order by a US District Court in the Central District of California that denied the writ of habeas corpus. On Tuesday, the Ninth Circuit Court agreed to his request for more time to file his motion. which was initially set for October 10. According to the latest court order, Rana's brief is now due November 9 and the government's answer will be due December 11, 2023.

Russia bolsters N-game Canada evacuates

THE MISSILE. **CODE-NAMED SKYFALL BY NATO. IS SAID TO BE POWERED BY A NUCLEAR** REACTOR, IS **CAPABLE OF** CARRYING A NUCLEAR **WARHEAD AND CAN** HIT TARGETS IN US

Moscow, Oct 6: Russian President Vladimir Putin has said the country has tested a new nuclear-powered missile in a speech that touched on topics such as nuclear weapons, energy, and the war in Ukraine.

Putin announced that Russia has effectively completed the development of the Burevestnik cruise missile and the Sarmat heavy intercontinental ballistic missile and will work on putting them into production.

He said that 'Burevestnik', which translates as "Storm Petrel", would make any country who plans using nuclear weapon against Russia think twice. If any country dares to do so, "such a number of our missiles would appear in the air that not a single enemy would have a chance of survival", said

What is the Burevestnik missile?

According to reports, the weapon is called 'Skyfall' by NATO and many western experts have been sceptical about it, claiming that a nuclear engine could be highly unreliable.

It was first mentioned by Putin in 2018. The ground-launched,



Russia currently has around 5,889 nuclear warheads, compared with 5,244 for US, according to the **Federation of American Scientists. China has 410** warheads. France 290 and Britain 225

pable of carrying a nuclear warhead. It could stay aloft for a much longer time than other missiles and cover much more distance, due to nuclear propulsion.

Putin did not say when the latest test took place, but the New York Times reported Monday that it may have been recent, based on movements of aircraft and vehicles at a Russian base in the Arctic.

Why does the missile matter?

The International Institute for Strategic Studies, quoting a specialist Russian military journal in 2021, had said that Burevestnik would have a notional range of up to 20,000 km, so it could be based anywhere in Russia and strike targets in the United States.

The same journal said the no-

tional altitude of the missile was just 50-100 metres, much lower than a conventionally powered cruise missile, which would make it harder for air-defence radar to detect.

A 2020 report by the United States Air Force's National Air and Space Intelligence Centre said that if Russia successfully brought the Burevestnik into service, it would give Moscow a "unique weapon with intercontinental-range capability

Development of the missile It has proved to be a difficult task for Russian nuclear scientists. News agency Reuters said that the missile has suffered a number of failures during tests. including in 2019 when five Russian nuclear specialists who were killed in an explosion and

Russia may step down from nuke-test treaty

Russia indicated Friday that it was moving swiftly towards revoking its ratification of the Comprehensive Nuclear Test Ban Treaty (CTBT) after President Vladimir Putin held out the possibility of resuming nuclear testing. Putin said Thursday Russia's nuclear doctrine - which sets out the conditions under which he would press the nuclear button - did not need updating but that he was not yet ready to say whether or not Moscow needed to resume nuclear tests. The Kremlin chief said that Russia could look at revoking ratification of the CTB1 as the United States had signed but not ratified it. Russia's top lawmaker, Vyacheslav Volodin, then said the State Duma lower house of parliament would swiftly consider if there was a need to revoke Russia's ratification of the treaty. The comments by Putin and Volodin suggest that Russia is seriously considering revoking ratification of the treaty, which bans nuclear explosions by everyone, everywhere. A resumption of nuclear tests by Russia, the US or China could indicate the start of a new nuclear arms race between the big powers who stopped nuclear testing in the years following the 1991 collapse of the Soviet Union.

radiation leak during an experiment in the White Sea.

Nuclear experts have long questioned if the missile can enter service. The Nuclear Threat Initiative, a non-profit security organisation, estimated in 2019 that deployment could be a decade away.

diplomats from India

Before Oct 10 deadline given by India, Canadian diplomats are being transferred to either Kuala Lumpur or Singapore amid row over Khalistani separatist Nijjar's killing

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

Toronto, Oct 6: Canada has evacuated a majority of its diplomats working in India outside of New Delhi to either Kuala Lumpur or Singapore after it gave Ottawa an October 10 deadline to reduce its diplomatic staff to achieve parity in strength following a row over the killing of Hardeep Singh Nijjar, according to a media report Friday.

The report in CTV News, a privately owned Canadian television network, came after India earlier this week asked Canada to withdraw several dozen diplomats from its missions amid the escalating diplomatic row that erupted following Canadian Prime Minister Justin Trudeau's allegation linking Indian agents to the killing of Khalistani separatist Nijjar in June.

India rejected the allegations as "absurd" and "motivated" and expelled a senior Canadian diplomat in a tit-for-tat move to Ottawa's expulsion of an Indian official over the case. The Indian government has

given Ottawa until October 10 to reduce Canadian diplomatic staff in that country to a level on par with the number of Indian diplomats in Canada, CTV News quoted sources as saying. Earlier reports pegged the

CTV News spoke with said the

ask is specific to one of parity.

number of diplomats that would have to leave at 41, but the sources



"A majority of the Canadian diplomats working in India outside of Delhi have been evacuated to either Kuala Lumpur or

Singapore," the report said. Global Affairs Canada, the department that manages the country's diplomatic and consular relations, had previously stated that "with some diplomats having received threats on various social media platforms," it was "assessing its staff complement

"As a result, and out of an abundance of caution, we have decided to temporarily adjust staff presence in India," the department said, just days after Prime Minister Justin Trudeau accused the Indian government of being involved in the murder.

