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OSCAR TROPHY AS DOORSTOP: GWYNETH PALTROW CLARIFIES

Actress Gwyneth Paltrow, who made headlines for saying that she uses her Oscar trophy as a doorstop, has come out with a clarification. Setting the record straight she cleared: "Of course, it's a joke."

JULIA FOX REVEALS ABOUT KANYE'S AWKWARD OFFER

Actress Julia Fox, 30, has claimed rapper Kanye West once made an awkward offer to her. Fox claimed he told her: "I'll get you a boob job if you want." That's humiliating as she was used as a pawn in his plan to get back at his ex-wife Kim Kardashian, added the actress.



FORTUNE FORECAST FOR ASTROLOGY DIAL 55181* ARIFS

Today, you will focus your lens on the one you've taken a fancy to! You are high on energy, but low on commitment to work. It won't be surprising if your bosses are miffed. But still, says Ganesha, it's a day of flowers and love notes.

TAURUS

There ain't no mountain high enough and there ain't no valley deep! Today, you will find yourself on an invincible run. You might be your own worst enemy today, if you waste your effort and energy for unproductive purposes. Overall, it is smooth sail ing today and Ganesha advises you to stay focussed.

GEMINI

Today, your emotions will cloud your ability to reason. You may try to find a refuge in devotional and spiritual activities. A visit to a couple of religious places may help you restore your peace of mind. A laid-back mindset will work wonders for you today.

CANCER

Today is a fabulous day for your love life. Your happiness may make a few people go green with envy, but they can do you or your relationship no harm, so ignore them. However, it may be impor tant for you to make sure that you safe guard your reputation.

LEO

Even an emperor, when struck with an ailment, is not a pretty sight. Bearing this in mind, today you shall make health your number one priority, says Ganesha You will do wise to chart out some sort of a workout regime for yourself, and inculcate a sense of discipline in maintaining it, even if it is anything as simple as a thrice-a-week routine

The day will bring unexpected changes and pleasant surprises. You may hit the road with your loved ones, and the jour ney will not only be exciting but also calm your nerves. Overall, a bright, happy day to make most of, says Ganesha



for healthier mind

Mumbai: In a world where the glitz and glamour of showbiz often take centre stage, it's heartening to see celebrities like Kriti Kharbanda using their platform to promote mental health awareness. On World Mental Health Day, Kriti took to Instagram to share her personal recipe for a happier and healthier mind, which includes pottery and travel.

The talented actress radiated positivity and enthusiasm as she showcased her latest pottery creation in a heartwarming Instagram post. She captioned the post with, "I enjoyed , so sharing. You peo-

ple can also try. I promise, you'll enjoy. She further added, "How do u deal with mental health issues? Share your own, you never know, it may benefit others."

Kriti's pottery endeavor is more than just a creative outlet; it's her way of coping with stress and promoting mental well-being.

Kriti's commitment to mental health doesn't end with pottery. Her love for travel is another essential ingredient in her recipe for happiness. Exploring new places and experiencing different cultures allows her to recharge and find solace in the beauty of the world

Kriti shares recipe Sunny to headline Hanuman triology

Mumbai: If there ever was a casting coup, it's this one. As per a new report, Sunny Deol is reportedly in talks to play Hanuman in Nitesh Tiwari's adaptation of Ramayana. The trilogy already stars Ranbir Kapoor as Rama, Sai Pallavi as Sita, and Yash as Ravana.

The report states a source close to the development as saying, "Hanuman stands for strength and there's no one better than Sunny Deol in the Indian

film industry to justify what Bajrangbali stands for. The actor has shown interest in being a part of Nitesh Tiwari's rendition of Ramayana and is also excited to play the part of Lord Hanuman. However, it's still early stages of discussion."

The adaptation of Ramayana is being co-produced by Nitesh, Madhu Mantena, Namit Malhotra, and Allu Aravind. The report added that all four coproducers are on board with

TIGER 3 Kat pushed her body to 'breaking point'

Mumbai: Katrina Kaif says she has given every bit of her for the third instalment of the *Tiger* franchise. The actress, who is the first female spy of the YRF Spy Universe, has shown that she can pull off incredible action sequences all by herself.

Her poster as Zoya was unveiled

FUN

Tuesday. Katrina revealed that in order to pull off the physically challenging action sequences of Tiger 3, she pushed her body to 'breaking point'

The actress said: "Zoya is the first female spy of the

YRF Spy Universe and I'm very proud to have a character like her

She is fierce, she is courageous, she is all heart, she is loyal, she is protective, she is nurturing and above all she stands up for humanity, every single time.'

Katrina added: "It has been an incredible journey playing Zoya in the YRF Spy Universe and I have put myself to the test in every film. Tiger 3 is no exception.

"We wanted to take the action sequences to the next level this time and I have pushed my

body to breaking point for the film and people will see that. Physically this has been my most challenging film the yet, Boom actress further said. IANS

the idea of not only casting Sunny as Hanuman in the Ramayana trilogy, but also develop a spin-off on his character.

The *Ramayana* is just a small part of Lord Hanuman's life, and there're many other facets to it. Nitesh wants to explore that with a standalone film on Lord Hanuman," the source added, as per the report. The trilogy is likely to go on floors in February next year.

Nushrratt shares her Tel Aviv tales

From the hotel to the airport, Nushrratt said, she and others kept praying the whole time, even

crying sometimes and held onto each other for courage

Mumbai: Actress Nushrratt Bharuccha, who recently flew back to India after being stranded at Tel Aviv in the attack over Israel by Hamas, has detailed her experience of being stuck in the turmoil.

Taking to her Instagram Tuesday, the actress said, "Today, when I woke up in my house safe with no sounds around me, I realise how fortunate we are to live in this country and be so protected.

The Chhorii actress was in Israel for the screening of her recent film Akelli at Haifa International Film Festival.

"We were woken up to the deafening sounds of bombs going off, a blaring siren, and complete and utter panic as we were all rushed down into a 'shelter' in the basement of our

hotel

shared.

Indian

Although the

was situated barely 2 km from their hotel, it seemed like a distance of a lifetime as there was no mode of transport whatsoever and only the dreadful sounds of explosions at very close range, added the actress. Nushrratt then detailed the helping hands that came her way. "But this was also when help had come in for us from completely unexpected quarters: calls from our Israeli coactors, guidance from the Indian and Israeli embassies, the kind staff at the hotel and, most miraculously, a taxi driver who selflessly helped us at this most difficult and life-threatening time of our lives! We mustered all the courage we could find and picked ourselves up to somehow get to the airport and take any flight out to any country we could manage to. Our journey out of our Tel Aviv hotel was not easy, to put it mildly... praving the whole time, even

crying sometimes, we held onto each other for courage to keep on going, somehow making it Ben Gurion Airport." "But with an experience that has made me

also consider taking up some extra course es in the evening. Maybe it's time for a salsa lesson, or learn how to toss a few Italian delicacies. Small crash courses go a long way in enhancing your efficiency. says Ganesha.

and yourself

SCORPIO

You might just blow your fuse today, warns Ganesha Anger will melt all sense and sensibilities. But if logic does prevail eventually, things may just improve as the day passes. Ganesha says it is high time you awakened your softer side.

A demanding day today, as you find yourself in charge of arranging and attending high-voltage meetings. Those dealing in stock and share will have profitable returns in the afternoon. But don't count your chickens before they hatch, savs Ganesha.

CAPRICORN

As the day begins, you may get a strong urge to leave everything and set off on a backpacking trip. So strong the wanderer in you may be now that it may even momentarily take over the famed Goat caution. Yet alas, this being only a fleet ing moment, you may soon don your dap per avataar, and head to work. If nothing else, at least, loosen your tie at the end of the day and head to a dance floor.

AOUARIUS

It's family time, and your near and dear will be mighty pleased. You wil pamper and fuss over them, and will even pull funny faces to make them smile. Your love and affection will undoubtedly pay off, and come back to you in more ways than one.

PISCES

You have been neglecting vour health of late, a fact which is hammered home by vour ill-fitting trousers today! So, while you ignored the adage of prevention being better than cure, you could still make a stitch in time to save nine! Head for the gym, and watch those calories, savs Ganesha

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PEANUTS



CALVIN AND HOBBES







CHECK FOR SOLUTIONS OF THE PUZZLES TOMORROW

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case: 1 more held

Bhubaneswar: The special task force (STF) of Crime Branch arrested another person in connection with the ₹40-crore cheating case, an official said Tuesday. The arrested was identified as Laxman Madhi of Malkangiri. Earlier, mastermind Kanhu Charan Pradhan and his associate Kishore Mishra were arrested in this case. According to the official, transactions of over ₹60 lakh were detected through Madhi's bank account in addition to frequent conversations with Pradhan. The accused were indulging in 'thuggery', cheating and impersonation. The group used to cheat and extort people by claiming to be RTI activists. They also hoodwinked people by assuring them of managing various kinds of licences through their connections with top government officers.

No more onboarding on 'bob World' app

Mumbai: The Reserve Bank of India on Tuesday barred state-owned Bank of Baroda (BoB) from onboarding fresh customers on its mobile application 'bob World' with immediate effect, citing material supervisory concerns. "The Reserve Bank of India has, in exercise of its power, under Section 35A of the Banking Regulation Act, 1949, directed Bank of Baroda to suspend, with immediate effect, any further onboarding of their customers onto the 'bob World' mobile application," it said in a statement.

IRREGULAR by MANJUL

Jerusalem, Oct 10: Israeli warplanes hammered the Gaza Strip neighbourhood by neighbourhood Tuesday, reducing buildings to rubble and sending people scrambling to find safety in the tiny, sealed-off territory as Israel vowed a retaliation for Hamas' surprise weekend attack

INDO-ASIAN NEWS SERVICE

Bhubaneswar, Oct 10: Three persons, including two minors, were killed in separate incidents of road accident in Dhenkanal district Tuesday.

"The 30-year-old Runu Padhan and her minor son Lipu were sleeping at an open ground near Mahabirod village when the duo was mowed down by a speeding truck late Monday night. The locals tried to stop the vehicle but the accused driver managed to escape from the spot after the accident," said a police official.

In this accident, the mother died on the spot, while her son succumbed on way to the sub-divisional hospital at Kamakhyanagar. Police said that an investigation is underway in this case and initiated a probe to apprehend the accused driver.

Police said that the deceased Runu Padhan and her family members used to work as daily wagers and had no permanent residence in the locality.

In another case, a Class IX student was reportedly killed when a mini truck coming from behind hit her cycle near Ranja village of Dhenkanal district Tuesday. The deceased has been identified as Padmini Sahoo of ___ Derasing.

EMBRACE OF CARE: Goddess Durga comes alive with her daughters at a pandal with a theme on menstrual hygiene ahead of Durga Puja festival in Kolkata, Tuesday

Nowhere to go as Israel pounds Gaza **Death at City rehab** 48-year-old MAN DIES AT BHUBANESWAR DE-ADDICTION CENTRE, WIFE ALLEGES MURDER 48-YEAR-OLD MAN DIES AT BHUBANESWAR DE-ADDICTION CENTRE, WIFE ALLEGES MURDER

AGENCIES

that would "reverberate...for



The Israeli military said struck hundreds of targets

POST NEWS NETWORK

Bhubaneswar, Oct 10: Mystery shrouds the death of an inmate at a de-addiction centre under Dhauli police limits Tuesday even as the 48-year-old man's wife alleged that he had been beaten to death on the pretext of treatment. The deceased was identified

as Kalu Navak of Jharana Sah

suffered a 'cardiac arrest' at around 4am.

She claimed that her husban

me that my husband has been admitted to Shree Hospitals in Kalpana area of the City. However, upon reaching there, I learnt that he was at Capital Hospital. I rushed there to find my husband lying dead," said an inconsolable Jhuni.

more," she said.

juries and froth was oozing out 'They (centre authorities) told

PTI PHOTO

of his nose and mouth. Sweekar authorities beat him to death on the pretext of de-addiction treatment," Jhuni alleged as tears rolled down her cheeks.

Inspector in-charge, Dhauli police station Chhitaranjan Rout said after scanning the footage of CCTV cameras installed at the deaddiction centre, the police are vet to come across any evidence suggesting torture. "Doctors also didn't find any "Initially, we deposited ₹20,000. injury mark on Nayak's body. We suspect he suffered a cardiac tre authorities demanded ₹20,000 arrest. We are waiting for the autopsy report before drawing "His (Nayak) body bore deep inany conclusion," the IIC said.



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Aid organisations pleaded for overnight in Gaza City's Rimal the creation of humanitarian corneighbourhood, an upscale disridors to get aid into Gaza, warntrict that is home to ministries ing that hospitals overwhelmed of the Hamas-run government, with wounded were running out as well as universities, media of supplies. Israel has stopped all organisations and the offices of access of food, fuel and medicines aid organisations. into Gaza, and the sole remaining Palestinian Civil Defence access from Egypt shut down forces pulled Abdullah Musleh Tuesday after airstrikes hit near out of his basement together

the border crossing. with 30 others after their apart-Israel said it recaptured Gaza ment building was flattened by the airstrikes. "I sell toys, not border areas from Hamas terrorists as the war's death count missiles," the 46-year-old said, passed 3.000 on the fourth day of weeping. "I want to leave Gaza. Why do I have to stay here? I lost fierce fighting since the Islamists launched a surprise attack my home and my job." Saturday. The death count in After hours of nonstop at-Israel has surged above 900 from tacks, residents left their homes the worst attack in the country's

at daybreak to find buildings 75-year history, while Gaza oftorn in half by airstrikes or reficials have reported 765 people duced to mounds of concrete and rebar. The devastation sig-The conflict is only expected nalled what appeared to be a to escalate. Israel expanded the new Israeli tactic: warning civilmobilisation of reservists to ians to leave certain areas and 360,000 Tuesday, according to then hitting those areas with

unprecedented intensity. A looming question is whether Tuesday afternoon, the mili-Israel will launch a ground oftary warned residents of anfensive into Gaza, home to 2.3 million people and that has been

other nearby neighbourhood to evacuate and move into the centre of Gaza City.

under Capital police limits here. On the basis of a complaint lodged by Nayak's wife, Jhuni, the Dhauli police have registered a case (194/23) of murder and launched a probe.

