

Guv, CM pay tributes to jawan killed in Sikkim

AGENCIES

Bhubaneswar, Oct 7: Governor Ganeshi Lal and Chief Minister Naveen Patnaik Saturday paid tributes to Indian Army jawan Saroj Kumar Das, who lost his life in the Sikkim flash flood, after his mortal remains arrived here. He was also accorded a guard of honour in the state capital. Twenty-seven people, including eight army men, were killed in the flood, which was triggered by a cloudburst in the early hours of Wednesday and affected over 25,000 people, damaged more than 1,200 houses and washed away 13 bridges in the Himalayan state, officials said. The jawan's mortal remains were later taken to his native place in Dhenkanal district. The district administration has made all arrangements for the funeral of Das, Dhenkanal Collector Saroj Sethi said. His mortal remains were consigned to flames at Kendudhipa village with full state honours.

ISRAEL AT WAR

AGENCIES

Jerusalem/Gaza, Oct 7: More than 100 Israelis were reported dead and over 700 wounded as Islamist group Hamas launched its biggest attack on Israel in years Saturday, even as health officials of Gaza claimed 198 Palestinians were killed in retaliatory air strikes by Israel. Hamas militants fired more than 2,000 rockets from the Gaza Strip into Israel, according to the Israeli military, while Hamas fighters entered southern Israel by land, sea and air, using paragliders. Hamas says it captured several Israeli soldiers near border. Israel said the Iran-backed group had declared war as its army confirmed fighting with militants in several Israeli towns and military bases near Gaza, and Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu vowed to retaliate. "Our enemy will pay a price the



PTI PHOTO
Police officers evacuate a woman and a child from a site hit by a rocket fired from the Gaza Strip in southern Israel, Saturday

type of which it has never known," he said. "We are in a war and we will win it," he added. Israel's N12News reported that at least 100 Israelis were killed.

Israeli military said it had responded with air strikes into Gaza, where witnesses reported hearing heavy explosions and multiple dead and wounded being carried

More than 100 Israelis & 198 Palestinians killed after Hamas attack triggers major escalation

Israel PM Benjamin Netanyahu says the enemy will pay an unprecedented price

US Prez Joe Biden calls Netanyahu, extends full US support to Israel's right to self-defence

In solidarity with Israel: PM Modi

NEW DELHI: Prime Minister Narendra Modi Saturday expressed solidarity with Israel after Hamas militants launched an attack on the country. Modi condemned it as "terrorist attacks" in Israel as its leader Benjamin Netanyahu said the country is at war. "Deeply shocked by the news of terrorist attacks in Israel. Our thoughts and prayers are with the innocent victims and their families. We stand in solidarity with Israel at this difficult hour," Modi said.

been killed in air strikes as bombardments hit deep into Gaza City. "The United States unequivocally condemns the unprovoked attacks by Hamas terrorists against Israeli civilians. There is never any justification for terrorism," said White House National Security Council Spokesperson Adrienne Watson. **More P10**

No relief for Odisha Kendu leaf pluckers

KULDEEP SINGH, OP

New Delhi, Oct 7: There won't be any relief for lakhs of Kendu leaf pluckers in Odisha as the Centre is unlikely to withdraw goods and services tax (GST) on Kendu leaves in near future citing opposition from some states to the proposal. The Odisha government's demand for withdrawal of 18 per cent GST on Kendu leaf was not discussed at the 52nd meeting of the GST council held in New Delhi Saturday. Union Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman said. When Orissa POST asked Sitharaman as to why the Centre couldn't withdraw the GST on Kendu leaf despite repeated demands of the Odisha government, the Finance minister said that the proposal was halted by some other Kendu leaf producing states when it was taken up in GST council meeting earlier. "There are other states which objected to it. It's not that we stopped it. The proposal put forward by Odisha was objected by other states. I don't want to name them here and it was not discussed today," she said.

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CM announces ₹1.5cr for Amit Rohidas

Bhubaneswar: A day after the state government announced a cash award of ₹5 lakh each to players and staff members of Indian Men's Hockey Team, Chief Minister Naveen Patnaik Saturday said Odia defender Amit Rohidas will also be given an additional ₹1.5 crore for his role in country's historic gold win at the 19th Asian Games in Hangzhou. Patnaik expressed his heartfelt congratulations to Amit Rohidas, acknowledging his outstanding performance and calling him an "inspiration" for youngsters not only across Odisha but also throughout India. **P4**

India scripts history at Hangzhou

POST NEWS NETWORK

Hangzhou, Oct 7: 'Ab ki baar, sau paar', which means crossing 100 medals this time, was the catchline for the Indian contingent at the ongoing Asian Games. And the troupe accomplished the feat of clinching 107 medals scripting history at Hangzhou. The Indians secured six gold medals Saturday, but the special treat was delivered by the women's kabaddi team, who defeated Chinese Taipei for the



The women's kabaddi team country's 100th gold in the ongoing edition. This is the first time when India reached the three-figure mark at the Asian Games medal tally. The women's team survived by the skin of their teeth when they beat Chinese Taipei in a dramatic final of the kabaddi event. The men too stood tall in their segment, emerging victorious after an hour of arguments to reclaim their Asiad title, defeating the defending champions Iran in a controversial final. The pair of Satwiksairaj Rankireddy and Chirag Shetty downed South Korean duo of Choi Solgyu and Kim Wonho in straight sets to clinch a historic gold, becoming the first-ever Indian badminton doubles pair to have the Asiad glory. **P3**

India go past the century-mark in the medal tally at Asian Games for the first time ever

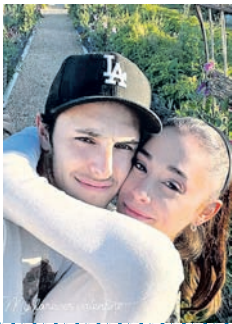
Naveen to lay stone for metro rail Jan 1

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ARIANA, DALTON SETTLE DIVORCE MONTHS AFTER 2ND ANNIVERSARY

Singer-songwriter Ariana Grande and Dalton Gomez have settled their divorce. The Thank You, Next singer, who signed a prenup with Dalton, will pay him \$1,250,000. The settlement was reportedly filed and awaits a judge to sign off, *TMZ reports*. Grande filed for divorce in Los Angeles County in September.

ANGELINA JOLIE HAD DARK FASHION SENSE AS TEEN

Hollywood star Angelina Jolie revealed she was a teenage punk who used to cut up her clothes and burn holes in them. "I was quite dark when I was young. I was a punk, not the popular kid burning little teeny cigarette holes into things—that was me as a teenager," Angelina admitted.



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ARIES
You've finally realised that diet and exercise are a must, and you especially need to take good care. Today, you may wish to eat something different. Tried Mongolian cuisine? Ganesh suggests that you go out with some friends who you've not been paying attention to.

TAURUS
You will spend your day in the company of near and dear ones, says Ganesh. Family and friends might gather at your place and you will leave no stone unturned in welcoming them to your nest. In all probability, home makers will be able to shine in cooking as well as hosting, foresees Ganesh. Emotions will run wild and free with your sweetheart, predicts Ganesh.

GEMINI
Today, you may be busy purchasing food supplies or penning an inventory. In your spare time, which you are likely to have in plenty today, you will try to befriend strangers or tread into unfamiliar territories. Such activities will not bring you any harm.

CANCER
You are feeling lucky today. The problem is that your feelings have nothing to do with the ground reality. So, while you may get busy trying your luck at risky speculative markets, Ganesh may get increasingly worried about the losses you may incur because of your foolishness. It's better that you do nothing and spend some time with your family, make some changes in your house, or do anything to keep yourself busy.

LEO
Today, the force is with you. Well, at least part of the force that deals with being a smooth talker, says Ganesh. It is your power of expression that comes to the fore and stands you in good stead. Having mastered the art of communication, you now are a wizard of words who conjures showers of pearls with a mere twist of the tongue. When in doubt, people will simply walk up to you for some inspiring talk, and go home satisfied.

VIRGO
Take a break today, says Ganesh. Replace the mundane with something exotic. Attend private dos and social meets and be gregariously gregarious.

LIBRA
No matter what you do, some days are just not happening. Considering the random mood swings that affect you today, it's in the best interest of others that you put up a 'Beware of me' sign. By being forewarned about it, you should be capable of handling your erratic behaviour.

SCORPIO
The day today is riddled with minor, nagging ailments. Adopt a two-pronged strategy, advises Ganesh. One - change your lifestyle, and two - visit your doctor for regular examinations. Ominous at his best, Ganesh counsels to take care of your health.

SAGITTARIUS
Be set to capture the flag and sing the victory song in whatever task you take up today. Your subordinates will be the ones needing your support and motivation. At the end of the day, the icing on the cake would be the smile you take to bed.

CAPRICORN
Your intuition will get the better of you today, bagging you respect and recognition, says Ganesh. But it's not every day that you get so lucky, so try and make the most of what's on the platter, for all you know, intuitions could have a mood swing too. Besides, if winning hearts is like a once-in-a-blue-moon thing, be on your best behaviour and wear your best suit - it's a blue moon day for you today.