India Thursday asserted that Canada must reduce its diplomatic presence in the country to achieve parity in strength and alleged that some of the Canadian diplomats are involved in interfering in New Delhi's internal matters, signalling a continuing slide in the ties between the two nations over the killing of Nijjar.

Hungary and Poland rail at EU migration plan as leaders meet

Granada, Oct 6: Poland accused Berlin and Brussels of imposing a migration "diktat" on the European Union and Hungary said the bloc was forcing through a deal as EU leaders gathered to tackle the growing number of immigrants from the Middle $\,$ East and Africa.

The EU summit in the Spanish city of Granada is seeking ways to bring down the number of refugees and migrants arriving in Europe outside of regular border crossings, something Italy, Spain and Germany are especially concerned about.

But the bloc remains at odds about how to share out the task of providing for those who make the journey. A long-stalled deal between member states came together last week despite opposition from populist govern-



ments in Poland and Hungary. The top migration official in

the EU, home to 450 million people, last week said there had been 250,000 irregular arrivals so far this year - far below 2015. when more than a million people made it across the sea, overwhelming the bloc.

Arriving at the talks, Hungary's

anti-immigration leader, Victor Orban, said unanimity on migration was impossible because the EU had left Hungary and Poland out of the deal.

"If you are... forced to accept omething vou don't like, how would you like to have a compromise and agreement? It's impossible," Orban told reporters.

Polish Prime Minister Mateusz Morawiecki complained that the EU was forcing his country to accept illegal migrants or face fines.

"I will tell the session today that Poland squarely rejects that, first and foremost because of the security of our country," he

On Wednesday, 22 EU states sealed a deal on how to handle irregular immigration at times of exceptionally high arrivals, taking a step towards overhauling the bloc's asylum and migration rules.



People hold placards as they chant slogan during a protest against a ruling by the Kenya supreme court for upholding the National Gay and Lesbian Human Rights Commission (NGLHRC) to register the association in Nairobi

Scared of being alone in need, woman adopts friend

WITH ONE OF THE **WORLD'S LOWEST BIRTHRATES AND PLUMMETING MARRIAGE RATES**, **MORE AND MORE PEOPLE IN SOUTH KOREA LIVE -- AND WILL DIE -- ALONE**

AGENCE FRANCE-PRESSE

Seoul, Oct 6: South Korean writer Eun Seo-ran was happily single until a medical emergency made her want family around to help. But she took an unconventional route: legally adopting her best friend.

The 44-year-old lives far from her biological family, who are not actively involved in her life. She's not married and, like many people in low birthrate South Korea, she has no children of

her own. But Eun does have a very good friend: Lee Eo-rie. The pair, who are not romantically involved, own property together, live together, share bills and have taken care of each other during illness. Eun said that when she ended

up in hospital, she realised she

needed someone who could be there for her, and not just to support her emotionally. She wanted Lee to be allowed into the hospital as family, and in the worst-case scenario, to be able to organise her funeral with-

out enduring lengthy adminis-

trative procedures. Eun had no way to formalise her bond with her best friend until she found a legal loophole: adult adoption.

"The family defined by current law is essentially based on sexual union, and those derived from that sexual union -- that is, children," Eun told AFP. But "I think emotional connections hold the greatest importance,'

"So when I'm with someone and feel utmost emotional stability and peace while thinking about them, I believe that person could indeed be my family."



CHOSEN FAMILY

'South Korea's narrow legal definition of family is partially responsible," Hyeyoung Woo, a sociology professor who researches families in South Korea at Portland State University, told

Same-sex and common-law marriages are not recognised in the socially conservative country, and the traditional family unit remains the norm.

The system ends up "reinforcing the traditional forms of family -- heterosexual couple

with a breadwinner husband and a stay-in-home wife, which are not reflecting the current demographics in Korea," Woo added. Even as there are fewer and fewer weddings -- just 3.7 per 1,000 people last year, a record low -- people still need connections, and they need them to be legally valid, says lawmaker Yong Hye-in.

The surge in single-person households means that the number of people living outside marriage and blood ties is increasing," Yong told AFP.

"We need to solve the problem of increasingly isolated single-person households by expanding their options, not just being alone' or 'being married'.'

Yong has proposed a bill aimed at broadening the legal definition of family beyond traditional boundaries. But it has met fierce opposition from the country's conservative and Christian bloc, who argue that if passed, it would effectively legalise same-sex mar-

If enacted, the legislation "will dismantle (South Korea's) family system and cause significant harm to children," the Korean Association of Church Communication said in a statement.Eun says she was born into what South Korea recognises as a "normal", nuclear family, but she was not happy as a child.

"Having witnessed my mother's unhappy married life... I harboured some fear that I might end up with a similar fate if I chose to marry," she told AFP. "I have chosen and created a new family with whom I currently live," she said, adding she now felt "at ease".

after US downed its drone

Turkey hits Kurdish targets

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

Ankara, Oct 6: Turkish warplanes have carried out airstrikes on sites believed to be used by a US-backed Kurdish militia in northern Syria, after the US military shot down an armed Turkish drone that came within 500 meters (yards) of American troops, officials said Friday.

A Turkish defence ministry statement said the Turkish jets targeted some 30 sites in the Tal Rifat, Jazeera and Derik regions, destroying caves, bunkers, shelters and warehouses

Ankara said the locations were used by Kurdistan Workers' Party, PKK, a designated terrorist group behind a decadeslong insurgency in Turkey as well as its allies from a Kurdish militia in Syria, known as People's Defence Units, or YPG.

The YPG is part of Syrian Kurdish-led forces — known as the Syrian Democratic Forces - backed by the United States. The Syrian Kurdish fighters have been close US allies in the

war against the militants from the Islamic State group.