According to Jhuni, Nayak

was beaten to death by the de-adhad been admitted to Sweekar, a de-addiction centre under Dhauli diction centre authorities. police limits in the City, around three months ago. However, subsequently, the cen-

Jhuni said she received a call from the centre Tuesday morning informing that Nayak has

CM launches 'Ama Odisha, Nabin Odisha'

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

Bhubaneswar. Oct 10: Odisha Chief Minister Naveen Patnaik Tuesday launched the 'Ama Odisha Nabin Odisha' scheme with an outlay of ₹3,397 crore to boost rural infrastructure and promote Jagannath culture. Under the scheme, 90,723 projects will be implemented in 6,794 panchayats with each getting an assistance of ₹50 lakh, said a release from the Chief Minister's Office (CMO).

To start with, the government sanctioned 3,568 projects worth ₹148.50 crore for 297 panchayats in Keonjhar district while ₹109 crore was sanctioned for execution of 3.337 projects in 218 panchavats in Bhadrak. Patnaik said under the scheme,

steps will also be taken for the preservation of Jagannath culture, sites of historical significance, and development of places of worship in villages.

The CM said development of digital infrastructure in villages is another objective of the scheme. "Villages will get internet connectivity, science parks, skill development centres and banking facility," he said, adding village primary schools will also be involved under the scheme. Meanwhile, Opposition BJP and Congress objected to the use

of 'conch' (BJD's party symbol) in advertisements issued by the state government while announcing the scheme.

The BJP said it will move court against the state govern-

ment while Congress submitted a memorandum to the governor.

BJP chief whip in the Assembly, Mohan Maihi, said, "The BJD gov ernment has used conch symbol in its advertisement for 'Ama Odisha Nabin Odisha' violating norms." Leader of opposition

Javanaravan Mishra said the government launched the scheme since the 2024 Assembly and LS elections are a few months away. "At least 50 per cent of the funds sanctioned under the scheme will go towards 'PC (percentage/bribe)", he alleged.

Reacting to the allegations, senior BJD leader and minister Atanu Sabyasachi Nayak said, "Conch is a symbol of sanctity. As the BJP cannot go to the people, they are going to court," he said.

35L I-T refund cases 'held up'

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

New Delhi, Oct 10: Around 35 lakh cases for issuance of refunds are currently 'held up' with the Income Tax (I-T) Department owing to mismatch and validation of the taxpayers' bank accounts and the taxman is reaching out such assessees via a special call centre, CBDT Chairperson Nitin Gupta said Tuesday.

The direct taxes body chief said the department was "in correspondence" with such taxpayers and it is their aim to expeditiously resolve these issues.

"We want to credit the refunds to the correct bank accounts of the taxpayers quickly," he said.

Asked during an interaction about instances where refunds are stuck as taxpayers were getting old demands pertaining to years around 2010-11, Gupta said the department had undergone a technology shift around 2011 -from paper-based registers to computers -- and hence some of those old demands were showing up in the accounts of the assessees.

'We have started a unique demand management facilitation system about a year back for all such cases where refunds are held up due to a variety of reasons. An email is triggered to the taxpayer saying they will get a call three days from the dispatch of the email from a particular number and following this conversation, the issues arebeing resolved," he told reporters here.

Ambani edges past Adani to reclaim richest Indian tag

INDO-ASIAN NEWS SERVICE

Chennai, Oct 10: Billionaire Mukesh Ambani, Chairman, Reliance Industries Ltd. has reclaimed the top spot as the richest Indian after a year, as per the '360 One Wealth Hurun India Rich List 2023'

Ambani was ranked at the top with a wealth of ₹808,800 crore with 2 per cent appreciation over the previous year.

Industrialist Gautam Adani, despite a 57 per cent erosion in wealth, was ranked second in the list with a cumulative wealth of ₹474,800 crore.

Last year, Adani was ahead of Ambani by ₹3 lakh crore and in 2023, the latter is ahead of the former by ₹3.3 lakh crore.

governed by Hamas since 2007.

The top two industrialists are followed by vaccine maker Cyrus S. Poonawalla (Rs 278,500 crore), HCL group's Shiv Nadar (Rs 228,900 crore), Hinduja group's Gopichand Hinduja (Rs 176,500 crore) and Sun Pharmaceuticals' Dilip Shanghvi (Rs 164,300 crore).

₹1,000 crore rich individuals' club went up by 216 to 1,319. The cumulative wealth of

According to the report, the bined gross domestic product (GDP) of Singapore, the UAE

India's rich list stood at ₹109 and Saudi Arabia The youngest rich Indian title lakh crore, more than the com-

RATAN TATA HAS MOST FOLLOWERS ON X



went to 20-year-old Kaivalya Vohra, the Founder of Zepto. On the other hand, 94 year old Mahendra Ratilal Mehta,

Founder, Precision Wires India, made his maiden entry into the rich list in 2023.

According to the list, 84 startup founders with a cumulative wealth of ₹423,600 crore with an average age of 41 years figure in the 2023 rankings.

Radha Vembu (50) of Zoho became the richest self-made woman in the 2023 list, overtaking Falguni Nayar.

Tamil Nadu's hosiery town Tiruppur debuted in the top 20 cities producing the most number of entrants with 328 individuals.

As regards the number of

Youngest rich Indian title went to 20-year-old Kaivalya Vohra, Founder of Zepto

94-year-old Mahendra Ratilal Mehta, Founder, Precision Wires India, made his maiden entry into the rich list

followers on the social media platform X, Tata Group's Ratan Tata has the largest number

of followers at 12.6 million and is followed by Mahindra & Mahindra group's Anand Mahindra with 10.8 million followers.









downtown

More candidates in fray; victory margin shrinks



ATRI PRASAD ROUT, OP

Bhubaneswar, Oct 10: Though in Odisha Biju Janata Dal (BJD) has been the dominant political force for the last two decades, as our previous analysis of change in vote share showed, elections in the state have gotten more competitive. The ruling party's share of votes has either receded or stagnated over the last couple of elections, while BJP, though struggling, has made some gains, especially in general elections.

Further analysis of election data from Ashoka University's Trivedi Centre for Political Data (TCPD) reveals that the increase in competition is also reflected in increase in the number of contesting candidates and the shrinking margin of victory.

In 1974, when the strength of the (sixth) Assembly was increased from 140 to 147, a total of 722 candidates contested for those 147 seats. But by 1995, that number had almost doubled to 1,415. In 2014, the total number of candidates contesting for 147 seats was 1,567, the highest ever. The trend also holds true for the general elections with the number of candidates contesting almost doubling from 110 in 1980 to 224 in 2014.

As a consequence, the average number of candidates fighting for an Assembly seat has risen significantly. In 1974, that number was 5, but in 1995, it was 10, in 2014, 11, and in 2019. 10. So, a candidate at the constituency level now has

fidavits," he says.

double the number of competitors than he had in 1974. Elections have become more competitive, agrees Ranjan Kumar Mohanty, state coordinator of

Association for Democratic Reforms (ADR) Odisha Election Watch. "Money definitely plays a role but there is also increased transparency in elections now that the candidates have to file af-

Candidates vs Median MoV: General elections



"Voters are more judicious today as they are better informed about the candidates' assets, education and criminal background. The introduction of NOTA has also given them the opportunity to express their discontent," he says. Tight fight

Another measure of electoral competitiveness at the state and the constituency level is the median margin of victory (median MoV). Margin of victory (MoV)

refers to the difference of votes between the winning candidate and the runner-up in a constituency.

Margin of victory, as a percentage of total valid votes in a constituency gives the margin percentage, interpreted as the winner getting 'x' per cent more votes than the runner up. And when the margin percentages for all constituencies of the state are lined from the smallest to the largest and the middle value is picked, it's called the median margin of victory. Simply, the less the median MoV in an election, the more competitive it is, because a small margin signals fierce competition.

For assembly elections, the Median MoV has been getting smaller and smaller, from 12.21 per cent in 2009 to 9.97 in 2014, and 8.19 in 2019, reflective of a more competitive electoral landscape. The pattern is even more exaggerated for general elections, where the median MoV was lowest in 2019, signaling cut-throat com-



petition between top two rivals. However, the rising competition seems to be having little threat to BJD. Political observer and former professor of political science at Utkal University Surya Narayan Misra says it's too early to say anything about elections next year, but he adds, "For BJD, the margin may go down from 25,000 to 13,000. But the party will win 100+ seats and in no

Home Minister Amit Shah had warned that President's Rule will be imposed in the state if the Assembly is dissolved early. Mishra told reporters at the BJP office here that the warning was given by Shah during the one-onone meeting with 5T Secretary VK Pandiyan, August 5 during his twoday visit to Odisha. "I have information that during the meeting, Shah pulled up the 5T secretary as the way it is going to lose majority state government was planning to go given their strategy and strength. for early assembly poll.

undertakings, statutory and semi

government bodies and in the Union Territories) having regard to the provisions of the Constitution. It also considers the reports submitted by the National Commission for Backward Classes and report to both the Houses as to the measures that should be taken by the Union government in respect of matters within the purview of the Centre It further examines the action taken by the Centre and the administrations of the Union Territories on the measures proposed by the committee and reports to both Houses



body for cremation, officials said.

The bodies were kept in AIIMS Bhubaneswar since the accident in June

MUKTASoft 1.0 soon in 25 ULBs

BMC in the presence of CBI of-

ficials for disposal. It is now

their duty to cremate," said

AIIMS Bhubaneswar superin-

eficiaries of the Odisha government's urban wage employment initiative, the state government is all set to roll out MUKTASoft 1.0, a web-based application, in 25 urban local bodies (ULBs), an official said Tuesday.

Addressing master trainers on the application here, Housing and Urban Development (H&UD) department principal secretary G Mathi Vathanan said MUKTASoft 1.0 had been launched on pilot basis in Dhenkanal and Jatni municipalities



MGNREGS. "The scheme has undergone many changes based on feedback received from ground. The prime objective of design and development of MUKTASoft has been to automate various processes adopted for implementation of MUKTA. he said.

would be instrumental in stream-

sequent training to the ULB officials and CBOs involved in MUKTA for smooth implementation of MUKTASoft.

started cremating the bodies.

We plan to complete the process

Bhubaneswar had received, 81 were handed over to family mem-

bers of the deceased in the first

phase. Later, another 53 bodies

were given to family members fol-

lowing DNA tests, but 28 bodies

remained unclaimed, the offi-

Coromandel Express, Bengaluru-Howrah Super Fast Express and

a goods train were involved in the

accident June 2 near the

Bahanaga Bazar station.

The Shalimar-Chennai Central

cial said.

in the next one or two days." Out of 162 bodies that AIIMS

"You all (master trainers) selected for the training are the key persons as resource persons who would train others in the process for effective implementation of MUKTASoft 1.0," Mathi

Development Agency (SUDA)

Director Sarada Prasad Panda.

as many as 300 resource persons

from 25 ULBs have been selected

for the training in five batches.

tinue till October 13. After the

training of these master trainers,

they would start imparting train-

ing to the field-level personnel

engaged for implementation of

the application," Panda said.

"The training programme started October 9 and would con-



ANNUAL DAY FETE: Cooperation Minister Atanu Sabyasachi Nayak lighting the lamp to inaugurate Padma Shri Krutartha Acharya Pratibha Samman Utsav as part of the annual day celebrations of Odisha Bunakar Mahasangha at Soochana Bhawan in Bhubaneswar, Tuesday

Cremation of 28 bodies begins BAHANAGA TRAGEDY

PNN & AGENCIES

Bhubaneswar, Oct 10: Four months after the triple train accident that claimed 297 lives in Odisha's Balasore district, authorities at the Bhubaneswar Municipal Corporation (BMC) have initiated the process for cremation of 28 unidentified bodies Tuesday.

AIIMS Bhubaneswar has started handing over the bodies to BMC authorities in presence of officials of the CBI, which probed the accident. As on Tuesday evening, nine bodies were handed over to the civic

of President's Rule

Mishra Tuesday claimed that Union



POST NEWS NETWORK Bhubaneswar, Oct 10: In a bid to streamline the implementation of Mukhya Mantri Karma Tatpara Abhiyan (MUKTA) and facilitation of payments to ben-

The web-based application

Vathanan said. According to State Urban

MANGARAJ, SETHI IN 30-MEMBER OBC PANEL

New Delhi, Oct 10: Biju Janata Raiva Sabha M

KULDEEP SINGH, OP

Manas Mangaraj and Lok Sabha MP Sarmistha Sethi have been appointed as the members of Parliamentary committee on welfare of Other Backward Classes (OBCs) for 2023-24.

Lok Sabha Speaker Om Birla has appointed BJP MP Rajesh Verma as the chairperson of the committee, which consists of 30 members- 20 from Lok Sabha and 10 from Rajya Sabha -- and will have a tenure of one year.

Significantly, the committee's

Knee Symposium at Sadguru Hospital



Cuttack: The Sadguru Hospital Tuesday organised a Knee Symposium 2023 in Cuttack which was attended by senior faculty members from across the country and orthopaedic students from the state. Senior national faculty Nirmal Kumar Jajodia, Mission Hospital, Kolkata and Sunit Hazra, convener of Arthroscopy and Sports Surgery Society of RG Kar Medical College, Kolkata were present as the guest on this occasion. Speaking at the programme, Sadguru Hospital MD PK Mohanty underlined the necessity of having a Knee Symposium whereby best practices and new learning's could be shared amongst the practitioners which would aid to help the patients.



task is to examine the measures taken by the Union government to secure the representation of the Other Backward Classes.

particularly the Most Backward Classes, in services and posts under its control (including appointments in the public sector

"Based on the success at the

piloting stage, the government has taken a decision to roll out MUKTASoft 0.1 in 25 more ULBs covering five municipal corporations, 14 major municipality towns and six NACs of the state,' the H&UD principal secretary said.

Giving an overview of MUKTA, Mathi Vathanan said Odisha is the first state in the country to design a wage employment scheme in line with

lining the implementation and facilitating quick payment to the stakeholders, he said, thanking e-GOV for making an effort to design the software.

As part of the rollout process, orientation of master trainers comprising members of State MUKTA PMU and selected officials of the 25 ULBs has started on various functionalities of the MUKTASoft 1.0.

The master trainers would be instrumental in imparting sub-

from a worldwide network of

Using statistical models, the

Along with lowering in num-

bers, the researchers also found

team then measured the effects

of magnetic disturbances on

geomagnetic ground stations.

Ex-DGP Sarat Mishra passes away at 88

Bhubaneswar: Former Odisha Director General of Police (DGP) Sarat Chandra Mishra passed away here Tuesday. He was 88. His brother,



initiatives for the welfare of police officials in the state. After retirement, he served as the first chairman of **Odisha Staff Selection Commission** (OSSC). People from various walks

of life condoled Sarat's demise.

Severe space weather events reduce migratory bird count

evere space weather events have been linked to a 9-17 per cent lowering in the numbers of migrating birds, in both spring and fall, according to new research.