AQUARIUS
Your mood will swing by the hour today! Naturally, you leave your friends stumped. But unpredictability does not mean that you take unnecessary risk. Ganesh suggests you complete all pending projects, and bear in mind that it is only fools who rush in where angels fear to tread.

PISCES
A hectic day of socialising awaits you. You will discover hidden talents and unnoticed traits about yourself. Either that, or whoever brought them to your notice was only lying to get some socialising action of their own. You are a person of action, as well as of words, and hence, will go on to act on what you have planned, says Ganesh.

Nora to headline All Africa Festival

Mumbai: Nora Fatehi will be headlining the All Africa Festival in Abu Dhabi in February 2024. The event will also feature international singers Maitre Gims and Stonebwoy. Nora expressed her excitement about celebrating African music and dance on stage.

She says, "I am truly excited to be headlining All Africa festival in Abu Dhabi amongst other international singers. This one is special for me because being a North African artist myself, I always enjoy celebrating African music and dance. It will be a night full of high energy performances merging all my songs into the afro world! After *Dance Meri Rani*, once again will be merging the Indian world and the African world together but this time on stage! I'll be bringing dancers from India to grace the stage with me and what's more exciting is the audience will be diverse, once again merging India with Africa & uniting everyone through music and dance!"

Nora has left no stone unturned to prove her limitless talent and dedication. She has amassed a global following and a dedicated fan base through her sensational performances and acting prowess.

While her closing performance at the FIFA World Cup 2022, alongside global names like Davido, Ozuna and many others, set the stage on fire, this time she will be seen headlining an all-new global event.

Mumbai: Taking a stroll down the memory lane, actress Bhumi Pednekar recalled a memory of accidentally getting on a roller-coaster ride in London's festive fair called Winter Wonderland, revealing that she is scared to sit on the amusement park rides.

This weekend, the talent-based reality show, India's Got Talent season 10, sees Bhumi Pednekar as one of the guests and the performers impress every one with their sizzling act on *Lahu Munh Lag Gaya* from *Goliyon Ki Raasleela Ram-Leela*.

Amazed by their act, Bhumi goes on to share an interesting memory, as she said: "I'm not an adrenaline junkie and I get very scared when I sit on amusement park rides. And when I

was watching this act, it reminded me of the day I accidentally got on a roller coaster for the first time." "I was so scared that day, and I felt the same way today. I don't know where this coordination, confidence, and courage come from, but obviously, you guys look great, you're extremely fit, and there's no denying that. But genuinely, in your performance, there was so much energy. I didn't see a moment of doubt or fear on your faces; it was perfect, and I thoroughly enjoyed it," shares the Durgamati fame actress.

Mumbai: Actor Suniel Shetty, who is set to grace the opening episode of the cooking reality show *Star vs Food Survival*, feels that with time, the Hindi film industry has lost out on the essence of togetherness as members of the film fraternity no longer stick with each other during rough patches.

In an episode, while recalling the initial phase of his career, Suniel Shetty deep dives into how Bollywood no longer has each other's back. He said: "We were always there for each other, we were there for the unions, we used to work together for associations - we had a united voice." He continued: "Today when people throw stones at you, there is no one to defend. No one can say anything because we all are alone. No one stands up for each other anymore. That voice hasn't remained. Everything's become weak."

Speaking about his experience of shooting *Star vs. Food Survival*, Suniel Shetty said that it was a soulful journey filled with love, laughter, friendship and a deep sense of connection with nature.

SUNIEL SHETTY ON SHOWBIZ



Star Vs Food Survival will premiere October 9, 2023 on Discovery Channel and will stream on discovery+.

'No one stands up for another anymore'

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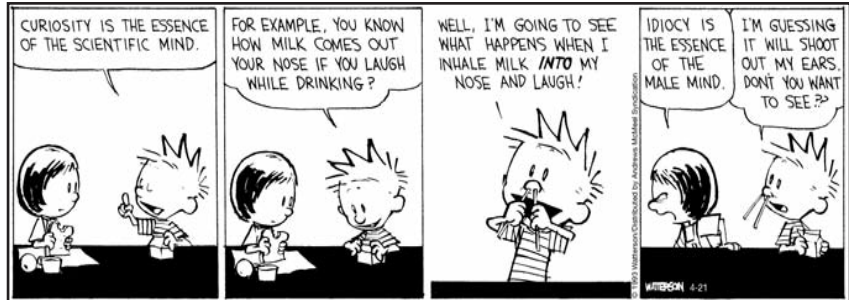


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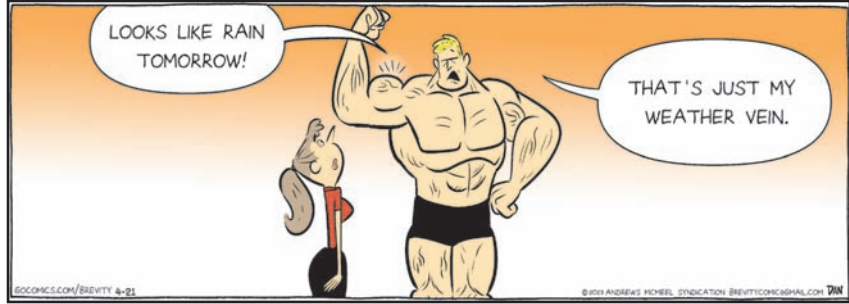
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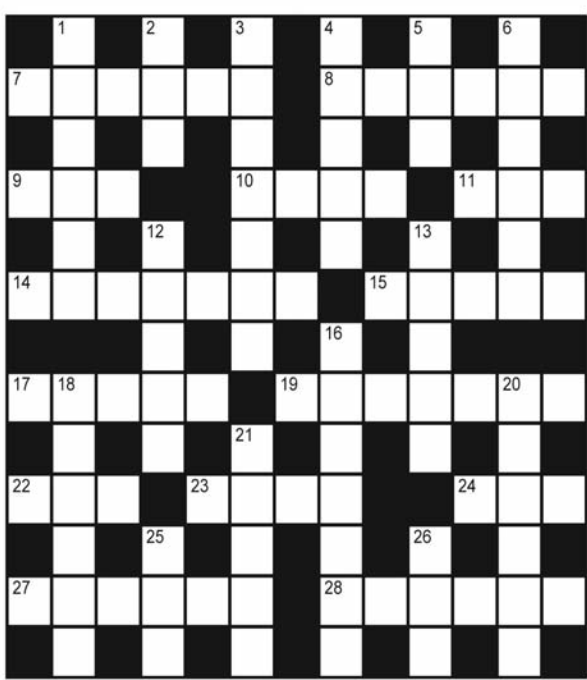


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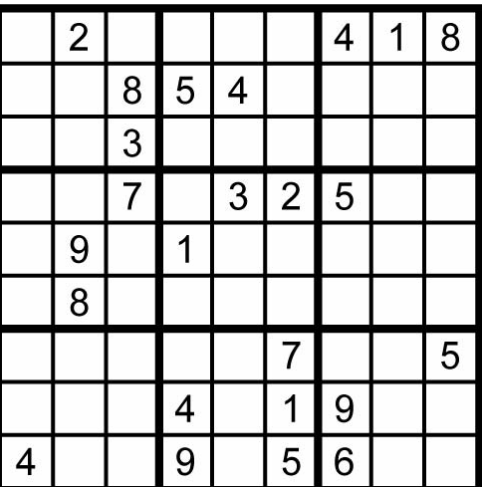
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CLASS ACT

An artiste performs Odissi during the annual day celebration of Utkalika Dance Academy at Bhanjakala Mandap, Bhubaneswar, Saturday



Avoid laser lights, limit DJ music

BMC URGES DURGA PUJA COMMITTEES TO CELEBRATE 'CLEAN & GREEN DUSSEHRA' THIS YEAR

ARINDAM GANGULY, OP

Bhubaneswar, Oct 7: The Bhubaneswar Municipal Corporation (BMC) has asked Durga Puja Committees across the city to avoid using laser lights and reduce the use of DJ music during Dussehra celebrations this year.



The decision to this effect was taken at a preparatory meeting of the civic body for the upcoming festive season Saturday which was chaired by Mayor Sulochana Das.

Urging Puja committees to celebrate "Clean and Green Dussehra" this year, the BMC has asked their members to ensure zero use of single use plas-

tics and install at least two dustbins near the pandals. Moreover, they have been urged to follow measures like zero dumping of waste, zero burning of waste and adhere to all fire safety norms during the celebrations.

Meanwhile, Mayor Sulochana Das has asked the officials concerned to complete road repair works before the commencement of the festivities. BMC will ensure temporary idol immersion ponds whose numbers will be increased this year.

At the preparatory meeting, the Mayor also directed for repair of all potholes and proper street lighting near all major mandaps. The 1929 helpline will be available 24x7 during the festive season.

NAVEEN TO LAY FOUNDATION STONE FOR METRO JAN 1, '24

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

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Patnaik also approved its detailed project report (DPR) of over Rs 5,900 crore, which will be borne by the state government, they said.

"The chief minister is slated to lay the foundation stone for the project on January 1, 2024," an official said.

Patnaik approved the DPR while reviewing the status of Phase-I of the metro rail project.

"The DPR has been approved at a total cost of Rs 5,929 crore, which will be fully borne by the

state government," the official said.