Turkey has been carrying out strikes on Kurdish targets in Iraq and Syria following a suicide bombing outside the Interior Ministry building in Ankara,

the Turkish capital, early Sunday. The US-backed and Kurdishled Syrian Democratic Forces in northeastern Syria have denied any connection to the Ankara attack and accused Turkey of using the attack as a pretext for a new military incursion.

In Washington, the Pentagon said Thursday that a Turkish drone bombed targets near the US troops in Syria, forcing them to go to bunkers for safety. Air Force Brig Gen Patrick Ryder, the Pentagon press secretary, said the decision to shoot down the drone of a NATO ally "was made out of due diligence and the inherent right of self-defence to take

appropriate action to protect U.S. Forces." There was no indication that Turkey was intentionally targeting US forces, he said.

business



government may liberalise foreign direct investment norms for the country's Space RAJESH KUMAR SINGH

DISNEY MAY SELL INDIA ASSETS

Disney has held talks with Indian billionaires Gautam Adani and Sun TV Network owner Kalanithi Maran as well private equity firms to sell its streaming and television business in the country, reports said Friday. Disney is exploring various possibilities, including selling some of its Indian operations or a mix of assets from the unit





5G roll-out in India is truly This has been one of the fastest telecom network roll-outs ever and means India

is now among the top three countries in the world that have the largest 5G installed base, with 5G download speeds beating those found in many advanced markets

PEKKA LUNDMARK | PRESIDENT AND CEO, NOKIA

We are looking at a number of areas where we can expand in the number of sectors relating to real estate. As Vibrant Guiarat also comes, there could be announcements there



IESA has also

set a vision to further scale this capacity to over 500 GWh by 2035 considering the demand growth for both stationary storage and e-

mobility in India RAHUL WALAWALKAR FOUNDER AND

PRESIDENT, IESA

SHORT **TAKES**

Steel to get dearer

New Delhi: Indian steel companies plan to raise prices of various grades of the alloy due to rising import costs of coking coal, especially from major producer Australia, officials at four domestic mills said. Steel mills are likely to raise rates by \$25 to \$50 a metric tonne by December, said the officials. Prices for Australian coking coal have jumped 50% to over \$350 a metric tonne due to factors such as maintenance outages, lower than usual supplies from Queensland, and a slower train network. For India, Australia accounts for over half of its coking coal imports of around 55-60 million metric tonnes a year.

ISA, GeM ink pact

New Delhi: Indian Steel Association (ISA) Friday said it has signed an agreement with the Government e-Marketplace (GeM) to help MSMEs in supplying their products and make procurement through the online marketplace, "ISA proudly announced the signing of a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with GeM. This partnership aims to facilitate the integration of all ISA members onto the GeM nlatform, both as sellers and buyers," ISA said in a statement. The main objective of this collaboration is to support Micro, Small, and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs) in supplying their products as well as make procurement through the online platform, ISA Secretary General Alok Sahay said.

NSE's new contracts

New Delhi: The National Stock Exchange (NSE) Friday said it will launch options on NYMEX WTI Crude Oil and Natural Gas futures contracts in its commodity derivatives segment from October 9. "The exchange has received approval from Sebi for launching options contracts on underlying WTI Crude Oil and Natural Gas Futures. The contracts would be available for trading from October 9," NSE said. On September 26, the exchange announced the launch date as October 16 and now it has been rescheduled

New Delhi: Tata Consultancy Services (TCS) said Friday that its Board of Directors will consider a proposal for buyback of equity shares of the company, at its meeting scheduled October 11. TCS shares were up .87 per cent in Friday's trade at Rs 3,620



No let up on hawkish stance

CENTRAL BANK KEEPS INTEREST RATES UNCHANGED AT 6.50% FOR FOURTH MEETING IN A ROW

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Mumbai, Oct 6: The Reserve Bank of India expectedly left its key interest rate unchanged Friday as inflation remains a major risk, and signalled it would keep liquidity tight using bond sales to bring prices closer to target.

The monetary policy committee, which has three members from the central bank and a similar number of external members, held the benchmark repurchase rate (repo) at 6.50 per cent in a unanimous decision for the fourth consecutive meeting in a row. It retained 'withdrawal of accommodation' stance.

Governor Shaktikanta Das said the central bank has identified high inflation as a major risk to macroeconomic stability and sustainable growth and 'remains resolutely focused on aligning inflation to the 4 per cent target on a durable basis".

INFLATION RISKS LINGER

Despite the second quarter bulge in inflation, the RBI kept its inflation forecast for the current fiscal unchanged at 5.4 per cent.

Annual retail inflation eased to 6.83 per cent in August, from a 15-month high of 7.44 per cent in July, but remained well above

CRICKET WORLD CUP

New Delhi, Oct 6: With the

start of the World Cup cricket

tournament, Reliance Jio and

Bharti Airtel have rolled out

Reliance Jio has started of-

fering multiple prepaid plans

bundled with Disney+ Hotstar

Bharti Airtel has launched two

plans, which include unlimited

data for 2 days against a payment

of Rs 99 and 6GB of additional

data with 1-day validity for Rs 49.

rolled out monthly, quarterly and

annual plans bundled with data,

unlimited voice, and subscrip-

tion to Disney+ Hotstar mobile.

Rs 328 and comes with 1.5 GB

high-speed data per day for 28

days and a 3-month Disney+

In addition, Jio has also in-

troduced a Rs 758 plan, which of-

fers 1.5 GB of high-speed data per

day for 84 days and comes with

a 3-month Disney+ Hotstar mo-

Similarly, plans priced at Rs 388

and Rs 808 offer 2 GB of high-

speed data per day for 28 and 84

days, respectively, and come with

3 months of Disney+ Hotstar

In addition, the 84-day Rs 598

plan and the annual Rs 3,178 plan

offer users one year of Disney+

Hotstar mobile subscription and

2GB high-speed data per day.