Space weather events such as solar flares and other energetic outbursts cause periodic disruptions to Earth's magnetic field, which migratory birds rely on for long-distance navigation.

The remaining birds that chose to migrate during such events seemed to experience more difficulty navigating, especially under overcast conditions in autumn, the researchers from the University of Michigan (U-M), US, said in their study that used a 23-year dataset of bird migration across the Great Plains, a

major migratory corridor, for analysis.

"Our findings highlight how animal decisions are dependent on environmental conditions - including those that we as humans cannot perceive, such as geomagnetic disturbances - and that these behaviours influence population-level patterns of animal movement," said Eric Gulson-Castillo. lead author of the study published in the journal Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences

For their analysis, the researchers used images collected at 37 radar stations in the Great Plains' central flyway, spanning more than 1,600 km from the US states of Texas to North Dakota. The flat terrain was selected for



study to minimise influences from mountainous topography or oceanic coastlines.

The radar images or scans detect groups of hundreds to thousands of migrating birds, using which the migration intensity

can be estimated and direction of flight can be measured, the researchers said in their study. The community of nocturnally migrating birds in this region is primarily composed of a diverse set of perching birds such as thrushes and warblers; shorebirds such as sandpipers and plovers; and waterfowl such as ducks, geese and swans.

In all, the datasets for analysis included 1.7 million radar scans from the fall and 1.4 million from the spring.

The researchers then matched the radar data with a geomagnetic disturbance index. that represented the maximum hourly change from background magnetic conditions. The index was built from data collected

of expending great effort to battle crosswinds.

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that during geomagnetic disturbances in the fall, migrating Mishra birds appeared to drift with the broke the news. A wind more frequently, instead 1959-batch IPS officer, Sarat took That is, "effort flying" against numerous

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the wind was reduced by 25 per cent under cloudy skies during strong solar storms in the fall. suggesting that a combination of obscured celestial cues and magnetic disruption may hinder navigation, they said. PTI

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LARGE NUMBER OF STUDENTS STAYING AWAY FROM EDUCATIONAL **INSTITUTIONS DUE TO POVERTY, SAY EXPERTS**



POST NEWS NETWORK

Jajpur, Oct 10: 'Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan', a Centre-sponsored programme aimed at popularising education has failed to check the dropout rate in schools of Jajpur district, according to the Unified District Information System for Education (UDISE) Plus report published by the state School and Mass Education department. The report states that the dropout of students increases from Class III onwards in this district.

The report states that in the academic year 2021-22, there were 31,836 students studying in Class II of various schools in this district. However, in the academic vear 2022-23, 202 students stopped attending classes. The report also points out with concern the dropout rate after Class X. It states that out of the 28,204 students in Class X during the academic vear 2021-22, a total of 21,625 students have enrolled for

Plus II in 2022-23. It means that 6,579 students have decided not to pursue higher education.

Financial reasons mostly attribute to the dropout rate. Most of the dropouts start working to earn money and support their families. They start doing odd jobs on farmlands, in hotels and garages. Experts have pointed out that unless the real reason behind the dropout malady is ascertained, children cannot be brought back to school.

The UDISE Plus report states that 1.563 students have dropped out from schools after Class X in the industrially rich Danagadi block in this district. Similarly, the dropout rate in Dharmasala block stands at an alarming 1.197 students while 865 in the mining rich Sukinda block have decided

not to pursue higher education. Stats in the report show that dropouts occur in all classes with the numbers increasing as the students grow old. It states that 1,371 students stopped at-

tending schools after Class VIII and the number rose to 2,207 after Class IX in 10 blocks of this district. However, observers pointed out that the numbers are much more than reported.

They informed that in many schools students get enrolled, but do not attend classes as they prefer doing menial jobs. As most of these students come from poor families, it is a luxury for them to attend schools. "Unless the Sarva Siksha Abhiyan addresses the issue of poverty, students will stay away from schools," some experts opined.

Lack of teachers is another major reason for students dropping out. In some schools there is only a single teacher and in some there aren't any at all. Absence of proper roads and transport facilities are other reasons why students prefer to stay away from schools, said sources in this district.

The Odisha government has spent ₹168.64 crore under the 5T initiative for transformation of 249 schools in the district and the renovation of 97 more is underway in the second phase. However, even then dropout rate is rampant.

District education officer Nibedita Pani has asked all the block education officers to give stress on the UDISE Plus report and ensure that names of fake students are not uploaded in the portal.

IIM Sambalpur starts MBA programme for

working professionals

Bhubaneswar, Oct 10: The

Indian Institute of Management

(IIM) in Sambalpur has started

an MBA programme for working

professionals, an official state-

The main feature of the pro-

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It is important to promote in-

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tive impact on the country's GDP

"As industries are evolving,

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ment said Tuesday.

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Sushmita death probe gathers pace

POST NEWS NETWORK

Rourkela, Oct 10: Police investigating the mysterious demise of Rourkela assistant collector Sushmita Minz checked Tuesday the call details record (CDR) of the deceased. It is quite clear now that the investigation is gathering pace.

DSP Banita Majhi of the Investigative Unit of Crime against Women (IUCAW) said the investigation is going on at a brisk pace. "We at this moment, have seized the CDR of the deceased and examining it,' informed Majhi. "Now we will question all those who had talked to Sushmita in the last few days before her death. We have already questioned her maternal uncle and aunt. We have also summoned the person she last talked to over the mobile before her death," Majhi added. Police have questioned Gurundia block BDO Bernabesh Lakra and CDPO Fulgencia Ekka October 4. They summoned Sushmita's husband Sushil Topno and he appeared before the police October 6. He was grilled for more than two hours.



not in the best of terms and their divorce was on the anvil. In fact Sushmita had appeared in court for the hearing September 16. However, three days later, September 19, Sushmita's body was found floating in a pond at the Sensory Park here.

Even though Sushmit

RACE BJP in a fix as 20 leaders resign in Malkangiri



POST NEWS NETWORK

Malkangiri, Oct 10: The unit of the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) in this district plunged into crisis Tuesday after 20 frontline leaders resigned together.

This development, coming just ahead of the visit of Chief Minister Naveen Patnaik here October 12, for inauguration of the bus service under the LAccMI scheme, has assumed significance. It is expected that most of these 20 leaders will shift their allegiance to the BJD.

The new ₹3,178 crore public transport network programme-Location Accessible Multi-modal Initiative (LAccMI) scheme has been launched by the state government aimed at establishing connectivity between gram panchayats and the state capital. It has sparked a row with the private bus operators in the state raising objections on its implementation. The leaders who have resigned from the saffron party are Chitrasen Swain (unit vice-president), Bijay Krishna Das (Balimela town vice-president), Seemanchal Pradhan (general secretary). Trinath Sahu (president, BJP Krushak Morcha), Purna Chandra Chalan (president, ST Morcha) and general body members Purna Chandra Biswal, Purusottam Muduli, Ramesh Kumar Jani, Sudarshan Dakua, Sai Kumar Patra, Ashu Kanjeria, Rama Khara, Sonu Nag, Surendra Sodhi, Amulya Machha, Utkal Charan Muduli, Kunu Pangi, Balaram Swain, Ranjit Behera and Rahul Bagh.

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The leaders who have quit the BJP have sent their resignation letters to Odisha unit president Manmohan Samal.

Explaining the reason behind the mass resignations, Bijay Krishna mentioned that they had failed to help the common people despite being with the BJP for more than 13 years. He alleged that people are drifting away from

RSP school chess

Rourkela: The Open School Chess tournament (for participants till Class XII) will be held October 13 and 14 at the indoor hall of the Biju Patnaik Hockey Stadium here, officials said Tuesday. The tournament will be conducted by the Sports department of the Rourkela Steel Plant.

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It should be stated here that Sushil, who works in a bank and is presently posted at Chhattisgarh, and Susmita were

mortem report mentioned it was death by drowning, her family alleged that she had been murdered. Her brother Sandeep Minz filed a complaint against the BDO, CDPO, ADM Rourkela, District Collector of Sundargarh and lady ASI of Uditnagar, Alice Narmi Lugun, who allegedly was the PSO to Sushmita. To compound matters Lugun died under mysterious circumstances while trying to control an irate mob at the Hanuman Vatika lo-

cality here few days back. Her family has also alleged 'foul play' behind her death.

in times to come," said Prof Mahadeo Jaiswal, director, IIM Sambalpur. Alok Kumar Mishra, joint sec-

retary, Association of Indian Universities, New Delhi, emphasised that the credit system introduced in the NEP allows students to participate across institutions within India and across other countries.

The notification also said IIM Sambalpur will organise the prestigious 'PAN IIM World Management Conference, 2023' to be held December 21 to December 23 here

the saffron party due to the false promises made by BJP leaders.

'Chief Minister Naveen Patnaik has delivered to Malkangiri district what he has promised. He is going to provide bus services to rural people from villages to this town through the LaccMI scheme in the coming days. It will help the poor in availing education and healthcare facilities," said Bijay Krishna. He added that after looking at the people-oriented work carried out by the ruling party, he and others thought it would be pertinent to resign from the BJP.

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Rourkela: Veteran BJD leader and former Odisha minister Mangala Kisan has been admitted to the super speciality hospital here Tuesday after

Dhiren Senapati visited the hospital to meet the veteran



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Rescued women reunited with family

The mother-daughter duo was found naked on a road in Sundargarh district



POST NEWS NETWORK

Rourkela, Oct 10: The woman and her daughter, who were found walking naked on the bridge over river Ib, have been reunited with their family and have returned to their native place at Kharibari village in Chhattisgarh, police said Tuesday. Police also alleged that the allegations of rape raised by the mother-daughter duo were found to be baseless.

Since October 6, when the two women were rescued by BJP MLA Kusum Tete, the case had grabbed eyeballs. Initially the two claimed that they were from Jharkhand.

However, later during investigation, police found that the two were from Chhattisgarh. The two women had time and again said that they were gangrape victims. However, police after conducting medical and psychiatric examinations did not find any evidence of rape.

SDPO Sundargarh, Himanshu Behera said Tuesday that during investigation both the women were found to be mentally unstable. "Their family members came here Monday after getting information from the police in Chhattisgarh. They gave an undertaking that they will look after the women following which we al-

SDPO Sundargarh, Himanshu Behera said that despite allegations of rape, the two women failed to provide enough evidence to cops

lowed the duo to go with them. The family members said that as they are very poor, the two often go out in search of food, but return home always. This is the first time they strayed elsewhere," Behera informed.

Behera was asked about a particular 'Mithun' mentioned by the two women during investigation. "We investigated the matter and found out that Mithun was not involved in any way with the two women." Behera stated. "As they are mentally unstable, they mentioned many things incoherently. During medical examination we did not find marks of any injuries or assault on their bodies, Behera added.

Behera also stated that no case has been filed on the matter, not even rape. "We did not find any evidence of rape. The two were repeatedly questioned, but they could not clearly say anything and provide enough evidence," Behera informed.

suffering from complications. Sundargarh MP Jual Oram and BJP state spokesperson

tribal leader. Later on Oram told reporters that Mangala is recuperating well. He also added that he has talked to Mangala's son and assured the latter of all help. Oram and Senapti both prayed for the quick recovery of Mangala.



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Speaker Sacked

The just removed US House of Representatives Speaker Kevin McCarthy looks like a pathetic figure and virtually symbolises the chaos the American democratic institution has plunged into. Lately, he had been wooing 'radical' elements in his Republican Party who are beholden to former President Donald Trump. It is this group that has let him down and created an ignoble history by making him the shortest lasting Speaker ever. His ouster became inevitable after the defection of a handful of radicalized elected representatives. The development has far greater political and economic implications than the fate of an individual. It is about the institutional functioning of the world's leading power, which is faced with a possible government shutdown as it will run out of money in around 40 days' time, according to reports. It also puts into question US aid to Ukraine which is crucial for the latter's ongoing war against Russia.

Right from the beginning of his campaign to fulfil his long-cherished ambition of becoming the House Speaker, McCarthy had been plagued by vacillating support from his own people in the Republican Party. He was elected with great difficulty in January on the 15th ballot after offering concessions to the wing claiming to be the most loval to former President Donald Trump. In the process, he besmirched his reputation and antagonised the Democrats by agreeing to open an impeachment inquiry against President Joe Biden though there is hardly any substantial evidence to prove wrongdoing by the latter. It turned out to be a vindictive act at the behest of the pro-Trump group baying for Biden's blood for impeachment proceedings against Trump.

It is a sad commentary on the state of affairs within the Republican Party which now comes across as a divided house plagued by intrigues. McCarthy lost his chair after he was defeated by 216 votes against 210 that supported his continuance as Speaker. Eight Republicans sided with the entire Democratic Caucus of the House to deny McCarthy his political ambitions in Congress. Particularly vociferous in their resistance to being governed by McCarthy were members of the Republican Freedom Caucus and their allies, who appeared to resent his cooperation with Democrats on critical policy matters. The most significant among these were bipartisan efforts to avoid a federal government shutdown by raising the debt ceiling. Towards this goal, McCarthy had signed off on a 45-day temporary spending bill, much to the chagrin of his Republican detractors in the House.

That schism represents the malaise afflicting the Republican Party. There is a vocal faction within the party that appears to share the political outlook of former President Donald Trump. Their politics is geared to lowering public expenditure and reversing foreign policy priorities that pledge funding to Ukraine in its war efforts against the Russian invasion.

The upshot of this ugly episode in current US politics is that the prospect of the Republican presidential candidate for 2024 elections may be damaged by the message of chaos and governance paralysis that the removal of the Speaker sends across.

The lesson for McCarthy and others like him in the Republican Party is that loyalty to Trump does not pay in the end. This is for the simple reason that Trump plays his cards to fulfil his own ambitions. He seems to have little compunction to turn his loyalists into sacrificial goats.

WISDOM CORNER

- Unfortunately, the clock is ticking, the hours are going by. The past increases, the future recedes. Possibilities decreasing, regrets mounting
- To understand the heart and mind of a person, look not at what he 66 has already achieved, but at what he aspires to.
- No matter how many mistakes you make or how slow you progress, 66 you are still way ahead of everyone who isn't trying.

WHAT WILL FOLLOW?

he multi-pronged operation that Hamas launched against Israel one day after the anniversary of the 1973 Yom Kippur War is eerily similar to that conflict. Daring and unexpected, both attacks caught Israel by surprise and dealt lethal blows to the country's sense of invincibility. It remains to be seen if, as in 1973, the Hamas attack will lead to a tectonic shift in Israeli politics and the country's relationship with the Palestinians.