"The Bhubaneswar metro is a landmark project for Odisha... It will further strengthen the public transport in the city and enable its economic growth," Patnaik said.

The Bhubaneswar Metro Rail Corporation - a fully owned entity of the Odisha government - has been newly incorporated under the Companies Act, and it has started functioning.

A high-level committee has also been constituted for overseeing the expeditious engagement of an executing agency for the project, the officials said.

The entire alignment of the metro rail project from Trisulia Square to Bhubaneswar airport will be on an elevated structure with 20 stations, they added.

No more GST on loose millet flour

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

New Delhi, Oct 7: As 2023 has been declared the Year of the Millet, the GST Council Saturday decided to exempt millet flour from GST regime. Flour, containing at least 70 per cent millets will not attract any GST if sold in loose form or non-branded packets.

However, branded millet products will attract a GST of 5 per cent.

The council, chaired by Union Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman and comprising state ministers, also cut the GST rate on molasses to 5 per cent from 28 per cent.

It also ceded the right to tax extra neutral alcohol (raw product for making alcohol for human consumption) to the states. ENA used for human consumption will be exempt from Goods and Services Tax (GST), while ENA for industrial use will be taxed at 18 per cent.

Briefing reporters after the 52nd GST council meeting, Sitharaman said the reduction in GST on molasses will benefit sugarcane farmers and enable their dues to be cleared faster because more money will be left in the hands of the mills.

"The council and we all feel that it will also lead to

a reduction in the cost of manufacturing cattle feed, which will be a major development," she said.

The council also clarified that guarantees provided by corporates to their subsidiaries will attract an 18 per cent GST, while no tax will be levied if a personal guarantee is given by a director to the company.

Revenue Secretary Sanjay Malhotra said that when the corporate guarantee is given by a director to a company, then the value of service will be deemed to be zero and hence, no GST will be applicable.

"When a corporate guarantee is given by a company to its subsidiary company, then it will be deemed that the value is 1 per cent of the corporate guarantee. So, it will attract GST at 18 per cent on 1 per cent of the total amount guaranteed by the parent company," Malhotra said.

The council also decided to cap the maximum age of GST Appellate Tribunal (GSTAT) president and members. The GSTAT president will have a maximum age cap of 70 years, while the limit for members will be 67 years.

This is a change from the earlier age limit of 67 and 65 years, respectively, for the GSTAT President and members.



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'State committed to wildlife conservation'

Bhubaneswar: Odisha is always committed to wildlife conservation and the state has put greater emphasis on community participation in that endeavour, Chief Minister Naveen Patnaik said.

Addressing a function to celebrate the state-level Wildlife Week 2023 at Sookhana Bhawan here Saturday, Patnaik, who spoke on virtual mode, said, "On this occasion, I appeal the people of my state to join hands for protection and conservation of wildlife and restoration of ecosystem." He said Odisha, blessed with diverse flora and fauna, is a treasure trove of natural wonders. "From the melanistic tigers in Similipal to the Olive Ridley turtles nesting on our picturesque beaches, we are fortunate to be custodians of such incredible wildlife. It is our duty to ensure that they thrive in their natural habitats and are preserved for future generations to cherish," Patnaik said.

CHSE question bank for Plus-II students

POST NEWS NETWORK

Bhubaneswar, Oct 7: With the Plus-II examination in view, the Council of Higher Secondary Education (CHSE), Odisha Saturday announced creation of a question bank for state college students.

The council, in a letter to the principals of all affiliated schools and colleges informed that it has taken an initiative to create a question bank for the students. The questions will be available for reference and practice for the annual high school examination and other competitive examinations.

A CHSE official further informed that in the first phase of the process, the question bank will be available for subjects like physics, chemistry, biology, and mathematics. Afterward, questions in other subjects will be made available to the students and the process is currently underway, he added.

The official informed that the question bank can be accessed on the official CHSE website i.e. www.chseodisha.nic.in.

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Youth electrocuted

POST NEWS NETWORK
Kesinga, Oct 7: A labourer of the newly built Dwarakapuri textile spinning mill at Chicherla village under Utkela police outpost limits and Kesinga block in Kalahandi district died after getting electrocuted while working at the mill premises Saturday morning. The deceased youth was identified as Asik Suna, 21, son of Kamal Suna of Chicherla village. Both his parents work in another state to eke out a livelihood. Untimely death of Asik has completely shattered his father and mother as he was their only son.
Utkela police outpost in-charge Premaraj Kanar reached the spot and launched an investigation. Police seized the body and sent it to Kesinga community health centre (CHC) for post-mortem. Family members of the deceased have demanded for compensation at the police station.



DISCOURSE ON DEMOCRACY: A debate competition on 'Media, Democracy and Youth' was held at the Government Autonomous College in Angul in the run-up to the Golden Jubilee celebrations of Dharitri, Saturday. Dharitri and Orissa POST Editor Tathagata Satpathy (middle), Principal Dr Gangadhar Kar (right), HOD of Botany department Dr Chittaranjan Sahu (extreme right), Dr Sarat Parida of History department (left) and Dr Srikanth Barik of Odia department (extreme left) were present on the dais

Elderly gets 5-year jail for sodomising minor

POST NEWS NETWORK
Berhampur, Oct 7: A special POCOS court Saturday sentenced a 62-year-old man to five years of imprisonment after convicting him for having unnatural sex with a minor.
The convict was identified as Prasant Pradhan, 62, of Tarasingh area in Ganjam district. Apart from the punishment, the judge also slapped a penalty of ₹10,000 on Pradhan. In default, Pradhan has to undergo additional six months of rigorous imprisonment, the judge observed while delivering the order.
The judge also directed the secretary of district legal services authority (DLSA) to give away ₹2.62 lakh financial assistance to the survivor's family. This was stated before media-persons here Saturday by public prosecutor Narayan Panda, who was pleading the matter for the state government.
The judge passed the order over the police charge-sheet after examining the statements of 14 witnesses. Pradhan who was serving as an under-trial in the jail was produced in the court when the judge pronounced the order, Saturday.
The incident occurred when the minor boy was returning home from tuition under Tarasingh police station area, October 8, 2016.
Panda noticed the boy on road and called him inside his home. There he performed unnatural sex with the minor. The boy returned home and narrated his ordeal following which the village committee convened a meeting on the issue. There, Pradhan objected to the allegations by the minor's family and even threatened them.
Later, the boy's father lodged a complaint at the Tarasingh police station. Police arrested Pradhan and produced him in court over a case registered earlier.



Star project draws a blank in Rayagada

POST NEWS NETWORK
Rayagada, Oct 7: With sanctioned funds to the tune of ₹43 lakh returning, the Centre-sponsored Star project has drawn a blank in Rayagada district as the block education officers (BEOs) failed to provide details on the school dropouts, a report said Saturday.
The Centre had launched the Star project in tribal dominated Rayagada district which aimed at reducing school dropout rates. The project aimed at identifying the tribal students who leave studies midway, rehabilitating them in residential schools and help them get higher education.
Meanwhile, the scheme has drawn a blank in Rayagada district due to apathetic attitude of the Education department officials. The Centre had sanctioned ₹43 lakh for implementation of the project. However,



funds had to return as the BEOs could not provide any input on the number of dropouts. Reports said that the Centre had identified 115 districts of the country as backward areas and named them as aspirational districts to be developed. The project aimed at identifying a minimum of 50 dropout students in each of these aspirational districts where food, education and poverty are a perennial problem and bringing them back to the sphere of high school and vocational education.
Boys and girls within 14 to 16 years of age who left their studies midway due to financial constraints were to be identified and rehabilitated in residential schools free of cost.
The purpose of the scheme is to encourage all children to enroll for qualitative as well as free and compulsory education. The Education department had

The ambitious project aimed at reducing school dropout rates among tribal students in the aspirational districts

Lackadaisical attitude of BEOs blamed as sanctioned funds worth ₹43 lakh returns
return without being spent on the purpose.
Many students dropout from studies midway and migrate to other districts and out of the state to earn a living by working in hotels, farms, brick kilns and other establishments. This is because such ambitious government schemes continue to remain out of bounds for the villagers, local intelligentsia alleged demanding proper implementation of schemes.
When contacted, district education officer (DEO) Purna Chandra Bariha confirmed the development. He said that the headmasters and BEOs had been repeatedly asked to submit the details on the school dropouts in their respective areas but none of them complied with the order. Locals have questioned why the DEO is not taking any action against the block level officials if they are not abiding by his order.

SNAKEBITE CLAIMS WOMAN, DAUGHTER

POST NEWS NETWORK
Hinjilicut/Kabisuryanagar, Oct 7: A woman and her infant daughter died of snakebite during their sleep at Adheibara village under Kabisuryanagar police limits in Ganjam district in the few hours of Saturday.
The deceased mother-daughter duo was identified as K Basanti, wife of K Ganesh Patra and their two-year-old daughter Debasmita.



Sources said, the woman and her daughter went to sleep Friday night. However, Saturday early morning they screamed in pain when a poisonous snake bit them. Family members rushed inside their room and saw a snake slithering away outside. They beat up the reptile to death and rushed the mother-daughter duo to Hinjilicut hospital where doctors pronounced them dead.
Kabisuryanagar police reached the hospital and sent the bodies for post-mortem to Purushottampur hospital. Two cases of unnatural deaths were registered in this connection.