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turing slowdown.

New Delhi, Oct 6: The World

Trade Organisation (WTO)

Thursday lowered the trade

growth projection for 2023 to 0.8

per cent amid global manufac-

A WTO statement said the

projections for growth in global

merchandise trade in 2023 have

been scaled back by WTO econ-

omists amid a continued slump

that began in the fourth quarter

Hotstar mobile subscription.

Jio's basic plan is priced at

On the other hand, Jio has

plans to woo cricket fans.

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Highlights



All 6 MPC members unanimously voted to keep repo unchanged

GDP growth forecast retained at 6.5 pc for FY'24

Das said.

of volatility of late. "The need of

the hour is to remain vigilant and

not give room to complacency,"

is expected to soften on the back

of vegetable price correction,

especially in tomatoes, and the

reduction in LPG prices, the fu-

ture trajectory will be condi-

tioned by a number of factors,'

he said, adding CPI inflation is

likely to fall below 6 per cent in

the current quarter and to 5.2 per

The governor said announce-

ment of the hike in incremen-

tal cash reserve ratio (I-CRR) to

10 per cent on the incremental

NDTL (net demand and time li-

abilities), which impounded about

cent in the next.

"While near-term inflation

■ Inflation forecast too retained at 5.4 pc for FY'24 ■ Limit of gold loan under

Bullet Repayment Scheme for UCBs doubled to Rs 4L ■ Payments Infrastructure

Development Fund scheme extended by 2 years to Dec 2025

■ Next Monetary Policy Committee (MPC) meeting scheduled for Dec 6-8, 2023

Rs 1.1 lakh crore from the bank-

transmission

of past 250 basis-points rate hikes

to bank lending

and deposit rates

imperative to

withdrawal of

accommodation

continue its

Stating that RBI will play its shots carefully, he said, "Going forward, while remaining nimble, we may have to consider OMO-sales (Open Market Operation sales) to manage liquidity, consistent with the stance of monetary policy. The timing and quantum of such operations will depend on the evolving liquidity conditions.

ing system, will end Saturday.

Among the measures announced Friday included doubling of limit for gold loans under the bullet repayment scheme to Rs 4 lakh in respect of urban cooperative banks.

Das said RBI's inflation target

TOP GAINERS

cent. "Our aim is to align inflation to the target on a durable basis, while supporting growth."

'GLOBAL GROWTH ENGINE'

India is poised to become the new growth engine of the world, Das said as the central bank retained the country's GDP growth forecast at 6.5 per cent for 2023-24, notwithstanding the slowing global economy.

He said the external sector also remains eminently manageable. Das further said the twin balance sheet stress that was encountered a decade ago has now been replaced by a twin balance sheet advantage with healthier balance sheets of both banks and the corporate.

Taking all such factors into consideration, the RBI projected the real GDP growth for 2023-24 at 6.5 per cent, with Q2 at 6.5 per cent, Q3 at 6 per cent, and Q4 at 5.7 per cent, with risks evenly balanced.

Real GDP growth for the first quarter in 2024-25 is projected at 6.6 per cent. In the August monetary policy too, the GDP growth was projected at 6.5 per cent.

The governor also said the Indian economy is forging ahead in a challenging global environment, drawing strength from its underlying macroeconomic

Realty shares hogged

taking the hammering

the limelight after

in recent trades amid hopes

rates may boost home sales,

especially during the festive

that no change in interest

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RESEARCH), KOTAK SECURITIES LT

Forex reserves drop \$3.79bn to \$586.91 billion

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Mumbai, Oct 6: India's forex reserves dropped further declined for a fourth straight week by \$3.794 billion to \$586.908 billion. the lowest in more than five months, for the week ended September 29, the Reserve Bank said Friday.

In the previous reporting week, the overall reserves had declined by \$2.335 billion to \$590.702 billion as of September

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

For the week ended September 29, the foreign currency assets, a major component of the reserves, decreased by \$3.127 billion to \$520,236 billion, according to the Weekly Statistical Supplement released by the RBI.

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

RBI said. The Special Drawing Rights (SDRs) were down by \$74 million to \$17.939 billion, the apex bank said. The country's reserve posi-

\$576 million to \$43.731 billion, the

tion with the IMF was also down by \$18 million to \$5.002 billion in the reporting week, the central bank data showed.

Apart from the central bank's intervention, changes in foreign currency assets, expressed in dollar terms, include the effects of appreciation or depreciation of other currencies held in the RBI's reserves.

For the week the forex reserves data pertains, the rupee had fallen 0.1% against the dollar and traded in a range of 83.0225 and 83.2450.

The rupee ended at 83.2450 Friday, down 0.2% for the week.



climbed 0.56 per cent. crude declined 0.02 per cent to Among the indices, realty ral-\$83.94 a barrel. lied 3.01 per cent, consumer The BSE benchmark had durables jumped 1.47 per cent,

season

climbed 405.53 points or 0.62 per cent to settle at 65,631.57 points Thursday. The Nifty had advanced 109.65 points or 0.56 per cent to end at 19,545.75 points.

Foreign Institutional Investors (FIIs) offloaded equities worth Rs 1,864.20 crore Thursday, according to exchange data.

trading range also shifting up-

wards," said Abhishek Upadhyay,

senior economist at ICICI

Securities Primary Dealership.