In 1973, Egypt and Syria surprised Israel, penetrating deep into its territory. In the conflict's early days, the situation was so dire that Defense Minister Moshe Dayan recommended employing nuclear weapons. The Agranat commission, which was later tasked with investigating the war, coined the term conceptziyya to capture the intelligence services' hubris. Israeli military intelligence held the conceptzivva that the country's overwhelming firepower would deter the Arabs from attacking. Specifically, it was believed that Egypt would refrain from striking until it possessed sufficient air power to hit targets deep within Israel and silence its air force.

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Today, these organisations have clung to a conceptziyya that Israel's overwhelming power would deter Hamas from initiating a new war. Their political masters, led by Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu, concluded that periodic Palestinian eruptions of violence were a manageable nuisance while imagining the occupied would accept endless occupation.

The Hamas operation demonstrates the fallaciousness of that approach. It is now clear beyond any doubt that an entity that consistently calls for Israel's destruction and which abducts Israeli civilians cannot continue to exist on Israel's border

After the Agranat commission released its initial findings in 1974, Prime Minister Golda Meir and Dayan resigned. Meir



While Netanyahu's harsh and unbending rhetoric won him supporters at home and abroad, it never matched reality, and the Hamas operation's occurrence on his watch has instantly turned him into a paper tiger

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a similar reckoning. Israel's se-

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speaks of destroying "the ter-

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will provide it the opportunity

A large-scale Israeli ground

invasion is certain, and a long-

term occupation likely. Though

Hamas leaders will relocate to

underground bunkers, it is

doubtful they will find secure

Hamas and other Islamist organisations situate themselves

within the framework of Muslim

history. But a gaze toward the

New World is more fitting. In

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bowed out graciously while Dayan rebuffed calls to do so because the commission had not recommended it.

Netanyahu is sure to mimic Dayan's attitude, but he now undoubtedly faces an ignominious denouement to his 40year political career. While Netanyahu's harsh and unbending rhetoric won him supporters at home and abroad it never matched reality, and the Hamas operation's occurrence on his watch has instantly turned him into a paper tiger. He promised his policies would subdue the Palestinians, only to see them unleash the worst attack in Israel's history. He vowed that economic packages would placate the Palestinians, only to find their attachment to their land stronger than any appeal to their purse. His strate egy never extended beyond allowing the military a free hand in the Palestinian territories.

Netanyahu proved that long ago. In his first 11 years in power he bristled at the pressure Democratic administrations in the United States applied and claimed that the conflict could be resolved under the tutelage of a Republican president. But during Donald Trump's administration, Netanyahu pocketed American concessions,

Western governments can be most effective by using their clout to pressure Qatar and Turkey to expel Hamas officials, close their offices, and ban fundraising.

Whether the attack will close a chapter in Israeli history is the most important question. Ultimately, the 1973 war, together such as the relocation of the US embassy to Jerusalem, withwith the revelation in 1977 that out offering the Palestinians Meir's successor's wife held an illegal foreign bank account, While Netanyahu's defenesbroke Labor's 29-year grip on tration will be a slow burn, that

power. Today, Israeli clarions are trumpeting vengeance. When they fall silent, introspection will follow. Israelis will question the conceptziyya that they can reap the benefits of a Western nation-state while being inured to the hardships their neighbors seek to inflict on them.

hundreds of hostages at the

Japanese ambassador's residence in Lima. The spectacu-

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The international commu-

nity will give Israel a wide berth

to do the same to Hamas. The

usual outcry of concern for

civilian casualties will be muted,

just as it was during Israel's

2006 war with Hezbollah. But

recovered.

But a revival of the Israeli left and a rejuvenation of the peace process are unlikely. Since the Palestinians rejected Israel's peace plan in 2000, the left has been in the doldrums. Today, Labor has plummeted from the peak of power to one of the smallest factions in the Israeli Knesset.

In 1973, the realisation that Israel was not impregnable put the country on the road to peace with Egypt. The greatest tragedy of the current war will be the inability to do the same with the Palestinians.

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IN JEST THIS Don't slack off after winning a Nobel

THIS DAY IN HISTORY

- **1899:** The Second Boer War begins. The almost three-year long conflict was fought between British and Irish troops and the Boers from the Transvaal and Orange Free State. The war began as a result of disagreements between the two sides over the ownership of gold and diamond mines in the region. The two countries were annexed by the British at the end of the war in May 1902. The word Boer is the Afrikaans word for farmer and it was used at that time to refer to Afrikaans-speaking settlers in the region.
- **1971:** British musician John Lennon's Imagine was released as a single; an iconic song of hope and peace, it is arguably the best-known work of his solo career. The lyrics of the song encourage listeners to imagine a world of peace, without materialism, without borders separating nations and without religion. Shortly before his death, Lennon said that much of the song's lyrics and content came from his wife, Yoko Ono, and in 2017 she received co-writing credit.
- **2000:** 100th mission of NASA's space shuttle programme. Also known as the Space Transportation System or STS, the programme was the first in the world to employ reusable spacecraft to take people into outer space. The first flight of the space shuttle fleet, which included Columbia, Challenger, Discovery, Atlantis, and Endeavour took place on April 12, 1981. The 100th flight was on space shuttle Discovery and the mission was designated STS-92. It was the 30th time Discovery had flown into space.
- **2001:** Caribbean writer VS Naipaul is awarded the Noble Prize for Literature. He has published more than 30 books both of fiction and nonfiction over 50 years. Naipaul's best-regarded works include "A House for Mr Biswas" (1961), "In a Free State," which won the 1971 Booker Prize and "A Bend in the River" (1979). He was knighted in 1990.



Melvin Durai

A RECENT STUDY **INDICATES THAT NOBEL LAUREATES IN GENERAL BECOME LESS** PRODUCTIVE **AND LESS IMPACTFUL AFTER** WINNING THE PRESTIGIOUS

PRIZE

he Nobel Prizes were announced recently and if vou didn't win one, let me offer some words of consolation. You didn't receive a large monetary award or become famous overnight, but at least you will continue to be productive.

Winning the Nobel Prize is like winning the lottery. As soon as you win it, your desire to keep striving diminishes greatly. What's there to work for? A second Nobel Prize? More money and fame? A wax figure at Madame Tussauds?

Each Nobel Laureate is a unique individual, of course, and some may continue to work hard in their fields. Some have no idea how to relax. They may need to take lessons in goofing off.

Trainer: "Okay, Abhijit, first you put some golf on TV. Nobel Laureate Abhijit Banerjee: "Oh no, I could never watch that.'

Trainer: "What do you watch for relaxation?' Banerjee: "WEF - World

Economic Forum. Yes, some Nobel Laureates

may have trouble relaxing, especially after working hard their entire lives. But a recent study indicates that Nobel Laureates in general become less productive and less impactful after winning the prestigious prize.

The study, published in the journal Royal Society Open Science, evaluated the impact of two major research awards, Nobel Prizes and MacArthur Fellowships, on the subsequent work of recipients. The researchers found that Nobel Laureates in science (chemistry, physics and physiology or medicine) published the same number of papers in the three years after winning the award as they did in the three years before winning the award. But the number of citations per paper diminished significantly, suggesting that they weren't as impactful.

"These awards do not seem to enhance the productivity of the scientists," the study's lead researcher Dr. John Ioannidis told the New York Times. "If anything, it seems to have the opposite effect.

The Nobel Prize is considered the most prestigious prize in science, literature, economics and, of course, peace-making. Not only does it come with a monetary award of \$1 million (about 8.25 crores), it propels the winner to instant fame. It's almost like winning the Miss Universe contest, but without needing to

look good in a swimsuit. While the general public may soon forget a Nobel Prize winner's name, they remain well-known in their field of study for years. Harriet Zuckerman, a sociologist at Columbia University, believes that fame does affect a Nobel Laureate's work

'They are treated by others, both within their fields and outside science, often as celebrities, as people whose opinions count on everything," Zuckerman told "It's very the Times. distracting?

Instead of conducting cutting-edge research, a Nobel Laureate may be tempted to make paid speeches and other appearances.

Ioannidis and his team of researchers also studied how age

affects a prize winner's productivity. They found an increase in publications and citations for laureates aged 41 and younger, and a decrease for those aged 42 and older.

For most people, it might be hard to imagine slowing down at age 42. But if you've worked hard and done something amazing to win a Nobel Prize, perhaps you'd feel like taking it easy for a little while, perhaps even making a trip to Bali, Indonesia, to give a talk to the Bali Academy of Sciences.

Nobel Laureates who continue to be productive may be rewarded in many ways, including earning themselves a second Nobel Prize. Indeed, five people in history have received two Nobel Prizes each. While some prizes are shared. Linus Pauling did not share either of his prizes, the 1954 Nobel Prize in Chemistry and the 1962 Nobel Peace Prize.

Perhaps we need to give more publicity to the multiple winners, and send an indirect message to the other laureates: "Don't be a slacker. Try to win another Nobel Prize.

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GIVING AWAY A HORSE

retiring farmer in preparation for Aselling his land, needed to rid his farm of animals. So he went to every house in his town. To the houses where the man is the

boss, he gave a horse. To the houses where the woman is the boss, a chicken was given. He got toward the end of the street and saw a couple outside gardening. "Who's the boss around here?" he asked

"I am," said the man.

said, "The black one.' "No, no, no, get the brown one," the man's wife said. "Here's your chicken," said the farmer



TO THE EDITOR

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Welcome move

Sir, This refers to the news "Dress code for Srimandir devotees from Jan 1" (Orissa POST, October 10). This sort of restriction imposed by the 'Niti' sub-committee was long overdue for maintaining the dignity and sanctity of the temple. The abode of God has to have a place of serenity. Devotees visiting the shrine have no right to show disrespect to religious sentiments of people by wearing clothes not befitting to the ambience of the temple. In most of the temples in the South, there is dress-code and the devotees adopt the same without any demur. But one thing has to be ensured that the process of implementing the dresscode should be made hassle free. Arun Gupta, KOLKATA

Death & destruction

Sir, The devastating earthquake in western Afghanistan has left behind a trail of death and destruction. Over 2,050 people have perished, and the death toll could rise as rescuers pull out more bodies from the rubble. The quake's epicentre lay 40 kilometres northwest of Herat city. Besides flattening houses, the earthquake has killed cattle and destroyed civic infrastructure. The international community must spare no effort in rushing food and aid to ease the misery

> NJ Ravi Chander, BANGALORE

Exceptional performance

Sir, Kudos to Indian athletes for their exceptional accomplishments at the Asian Games! India's remarkable performance at the Asian Games is indeed praiseworthy. Surpassing a century of medals, with gold earned across various events, is a testament to the unwavering dedication and hard work of our athletes. It transcends mere numbers, symbolising the pride and inspiration they instill nationwide. We applaud the relentless efforts of our athletes. Prime Minister Narendra Modi's praise echoes throughout the . nation. Crossing the 100-medal mark is an extraordinary accomplishment, highlighting the outstanding talent and unwavering resolve of Indian athletes, instilling immense pride in all of us. India rejoices in this remarkable milestone with boundless joy and pride!

Krishna Kumar Vepakomma, HYDERABAD







Dengue situation alarming in WB

JDO-ASIAN NEWS SERVICE

Kolkata, Oct 10: Dengue has reached alarming proportions in West Bengal, with the total number of affected people crossing the 50,000-mark.

As many as 56,707 cases have been recorded till date, with over 10,000 being affected in the last seven days, till Sunday evening, as per statistics available with the West Bengal Health Department. Although the health department has not revealed any figures on dengue-related deaths till now, unofficial estimates put the casualties at 60

However, BJP Legislators, like the Leader of the Opposition in West Bengal Assembly, Suvendu Adhikari, have claimed that the toll has crossed the 100-mark considering that in several cases dengue deaths have been reported as "death due to unknown fever."

Health department insiders fear that going by the current situation the possibility of the forthcoming Durga Puja festi-

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informers, is crucial.

ance", says the circular.

Inform cops, get rewarded

Patna, Oct 10: Bihar Police will give cash awards

to people for providing information on bootlegging,

illegal sand mining, hate messages on social media

and cyber frauds leading to the arrests of culprits.

The latest state home department circular on

"Police will reward those who help catch criminals

involved in illegal sand-mining, bootleggers, cyber

criminals and individuals/organizations who use so-

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According to the order, Director General of Police

DGP) can announce a reward of up to Rs 3 lakh. "But

if the reward is more than Rs 3 lakh, then the final

decision will be taken by the home department based

on recommendations of the DGP," the order added.

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val being held under the shadow of the dengue outbreak cannot be ruled out.

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ber of affected people or the deaths. On the other hand, the state government has accused the Union government of denying the necessary financial assistance on this count.

BIHAR WETLANDS REPORT 70,000 BIRDS THIS YEAR

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Patna, Oct 10: Around 70,000 birds, including those of threatened and near-threatened species. were counted in the wetlands of Bihar this year, which is 24,600 more than the enumeration of last year, according to a waterbird census.

The Asian Waterbird Census (AWC) was conducted by the Bihar government in collaboration with the Bombay Natural History Society (BNHS) from January 30 to February 12 this year. A total of 16 teams comprising around 200 people conducted the survey in 76 wetlands in 26 districts. Altogether 69,935 birds of 203 species were counted. The reporting of more birds



were covered this year as compared to last year. The census, which was released by state environment minister Tej Pratap Yadav on Sunday, stated: "During AWC 2022, a total of 45,173 birds of 202 species belonging to 61 families of birds were recorded from 68 wetlands. Of those, 39,937 individuals of 81 species were waterbirds, 569 individuals of 23 species were wetland-dependent birds, and 5,630 individuals

of 101 species were land birds." When compared to AWC 2022, the total number of birds observed during the AWC 2023 was higher. Over 24,600 more birds were reported during the AWC 2023 when compared to 2022. More wetlands were also covered during AWC 2023 than in AWC 2022," the report added.

In this year's census, the highest number of birds was reported in Jamui district (18,480), followed by Bhagalpur (9,084) and Buxar (8,126)."Of the 69,935 individuals reported during AWC 2023, 29,795 birds of 73 species (41.58 per cent) were long-distance migrants and the remaining 40,140 birds of 126 species (57.39 per cent) were residents," the report stated.