Hilsa missing from menu as fish catch nosedives

Fish catch has dwindled particularly after industrial plants came up in Paradip, according to the local fisherfolk

POST NEWS NETWORK
Paradip, Oct 7: Hilsa fish, known as the salmon of India, has assumed a pride of place for its unique taste among the non-vegetarian food lovers.
However, the prized fish is missing from the platters due to a sharp drop in its catch and consequent skyrocketing of prices.
The steep and steady rise in prices can be gauged from the fact that four-five hilsa fish, each weighing around 200-300 gram, were sold at around ₹800 to ₹900 per kg at Baliput fish market in Atharbanki in the port town, Friday. This has left the fisherfolks worried as scanty fish catch has threatened their livelihood.
Similarly, hilsa fish weighing more than a kilogram was sold at ₹2,000. Such exorbitant prices of hilsa are being witnessed in the Hindu months of Shrawana, Bhadraba and Ashwina when the



prices usually remain low as fishermen get bountiful catch from the deep sea.
Gone are those days when fishermen used to catch hilsa abundantly from the sea during this time of the year. The bumper catch of hilsa during these months also allowed people to buy the palatable fish at a very cheap price.
With the fishermen facing shortage of ice to preserve the fish, people were able to buy those in pairs striking good bargains. Such scenes were being witnessed before 2012. However, after 2012 hilsa catch has fallen drastically and it was only in 2018 when hilsa was abundant in the market, although only for two days, a fish trader Paresh Mandal said. Since then, it has become a dream to buy hilsa

at cheap prices as fish catch is dwindling year after year.
Earlier, we used to catch quintals of Hilsa at this time of the year, but the catch has fallen in the present monsoon, a traditional fisherman Subba Rao said. Nowadays, a gillnet or a trawler manages to catch barely one or two hilsas during a trip, he said.
Hilsas are a sensitive species. They swim away swiftly at the slightest threat. They live in salt water and swim to freshwater through the river mouths and estuarine waters to spawn. Hilsas love swimming upstream during the southwest monsoon when the rivers swell. Later, the hatchlings go back into the sea and repeat the cycle.
However, a number of fishing boats and mechanised trawlers operating along the coast fish in excess of the sustainable limit and overexploit the hilsa population.
Fish catch has dwindled particularly after industrial plants came up in Paradip, fishermen lamented attributing the decline in catch to rampant discharge of untreated effluents into the sea and rivers by the industrial plants.
Now, it has become a dream for a common man to get the delectable fish at a cheap price, they rued.

SU holds Brainbizz quiz competition

Sambalpur: The Department of Business Administration at Sambalpur University Friday organised a spirited inter-departmental quiz competition 'Brainbizz'. The event was orchestrated by the enthusiastic second-year students of the department, who demonstrated exceptional team work and dedication under the guidance of the HoD Tushar Kanti Das. Professor Das played a pivotal role in providing guidance and support to ensure the seamless execution of the competition. The dynamic coordination of the quiz was overseen by DK Mahalik, who brought his expertise to ensure the questions were engaging, diverse, and challenging.

GOVERNMENT OF ODISHA No. O-1224
OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER RURAL WORKS DIVISION, ROURKELA
E-mail: rw_rourkela@yahoo.co.in
TENDER CALL NOTICE
BID IDENTIFICATION No. ONLINE-SERKL-13 OF 2023-24
1. Name of the Work : Road Works
2. Total No. of Works : 37 (Thirty Seven) Nos.
3. Estimated Cost : Rs. 4.86 Lakhs to 16.20 Lakhs
4. Class of Contractor : "D" & "C" Class
5. Period of Completion : 02 (Two) & 03 (Three) Calendar Months
6. Type of Tender : Single Cover
7. Other details :
Procurement Officer Bid Identification No. Availability of Tender Online for Bidding From To
1 2 3 4
Superintending Engineer, Rural Works Division, Rourkela Online - SERKL-13 of 2023-24 16.10.2023 from 10.00 A.M. 27.11.2023 upto 5.00 P.M.
Further details can be seen from the website www.tendersodisha.gov.in. Sd./- Superintending Engineer RW Division, Rourkela
OIPR-25067/11/0012/2324

GOVERNMENT OF ODISHA, P.R.&D.W. DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE SUPERINTENDING ENGINEER MECHANICAL RWS&S DIVISION, SAMBALPUR
e-mail address: eemrwsbp@rediffmail.com
First Corrigendum to Tender Call Notice No. SE/RWSS/MSBP-1/2023-24 Dt.03.10.2023
No. O-1238: It is hereby amended the availability of Bid/Receipt of Bid/Opening of Bid as per details below and other terms and condition of Detail Tender Call Notice are remain unchanged.
1. Date & time of availability of bids of documents in the portal to Dt.30.10.2023 (5.30 P.M.)
2. Last date/time for receipt of bids in the portal to Dt.30.10.2023 (upto 5.30 P.M.)
3. Date and Place of Opening of Bid : Dt.31.10.2023 (12.00 Noon onwards) in the O/o, the undersigned
4. Name of the Officer Inviting Bids : Superintending Engineer, Mechanical RWS&S Division, Sambalpur
Further details as well as any corrigendum can be seen only from e-procurement portal <https://tendersodisha.gov.in>.
Sd./- Superintending Engineer Mechanical RWS&S Division, Sambalpur
OIPR-25136/11/0002/2324

GOVERNMENT OF ODISHA No. O-1226
OFFICE OF THE SUPERINTENDING ENGINEER, RURAL WORKS DIVISION, NAYAGARH
At/P.O.: Nabaghanpur, Dist.: Nayagarh, Ph.: 06753-252049, E-mail: nayagarhrw2006@yahoo.in
No. Tender-Online-Nayagarh Divn. - 05/2023-24 Date: 06.10.2023
"e" PROCUREMENT NOTICE
1. Name of the Work : Repair of Building Works
2. Total No. of Projects : 16 (Sixteen) Nos. of Projects
3. Class of Contractor :
a) Estimated cost above Rs.20.00 Lakhs & upto Rs.3.00 Crore : B Class (of Odisha PWD) or relevant class of other licensing authorities
b) Estimated cost upto Rs.40.00 Lakhs : C Class (of Odisha PWD) or relevant Class of other licensing authorities
c) Estimated cost upto Rs.20.00 Lakhs : D Class (of Odisha PWD) or relevant Class of other licensing authorities
4. Estimated Cost put to tender : Rs.1.68 Lakh to Rs.4.20 Lakh
5. Time for Completion : 02 (Two) Calendar Months
6. Other details :
Procurement Officer Bid Identification No. Availability of Tender Online for Bidding Date & time of opening of tender From To
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Superintending Engineer, Rural Works Division, Nayagarh No.: Tender-Online-Divn. NAYAGARH - 05/2023-24 17.10.2023 at 11.00 A.M. 31.10.2023 upto 5.30 P.M. 01.11.2023 at 11.00 A.M.
Further details can be seen from the website: www.tendersorissa.gov.in
Sd./- Superintending Engineer Rural Works Division, Nayagarh
OIPR-25106/11/0009/2324

VSSUT shines at ISRO Space Week

POST NEWS NETWORK
Sambalpur, Oct 7: The Veer Surendra Sai University of Technology (VSSUT) catapulted itself onto the cosmic stage as it proudly represented the VSS Space Innovation Centre (VSSIC) at the prestigious Space Week organised by the Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) at Shree Jagannath Sanskrit University, Puri.
This groundbreaking event held from Wednesday to Friday saw VSS-IC students and faculty members showcasing their technical prowess and unwavering dedication to the field of space exploration.
VSSIC, an initiative emerged from the advent of first student-based satellite launch vehicle project led by VSSUT, aims to contribute to India's space endeavors. At the Space Week, the team exhibited their cutting-edge research



and innovations in rocketry, satellite technology, and space exploration.
The event provided a glimpse into the future of space technology, with VSSUT's participation underscoring the university's commitment to nurturing the next generation of space scientists and engineers. Students had the opportunity to interact with industry experts and ISRO scientists, gaining valuable insights into the field.
The student's team interacted with the Ministry of Home Affairs about the future aspects of VSLV project as well as various ongoing projects of the university like Cansat, Picosat using

RF harvesting along with the entrepreneurs of their startup Telenae motivating thousands of students to step for their dreams incorporating the theme of space and entrepreneurship on the ground level.
Student members - Ayushman Jena, Subhankar Panda, Suvham Nayak, Shubranshu Ranjan Das and other members along with respective mentor guide Nivedita Patel had the opportunity to interact with respected dignitaries - A Rajarajan (Director, SDSC SHAR), Senthil Kumar R, (Deputy Director SDSC SHAR), and honourable chief guest Governor Ganeshi Lal and respected members of SDSC SHAR.
The VSSIC team received accolades and awards for their stellar projects with VSLV securing the first prize. This recognition serves as a springboard for even greater achievements ahead.