Rs 71 billion via screen-based

operations in four weeks to Sept. 22, to drain additional liquidity

since it started phasing out the

incremental cash reserve ratio.

did not provide a calendar for the

sales, and uncertainty over the

timing will dominate sentiment

and keep yields elevated, econ-

omists said.

The central bank, however,

The RBI has sold bonds worth

where users will be able to watch World Cup cricket matches.

TCS shares buyback

Rate-sensitive stocks lift equities JIO, AIRTEL ROLL ON THE WEEKLY FRONT, THE BSE BENCHMARK CLIMBED 0.25%, AND THE NIFTY WAS UP 0.07% **OUT SPL OFFERS**

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Mumbai, Oct 6: Benchmark equity indices Sensex and Nifty rallied for a second straight session Friday after the Reserve Bank maintained the status quo on policy rates, resulting in gains for rate-sensitive sectors like financial, realty and auto.

the central bank's 2-6 per cent

comfort band. However, silver

lining is drop in core inflation (re-

tail inflation excluding food and

tion, the central bank may consider

selling bonds to soak up excess

funds from the banking system, he

said. "The timing and quantum of

such operations will depend on

the evolving liquidity conditions."

monitorable not only because it

is in double digits, but also be-

cause sub-normal monsoon and

muted sowing can impact kharif

output and prices. Additionally,

low reservoir levels do not augur

Also, crude oil has seen a lot

well for the rabi crops.

Food inflation remains a key

Upping the ante against infla-

fuel) to below 5 per cent.

A firm trend in Asian and European markets also bolstered the investors' sentiment, traders

The 30-share BSE Sensex climbed 364.06 points or 0.55 per cent to settle at 65,995.63. During the day, it jumped 464.24 points or 0.70 per cent to hit 66.095.81.

The Nifty advanced 107.75 points or 0.55 per cent to end at

Among the Sensex firms, Bajaj Finserv jumped nearly 6 per cent, and Bajaj Finance climbed

New Delhi, Oct 6: The government

has issued notices to social media

platforms X, formerly Twitter,

YouTube and Telegram to remove

child sexual abuse material from

their platforms in India, an official

Minister of State for Electronics

and IT, Rajiv Chandrasekhar said

if social media intermediaries do

not act swiftly, their safe harbour

under section 79 of the IT Act

would be withdrawn, implying

that the platforms can be directly

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statement said Friday.

nearly 4 per cent. Titan surged 2.98 per cent, followed by IndusInd Bank, ITC, JSW Steel, Infosys, Tech Mahindra, Tata Consultancy Services and

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65,995.63

Hindustan Unilever, Asian Paints, Bharti Airtel and HDFC Bank were among the laggards

BSE midcap gauge jumped 0.66 per cent and smallcap index

prosecuted under the applicable

laws and rules even though the

content may have not been up-

IT has issued notices to social

media intermediaries X.

YouTube and Telegram, warning

them to remove Child Sexual

Abuse Material (CSAM) from

their platforms on the Indian

internet. The notices served to

these platforms emphasize the

importance of prompt and per-

manent removal or disabling of

access to any CSAM on their

"Ministry of Electronics and

loaded by them

In the broader market, the

Telecommunication emerged as the only laggard

services (1.12 per cent), IT (0.71

per cent) and consumer discre-

tionary (0.63 per cent).

The rupee declined 2 paise to settle at 83.27 against the US dollar. Global oil benchmark Brent

Remove CSAM: Govt warns social media firms

platforms," the statement said. The notices also call for the implementation of proactive measures, such as content moderation algorithms and reporting mechanisms, to prevent the dissemination of CSAM in the future.

The Information Technology (IT) Act, 2000, provides the legal framework for addressing pornographic content, including CSAM. Sections 66E, 67, 67A, and 67B of the IT Act impose stringent penalties and fines for the online transmission of obscene or pornographic content, it said.

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around the world

REUTERS

Mumbai, Oct 6: Indian government bond yields soared Friday, with the benchmark 10vear yield posting its biggest single-day jump in 14 months after the Reserve Bank of India surprised markets with its intention to conduct open market

The 10-year benchmark bond yield closed at 7.3412%, the highest level since March 23, after ending at 7.2140% in the previous session. The yield had risen to 7.3612% earlier in the day.

The yield posted its biggest single session rise since August 5, 2022, and jumped 13 basis points this week, biggest such rise since week ended May 6, 2022.

side for bond yields, with the

Overall, traders said the monetary policy tilted towards the hawkish side, with the RBI stress-

age liquidity via various tools, and liquidity will remain its preferred way to manage upside inflation risk, rather than tinkering with the policy rate.



WTO cuts '23 trade growth hope **SLOWDOWN**

WORLD TRADE AND OUTPUT SLOWED ABRUPTLY IN Q4 OF CY2022 AS THE EFFECTS **OF PERSISTENT INFLATION AND** TIGHTER MONETARY **POLICIES GLOBALLY**

> According to the latest WTO trade forecast, the "volume of world merchandise trade is now expected to grow by 0.8 per cent this year, less than half the 1.7 per cent increase forecasted in

> The 3.3 per cent growth projected for 2024 remains nearly unchanged from the previous estimate, it said.

World trade and output slowed abruptly in the fourth quarter of calendar year 2022 as the effects of persistent inflation and tighter monetary policy were felt in the US, the European Union, and elsewhere, and as strained property markets in China prevented a stronger post Covid-19 recovery from taking root, it said.

Together with the consequences of the war in Ukraine, these developments have cast a shadow over the outlook for

"The trade slowdown appears to be broad-based, involving a large number of countries and a wide array of goods," it said,

NGOZI OKONJO-IWEALA DIRECTOR-GENERAL, WTO adding that trade growth should pick up next year accompanied

by slow but stable GDP growth.