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BENGAL'S NEW HEADACHE

INDO-ASIAN NEWS SERVICE

Kolkata, Oct 10: With the water levels in the northern sector of West Bengal, especially Jalpaiguri, starting to recede, the accumulation of mortar shells and other explosive boxes on the banks of river Teesta has emerged as a new headache for the district admir

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Tourists evacuated by the Indian Air Force from flood-affected Lachen arrive at Libing Army Helipad, in Sikkim. A total of 176 tourists were Tuesday airlifted from North Sikkim, which has been ravaged by a flash flood in the Teesta river, Chief Secretary VB Pathak said

President Droupadi Murmu with President of the United Republic of Tanzania Samia Suluhu Hassan at a meeting at Rashtrapati Bhavan, in New Delhi



French President Emmanuel Macron, German Chancellor Olaf Scholz, Brigitte Macron and Chancellor's wife Britta Ernst, from left, stand in front of an Airbus Beluga transport aircraft at the Airbus site in Hamburg-Finkenwerder prior to a joint cabinet meeting of the German and French Government in Hamburg, Germany



BJP Delhi state President Virendra Sachdeva with others shouts slogans during a protest against Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal, at ITO, in New Delhi,





Workers carry sacks of cultivated paddy at a local grain market, in Amritsar, Punjab



Blooming bushes of Kaash flowers at the flooded adjacent areas of the Hooghly river, in Nadia, West Bengal



Dasara tusker Mahendra, who is groomed to succeed Abhimanyu as the howdah elephant, carries the wooden howdah during rehearsal for Mysore Dasara, in Mysore, Karnataka

Police use water cannons to disperse SAD workers who were protesting outside the residence of CM Bhagwant Mann demanding debate of SYL, in Chandigarh, Punjab. Shiromani Akali Dal (SAD) leaders led by party chief Sukhbir Singh Badal slammed the Mann government for having "failed" to safeguard the rights of Punjab in river waters







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INDIA, ITALY TO EXPAND DEFENCE TIES

India and Italy inked an agreement to expand their defence ties including for co-development and co-production of military platforms following wideranging talks between Defence Minister Rajnath Singh and his Italian counterpart Guido Crosetto in Rome. Singh is in Italy on the first leg of his two-nation tour. From Italy, the minister will be travelling to France



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Those who reside in the hearts of people, they don't go anywhere even after they are gone

MONEY LAUNDERING CASE ED arrests 4 Vivo executives

THE ENFORCEMENT DIRECTORATE (ED) CLAIMED IN ITS REMAND PAPERS BEFORE A LOCAL COURT THAT THE ALLEGED ACTIVITIES OF THE FOUR ENABLED VIVO, INDIA TO MAKE WRONGFUL GAINS

AKHILESH YADAV SP PRESIDENT

Fail to understand why local admin continues issuing orders that only hurt interests of people of Jammu and

MEHBOOBA MUFTI PDP CHIEF

We will force the Central government to conduct a caste census, come what may, to know the truth about the condition of OBCs, Dalits and tribals in the country. Our governments in Rajasthan, Karnataka and Chhattisgarh have

initiated a process for it RAHUL GANDHI CONGRESS LEADER

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ED raids AAP MLA Amanatullah Khan

Directorate (ED) raided the premises of AAP MLA Amanatullah Khan in Delhi Tuesday as part of a moneylaundering investigation against him and some others, official sources said. The 49year-old legislator represents the Okhla constituency in the Delhi Assembly. The ED searches were undertaken under the provisions of the Prevention of Money Laundering Act and three-four premises were covered.

New Delhi: The Enforcement

cealing the true nature of their ownership and control, by using forged identity cards.' ernment authorities and in the process enabled Vivo, India (controlled by Vivo, China) acquire huge wrongful gains for themselves to the "detriment of eco-

Bidhuri skips LS meeting

New Delhi: BJP MP Ramesh Bidhuri, who was scheduled to appear before a parliamentary panel Tuesday in connection with his controversial remarks against the BSP's Danish Ali, excused himself from the appearance citing prior engagements, sources said. The Lok Sabha's Privileges Committee, headed by BJP member Sunil Kumar Singh, took up othei issues on the agenda as Bidhuri, who was campaigning for the party in poll-bound Rajasthan, kept away.

New Delhi, Oct 10: The ED Tuesday arrested four persons including the managing director of Lava International mobile company and a Chinese national in connection with a money-laundering probe against smart phone-maker Vivo, with sources terming their activities detrimental to India's economic The Enforcement Directorate (ED) claimed in its remand

The crackdown on the leading Chinese company came after the federal probe agency found that three Chinese nationals -- all of whom "left" India during 2018-21 -- and another person from that country incorporated 23 companies in India in which they were also allegedly helped by CA Nitin Garg

An e-mail sent to Lava elicit an immediate response. Lava International claims to have 1-2 per cent share in the

smartphone market. A Vivo spokesperson said the company "firmly adheres to its ethical principles and remains dedicated to legal compliance. The recent arrest deeply concerns us. We will exercise all available legal options".

In July last year, the agency had raided Vivo and people linked with the firm, claiming to have busted a major money laundering racket involving Chinese nationals and multiple Indian companies

The ED had then alleged that a whopping Rs 62,476 crore was "illegally" transferred by Vivo to China in order to avoid payment of taxes in India.

The crackdown on the leading Chinese company came after the federal probe agency found that three Chinese nationals - all of whom "left" India during 2018-21 -- and another person from that country incorporated 23 companies in India in which they were also allegedly helped by CA Nitin Garg.

These 23 companies are found to have transferred huge amounts of funds to Vivo India. Further, out of the total sale proceeds of Rs 1,25,185 crore, Vivo India re-

mitted Rs 62,476 crore or almost 50 per cent of the turnover out of India, mainly to China, the ED had alleged

These remittances, it added, were made in order to "disclose huge losses in Indian incorporated companies to avoid payment of taxes in India."

The action is seen as part of the Union government's effort to tighten checks on Chinese entities that are allegedly indulging in serious financial crimes like money laundering and tax evasion while operating here. It is also being seen as continued crackdown on such firms and their linked Indian operatives. These developments also come

even as the military stand-off between the two countries along the Line of Actual Control (LAC) in eastern Ladakh has been ongoing for more than three years now.

Vivo, post the ED searches of July 5, 2022, had said it was "a responsible corporate and was committed to be fully compliant with laws.³

The agency said it followed "all due procedures as per law" during the raids conducted under the criminal sections of the PMLA, but the "employees of Vivo India, including some Chinese nationals, did not cooperate with the search proceedings and tried to abscond. remove and hide digital devices which were retrieved by the search teams."

The ED also said that after the raids, it seized funds worth Rs 465 crore kept in 119 bank accounts by various entities involved in the case, Rs 73 lakh in cash and 2 kg gold bars.

India stands firmly with Israel: PM Modi



Israeli PM Benjamin

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New Delhi, Oct 10: Prime

Minister Narendra Modi told

his Israeli counterpart Benjamin

Netanyahu Tuesday that people

of India stand firmly with his

country in this difficult hour,

expressing strong and

unequivocal condemnation of

terrorism in all its forms and

Netanyahu called up Modi to

update him on the ongoing sit-

uation as Israel carries out re-

taliatory strikes against Hamas

after its militants killed hun-

dreds of Israelis in a surprise

weekend attack across its south-

The Indian leader expressed

his deep condolences and sym-

pathy for those killed and

wounded, his office said in a

statement, and highlighted the

issue of safety and security of

Indian citizens in Israel.

Netanyahu assured him of full cooperation and support.

"I thank Prime Minister Netanyahu called up Modi Benjamin Netanyahu for his to update him on the phone call and providing an ongoing situation as Israel update on the ongoing situation. People of India stand firmly carries out retaliatory with Israel in this difficult hour. strongly India strikes against Hamas unequivocally condemns terrorism in all its forms and

manifestations," he said on X. Israeli Ambassador Naor Gilon thanked PM Modi for the support his country has received from Indians. "Thank you again PM Narendra Modi Ji. Since we get SO MUCH support from our Indian brothers and sisters, I'm unfortunately unable to thank each and every one of vou personally. Please accept this as my gratitude to all our friends," Gilon said on X.

and

Israeli warplanes have pounded the Gaza Strip after its Hamas militant rulers launched an unprecedented attack on Israel

So far, the Gaza toll stands at about 700 dead and thousands wounded, according to Gaza health officials, a punishing response to the militant group's attack that has killed more than 900 Israelis. More than 150 Israeli civilians and soldiers have been taken captive.

Mines ministry achieves target set for easing of rules

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New Delhi, Oct 10: The Mines ministry Tuesday said it has decriminalised 27 provisions through amendments in the Atomic Mineral Concession Rules, 2016 and achieved 100 per cent target of easing of rules. The rules were decriminalised as part of a campaign to reduce compliance burden and ensure ease of doing business "The special campaign 3.0 commenced from October 2, 2023 and the ministry of mines has attained 100 per cent of the target set for easing of procedure by decriminalising 27 rules through the amendment of Atomic Mineral Concession Rules, 2016," the mines ministry said. Under the campaign, the mines ministry has set the targets of addressing all pending matters and improving work place experience in all its offices. During the first week, the ministry said it resolved 95.45 per cent of the pending public grievances and completed 52 per cent of the task related to records management.



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New Delhi, Oct 10: A Delhi court Tuesday sent to 10-day judicial custody NewsClick founder Prabir Purkayastha and human resources department head Amit Chakravarty, arrested in a case lodged under anti-terror law UAPA over allegations that the news portal received money to spread pro-China propaganda. The two were produced before Additional Sessions Judge Hardeep Kaur around 2:50 PM. The prosecution sought 10 days judicial custody for the duo. which was firmly opposed by Purkayastha's counsel, who asserted "prima facie" no case was made out against his client. "What terrorist act have I committed? How can I as a journalist commit such an act? What is the allegation in the FIR? That we have done critical reporting of (government's) Covid policy and farmers protest. Is that terrorism?" the lawyer said. The counsel said if there was even an iota of doubt about their guilt, sending them to judicial custody will be a "travesty of justice"

The counsel for Chakravarty argued he was not a journalist nor had he received any payment. "There is no such allegation that there is a map of India, published by newsclick, that shows India without Kashmir and Arunachal



nomic sovereignty of the coun-

try", the ED said. International, a domestic mobile device manufacturing company, for its reaction did not

Over 400 evacuated after fire at hospital

Chandigarh: More than 400 patients were evacuated to safety after a major fire broke out in PGIMER-Chandigarh's Nehru Hospital block late last night, officials said Tuesday. No injuries were reported in the incident. An official of the fire and emergency services department said that 11 fire tenders including one each from Panchkula and Mohali were pressed into service to quickly control the blaze. "There is no casualty or injury

to anyone in the incident," the official said.

Pradesh," he said. Countering the arguments,

the Special Public Prosecutor (SPP) Atul Shrivastava said the case was at a stage when evidence was still being collected, and the prosecution has sought judicial custody for the accused in all "fairness"

The Special Cell of Delhi Police had arrested Purkayastha and Chakravarty October 3. Police also sealed NewsClick's office in Delhi.

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.

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promotion of geoheritage and ge-

On the challenges being faced

in the hilly regions in Sikkim and

Uttarakhand's Joshimath, Dr

otourism (CPGG) Monday.

CPI(M) leader Brinda Karat addresses a Left parties protest against recent arrest of journalists by the government agencies, in New Delhi PTI PHOTO

Amartya Sen's daughter denies news of father's death

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glacial. They are sensitive as

they contain high amount of

sediments which were brought

by the glaciers and which are

waiting for the extreme weather

to mobilise and then destroy the

development structures and

habitats in the lower altitude

regions," said Dr Juyal.

Kolkata: Nobel prize winner Amartya Sen's family on Tuesday denied news circulated on social media that the economist has died. Earlier, several posts on X claiming that Sen had died went viral. "It is fake news. I have just spent a week with him in our family home in Cambridge. He is absolutely fine, teaching two courses a week, as healthy as always," the economist's daughter Nandana Dev Sen told PTI. She also posted the denial on the micro-blogging site. The fake news about the death of the philosopher-economist who will turn 90 this November, began spreading after it was posted on a fake account of Claudia Goldin, another Nobel prize winner in economics. Several prominent people offered their condolences and re-tweeted the fake news, giving it currency.



Construction in glacial areas causing disasters: Experts

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Lucknow, Oct 10: Scientists at the ongoing 'Earth Science Week' at the Birbal Sahni Institute of Palaeosciences (BSIP) in Lucknow, have said that construction in glacial areas is causing disasters in Himalayan regions.

Dr Navin Juyal a former scientist at the Physical Research Laboratory, Ahmedabad, said, "The tragedy in Sikkim was not only due to flash floods, it was due to the Teesta hydro power project as it was not designed to accommodate or handle the extra water of the glacial lake.

"In 2013, Lhonak lake in Sikkim's Lhonak glacier was predicted to be unstable. But we never took cognisance of it. The hydro projects are being made only for carrying water and elec-



tricity but are not flood-friendly," he said.

He expressed these views at a special lecture titled 'Significance of geoscience and its societal implications in the Himalayan

was knocking on the door of the Himalayan region. "We do not know how the

Juyal said that global warming

Himalayan region is going to respond. We must be prepared for this. One of the important and sensitive areas there is the periglacial zone.

"Periglacial zone are those

SC seeks report from CAQM

New Delhi: The Supreme Court Tuesday sought a report from the Commission for Air Quality Management (CAQM) on the steps being taken for controlling air pollution in and around Delhi. A bench of Justices Sanjay Kishan Kaul and Sudhanshu Dhulia took note of the submissions of senior advocate Aparajita Singh, who is assisting the apex court as an amicus curiae in the pollution matter, regarding problem of air pollution during winters and also about crop residue burning. The bench noted the amicus has flagged the "serious problem" of air pollution with the winters approaching as well as crop residue burning and she has submitted that these issues are before the CAQM.

He is also a member of the expert panel constituted by the Supreme Court to examine the Char Dham roads projects.

"We have been requesting the government to stop construction at these Periglacial zones that can stop the flow of these sediments or rivers from those regions," he said.



Court extends ED custody of Sanjay

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New Delhi, Oct 1: A special court here Tuesday extended till October 13 the ED custody of AAP leader Sanjay Singh, arrested in a money laundering case related to alleged irregularities in the scrapped Delhi excise policy.

The Enforcement Directorate (ED) now has three more days to interrogate Singh, a Rajya Sabha MP, in custody. Special Judge for ED cases MK Nagpal passed the order on an application moved by the anti-money laundering agency.

The facts stated in the application filed by the ED and the case file produced before the court by the investigating officer reveal discovery of some fresh facts and recovery of some fresh digital evidence in a recent course of ongoing investigation, the judge noted.