UCO BANK Zonal Office, UCO Bank Building, 2nd Floor, C-2, Ashok Nagar, Bhubaneswar-751009, Tel: 0674-2620423
DEMAND NOTICE (for Immovable Property)
Demand Notice u/s. 13(2) of the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 was issued by the Authorised Officer against the following Borrower/Guarantor of **UCO Bank, Maitree Vihar Branch**. The details are given below:

MAITREE VIHAR BRANCH / Name & Address of Borrower/ Guarantor	Balance due as per Demand Notice	Schedule of Mortgaged Properties	Demand Notice Date
Borrower : M/s. L Gayatri Devi, Prop.: Mrs. L Gayatri Devi / Guarantor: Mr. L Kishore Kumar, S/o.: L V Sharma, Both are at Block-4, Core-C, Flat No.: 6, LIC Colony, Chandrasekharpur, Bhubaneswar-751023	₹ 20,67,134.35 + Interest and other expenses thereon	1) All the stocks present at the place of business i.e. LIC Colony, Block-4, C-6, Maitree Vihar, Bhubaneswar, Khurda, 2) Land & Building situated at Dist.: Khurda, SRO: Khandagiri, Tahasil: Bhubaneswar, P.S.: Chandaka, P.S. No.: 32, Under Mouza: Tulasadeipur, Khata No.: 26, Plot No.: 133, for an Area: Ac.0.054 Dec (out of Ac.0.420 Dec), corresponding to conversion Khata No.: 105/267, Plot No.: 133/801, for an Area: Ac.0.055 Dec, KISSAM: Gharabani, Bounded by North: Sub Plot No.: 606, South: Twenty Feet Wide Road, East: Sub Plot No.: 547, West: Sub Plot No.: 549	22.08.2023

You have committed default in repayment of loan and further interest at the agreed rate availed from **Maitree Vihar Branch** as mentioned in the above table. The Bank has issued notice under the said Act to repay the outstanding amount in the above mentioned table. The Demand Notice sent to the above mentioned parties by Regd. Post with AD which could not be served. Due to irregularity in repayment of a such due, the debt has been classified as Non-Performing Assets (NPA). You shall not transfer the above said property by sale, lease without obtaining written consent of the Bank. You are therefore, called upon to pay the dues together with interest within **60 days** from the date of this notice failing which Bank will be constrained to exercise the right of Enforcement of Security Interest as against the mortgaged secured assets given in the schedule as per securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002. This notice is without prejudice to any other right remedy available to the Bank including initiation of legal action. **Your kind attention is invited to the provisions of sub-section (8) of section 13 of the Act, in respect of time available, to redeem the secured assets.**
Place : Bhubaneswar, Date : 07.10.2023
Authorised Officer, UCO Bank

Nitish, Lalu's masterstroke to counter BJP's politics

INDO-ASIAN NEWS SERVICE

Patna, Oct 7: Caste is the biggest factor to define the social structure of Bihar and people choose their life partner and elect their representatives from the same caste as theirs.

There is a perception here that people from the same caste may be better disposed and more trustworthy than people from other castes.

Politicians, especially in the current ruling parties, understand this mentality of the people and went for the caste based survey to make people aware about their actual strength.

Bihar Chief Minister Nitish Kumar and RJD leader Lalu Prasad Yadav who are well aware

of the caste combinations of Bihar, released the data of the caste based survey on October 2 with the aim to clear the confusion among people about their numbers. Also, the chance of creating confusion in the minds of voters by the political parties would no longer fully apply in Bihar following this report.

The Bihar government has counted 215 castes and their actual numbers. This would turn out to be a master stroke by Nitish Kumar and Lalu Prasad, to counter the Narendra Modi led BJP.

For Nitish Kumar and Lalu Prasad, the caste based survey is similar to the Mandal Commission report that was brought by Vishwanath Pratap Singh after assuming power at



the Centre. At that time, he was confronting the Congress party which was represented by and large by people of the upper castes. Now, the upper castes are the core voters of the BJP and Lalu Prasad and Nitish Kumar released the caste based survey to defeat the saffron party.

The two know that the Lok Sabha election 2024 would be fought around the OBCs and PM Narendra Modi will play this card to lure the voters in the country and Bihar. Nitish and Lalu Prasad knew that the num-

bers of OBC and EBC are higher in Bihar and they came up with the actual numbers to avoid any confusion among the voters. Moreover, they do not want the BJP to create confusion in Bihar in the name of the OBCs.

Shivanand Tiwari, the national vice president of the RJD said: "Narendra Modi became scared after the release of the caste based survey and the way he is choosing his words betrays his uneasiness. On the other hand, the deprived section of society is also feeling uneasy. They have contributed their labour and hard work in building the nation but their status is similar to second class."

Over the years, the BJP has come to be known as the party

of the upper castes. They are the core voters of the BJP and are 15.52% including Bhumihars who are 2.86%, Brahmins are 3.66%, Rajputs are 3.45%, and Kayasthas are 0.60% in Bihar.

On the other hand, Nitish Kumar has core voters who come from the Lav-Kush equation where Lav stands for Kurmis having 2.87% and Kush stands for Kushwaha who are 4.21% in Bihar. Moreover, he has a stronghold among OBC and EBC voters. Lalu Prasad has the Muslims and Yadavs who are 17.7% with the Yadavs at 14%. A sizable vote bank of Scheduled Castes (19%) EBC and OBC also support Lalu Prasad. So, these two are well ahead of the BJP on this count.

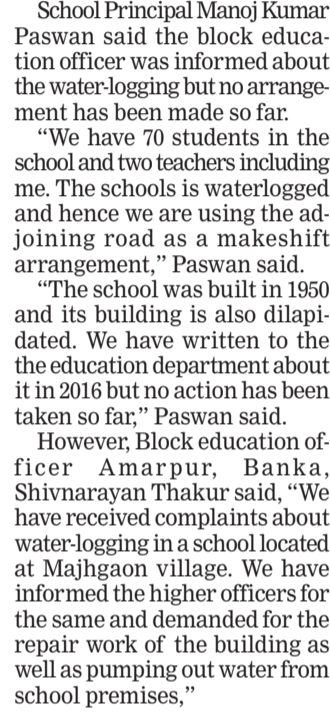
Waterlogged school forces 70 students to study on road in Banka

INDO-ASIAN NEWS SERVICE

Patna, Oct 7: Around 70 students were forced to study on road as their school was waterlogged in Bihar's Banka district.

Students of Majhgaon primary school under Amarpur block are regularly coming and studying on the road.

Due to heavy rain for the last three days in the district, the school is waterlogged.



School Principal Manoj Kumar Paswan said the block education officer was informed about the water-logging but no arrangement has been made so far.

"We have 70 students in the school and two teachers including me. The schools is waterlogged and hence we are using the adjoining road as a makeshift arrangement," Paswan said.

"The school was built in 1950 and its building is also dilapidated. We have written to the education department about it in 2016 but no action has been taken so far," Paswan said.

However, Block education officer Amarpur, Banka, Shivnarayan Thakur said, "We have received complaints about water-logging in a school located at Majhgaon village. We have informed the higher officers for the same and demanded for the repair work of the building as well as pumping out water from school premises."

JNUSU elections likely to be held by Jan: Official

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

New Delhi, Oct 7: JNUSU elections are likely to be held by January after the conclusion of the admission process for PhD courses, a senior official said.

The entrance exam for admission to PhD courses in the Jawaharlal Nehru University are scheduled for this month.

The process for Jawaharlal Nehru University Students' Union (JNUSU) elections will be initiated after the new students in the 2023 PhD batch are enrolled to give them an opportunity to participate in the polls, the official said.

"We may hold the JNUSU elections by January. The process for the elections will be initiated after the conclusion of PhD admissions for the new academic session and the scholars arrive on campus," the official told PTI.

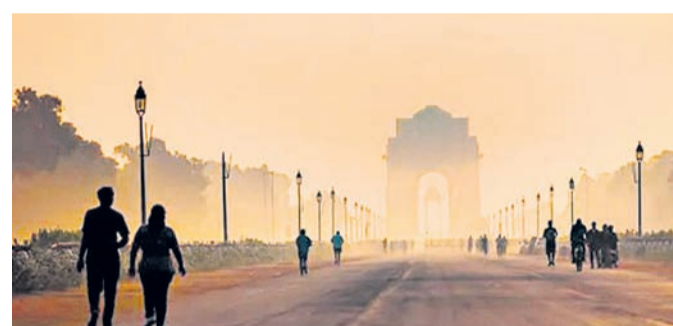
"Jawaharlal Nehru University is a research university and we don't our scholars' representation to be missed during the elections," the official said.

The administration recently held a meeting with students' union representatives and a consensus was largely reached on issues related to the delay in the elections.

The official said sessional exams are currently underway for Masters and Bachelors programmes. The students will get busy with the elections if the polls are held now and it will impact their attendance in classrooms. "The Lyngdoh Committee Recommendations, in conjunction with the Supreme Court order of 2011, mandates that a candidate must attain a minimum percentage of attendance to be eligible for the polls. If we hold the elections right now, students will fall short of the attendance criterion and it will also be unfair for Masters and Bachelors students who are undertaking exams currently," he added.