"The projected slowdown in trade for 2023 is a cause for concern, because of the adverse implications for the living standards of people around the world," WTO Director-General Ngozi Okonjo-Iweala said.

Global economic fragmentation would only make these challenges worse, which is why WTO members must seize the opportunity to strengthen the global trading framework by avoiding protectionism and fostering a more resilient and inclusive global economy, she said.

RBI'S SALE SHOCK

10-year govt bond yields see sharp rise

BIGGEST SINGLE-DAY JUMP IN 14 MONTHS

sale of bonds via auctions.

"Market was not expecting announcement of a blunt tool like open market sale of bonds, which led to a strong reaction and even from this point, we see more uping on meeting its inflation target of 4% after it maintained its policy stance of "withdrawal of accommodation" to ensure inflation progressively aligns with the committee's target. ANZ Research said the RBI has a clear proclivity to man-



Archers end 13-year wait



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Hangzhou, Oct 6: A 13-year wait ended in archery Friday when the Indian men's and women's teams surpassed expectations to clinch a silver and bronze respectively, their first medals since 2010, at the Asian Games here Friday.

Battling injuries, the recurve team of Ankita Bhakat, Simranjeet Kaur and Bhajan Kaur defied odds to clinch a bronze medal in the morning

The fifth-seeded women's trio dropped just one set to down their Vietnamese rivals 6-2 (56-52, 55-56, 57-50, 51-48) and secure their first-ever Asian Games medal in the Olympic-discipline

category since Guangzhou 2010. The women's team's splendid show then rubbed off on their male counterparts as the triumvirate of Atanu Das, Tushar Shelke, and Dhiraj Bommadevara returned with a silver medal.

They defeated Bangladesh's Sagor Islam, Hakim Rubel and Ruman Shana 5-3 (58-51, 57-54, 56-58, 57-57) in a lopsided semi-

But up against heavyweights South Korea in the gold medal clash, the Indian trio faltered 5-1 (55-60, 57-57, 55-56). The Indians had a splendid second set, drawing level to make it 1-3.

In the third set, the Koreans slipped to the 8-ring but that did not matter much as Lee Wooseok. Oh Jinhyek and Kim Je Deok pipped India by a point to take the third set and seal the gold.

The last time India had won a medal in recurve category at the Asian Games was 13 years ago when they bagged an individual silver and team bronze

For India, this was their record eighth medal overall in archery at the ongoing games. They have already won three team gold medals in mixed, women's and men's events of the non-Olympic compound section.

Abhishek Verma and Ojas Deotale are vying for a top-two finish, having made it an all-India final in compound individual section. Jyothi Surekha Vennam has also advanced into the women's compound individual final, assuring at least a silver medal.

The fifth-seeded Indian women's team started the day on a positive manner ousting higher-ranked Japan 6-2 (53-49, 56-54, 53-54, 54-51) in the quarterfinals to seal a clash against heavyweights South Korea.

Boasting triple Olympic gold winner from Tokyo, An San, the

top-seeded Koreans were the next in line but the Indians managed to snatch one set from the top-seed before going down 2-6 (54-56, 54-57, 57-55, 52-57)

In the bronze playoff, 18-yearold Bhajan Kaur, who is battling a shoulder injury for more than a year, stood out with six 10s from her eight arrows as they overcame lower-ranked Vietanmese in a dramatic fin-

Do Thi Anh Nguyet, Nguyen Thi Thanh Nhi and Hoang Phuong Thao bounced back from 0-2 behind to make it 2-2 and the Indians then regained the lead with Bhajan drilling in two 10s in the penultimate end.

Indian shot last in the final set and they needed 21 points from final three arrows. Shooting second Simranjeet Kaur, who slipped to the six-ring.

Bhajan, who shot last among the trio, needed a seven to seal the bronze. The teenager showed amazing calmness to come up with an 8 to end the 13-year wait.

In men's event later in the day, seniormost Atanu Das fumbled twice before coming up with a perfect 10 in the shoot-off as India overcame some jittery moments to go past 11th seeded Mongolia 5-4 (58-52, 55-56, 59-56, 56-58) (28-25) in the quarterfinal.

The match had its ups and downs with India losing their lead twice to Mongolia when Das hit in the red-ring in the second and four set. But the twotime Olympian, who starts first among the Indian trio, was a picture of calmness in the shootoff hitting a 10 as they totalled 28. Mongolia, who were to shoot last, crumbled under pressure and shot their last arrow in the outer seven-ring.

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Hangzhou, Oct 6: Bajrang Punia, who entered the Asian Games after escaping the selection trials, suffered embarrassing defeats to make a medal-less exit even as three other Indian wrestlers, including the talented Aman Sehrawat, won bronze medals here Friday.

An under-prepared Bajrang, who spent a major part of this year protesting against WFI chief Brij Bhushan Sharan Singh, began with two easy wins but appeared clueless against the formidable Iranian Rahman Amouzadkhalili and Japan's Kaiki Yamaguchi.

Vishal Kaliraman had won the Asian Games trials but the IOA ad-hoc panel, led by Bhupender Singh Bajwa, had handed Bajrang a direct entry, a decision which invited criticism from the wrestling fraternity.

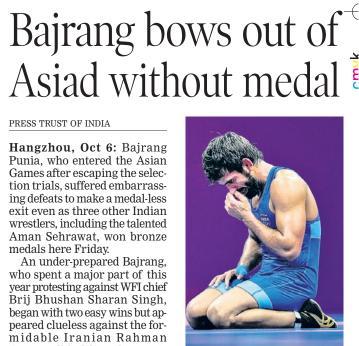
Sending defending champion Bajrang, someone who was terribly short of competition time this year, in the tough men's 65kg competition proved to be a mistake by the Bajwa-led panel.