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'FAUDA' STAR JOINS ISRAEL'S FIGHT

Israeli star Lior Raz, known for starring in and co-creating web series 'Fauda', says he has joined the 'Brothers in Arms' volunteers to extract two families from the bombarded town of Sderot in Israel in the wake of the Israel-Hamas conflict





Indian in Gaza seeks evacuation

Jerusalem: Fearing for their life amid continuous bombardments by Israel, an Indian woman living in Gaza with her family Tuesday sought an immediate evacuation from the war-torn Hamas-ruled enclave, "We are facing a brutal war here and everything is being destroyed in bombarded in a matter of seconds. We are paying the price of this conflict as civilians are being targeted," Lubna Nazir Shaboo, an Indian from Jammu & Kashmir living in Gaza, said.

Sunak extends support to Israel

London: British Prime Minister Rishi Sunak spoke to the leaders of the US, France, Germany and Italy to discuss the conflict in Israel soon after he

York, Oct 10: New Humanitarian groups are scrambling to assist civilians caught in the war between Israel and Hamas and determine what aid operations are still safe to continue — efforts that are being complicated by an intensified blockade of Gaza and ongoing

fighting. Two days after Hamas militants went on a rampage that took the world by surprise, Israel increased airstrikes on Gaza and blocked off food, fuel and other supplies from going into the territory, a move that raised concerns at the United Nations and among aid groups operating in the area home to 2.3 million people. Hamas, in turn, pledged to kill Israelis it abducted if the country's military bombs civilian targets in Gaza without warning. Hundreds of people have

Tehran not behind Hamas attack on Israel: Khamenei

Dubai: Tehran was not involved in the militant Hamas group's weekend attack on Israel, Iran's top authority Ayatollah Ali Khamenei said Tuesday, but hailed what he called Israel's "irreparable" mili-

tary and intelligence defeat."We kiss the hands of those who planned the attack on the Zionist regime," said Khamenei, who was wearing a Palestinian scarf, in his

first televised speech since the attack. "This destructive earthquake (Hamas' attack) has destroyed some critical structures (in Israel) which will of stoking violence by supplying arms to Hamas. Tehran, which does not recognize Israel, says it gives moral and financial support to the group, which controls the Gaza Strip. Backing the Palestinian cause

> has been a pillar of the Islamic Republic since the 1979 revolu tion and a

way the Shi'ite-dominated country has fashioned itself as a leader of the Muslim world. The United States said Monday

Iran was complicit in Hamas' assault on Israel, but added it had no intelligence or evidence supporting this

ganisation in Brussels.

The group — which says it only runs programs in Palestinian areas since Israel has strong emergency and health services — reported Monday that it provided treatments to more than 50 people following airstrikes at the Jabalia refugee camp located north of Gaza City.

In addition to helping patients in Gaza, it said it was donating medical supplies to other clinics and hospitals, which have become overcrowded with patients and are experiencing shortages of drugs and fuel that can be used for generators

If Doctors Without Borders is not able to resupply fairly quickly, Massart said, it will run out of supplies it can use to operate on patients who might be wounded. He also said since the facilities the organisation uses are running on generators due

Day 4 highlights

The latest Israel-Palestinian war reverberated around the world Tuesday, as foreign governments tried to determine how many of their citizens were dead, missing or in need of medical help or flights home. Numerous countries also offered to play a role in mediating an end to the fighting, which already has killed at least 1,600 people. The death toll was expected to grow as Israel pummelled the Gaza Strip with airstrikes and sent Palestinians fleeing into UN shelters

- Russia's Ambassador to Israel said that two Russian citizens have been killed in the latest Israel-Palestinian war. Ambassador Anatoly Viktorov didn't name the victims, saying in remarks broadcast by Russia's state Channel 1 that the embassy isn't aware of the circumstances of their deaths and hasn't contacted their families vet
- The influential Iragi Shiite cleric and political leader Mugtada al-Sadr in a speech Tuesday from the city of Najaf urged "all Arabs, especially Egyptians, to open their borders and break the inhumane siege imposed on Gaza, allowing water and food to reach the civilians" and said Iraq stands ready to send supplies to the besieged coastal enclave, although it was unclear how it would do so
- The Rafah Crossing administration on the Egyptia<mark>n side informed t</mark>he Rafah Crossing crews on the Palestinian side to evacuate the crossing immediately due to threats to bomb the crossing. spokesperson for the Hamas Ministry of Interior and National Security Ivad Al-Bazm said Tuesday
- Kremlin spokesperson Dmitry Peskov said Tuesday that Moscow has been talking to both Israel and the Palestinians to help search for a settlement. Asked about a claim by the Palestinian Ambassador to Moscow that Palestinian leader Mahmoud Abbas will visit Moscow soon, Peskov said that the visit had been planned before the war
- The United Nations health agency says the medical supplies that it had pre-positioned in seven hospitals in Gaza have already been used up, as needs balloon in the wake of Israel's military strike against the militant group Hamas
- The United Nations agency for Palestinian refugees, UNRWA, says the building housing its headquarters in Gaza City suffered significant damage because of an airstrike nearby. No casualties among staff were recorded. UNRWA said Tuesday that all UN international staff present in Gaza are taking shelter in another building within the same compound
- France's Foreign Ministry has confirmed the deaths of another two French citizens killed by Hamas militant attacks in Israel, bringing the total number of French victims to four
- Cyprus' Foreign Ministry says the east Mediterranean island nation is now ready to act as a waystation for foreign nationals fleeing
- The Government Media Office in Gaza announced Tuesday that seven journalists have been killed since the beginning of the Israeli airstrikes in Gaza
- The Austrian government is preparing to evacuate Austrian citizens who want to leave Israel. Chancellor Karl Nehammer said during a visit to Ankara. Turkey, that an Austrian air force transport plane will be sent to Cyprus Wednesday and then to pick up Austrians who want to leave Israel, the Austria Press Agency reported
- The Palestinian Islamic Jihad militant group announced Tuesday that two of its members were killed by Israeli fire after crossing from Lebanon into Israel on Monday as part of the Hamas-led attack that started over the weekend. Funerals were set to be held in Ein el Hilweh on Tuesday

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joined prayers at a north London syn agogue and reassured the country's Jewish community he would ensure their safety. In his joint statement with US President Joe Biden, French President Emmanuel Macron, German Chancellor Olof Scholz and Italian Prime Minister Giorgia Meloni, Sunak expressed "steadfast and united" sup

of Israel and the "unequivocal condemnation" of Hamas for its appalling acts of terrorism

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wounded on both sides, and aid groups operating in the region say there are needs both in Gaza and Israel. More than 2 tons of medical supplies from the Egyptian Red Crescent have been sent to Gaza and efforts are underway to organise food and other deliveries, according to an Egyptian military official, who spoke on condition of anonymity because he was not authorised to talk to the press. But the United Nations and other aid groups are pleading

been killed and thousands not be repaired easily ... The Zionist regime's own actions are to blame for this disaster," said Khamenei. Israel has long accused Iran's clerical rulers Palestinians who find themselves in the middle of intense

fighting. The UN and other aid agencies were talking with Egypt to send humanitarian aid to the besieged Gaza through a crossing point between the strip and Egypt's Sinai Peninsula, an Egyptian official and aid worker said Tuesday.

Meanwhile, the World Health Organisation said Tuesday med-

assertion. The top US general Monday warned Iran not to get involved in the crisis, saying he did not want the conflict to broaden.

ical supplies it has in seven hospitals in Gaza had already been used up and it was reprogramming funds to purchase more from local markets

Doctors Without Borders, which is still operating in Gaza, has to rely on supplies it already has inside the territory because it can't bring any more in, said Emmanuel Massart, a deputy desk coordinator with the or

to the low supply of electricity, cutting off fuel will present a "huge problem."

"If there is no fuel anymore, there is no medical facilities anymore because we cannot run our medical facility without the energy," Massart said.

The war has also been deeply disruptive to work Mercy Corps has been doing to provide people in Gaza with necessities like food and water, said Arnaud Quemin, the Middle East regional director for the organisation



Strike on Myanmar camp kills 30

for more access to help

Myanmar's National Unity Government, the main nationwide opposition group that considers itself the country's legitimate administrative body, said a kindergarten, school, church and many civilian houses were destroyed at the camp

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Bangkok, Oct 10: Myanmar's military was accused of launching an airstrike on a camp for displaced persons in the northern state of Kachin late on Monday that killed about 30 people, including about a dozen children, Kachin militants and activists and local media said.

Col. Naw Bu, a spokesperson for the Kachin Independence Army, said 29 people including 11 children under the age of 16 were killed and 57 others injured in the attacks carried out by air and artillery. The casualties occurred at the Mung Lai Hkyet displacement camp in the northern part of Laiza, a town



where the headquarters of the rebel KIA is based

A spokesperson for Kachin Human Rights Watch gave slightly different figures, saying 19 adults and 13 children were killed in the attack, which occurred shortly before midnight. Laiza is about 324 kilometers (200 miles) northeast of Mandalay, Myanmar's second-biggest city.

Myanmar's National Unity Government, the main nationwide opposition group that considers itself the country's legitimate administrative body, said a kindergarten, school, church and many civilian houses were destroyed at the camp. "This deliberate and targeted attack by the terrorist military council on civilians fleeing conflict constitutes a blatant crime against hu-

manity and war crime," it said. Myanmar's military government "has taken advantage of the moment of the international

community's attention on the recent developments of the Israel-Hamas conflict to commit yet another crime against humanity and war crime," it added.

Naw Bu said it was unclear how the attack was carried out because people did not hear a jet fighter on a bombing run. The absence of such a sound, familiar in many parts of the countryside, could indicate that the camp was hit by air-to-ground missiles fired from a distance or by an armed drone.

Man shot dead after crashing car into **Chinese consulate**

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San Francisco, Oct 10: A car rammed into the Chinese consulate in San Francisco Monday, coming to a stop in the lobby and creating a chaotic scene that ended with police shooting the driver, who later died at the hospital, officials said.

Police descended on the consulate building after 3 pm on a report of a vehicle crashing into the building and urged people to avoid the area. Officers entered the lobby of the consulate's visa office, made contact with the suspect and there was a shooting involving an officer and the driver, police Sgt. Kathryn Winters said during a short news conference. Despite "life-saving efforts," the suspect was pronounced dead at the hospital, police said.

Television cameras showed a Honda sedan crashed into the visa office and the doors in front of the building were cordoned off. Winters said they didn't know why the vehicle crashed into the building or how many people were inside at the time but said they had no reports of other injuries.

Joe Biden interviewed over handling of classified files

The interview was conducted at the White House Sunday and Monday, Ian Sams, the spokesperson of the White House Counsel's Office said Monday

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Washington, Oct 10: US President Joe Biden has been interviewed over two days by a Special Counsel as part of a probe into his handling of classified documents, the White House has said.

The interview was conducted at the White House Sunday and Monday, Ian Sams, the spokesperson of the White House Counsel's Office said Monday

"The President has been interviewed as part of the investigation being led by Special Counsel Robert Hur. The voluntary interview was conducted at the White House over two



concluded Monday," Sams said.

January that documents with

classified markings were found

at Biden's Delaware home and at

a Washington office he used after

he was vice president."As we

have said from the beginning, the

President and the White House

are cooperating with this in-

vestigation, and as it has been ap-

propriate, we have provided rel-

evant updates publicly, being as

transparent as we can consis-

tent with protecting and pre-

serving the integrity of the in-

He refrained from providing

vestigation," Sams said.

The White House said in

probe against 80-year-old Biden. The interview, scheduled weeks ago, marks the first significant development in the case known to the public in months, a report by CNN said.

any other further details of the

Attorney General Merrick announced the investigation and laid out a timeline of the case, which began after the president's attorneys found documents at Biden's former Washington DC of fice and his Delaware residence in November 2022, the report said.

The interview raises the possibility that the special counsel's investigation may be nearing its end, NBC News reported. The documents were found "among personal and political papers, according to a statement from Biden's legal team. The National Archives informed a Department of Justice prosecutor on November 4 that the White House had made the Archives aware of documents with classified markings found at Biden's think tank. which was not authorised to store classified materials, Garland said.







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Given the growing rift between Western nations and China, India is in a sweet spot, globally KAUSHIK BASU | EMINENT ECONOMIST

CRUDE STEEL OUTPUT GROWS TO 70 MT

India's crude steel production rose 14.7 per cent to 69.65 million tonne (MT) during April-September period of 2023-24 fiscal year, according to SteelMint India. The steel output in the year-ago period was 61.06 MT, the market research firm said. The increase in production was mainly on account of improved capacity utilisation rates coupled with the ramping up of capacities by key Indian steel players, it said.



of 3.2%: Govt data

New Delhi, Oct 10: India's un-

employment rate for persons

aged 15 years and above was

recorded at a six-year low of 3.2

per cent during July 2022-June

2023, as per the Periodic Labour

Force Survey Annual Report

2022-2023 released by the National

rate is defined as the percentage

Joblessness or unemployment

Sample Survey Office.

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Almost every single product that we ship in Siemens has some software inside and most likely this software has been

touched by Indian software engineers...So we can proudly say the Indian spirit is running through all the offerings that we have at Siemens PETER KOERTE

SIEMENS CHIEF TECHNOLOGY OFFICER

This was unthinkable a few years back, and today, because of Prime Minister Narendra Modi's vision. Bharat has emerged as a major telecom design, manufacturing and export hub ASHWINI VAISHNAW UNION MINISTER

The 10 per cent ethanol blending has led to considerable savings on the import bill and it will increase with 20 per cent blending

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SHORT TAKES

CCI probing Google, **Apple: Chairperson**

New Delhi: Competition Commission of India (CCI) is probing Google and Apple for alleged unfair business practices, the regulator's Chairperson Ravneet Kaur said Tuesday. The watchdog had ordered detailed investigations against Google with respect to its alleged abuse of dominance in the smart television segment and in the news content space. Speaking to reporters here, Kaur said the matter related to Google and smart television is under the commission's inquiry. Currently, the investigation is on in the matter of the news publishers' complaint against Google, she said. To another query, Kaur said that Apple is also under investigation. "Once we receive the report from the DG, (and) CCI, we will take action," she added.

IMF outlook worsens for 'limping' world economy

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Bangkok, Oct 10: The world economy has lost momentum from the impact of higher interest rates, the invasion of Ukraine and widening geopolitical rifts, and it now faces new uncertainty from the war between Israel and Hamas militants, International Monetary Fund warned Tuesday.

The IMF said it expects global economic growth to slow to 2.9 per cent in 2024 from an expected 3 per cent this year. The forecast for next year is down a notch from the 3 per cent it predicted back in July.

The deceleration comes at a time when the world has yet to fully mend from a devastating but short-lived COVID-19 recession in 2020 and now could see fallout from the Middle East conflict particularly to oil prices.