DELHI'S AIR QUALITY TURNS 'POOR'

THE AIR QUALITY INDEX (AQI) IN THE NATIONAL CAPITAL WAS RECORDED AT 231 AT 9 AM. AN AQI BETWEEN ZERO AND 50 IS CONSIDERED 'GOOD', 51 AND 100 'SATISFACTORY', 101 AND 200 'MODERATE', 201 AND 300 'POOR', 301 AND 400 'VERY POOR', AND 401 AND 500 'SEVERE'



NCR to combat air pollution during the winter season.

The Commission for Air Quality Management (CAQM), a statutory body responsible for proactively implementing GRAP, reported a "sudden decline" in air quality parameters in the region over the last 24 hours, with Delhi's AQI reaching 212 (in the "poor" category). "It is essential to invoke Stage-I of GRAP immediately throughout the en-

Rai launches drive to combat dust pollution

New Delhi: Delhi's Environment Minister Gopal Rai Saturday launched a month-long drive to prevent dust pollution in the capital and said strict action will be taken against anyone found violating relevant norms. The Centre's air quality panel Friday directed authorities in the National Capital Region to enforce a ban on coal usage in hotels and restaurants, and to take punitive measures against polluting industries and thermal power plants as the air quality in Delhi plunged into the 'poor' category.

ment predicted clear skies during the day. The maximum temperature is likely to settle around 37 degree Celsius, according to India Meteorological Department.

AGENCIES

New Delhi, Oct 7: The air quality in the national capital Saturday was in the 'poor' category, and the minimum temperature settled at 20.9 degree Celsius, a notch below the season's average, officials said.

The Air Quality Index (AQI) in the national capital was recorded at 231 at 9 am. An AQI between zero and 50 is considered 'good', 51 and 100 'satisfactory', 101 and 200 'moderate', 201 and 300 'poor', 301 and 400 'very poor',

and 401 and 500 'severe'.

On Friday, the Centre's air quality panel directed authorities in the National Capital Region to enforce a ban on coal usage in hotels and restaurants, and to take punitive measures against polluting industries and thermal power plants as the air quality in Delhi plunged into the 'poor' category.

This action comes as part of the government's pollution control plan known as the 'Graded Response Action Plan' (GRAP) which is implemented in Delhi-



Security personnel attempt to stop Bihar Jeevika Cadre Sangh workers during their protest march organised to demand a hike in their wages and regularisation of their jobs, in Patna, Bihar

HC favours reopening sealed Roshanara Club

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

New Delhi, Oct 7: The Delhi High Court Friday favoured reopening the century-old Roshanara Club here for its members after its premises were sealed and taken over by DDA last month, nearly six months after an eviction notice was served to it on account of expiry of its lease.

A bench headed by Chief Justice Satish Chandra Sharma said Roshanara was a "running club" and its members should be permitted to use its facilities.

"I want the club to start immediately. Make the club functional," the court said. Additional Solicitor General Chetan Sharma, appearing for the Delhi Development Authority (DDA), assured the court that the club has not been closed and only its management has shifted to the government which will re-open the outer area in one week and "run it much better".

Asserting that the government has given a fillip to sports in the country as he highlighted the success of Indian athletes at the ongoing Asian Games, the senior law officer submitted the prime area of Roshanara has to be used for "egalitarian" purposes and not for the benefit of an "elitist conglomerate".

Bihar to create patrolling force to check accident fatalities on NHs

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

Patna, Oct 7: The Bihar government has initiated a process of establishing a dedicated patrolling force for national highways covering 5,358 km of roads in the state, a senior officer said Saturday.

The move comes after data suggests that at least 44 per cent of the total deaths in road accidents take place on national highways in the state.

Additional 1,500 traffic personnel will be required for the dedicated force, the officer said.

"The number of deaths due to road accidents on national highways in Bihar is alarming. Fatalities on national highways in the state have increased by almost 12 per cent in 2022 as compared to the previous year.

"Over-speeding accounts for 30 per cent and



■ Earlier, a Supreme Court committee on road safety had asked the state government to introduce highway patrolling on accident-prone stretches to reduce fatalities

■ The state recorded a 16.13% rise in road accident deaths in 2022 as compared to the previous year

■ Altogether, 10,790 road accidents were reported across the state last year, claiming 8,896 lives, as against 9,553 accidents and 7,660 deaths in 2021

wrong-side driving for 12 per cent of accidents. These two factors are the main cause of deaths in road accidents in Bihar," Additional Director General (ADG) of Bihar Police (Traffic) Sudhanshu Kumar told PTI.

Proper enforcement of traffic rules will certainly bring down the number of road fatalities on national highways, he said.

"That is why the Bihar Traffic Police have decided to establish a dedicated highway patrol force

50 km, will play a crucial role in saving the lives of people," the police officer said.

The ADG, however, refused to divulge other details of the proposal. According to sources, the highway patrolling units will initially be engaged in those districts where the fatalities in road accidents on national highways are high in the state.

Saran, Hajipur, Bakhtiyarpur, Mokama, Begusarai, Khagaria, Bihpur, Katihar, Samastipur, Muzaffarpur, East Champaran and Gopalganj are among the districts where the proposed highway patrolling force will be deployed.

Darbhanga, Supaul, Narahia, Narpatganj, Forbesganj, Araria, Jhanjharpur, Purnea, Jamui and Chaka are

also on the list.

The remaining districts will be covered in the second phase, the sources said.

Delhi cops identify 117 key traffic congestion points



PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

New Delhi, Oct 7: Delhi Police Friday identified 117 key traffic congestion points across the city and attributed them to a variety of causes, including construction activities and encroachments.

The congestion is being regulated through the deployment of staff at major intersections, introduction of "one way" traffic schemes and launching of encroachment/congestion removal drives, police said.

The congestion points, according to a survey, have been divided into six ranges. The northern range has maximum number of such points 27 followed by the southern range 22, central range 21, eastern range 20, western range 19 and New Delhi range eight. Ten flyovers, including Geeta Colony, Azadpur Chowk flyover, Rani Jhansi and Peera Garhi, are in the list of 117. Delhi is experiencing significant traffic congestion due to its land

use pattern, an exponential increase in motorisation and various other factors, police said. To address this issue, the traffic police conducted a thorough survey to determine primary traffic congestion areas in the city as traffic volume exceeds the road network's capacity, congestion builds up and worsens with increasing traffic flow, officials said.

Police said modernisation efforts such as installation of variable message sign boards (VMS) and installation of red-light violation detection (RLVD) cameras at 43 junctions to ensure traffic discipline have been put in place. The process for the installation of RLVD cameras at 57 more traffic junctions is likely to finalised shortly.

A project has been prepared for intelligent traffic management system (ITMS), aimed at improving mobility, discipline and road safety on the roads by using technology-based traffic solutions and enforcement are being made, officials said.

OFFICE OF THE DIVISIONAL FOREST OFFICER, ATHMALLIK FOREST DIVISION
AT/PO: ATHMALLIK, DIST- ANGUL - 759125
 E-mail: dfoathmallik@gmail.com, Tel: 9437004236
 Tender Notice No. 6005 /1F/ 2023, Date: 07.10.2023

Revised Short Tender Notice for Construction of Ministerial Staff Quarter at Forest Colony, Athmallik under Athmallik Range of Athmallik Forest Division.

No.MM-208: Sealed Tender is hereby invited by the undersigned on behalf of the Governor of Odisha for the following works from the eligible contractor as detail below.

1. Name of the work: Construction of Ministerial Staff Quarter at Forest Colony, Athmallik under Ath Range of Athmallik Forest Division

Sl.No.	Name of Work	Tender Notice No.	Estimated Cost	Plinth Area
1	Construction of Ministerial Quarter	6005/1F/2023, Dt.07.10.2023	12.76	580 Sq.ft.

2. Place of Work: Athmallik Forest Division
3. Period of Completion: 90 Days
4. Commencement of download RFP document on website: www.odishaforest.in Dt. 08.10.2023 Time: 11.00 A.M.
5. Last Date of bid submission (by messenger/courier/post): Dt.26.10.2023 up to 01.00P.M. Office of the Divisional Forest Officer, Athmallik Division, PO/PS- Athmallik, Pin-759125, Dist. Angul.
6. Date of General & Technical and Financial Bid opening: Dt.26.10.2023 Time: 04.00 P.M. Office of the Divisional Forest Officer, Athmallik Division, PO/PS- Athmallik, Pin-759125, Dist.- Angul.
7. RFP document Cost (Non-refundable): Rs.8,000/- By DD issued by Nationalized Bank in favour of the Divisional Forest Officer, Athmallik Division, Payable at Athmallik for work.
8. Address for Bid submission: Office of DFO, Athmallik Division, PO/PS- Athmallik, Pin-759125, Dist.- Angul.
9. EMD (Refundable): Rs. 20,000/- By DD issued by Nationalized Bank in favour of the Divisional Forest Officer, Athmallik Division, Payable at Athmallik for work.
10. Bid validity period: 4 Months from the last date of submission of Bid.
11. Latest Tender document and addendum/corrigendum, if any, will be published at the website www.odishaforest.in
12. Disclaimer: Notwithstanding anything else contained to the contrary in this tender document, DFO Athmallik reserves the right to cancel/withdraw/modify fully or partially the "Invitation of Bids" or to reject one or more of the bids without assigning any reason and shall bear no liability whatsoever consequent upon such a decision.