Even Vinesh Phogat, a leading face of the wrestlers' protest, was spared from the trials but, as luck would have it, she suffered an injury and Antim Panghal got to compete and made an impression by winning a bronze

Bajrang was routed 1-8 by Iran's Amouzadkhalili in the semifinals after he beat weak opponents in the Philippines' Ronil Tubog (8-1) and Bahrain's Alibeg Alibegov (4-0). In the bronze playoff, Bajrang could not make a single attacking move and lost his bout by technical superiority

Sonam Malik (65kg) and Kiran (76kg) also lost their respective semifinals in the women's competition to go out of the gold medal race as four of the five Indians in action fell at the lastfour stage.

In the men's 57kg competi-



terfinals with an easy 6-1 win over Korea's Kim Sunggwon. In the bronze medal bout, Aman did not give his Chinese rival Minghu Liu any chance and closed it with a dominating technical superiority victory.

In the women's competition, Sonam (62kg) and Kiran Bishnoi (76kg) did not have to do much in the initial easy rounds but were exposed terribly when they faced better rivals in the semifinals.

Sonam did not have to break a sweat in her first two rounds in which she outclassed Nepal's Sushila Chand and Cambodia's Noeurn Soeurn, winning both the bouts by technical superiority in less than a minute.

Sonam was pinned by North Korea's Hyongyong Mun, and the Indian could not score a single point against her. She prevailed 7-5 against China's Jia Long in a tight contest to take the

In the 11-wrestler women's 76kg category, Kiran got a bye in her opening round and got the better of Japan's young wrestler Nodoka Yamomoto 3-0 in the last-eight clash, to sail into the semifinals.

In the next round, she was pinned by Kazakhstan's Zhamila Bakbergenova. However, she redeemed herself by winning the bronze playoff 6-3 against Mongolia's Ariunjargal Ganbat.

Gill down with suspected dengue, doubtful for Oz tie

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Chennai, Oct 6: The Indian team's worries ahead of their opening World Cup game against Australia have been compounded with in-form Shubman Gill suspected to be suffering from dengue and the batter is a doubtful starter for Sunday's match against Australia here. Ishan Kishan could open the innings in case Gill is ruled out.

The BCCI is yet to confirm the nature of the illness but head coach Rahul Dravid did not want to throw in the towel vet with 36 hours still to go for the match. "He is feeling better today. The medical team is monitoring him, and he is doing better," Dravid said during a press conference here on Friday.

Further Dravid, who is known for being non-committal, played it safe. "He is not technically out for the first game. The medical team is monitoring him and (we) will take the decision after tomorrow (Saturday)," Dravid said.

Earlier, the BCCI said they were waiting for updates on Gill. "He's under the weather, the medical team is closely monitoring him. We are hoping he gets better soon. We will have

to wait on more updates from the medical team," the medical update from BCCI stated.

Gill, India's most prolific batter in ODIs in recent times, is reportedly down with high fever and will be tested for dengue before a final call is taken on the matter: "Shubman has had a high fever since landing in Chennai.

His tests are being done. He will have tests Friday and a call will be taken on his participation in the opening game," a BCCI source privy to the developments told PTI on condition of anonymity.

If dengue is confirmed in tests, $Gill\,coul\bar{d}\,miss\,a\,couple\,of\,games$ in the World Cup. The recovery from dengue normally takes 7-10 days for a player to be matchfit again. However, if there is a significant drop in the platelet count, his recuperation could take much more time.

While Gill could be a nonstarter against Australia, there is a high chance that he won't play against Afghanistan (Oct 11) and Pakistan (Oct 14) in case the recovery takes more time.

"Let's not jump the gun. If it's normal viral fever, he could play on antibiotics but it's completely the medical team's call," the

SEPAKTAKRAW EVES CREATE HIST

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Jinhua (China), Oct 6: India clinched their first-ever medal in women's sepaktakraw at the Asian Games with the regu team winning a bronze after losing to powerhouse Thailand in the semifinals here Friday.

The Indian women's team of Ayekpam Maipak Devi, Oinam Chaoba Devi, Khushbu, Elangbam Priva Devi and Elangbam Leirentombi Devi lost 10-21, 13-21 in the semifinals. India had finished second in their group behind Vietnam to make it to the semifinals.

This was India's first-ever medal in women's sepaktakraw at the Asian Games, and only the second for the country in the sport. The Indian men's regu team had won a bronze in the 2018 Asian Games.

INDIA SETTLE FOR SILVER

The Indian men's team stumbled on the final hurdle against Hong Kong, and settled for a silver medal in the bridge competition. India, a gold and two bronze-medal winner at the 2018 Jakarta Asian Games, lost to Hong Kong 152-238.1 in the goldmedal match at Hangzhou.

The Indian team consisting of Sandeep Thakral, Jaggy Shivadasni, Raju Tolani and



Ajay Prabhkar Khare could not challenge the Hong Kong outfit at any point during the six sessions, spread over two days.

IN MEDAL CONTENTION

Roller-skaters Greeshma Dontara and Sai Samhitha Akula kept their hopes alive of earning laurels for India, as they were placed fourth and sixth respectively in the ladies artistic single free skating short program

Greeshma was ranked fourth

with a segment score of 20.94 (9.81 in element, 11.13 in component), while Samhitha had a segment score of 16.95 (6.95 in el ement, 11 in component, and a one-point deduction). Chinese Taipei's Hsiao-Ching Hung and Japan's Miki Fujikura were placed first and second with segment scores of 38.76 and 27.41, respectively.