A series of previous shocks, including the pandemic and Russia's war in Ukraine, has slashed worldwide economic output by about USD 3.7 trillion over the past three years compared with pre-COVID trends. "The global economy is limp-

ing along, not sprinting," IMF chief economist Pierre-Olivier Gourinchas said at a news conference during the organisation's annual meeting in Marrakech, Morocco.

The IMF expectation of 3 per cent growth this year is down from 3.5 per cent in 2022 but unchanged from its July projections

It's "too early" to assess the im-



pact on global economic growth from the days-old war between Israel and the militant Palestinian group Hamas in Gaza, Gourinchas said. He said the IMF was "moni-

toring the situation closely" and noted that oil prices have risen

INDIA TO GROW AT 6.3%

eral days.

New Delhi: International Monetary Fund (IMF) Tuesday raised India's GDP projection marginally by 0.2 per cent to 6.3 per cent even as it slashed the global growth forecast to 3 per cent. IMF in July had estimated India's GDP forecast at 6.1 per cent for 2023-24. However, this is lower than the RBI's latest estimate of 6.5 per cent for the current financial year. However, India's growth is projected to be higher than China's, the second-largest economy in the world. IMF's 'World Economic Outlook' revised China's growth forecast downward by 0.2 percentage points for 2023 and by 0.3 percentage points for 2024 to 5 per cent and 4.2 per cent, respectively. With the property market crisis in that country, lower investment is the main contributor to the revision, it said. "Growth in India is projected to remain strong, at 6.3 per cent in both 2023 and 2024, with an upward revision of 0.2 percentage point for 2023, reflecting stronger-than-expected consumption during April-June," the 'World Economic Outlook' said. Monetary policy projections are consistent with achieving the Reserve Bank of India's inflation target over the medium term, it noted. The government has mandated the RBI to keep CPI inflation at 4 per cent with a margin of 2 per cent on either side. Observing that the food security concerns prompted recent export restrictions in the world's largest rice exporter India, it said, risks to prices are tilted to the upside, stemming mostly from the ramifications of the end of the Black Sea Grain Initiative and uncertain effects of El Nino, possibly exacerbated by the proliferation of food export restrictions. On the oil import, it said about 35 to 40 per cent of India's crude oil imports came from Russia during April-June 2023, a stark rise from less than 5 per cent before the war in Ukraine.

by about 4per cent in the past sev-GAINERS 5.37 Coal India "We've seen that in previous crises and previous conflicts. 3.73 Adani Ports

And of course, this reflects the potential risk that there could be disruption either in production or transport of oil in the region," he said.

If sustained, a 10 per cent increase in oil prices would reduce global economic growth by 0.15 per cent and increase global inflation by 0.4 per cent, Gourinchas said.

"But again, I emphasise that it's really too early to jump to any conclusion here," he added.

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lowing gains in financials, auto and IT shares after recent sharp losses and positive global trends.

The 30-share Sensex spurted by 566.97 points or 0.87 per cent to close at 66,079.36 as 26 of its constituents ended in the green and four declined. The index opened sharply higher by 400 points and surged further to touch the day's high of 66,180.17.

The broader Nifty of the National Stock Exchange jumped 177.50 points or 0.91 per cent to settle at 19,689.85, driven by gains in Coal India, Adani Ports and Bharti Airtel.

According to analysts, moderation in US bond yields on expectations that interest rates are likely to remain stable in the short term revived demand for rate-sensitive shares even as the Israel-Hamas conflict escalated. Stock markets had dropped sharply Monday with benchmark indices tanking up to 1 per cent as the attack by Hamas on Israel raised fears of a broader

Shares rebound up to 1% Unemployment rate at 6-yr low



Tata Steel, SBI and Maruti were

also among the gainers. On the other hand, IndusInd Bank, TCS, Titan and Asian Paints declined. Beating the benchmark index.

BSE Midcap jumped 1.4 per cent while BSE SmallCap rose by 1.14 per cent. All the sectoral indices closed in the green. BSE Realty jumped 4.08 per cent, BSE Metal by 2.59 per cent, BSE Telecom by 2.24 per cent, BSE Services by 1.96 per cent, BSE Commodities by 1.52 per cent, Bankex and Financial Services by 1.24 per cent each,

and Energy by 1.29 per cent. In Asian trading, Tokyo's Nikkei 225 gained 2.4 per cent, the Hang Seng in Hong Kong rose 0.8 per cent, and the S&P/ASX 200 in Australia advanced 1 per cent. In Europe, Germany's DAX jumped 1.6 per cent, the CAC 40 in Paris by 1.4 per cent and Britain's FTSE 100 gained 1.5 per cent.

of unemployed persons in the labour force. Considering the importance conflict. Among Sensex gainers. of the availability of labour force data at more frequent time Bharti Airtel rose the most by 2.9 per cent. Kotak Bank jumped intervals, the NSSO launched the Periodic Labour Force 2.15 per cent, Tata Motors by Survey (PLFS) in April 2017. 2.14 per cent and JSW Steel by 2.09 per cent. ICICI Bank, Axis Bank, The reference period here is Infosys, M&M, Tech Mahindra,

from July 2022 to June 2023. The Unemployment Rate (UR) in usual status for persons of age 15 years and above at the all-India level came down to 3.2 per cent in 2022-23 from 4.1 per cent in 2021-22. The UR was 4.2 per cent in 2020-21, 4.8 per cent in 2019-20, 5.8 per cent in 2018-19 and 6 per cent in 2017-18, showed the PLFS data released

Monday. The usual status means that the employment (status of a person) is determined based on the reference period of 365 days preceding the date of the survey.

"In rural areas, UR decreased from 5.3 per cent in 2017-18 to 2.4 per cent in 2022-23 while for urban areas it decreased from 7.7 per cent to 5.4 per cent. The UR for male in India decreased from 6.1 per cent in 2017-18 to 3.3 per cent in 2022-23 and corresponding decrease in UR for females was from 5.6 per cent to 2.9 per cent,' it stated.

'Khamree Mo Sikkim' Festive season unlikely to jumpstart rural auto demand

REUTERS

Bangalore, Oct 10: A festive season bump would do little to spur a "complete demand turnaround" for tractors and twowheelers in rural India, as high prices and the driest monsoon in five vears have kept festival



THE SITUATION IN RURAL INDIA IS IN STARK CONTRAST TO THAT OF URBAN AREAS WHERE

EVERYTHING FROM PREMIUM BIKES TO PRICEY SUVS ARE FLYING OFF SHOWROOM FLOORS

fell 10% in September, as per FADA data, and have been mostly flat or lower since the start of fiscal 2024.

They were being purchased for commercial purposes such as construction activity to ferrying passengers and water tankers, according to FADA's

Singhania and a tractor vendor

rates are down and there is no

market for us. Affording this

(tractor) is a big question mark

now," said Munindra N, a 37-

"Monsoons have been bad,

Reuters spoke to.

Mumbai, Oct 10: Benchmark indices Sensex and Nifty rallied nearly 1 per cent Tuesday fol-

Munot new AMFI chief

New Delhi: Navneet Munot. MD and CEO of HDFC Asset Management, has been elected as the chairman of Association of Mutual Funds in India (AMFI), the industry body said Tuesday. In addition, the board of AMFI has elected Anthony Heredia MD and CEO of Mahindra Manulife Mutual Fund as its vice-chairman. They were elected at the recent board meeting of AMFI post the 28th AGM (annual general meeting) held in September, according to a statement issued by the industry body. The new chairman and vice chairman will take charge from October Munot is a Chartered Accountant and has over three decades of experience in financial services. AMFI was incorporated in August 1995 as a non-profit organisation. As of now, all the 44 asset management companies that are registered with Sebi, are its members.

POST NEWS NETWORK

Bhubaneswar, Oct 10: Indian Navy has teamed up with Maruti Suzuki India to spread awareness among the young people in the northeast about career opportunities through the 'Khamree Mo Sikkim' outreach programme.

The adventure started 24 September, a 6,500 km journey that kicked off from the Indian Navy base in Lonavala. A team of 45 Navy officials is embarking on this journey in five vehicles, including three rugged Maruti Suzuki Jimny off-roaders and two flagship Grand Vitara ALL GRIP SUVs. They will be on the road for the next few weeks. covering a wide range of destinations, from Mhow to Hyderabad, with stops in Lucknow, Varanasi, Gangtok, Bhubaneswar and more.

Commodore Mohit Goel. Commanding Officer of INS Shivaji, highlighted the collab-

orative effort to contribute to northeast India's progress and well-being. A welcome programme was organised in

Bhubaneswar by Game Start and Tushi Motors and where officials of Indian Navy, Preeti Pallavi Patnaik (MD, Tushi Motors), Anshuman Patnaik (Director Tushi Motors), Tamanna Dehury (Game Start), Jeet Singh (MD, Amrita builders), Ramesh Mahapatra, (Secretary, Kalinga

Motor Sports Club) were present. The primary goal was to enlighten and inspire the youth about the numerous opportunities within the Navy while building stronger connections within local communities. This expedition unfolds in three parts, each with a unique focus. The first stretch goes from INS Shivaji to Bagdogra, the second covers Sikkim extensively, and the third stretches from Gangtok, Sikkim, to INS Shivaji, focusing on em-

powering youth in rural areas along the eastern coastal region.

spending sentiment muted, analysts and experts noted.

India has a line-up of festivals and auspicious periods between August and November, pushing up vehicle sales.

Rural India, which forms nearly two-thirds of the country's population, accounts for 55% of the total two-wheeler sales and a bulk of its tractor purchases.

However, experts have pointed to high borrowing rates and inflationary pressures dampening appetite for vehicle purchases in a region where analysts say investments are heavily 'sentiment-driven'.

"The mindset of a rural buyer has changed after the pandemic. They want to save more for rainy days, which can further slow down (demand) recovery," said Amit Hiranandani, automobile sector lead analyst at brokerage SMIFS

BUMP IN THE ROAD

The Federation of Automobile Dealers Association (FADA),



which provides monthly retail sales data, pointed to retail sales of two-wheelers crossing prepandemic levels in September as 'potentially marking the beginning of a turnaround in rural markets.

However, with most of the monsoon recovery having taken place only in September, FADA President Manish Raj Singhania told Reuters that a "complete turnaround" -- where demand for entry-level vehicles matches that of more premium ones -- is "not in sight for at least two years.

Demand for mopeds, an entrylevel vehicle that is a common sight in India's rural areas, was down over 1% year to date, as per

industry data, compared to last year's 5% rise.

Sales of small-to-mid-sized offerings from India's largest motorcycle maker Hero MotoCorp, which include the Splendor and HF models, have also dropped, compared to a double-digit growth during the same period last financial year.

Automakers are offering higher discounts from a year before, especially for entry-level offerings, but analysts say it will do little to aid rural recovery. "There may be some enthusiasm during the festivals, but there is a big question mark if it will sustain beyond," said SMIFS' Hiranandani.

Tractor purchases, meanwhile,

year-old farmer, pointing to a shiny, new Massey Ferguson tractor at a showroom in Hoskote,

a suburban Bangalore town. The situation in rural India is in stark contrast to that of urban areas, which forms roughly 35% of the population, and where everything from premium bikes to pricey sport utility vehicles (SUVs) are flying off showroom

floors. Analysts and economists pointed to a 'K-shaped' recovery, where demand from a 'premium' - aspiring urban population - resilient to rising prices is outpacing rural demand.

'While India (urban) is show ing revival signs, Bharat (rural) is yet to perform," Hiranandani said.

Web portal for chemical sector

New Delhi: The government Tuesday launched a web portal providing statistical data related to the chemical sector for the benefit of all stakeholders. The portal www.Charak.Chemicals.Gov.Ir will facilitate the collection of statistics related to various aspects of the chemical sector, such as production, installed capacity, export, import, purchases and sales Ministry of Chemicals and Fertilizers said in a statement. The web portal developed by Department of Chemicals and Petrochemicals along with the National Informatics was launched at a workshop hosted by industry body FICCI here

Coal industry faces 1mn job losses from energy transition

Hundreds of labour-intensive mines are expected to close in the coming decades as they reach the end of their lifespans and countries replace coal with cleaner low-carbon energy sources

REUTERS

Singapore, Oct 10: The global coal industry may have to shed nearly 1 million jobs by 2050, even without any further pledges to phase out fossil fuels, with China and India facing the biggest losses, research showed Tuesday.

Hundreds of labour-intensive mines are expected to close in the coming decades as they reach the end of their lifespans and countries replace coal with cleaner low-carbon energy sources.

But most of the mines likely to shut down "have no planning underway to extend the life of those operations or to manage a transition to a post-coal economy," US-based think tank Global Energy Monitor (GEM) warned. Dorothy Mei, project manager

for GEM's Global Coal Mine Tracker, said governments needed to make plans to ensure workers do not suffer from the energy transition.



"Coal mine closures are inevitable, but economic hardship and social strife for workers are

not." she said GEM looked at 4,300 active and proposed coal mine proj-

ects around the world covering a total workforce of nearly 2.7 million. It found that more than 400,000 workers are employed in mines set to cease operations before 2035.

If plans were implemented to phase down coal to limit global warming to 1.5 degrees Celsius (2.7 degrees Fahrenheit), only 250,000 miners - less than 10% of the current workforce - would be required worldwide, GEM estimated.

China's coal industry, the world's biggest, currently employs more than 1.5 million people, GEM estimated. Of the 1 million job global job losses expected by 2050, more than 240,000 will be in the province of Shanxi alone.

China's coal sector has already undergone several waves of restructuring in recent decades, with many mining districts in the north and northeast struggling to find alternative sources of growth and employment following pit closures

"The coal industry, on the whole, has a notoriously bad reputation for its treatment of workers," said Ryan Driskell Tate, GEM's program director for 🛁 coal

"What we need is proactive planning for workers and coal communities ... so industry and governments will remain accountable to those workers who have borne the brunt for so long."









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Gill discharged from thospital but likely to miss Pakistan match

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New Delhi, Oct 10: Navigating their way through some extreme pressure moments in their tournament opener, India will be eyeing a perfect game against a sprightly Afghanistan in the ODI World Cup here Wednesday.

As pointed out by skipper Rohit Sharma, India's biggest challenge over the course of the league stage will be to quickly adapt to the conditions in nine different venues.

After a slow and spinning track at Chepauk, a belter of a surface is expected at the Feroz Shah Kotla, where more than 700 runs were plundered in a high-scoring affair between South Africa and Sri Lanka last week.

With Shubman Gill ruled out of the game due to dengue, Ishan Kishan will get another opportunity at the top of the order alongside Rohit.