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People take part in a 'silent rally' for peace and harmony in the violence-hit Manipur, at Khongjom War Memorial Complex, in Thoubal district, Manipur



National and State Disaster Response Force personnel conduct a mock drill regarding safety of passengers travelling on ships, in the Brahmaputra river in Guwahati



An artisan gives finishing touches to an idol of Goddess Durga ahead of the Durga Puja celebrations, in Nagpur



Children take part in a face painting competition organised under Wildlife Week 2023 at Van Vihar National Park, in Bhopal



The Jet Suit demonstration as part of the cyber conference in Kochi



Locals wade through a waterlogged road after the Hooghly river inundated nearby areas in Nadia district, West Bengal



Karnataka State Road Transport Corporation buses at Vidhana Soudha during their flagging off ceremony in Bangalore



Preparations underway for Gaganyaan mission's Flight Test Vehicle Abort Mission-1 (TV-D1), which demonstrates the performance of the Crew Escape System, in Bangalore

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of the day quote

The Rajasthan government will also conduct a caste survey like the one held in Bihar



ASHOK GEHLOT | RAJASTHAN CM

The economic crisis in rural India is so deep that in September the demand for MGNREGA has increased by 30% in 4 years. Instead of doing anything about it, the Prime Minister is cursing the Congress in his speeches in election-bound states for hiding its monstrous failures under his speeches



MALLIKARJUN KHARGE | CONGRESS PRESIDENT

Over 6 lakh sportspersons have registered so far for the maiden all-India mega sporting event



HIMANTA BISWA SARMA | ASSAM CM

SHORT TAKES

IAF to unveil new ensign

New Delhi: The IAF will unveil its new ensign at the annual Air Force Day parade at Prayagraj on Sunday to better reflect its values, 72 years after a similar exercise was undertaken. The Indian Air Force's move comes over a year after the Navy made changes in its ensign shedding its colonial past. "October 8 will go down as a momentous day in the annals of IAF history. On this historic day, the Chief of Air Staff will unveil the new IAF ensign," the IAF said.

Man sentenced to death

Palwal (Haryana): A special POCOS court here has sentenced a man to death for raping his minor daughter for three years, a senior police official said Saturday. In the verdict announced on Friday, Special Judge Prashant Rana also imposed a fine of ₹15,000 on the man and directed the government/District Legal Services Authority (DLSA) to pay the victim a compensation of ₹10.5 lakh. The victim has already been paid ₹3 lakh and the remaining amount is pending, he said.

Labourer killed, three injured

Jabalpur: A labourer was killed and three others were injured when rubble piled up below an under-construction flyover fell on them in Jabalpur city Saturday, police said. The incident took place at Shivaji Chowk, City Superintendent of Police Ritesh Kumar said. The injured have been rushed to the hospital, he said.

Woman Naxalite surrenders

Gadchiroli: A woman Naxalite involved in many encounters, including one that left 12 jawans dead, arson and murder and collectively carrying rewards of ₹11 lakh has surrendered before the police in Maharashtra's Gadchiroli district, officials said Saturday.

Girl sexually assaulted in MP

Indore: A four-year-old girl was allegedly sexually assaulted by the driver of a van that ferried children to a private playschool in Madhya Pradesh's Indore, police said Saturday. Based on a complaint lodged by the parents of the child, the police arrested the van driver, identified as Sumit, on Friday evening, an official said. The assault came to light when the mother noticed the girl's unusual behaviour, and she complained of pain in her private parts, Sanayogitagani Police Station in-charge Vijay Tiwari said.




False cases are being slapped in an attempt to subdue and threaten opposition leaders and parties and an atmosphere of fear has been created, which is not good for the country

ARVIND KEJRIWAL | DELHI CM

IMRAN MASOOD REJOINS CONGRESS

Imran Masood, an ex-MLA from western Uttar Pradesh who was expelled by the BSP in August, returned to the Congress Saturday with the party describing it as 'ghar wapsi'



Docs must not mislead public through signboards: NMC

New Delhi, Oct 7: A doctor should not use an unusually large signboard and write on it anything other than his name, qualifications, titles, specialty or registration number, the National Medical Commission (NMC) has suggested, saying his prescription papers should also have the same contents.

It is improper to affix a signboard on a chemist's shop or in places where he does not reside or work, the NMC's Ethics and

Medical Registration Board (EMRB) said in its E-Book: "Professional Conduct Review- Lessons from Case Archives". The book also highlighted that trust deficit in the doctor-patient relationship leads to litigation against the doctors and emphasised that the most common cause of complaints against doctors is due to a communication gap.

The commission stated that care should be taken not to mislead the public through signboards, visiting cards, an-



nouncements etc. Medical practitioners may acquire skills and training in various areas related to a particular field, but the use of the title 'consultant/special-

ist' should be restricted to those who are qualified in the particular speciality, it said. As an appellate body, the Ethics and Medical Registration Board of the NMC has been hearing cases of misconduct and passing judgments. The need to disseminate the learnings from the complaint cases against doctors was felt right from the beginning, Dr Yogender Malik, editor of the booklet and member of the Ethics and Medical Registration Board of the NMC, said. The

thought was shared with the board and a group of experts was formed. They worked very hard, going through hundreds of pages of each case and summarised them without losing the essence of the case and the message, he stated. The case studies in the book show that it is very difficult for a patient to differentiate between ethics, conduct and negligence, the NMC said. Doctors too feel that patients have no right to complain unless there is harm, the NMC stated.

SIKKIM FLOOD

62 people found alive; central team to visit state

Gangtok, Oct 7: The toll in the flash flood in Sikkim rose to 30 as four more bodies were found Saturday, while 62 people who were reported missing for the past three days were found alive, a government agency said here.

The number of missing people thus came down to 81, the Sikkim State Disaster Management Authority (SSDMA) said in its latest bulletin on Saturday evening. An inter-ministerial central team will visit the flood-hit state from Sunday to assess the damage due to the natural calamity, Union minister Ajay Kumar Mishra said here.

The flash flood triggered by a cloudburst in the early hours of Wednesday affected 41,870 people in four districts of the Himalayan state, with Mangan bearing the brunt of the calamity as a population of around 30,300 were hit by the disaster, it said. The other three affected districts are Gangtok, Pakyong and Namchi. Of the 30 deaths - four were in Mangan, six in Gangtok district, 19 in Pakyong and one in Namchi. The report said that the 19 deceased people in Pakyong included nine army men. Twenty-three soldiers had gone missing on



Indian Army officers inspect the damage caused by flash floods triggered by heavy rainfall in Naga village in north Sikkim

October 3 and one of them was rescued earlier. So far, 2,563 people have been rescued from different areas and 6,875 people have taken shelter in 30 relief camps set up across the state, most of which have been cut off from the rest of the country. The deluge also damaged more than 1,320 houses and washed away 13 bridges in the four districts of the picturesque Himalayan state, said the report. More than 3,000 tourists stranded in Lachen and Lachung in Mangan district of Sikkim after the flash flood hit the area, are safe, officials said Saturday. The Indian Air Force made multiple attempts to carry out rescue and relief operations by Mi-

17 helicopters but was unable to fly from Bagdogra as well as Chaten due to inclement weather. During the day, Chief Minister Prem Singh Tamang visited the flood-hit areas of Mangan district and inspected the rescue and relief work being carried out by the army and the local administration. Tamang earlier announced an ex-gratia of ₹4 lakh for the families of the deceased and an immediate relief of ₹2,000 each for all those taking shelter in the camps. The search for the remaining missing soldiers is continuing both in Sikkim and the northern parts of West Bengal through which the Teesta flows, the Chief Minister said.

Cong moves court over Ravan poster on Rahul

Jaipur, Oct 7: A Congress leader has filed a petition in a court against BJP national president JP Nadda and party's IT cell in-charge Amit Malviya over a social media post by the saffron party, showing party leader Rahul Gandhi as a 'new age Ravan'.

In his petition, general secretary of Congress' Rajasthan unit, Jaswant Gurjar has pleaded that a case be registered against both BJP leaders under IPC Section 499 (false imputation against another person), 500 (defamation), 504 (intentional insult). Gurjar has filed the petition at Jaipur Metropolitan Court-11. The court has decided to hear the arguments on the plea on October 9. A photograph of Gandhi morphed as Ravan in a poster put out from the Bharatiya Janata Party's official handle on X has stirred a controversy, triggering strong criticism from the Congress, which has called it "unacceptable" and "downright dangerous". "The petition has been admitted by the court and the hearing for the case has been scheduled on October 9," Gurjar said. "The accused publicised the post deliberately with ill-intention on October 5 and the aim of the accused is to insult and to harm the goodwill of Congress and people associated with it and to make political gains," the plea said. The petition said that the BJP



leaders deliberately presented Gandhi as anti-Ram and anti-religion to instigate people against him. The petitioner has pleaded before the court to get the statements of both the accused recorded and get the matter investigated.