SATWIK-CHIRAG EYES GOLD

Star men's doubles pair of Satwiksairaj Rankireddy and minton master-class to storm into the final and inch closer to India's first-ever badminton gold. The duo will face Korea's Choi Sol Gyu and Kim Won Ho in the final Saturday. The World No.3 pair produced

Chirag Shetty dished out a bad-

a sensational show to outclass Malaysia's Aaron Chia and Soh Wooi Yik, former World Champions, 21-17, 21-12. The Indian pair thus became the first Indian men's doubles pair to assure of a silver at the Asian Games.

Earlier, an error-prone World No.7 HS Prannoy signed off with an Asian Games bronze, India's first medal in men's singles in 41 years, after going down in straight games (16-21, 9-21) to reigning All England champion, China's World No.8 Li Shi Feng, in the semifinals. It was India's second medal in men's singles since Sved Modi claimed a bronze in the 1982 edition in New Delhi.

KABADDI TEAMS IN FINALS

The Indian men's kabaddi team thrashed arch-rivals Pakistan 61-14 Friday to take their designated place in the final. The India women, the twotime former champions, too stormed into their fourth successive games final with a commanding 61-17 win over Nepal.

India men storm into cricket final at Asian Games



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Hangzhou, Oct 6: Title favourites India confirmed a medal in men's cricket competition with a crushing ninewicket win over Bangladesh to sail into the final of the Asian Games here Friday. India will take on Afghanistan, who defeated Pakistan in the other semifinal, in the gold medal clash Saturday.

India skipper Ruturaj Gaikwad's decision to field first after winning the toss was vindicated by his bowlers, who produced a disciplined effort to restrict Bangladesh to a below-par

In reply, the Indians hardly faced any difficulty and completed the task in 9.2 overs to storm into the final in their maiden appearance in the cricket competition at the continental showpiece.

India lost the talented Yashasvi Jaiswal for zero in the very first over but that was the only success Bangladesh had as skipper Gaikwad (40 n o, 26b, 4x4, 3x6) and Tilak Varma (55 n o, 26b, 2x4, 6x6) sealed the win with 64 balls to spare in the T20I match.

Rising all-rounder Varma had an emotional celebration after reaching the milestone when he lifted his shirt to reveal a tattoo dedicated to his parents.

R Sai Kishore was the most successful bowler for India as he finished with excellent figures of 3/12 from four overs, while Washington Sundar also bowled impressively to end with a tidy 2/15 in his full quota of overs. There was a wicket apiece for Arshdeep Singh, Varma, Ravi Bishnoi and Shahbaz Ahmed.

Pak open campaign with comfortable win over Dutch

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Hyderabad, Oct 6: Bas de Leede (4/62; 67, 68b, 6x4, 2x6) was excellent for the Netherlands, but his all-round effort was not enough as the Dutch went down to one of the title favourites Pakistan by 81 runs here, Friday.

De Leede was best bowler for the Dutch side, who bowled Pakistan out for 286 – mainly



because of Mohammad Rizwan (68, 75b, 8x4) and Saud Shakeel (68, 52b, 9x4, 1x6). He then performed splendidly with the willow, but his team were bundled out for 205. Opener Vikramjit Singh (52, 67b, 4x4, 1x6) also batted well for the Netherlands.

Earlier, Pakistan suffered two mini collapses in their innings, one at the top of the order and the other one after a 120-run stand off 114 balls between Rizwan and Shakeel for the fourth wicket.

While De Leede got the important breakthroughs in the middle-overs, off-spinners Aryan Dutt (1/48) and Colin Ackermann (2/39) got a lot out of the Hyderabad surface.

Playing their first World Cup game in 12 years, the Netherlands used as many as eight bowling



options after opting to field. Dutt opened the bowling for Netherlands alongside Logan

Pakistan were in a nervy state after losing Fakhar Zaman (12), skipper Babar Azam (5) and

Imam-ul-Haq (15) by the 10th over. Then Rizwan and Shakeel steadied the ship. De Leede broke the stand by removing Rizwan with a ball that cut back in to sneak through the batters' de-

From 188/6, Mohammad Nawaz (39) and Shadab Khan (32) forged a 64-run partnership to take the team past 250. Pakistan were on course to reach 300 but De Leede got rid of Shadab and Hasan Ali off successive balls to put the brakes on the scoring rate.

BRIEF SCORES: Pakistan 286 (Saud Shakeel 68, Mohammad Rizwan 68: Bas de Leede 4/62) beat The Netherlands 205 (Bas de Leede 67, Vikramjit Singh 52; Haris Rauf 3/43) by 81 runs.

Teen Babar fan transcends regional barriers

HYDERABAD: Alisha, a 15-year-old fan of Babar Azam, carries a photo of the Pakistan skipper in the back cover of her phone. The schoolgirl from Bhopal was among the scattered group of Pakistan supporters at the Rajiv Gandhi Stadium as Babar and Co took the field for their World Cup opener against Netherlands, Sitting alongside her mother, Alisha was seen waving the Pakistan flag cheering every run scored by them. Much to her disappointment, Babar's stay in the middle lasted only 18 balls. "I have been a fan of Babar for the past four years. I started a fanpage as well on social media but deactivated as I had to focus on my studies," Alisha told PTI. Alisha was apprehensive of how the fellow Indians in the stands would react to her holding the Pakistan flag. "It is good to see that people are supporting both the teams. I am an Indian first and love the likes of Shubman Gill and Virat Kohli but I also have the same love for Babar. I hope the relations between the countries get better one day," added the class 8 student, who aspires to become an entrepreneur

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