Kishan and Shreyas Iyer's questionable shot selection against Australia contributed to India's disastrous start and they both would be wiser going into the Afghanistan game.

If Gill is not able to regain full fitness by the Pakistan game three days later, runs Wednesday will do Kishan a lot of good in his debut ODI World Cup campaign. Comparatively, facing the Afghan attack upfront would be easier than negotiating the likes of Josh Hazlewood and Mithell Starc.

The smaller dimensions of the ground, where 31 sixes were hammered in the previous game, would also aid strokeplay. The main square was relaid ahead of the World Cup and that has clearly changed the nature of the surface.

The game will also be a homecoming for chase master Virat Kohli who reinforced his credentials batting alongside KL



Rahul in Chennai Sunday night. tions. India ticked all boxes on the bowling front against Batting in front of pavilion named after him, Kohli will be expected to give his fans another night to remember.

Australia and got as many as six wickets in the middle overs. If India don't go in with three Rahul has been the story of spinners, then Mohammad India's batting since Asia Cup last Shami can make way for R month. Despite criticism, the Ashwin who had a decent outing

Afghan test awaits India

team management showed unin Chennai. That could be the wavering faith in him and he only change in the playing eleven. has repaid that and how. He Coming from a heavy loss made a fine hundred against against Bangladesh, Afghanistan will be aiming to turn things Pakistan in his comeback and around in Delhi. With a sizeable Sunday, emerged unscathed in another high pressure situation. number of Afghans residing in Delhi's Lajpat Nagar, one can ex-In the bowling department, India could be forced to make a pect good support for Hashmatullah change considering the condi-Shahidi and his men.

Bowling, mainly spinners, has been Afghanistan's strong suit over the years and if they are to make an impact in this World Cup, their batters too must step. Opener Rahmanullah Gurbaz

seems to the only one in top form. An effort of 156 all out against Bangladesh was not acceptable and the batters will be looking for immediate course correction. Spinner Mujeeb Zadran usually opens the bowling alongside a pacer while trump card Rashid Khan comes into the attack after the powerplay. While the teams are forced to the shortest format, batters have time to play him without risk in ODIs. That was evident in the game in Dharamsala where Bangladesh batters collected 48 runs from his nine overs and did not concede a wicket.



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New Delhi, Oct 10: Recovering from a bout of dengue fever, Shubman Gill has been discharged from a hospital in Chennai but the India opener will most likely miss the marquee World Cup clash against Pakistan Saturday in Ahmedabad.

Gill had to be admitted to a hospital on Sunday night after his platelet count dropped below one lakh. It has been learnt that Gill was admitted to well-known multi-care speciality hospital 'Kauvery' and the Indian team's doctor Rizwan monitored his progress

He had tested positive for the viral infection upon his arrival in Chennai last week and ended up missing Indian team's World Cup opener against Australia October 8.

Gill is also set to miss Wednesday's game against Afghanistan in Delhi. He is required to rest for at least one more week and that effectively rules him out of match against Pakistan. He might miss the match against Bangladesh in Pune October 19.

'Shubman Gill was on drip at the Chennai team hotel for the last couple of days. His platelet count dropped to 70,000 and he was admitted to a medical facility as a precautionary measure. He was admitted for all mandatory tests Sunday night when India played Australia but by Monday evening he was discharged," a BCCI source told PTI on conditions of anonymity. A bout of dengue weakens the

body considerably and even elite athletes take time to recover completely. For a normal per-



son, the range of platelet count needs to be between 150,000 to 450,000.

Skipper Rohit Sharma had said that his first priority for him is to see that Gill is no longer sick. "I feel for him. But in terms of, you know, me being the human being first, I want him to get well, not the captain thinking, oh, I want Gill to play tomorrow. No, I want him to get well he you know he's a young guy he's got fit body so he'll recover he'll recover quick," Rohit has said before the game against Australia.

There is a possibility that selectors might call up a cover for Gill. The first option will be Ruturaj Gaikwad, who was selected as an opener during the Australia series and also scored a half century in Mohali. As per the succession line created, Gaikwad is next but left-handed sensation Yashasvi Jaiswal, who has been in fantastic form, will also be in mix.

England thrash Bangla Rizwan, Shafique tons seal Pakistan win for 1st win in 2023 WC

wilted after taking some early blows and could muster a mere 67 runs in the last 18.1 overs, losing five wickets.

Bangladesh could never recover after Topley struck thrice at the start of their chase, which derailed the Asian side and forced them into a damage-control mode. For the remainder of the innings, Bangladesh's approach was conservative, lacking any signs of a fightback or taking the attack to the opposition even as the run-rate surged. Earlier, Malan continued his

while young Abdullah Shafique hit a maiden ton as Pakistan scripted a world-record chase to edge out Sri Lanka by six wickets in a high-scoring ODI to continue their winning run in the World Cup here Tuesday.

Hyderabad, Oct 10: Mohammad

Rizwan battled severe cramps

to smash an unbeaten century.

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Rizwan (131 n o, 121b, 8x4, 3x6) paced his innings superbly as he shared a match-winning 176run stand for the third wicket with the 23-year-old Shafique (113, 103b, 10x4, 3x6) to first resurrect their chase of a stiff 345 and then added another 95 runs with Saud Shakeel (31) as Pakistan romped home in 48.2 overs. Pakistan extended their winning streak against Sri Lanka in World Cups to an overwhelming 8-0.

at the halfway mark.

Shafique picked up his maiden ODI ton in the 32nd over. A sensational diving catch by substitute Dushan Hemantha ended Shafique's stay but Sri Lanka couldn't make use of the opening. Needing 132 runs off 102 balls,

Rizwan hit two fours and a six before he fell down writhing in pain due to cramps. Despite the discomfort, the 31-year-old kept going and reached his third hundred in the 42nd over.

Rizwan and Shakeel brought the equation down to 62 off 48 balls with Sri Lanka too missing a few catches as 300 was up in the 44th over: Maheesh Theekshana dismissed Shakeel but it was



too late by then.

Earlier, Mendis' knock was the fastest hundred by a Sri Lankan in World Cup history, while Samarawickrama picked up his maiden ODI ton as the islanders posted their highest World Cup total against a Full Member.

The 28-year-old Mendis batted with absolute authority. He starred in two 100-plus partnerships with Pathum Nissanka (51, 61b, 7x4, 1x6) and Samarawickrama to take Sri Lanka across the 200-mark in the 28th over. Once Mendis was dismissed,

Samarawickrama took the onus

Satwik-Chirag pair claims numero uno men's doubles rank



New Delhi, Oct 10: Star pair of Satwiksairaj Rankireddy and Chirag Shetty Tuesday became

take chances against Rashid in

Dawid Malan & Reece Topley (inset)

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Dharamsala, Oct 10: Defending champions England flexed their muscles to crush Bangladesh by 137 runs and record their first win in the World Cup with Dawid Malan smashing a 107-ball 140 (16x4, 5x6) here, Tuesday.

After posting a formidable 364/9, Reece Topley (4/43) ran through Bangladesh's top order as they could muster only 227 in 48.1 overs, with Litton Das (76, 66b, 7x4, 2x6) and Mushfiqur Rahim (51, 64b, 4x4) standing out in a largely disappointing batting show.

England's batting stars Malan, Jonny Bairstow (52, 59b, 8x4) and Joe Root (82, 68b, 8x4, 1x6) contributing significantly in the first half of the contest to take their team to a mammoth total.

It was a game of contrasting halves, where England's mighty batting power served a reminder to their rivals in the first half, while in the second, Bangladesh

dainful hundred against a hapless Bangladesh, propelling England to a commanding 364/9. After a subdued batting show against New Zealand in the opening match, Malan's knock became the cornerstone of England's sizeable total

ream run in ODIs with a dis-

after Bangladesh elected to bowl. Bangladesh bowlers could not repeat their impressive showing against Afghanistan in the previous game. Malan added 115 for the opening wicket with Jonny Bairstow and another 151 in just 19.3 overs with Joe Root to set up the big

total. Bangladesh bowlers did make some sort of a comeback during the back-end of the innings as England, in a minislump, lost seven wickets for 68 runs, which prevented them from touching the 400-run mark.

BRIEF SCORES

England 364/9 (Dawid Malan 140, Joe Root 82, Jonny Bairstow 52; Mahedi Hasan 4/71, Shoriful Islam 3/75) beat **Bangladesh** 227 (Litton Das 76, Mushfiqur Rahim 51; Reece Topley 4/43, Chris Woakes 2/49) by 137 runs.

Opting to bat, Sri Lanka dished out a dominating batting performance to post a challenging 344 for nine, built around the superlative hundreds by Kusal Mendis (122, 77b, 14x4, 6x6) and Sadeera Samarawickrama (108, 89b, 11x4, 2x6)

Sri Lanka then left Pakistan reeling at 37/2 in 7.2 overs with Dilshan Madushanka claiming both the wickets -- Imam-ul-Haq and skipper Babar Azam. However, Shafique, playing only his fifth ODI, showed great maturity as he and Rizwan steadied the ship.

Shafique, who replaced Fakhar Zaman, and Rizwan looked for damage control initially but slowly picked up pace. Soon, the 100-run stand between the two was up as Pakistan reached 138/2

This was the highest successful run-chase in the history of the World Cup. Ireland had previously held the record when they successfully chased down 329 against England during the 2011 edition in India

and paced his innings superbly, using his cuts and drives as Sri Lanka kept accumulating runs with ease.

However, Pakistan pulled things back a bit at the back-end as Hasan Ali removed Charith Asalanka (3), Mohammad Nawaz removed Dhananjaya de Silva (25) and Shaheen Shah Afridi got rid of Dasun Shanaka (12). Samarawickrama held the innings together to keep Sri Lanka on track.

For Pakistan, Hasan Ali (4/71) claimed four wickets and Haris Rauf (2/64) snapped two but overall it was a poor outing for the bowling unit, especially Shaheen Afridi (1/66 in 9 overs) and Shadab Khan (1/55 in 8 overs).

BRIEF SCORES: Sri Lanka 344/9 (Kusal Mendis 122, Sadeera Samarawickrama 108, Pathum Nissanka 51; Hasan Ali 4/71) lost to Pakistan 345/4 (Mohammad Rizwan 131 n o, Abdullah Shafique 113; Dilshan Madushanka 2/60) by 6 wickets.

the first Indian doubles pair to achieve the coveted World No.1 ranking following their gold medal-winning feat at the Asian Games in Hangzhou.

Satwik and Chirag, who earned India's first-ever badminton gold medal at the Asian Games in Hangzhou last Sunday, climbed two spots to achieve the numero uno position in the latest BWF World Rankings.

The duo thus joined the elite list of former World No.1s, including legendary Prakash Padukone, Saina Nehwal and Kidambi Srikanth.

Among other Indians, PV Sindhu climbed two places to take the 13th spot in women's singles, while HS Prannov, who won a men's singles medal after 41 years in the continental showpiece, slipped a place to World No.8.Lakshya Sen too dropped one spot to 15th, while Kidambi Srikanth gained a spot to 20th. Women's doubles pair of Gayatri Gopichand and Treesa Jolly gained one place to grab the 16th position.

India game 'can serve as a distraction' for Afghan people



GAUTAM GAMBHIR

every time lmost ${
m A}$ Afghanistan steps out to play on a sporting field there is a context of a gloomy socio-political background. Add to that our neighbour is now jostling with the aftermaths of one of the deadliest earthquakes.

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News agency 'Reuters' had quoted the Taliban administration that so far 2,445 people were killed and 9,240 injured. Some of the photos of the calamity are extremely depressing. I really wonder how the Afghanistan cricket team are able to concentrate on the job at hand in this ongoing ICC World Cup.

I remember when 26/11 ter-

ror attacks happened in 2008, I

was part of the Indian team. We

were playing England in Cuttack

that day. The team was stunned

seeing pictures on news channels.

the background.

of steel and more to still come out and play. And I am sorry but I don't believe in cricket or cinema or any other form of entertainment being a real healer. At most sports or in this case, the match against India can serve as a 7-hour distraction for those affected.

Rashid Khan donated his entire World Cup match fees for earthquake victims. I would have loved to see a bit more compassion from the cricketing fraternity. A financial aid would have definitely helped but I have heard nothing on that front so far.

Cricket had paled off deep in Even more disappointing is the fact that there hasn't been a What happened in Mumbai customary minute's silence or was a man-made massacre while teams wearing black armbands Afghanistan is facing is a natuas a mark of respect for earthral disaster. It really takes nerves quake victims.



I remember during WTC finals earlier this year Indian and Australian teams observed a minute's silence and played wearing black arm bands to pay homage to the 260 dead in Odisha train accident. I hope we haven't reached a stage where administrators are deciding which deaths to mourn and which ones to not.

India started off well in Chennai. A lot of you might disagree but I loved the nature of the Chennai pitch. It tested the patience and the skills of a batsman. Seeing the crowd at Chidambaram Stadium it seemed they loved the low-scoring contest. That is exactly what I keep stressing on. We don't need gimmicks to keep alive the 50-over format, all we need is good, balanced pitches where there is a proper contest between bat and ball.

KL Rahul and Virat Kohli batted really well. I was most impressed by Rahul who was decisive in his footwork and played the ball late. He was near flawless against Australia. It was once again good to see Kohli absorb all the pressure.

That is why I love this game. It tested Rahul and Kohli on different parameters Sunday and it will be asking different questions to the Afghanistan team, Wednesday. Gameplan

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Eden Hazard bids adieu to football

BRUSSELS: Eden Hazard is putting an end to a 16-year injury-hit career marked by great success at club level and unfulfilled promise with the Belgium national team's "Golden Generation." The 32-year-old Hazard announced his retirement from all football Tuesday after more than 700 matches and two Premier League titles during his time with Chelsea. Before injuries slowed him down, Hazard was often unstoppable on the field with his quick pace, creativity and super dribbling skills. "You must listen to yourself



and say stop at the right time," said Hazard, who had been without a club since his contract with Real Madrid expired in June. "I was able to realize my dream. I have played and had fun on many pitches around the world.'

Yamal out of Spain squad after injury

MADRID: Teenage sensation Lamine Yamal has been removed from Spain's squad for upcoming European Championship qualifying games, the Spanish football federation said Tuesday. The federation said tests have determined that the 16-year-old Yamal won't be able to play in Spain's matches against Scotland on Thursday and Norway on Sunday. It did not give details. Yamal was replaced in the second half of Barcelona's 2-2 draw at Granada in the Spanish league Sunday. The Catalan club said he had a hip flexor injury.

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