The Congress party has protested against the poster at several places across the country. The poster showed Gandhi with several heads, with the title "Bharat Khatre Mein Hai - A Congress party production. Directed by George Soros". The post by the BJP accompanying the poster said, "The new age Ravan is here. He is evil. Anti-Dharma. Anti-Ram. His aim is to destroy Bharat." Soros, a Hungarian-born American financier, philanthropist, and activist, had come under fire from the BJP after he made critical comments on Prime Minister Narendra Modi in the wake of a report by US short-seller Hindenburg Research on the Adani Group.

The court has decided to hear the arguments on the plea October 9

The Congress has protested against the poster at several places across the country

SC to hear pleas on delay in clearing names on Oct 9

New Delhi, Oct 7: The Supreme Court is scheduled to hear Monday two petitions including the one alleging delay by the Centre in clearing the names recommended by the collegium for appointment and transfer of judges.

The appointment of judges through the collegium system has in the past become a major flashpoint between the Supreme Court and the Centre with the mechanism drawing criticism from different quarters.

A bench of Justices Sanjay Kishan Kaul and Sudhanshu Dhulia is scheduled to hear the pleas on October 9. While hearing the matter on September 26, the apex court had voiced dismay over the "delay" in the appointment of judges and asked



Attorney General R Venkataramani to use his office to resolve the issue.

"There were 80 recommendations pending until last week when 10 names were cleared. Now, the figure is 70, of which 26 recommendations are of transfer of judges, seven are reiterations, nine are pending without being returned to the collegium and one case is of appointment of the Chief Justice to a sensitive high court," the bench had said.

All these recommendations are pending since November last year, it had said.



Cadets during Passing Out Parade at Subsidiary Training Centre (STC), BSF, Humhama, on the outskirts of Srinagar

Some plants may worsen air pollution on a warming planet

New Delhi, Oct 7: On a warming planet, plants like oaks and poplars will emit more of a compound that exacerbates poor air quality, contributing to problematic particulate matter and low-atmosphere ozone, a study shows. The same compound, called isoprene, can also improve the quality of clean air while making plants more resistant to stressors including insects and high temperatures. "Do we want plants to make more isoprene so they're more resilient, or do we want them making less so it's not making air pollution worse? What's

the right balance?" said Tom Sharkey, a professor at Michigan State University in the US. "Those are really the fundamental questions driving this work. The more we understand, the more effectively we can answer them," Sharkey said. Isoprene from plants is the second-highest emitted hydrocarbon on Earth, only behind methane emissions from human activity. Yet most people have never heard of it, the researchers said. Isoprene interacts with nitrogen oxide compounds found in air pollution produced by coal-fired power plants and internal combustion engines in vehicles. These reactions create ozone, aerosols and other byproducts



that are unhealthy for both humans and plants, they said. Prior to the study, researchers understood that certain plants produce isoprene as they carry out photosynthesis. They also

peratures accelerate the rate. One of the questions behind the MSU team's new publication was essentially which one of these effects will win out, the researchers said. "We were looking for a regulation point in the isoprene's biosynthesis pathway under high carbon dioxide," said Abira Sahu, the lead author of the new report and a postdoctoral research associate in Sharkey's research group. "Scientists have been trying to find this for a long time. And finally, we have the answer," Sahu added. The researchers noted that the temperature effect trumps the carbon dioxide (CO2) effect.

"By the time you're at 95 degrees Fahrenheit—35 degrees Celsius—there's basically no CO2 suppression. Isoprene is pouring out like crazy," said Sahu. In their experiments, which used poplar plants, the team also found that when a leaf experienced warming of 10 degrees Celsius, its isoprene emission increased more than tenfold. The discovery will help researchers better anticipate how much isoprene plants will emit in the future and better prepare for the impacts of that. However, the researchers also hope it can help inform the choices people and communities make in the meantime.

international



The Sri Lankan government does not have international investigations. Full stop. Few people may want (it), but the Parliament doesn't

NEPAL, INDIA DISCUSS SECURITY ISSUES

Nepal and India have discussed a wide range of issues relating to mutual security, defence supplies, training and capacity building as part of the efforts to step by bilateral cooperation



Timeline

- Aug 2005: Israeli forces unilaterally withdraw from Gaza 38 years after capturing it from Egypt in the Middle East war...
Jan 25, 2006: The Islamist group Hamas wins a majority of seats in a Palestinian legislative election...
June 14, 2007: Hamas takes over Gaza in a brief civil war...
Dec 27, 2008: Israel launches a 22-day military offensive in Gaza...
July-August 2014: The kidnap and killing of three Israeli teenagers by Hamas leads to a seven-week war...
March 2018: Palestinian protests begin at Gaza's fenced border with Israel...
May 2021: After weeks of tension during the Muslim fasting month of Ramadan...
Aug 2022: At least 44 people, including 15 children, are killed in three days of violence...



Israel-Palestine and a history of conflict

INDIAN EMBASSY ISSUES ADVISORY

TEL AVIV: In view of the surprise and unprecedented war-like situation in Israel's southern parts, the Indian Embassy Saturday asked all Indian nationals in Israel to "remain vigilant" and "observe safety protocols..."

spokesman for the group's military wing, said the soldiers, including some officers, were captured during the surprise infiltration.

HISTORICAL CONTEXT After the Ottoman Empire was defeated in World War I, Britain gained control of Palestine, which was inhabited by a Jewish minority and Arab majority...
WAR AND PEACE Over the years, Israel and Palestine have been involved in several skirmishes, some minor, some of catastrophic proportions that led to the deaths of thousands.

Harakat al-Muqawama al-Islamiya (Islamic Resistance Movement), a political group with military capabilities, was launched by Palestinian cleric Sheikh Ahmed Yassin as a political arm of the Muslim Brotherhood...
US President Bill Clinton convened the Camp David Summit July 11, 2000, bringing together Israeli Prime Minister Ehud Barak and Palestinian Authority Chairman Yasser Arafat...

UN Middle East peace envoy Tor Wennesland said: "This is a dangerous precipice, and I appeal to all to pull back from the brink."
Iran An adviser to Iran's Supreme Leader Ali Khamenei Saturday congratulated Palestinian fighters...
Germany "Terrifying news reaches us today from #Israel. We are deeply shocked by the rocket fire from Gaza and the escalating violence..."

AGENCIES

Hamas militants fired thousands of rockets and sent dozens of fighters into Israeli towns near the Gaza Strip in an unprecedented surprise early morning attack during a major Jewish holiday Saturday, killing dozens and stunning the country...



Israeli soldiers work to secure residential areas following a mass-infiltration by Hamas gunmen from the Gaza Strip, in Sderot, southern Israel



Palestinians react as an Israeli military vehicle burns after it was hit by Palestinian gunmen who infiltrated areas of southern Israel, at the Israeli side of Israel-Gaza border

Syria shells northern rebel-held region of Idlib, killing 7 people

Washington, Oct 7: Syrian and Russian bombardment of rebel-held parts of northwest Syria claimed seven more lives and wounded others Saturday, two days after one of the country's deadliest attacks on a government target in years...

these terrorist organisations, wherever they exist". No one claimed responsibility for the attack that happened during a graduation ceremony at the academy...

CRACKDOWN ON MIGRANTS

Islamabad, Oct 7: Forcibly deporting Afghans from Pakistan could lead to severe human rights violations including the separation of families and deportation of minors...

UN WARNS PAKISTAN

and offering rewards to people who tip off authorities about such migrants. The UN agencies said Afghanistan is going through a severe humanitarian crisis with several rights challenges...



owners in the Pakistani capital, Islamabad, have received notices telling them to evict "illegal Afghans" and their families by the end of the month or face action...

Two earthquakes kill dozens, injure many in western Afghan

Islamabad, Oct 7: Two 6.3 magnitude earthquakes killed dozens of people in western Afghanistan Saturday, the country's national disaster authority said...

INDIA-CANADA ROW

Sunak calls for de-escalation in call with Trudeau

The telephonic talks between Sunak and Trudeau took place in the days after the fallout of that diplomatic row resonated in the UK when Indian High Commissioner to the UK Vikram Doraiswami was blocked from a planned visit to Glasgow Gurdwara in Scotland last week by pro-Khalistan extremists

London, Oct 7: British Prime Minister Rishi Sunak and his Canadian counterpart Justin Trudeau have underscored the importance of de-escalation of the India-Canada diplomatic row and respect for the rule of law in a call, which was dominated by the standoff over the killing of a Sikh separatist leader in Canada in June...

rule of law after Canada's allegation of Indian involvement in the killing of a pro-Khalistan wanted terrorist. "Prime Minister Trudeau updated on the situation relating to Canadian diplomats in India..."



echoed the statement, saying that Trudeau provided an update on the current situation between Canada and India. "The leaders emphasised respect for the Vienna Convention on Diplomatic Relations and the

planned visit to Glasgow Gurdwara in Scotland last week by pro-Khalistan extremists. "Concerned to see that the Indian High Commissioner, Vikram Doraiswami, was stopped from meeting with the Gurudwara Committee at the Gurudwara in Glasgow..."

needed to ensure the safety and security of their citizens. They underscored the importance of de-escalation in this context. Prime Minister Trudeau and Prime Minister Sunak agreed to remain in close contact and to con-

