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Dubey moves Lokpal against Mahua Moitra

New Delhi: BJP MP Nishikant Dubey Saturday filed a complaint with Lokpal against TMC MP Mahua Moitra, accusing her of taking bribes to raise questions in Parliament. Dubey said she was in India when her parliamentary ID was used in Dubai and claimed that NIC had disclosed the information to probe agencies. Moitra remained combative and kept up her attack on the Adani Group, alleging that charges have been levelled against her at its behest.

20 aid trucks enter **Gaza from Rafah**

Gaza: For the first time since the raging Israel-Hamas conflict erupted October 7, 20 trucks loaded with humanitarian aid entered Gaza Saturday through the Rafah crossing. the only border crossing between the besieged coastal enclave and Egypt, after a two-week blockade. The trucks were loaded with medical aid donated by Egypt's institutions of the National Alliance for Civil Development Work and the Egyptian Red Crescent, Aya Ahmed, PRO of Life Makers Foundation, said.



MAJESTIC LOOK: The tableau at College Square Puja Mandap in Cuttack on Maha Saptami, Saturday

5L cases pending

KULDEEP SINGH, OP

New Delhi, Oct 21: The Odisha judiciary has a humongous task of over 5 lakh cases to deal with after the Supreme Court's directions to the High Courts to form committees for disposal of cases pending for more than five

In lower courts of the state, there are 5.83 lakh cases pending for more than five years. There are 3,56,820 or 22 per cent cases pending in lower courts of Odisha for a period of 5-10 years while 1.91 lakh cases are pending for over 10-20 years, 32,914 cases for over 20-30 years and 2,874 cases in the state have been pending for over 30 years.

Significantly, the apex court while passing its judgement in a civil appeal Friday had expressed unhappiness over the mammoth pendency of cases in the courts across the state and requested the High Courts, inWhile 5.83 lakh cases are pending in lower courts for over 5 years, 3,56,820 cases for 5-10 years, 1.91 lakh cases for 10-20 years, 32,914 cases for 20-30 years and 2,874 cases are pending for

cluding Orissa High Court, to form review committees for early disposal of cases pending for over five years to "ensure that justice is not a mirage but a tangible reality for all.

over 30 years

A bench of Justices S Ravindra Bhat and Aravind Kumar observed, "Sadly, the concept of justice delayed is justice denied is not a mere truism, but an irrefutable truth".

The bench directed that the statistics relating to the cases pending in each court beyond five vears shall be forwarded by every presiding officer to the Principal District Judge once in a month who (Principal District Judge/District Judge) shall collate the same and forward it to the review committee for en-

abling it to take further steps. 'The Committee so consti tuted by the Hon'ble Chief Justice of the respective States shall meet at least once in two months and direct such corrective measures to be taken by concerned court as deemed fit and shall also monitor the old cases (preferably which are pending for more than 5 years) constantly," the apex court observed.

"Every pending case represent a soul in limbo," the bench said, and asked the lower courts to immediately hear the oral arguments continuously after the completion of trial and pronounce the judgement within the stipulated period.

Gaganyaan test flight mission successful

AGENCIES

Sriharikota, Oct 21: Overcoming initial hiccups including a monitoring anomaly, the ISRO Saturday successfully launched a test vehicle with payloads related to the country's ambitious human space flight programme, Gaganyaan.

Scientists simulated an abort situation for the Crew Escape System (CES) to carry the Crew Module out of the test vehicle, TV-D1, as they made a splash into the Bay of Bengal with planned precision, setting off jubilation among ISRO scientists at the Mission Control Centre.

Crew Module is where the astronauts are contained in a pressurised earth-like atmospheric condition during Gaganyaan mission.

For TV-D1, the Crew Module was an unpressurised version, ISRO said. The Navy was slated to recover them from the sea and take to the Chennai port, officials said.

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living proof that India is not doing poorly on Hunger Index

Panipuri theme pandal turns worrisome

Kolkata, Oct 21: A unique idea to decorate a community Durga Puja pandal at Behala in the southern outskirts of Kolkata with pieces of panipuri, locally popular as puchka, has now become a major headache for the Puja organisers.

The office bearers of Behala Noun Dal Durga Puja Committee, on Maha Saptami, the first day of the four-day Durga Puja festival, are now wondering how

to prevent the revellers from tearing off the panipuri pieces from the pandal walls and taking them back home as mementos.

Besides this, a bigger apprehension on this count is keeping the organisers even more tense since majority of the revellers who are resorting to panipuri pieces collection are children or minors.

'The attraction of the puchka among Bengalis is irresistible. So in case anyone consumes even a piece collected from the pandal wall being overwhelmed

by the irresistible charm of puckha, there is a possibility of health hazard for the person concerned including food poisoning," said a member of the organising committee of the puja.

He explained why these decorative panipuri pieces used for the decoration of the pandal are different from the regular puchkas available at different roadside makeshift stalls.

"Special chemicals are added to these decorative panipuri pieces to preserve their crunchy nature till the end of the puja, till the idol is immersed and the pandal is dismantled. So this chemical can lead to a number of stomach-related ailments in case anyone consumes even a piece of it," the organising member added.

The organisers are constantly making announcements on loudspeakers cautioning the pandal hoppers of the possible health hazards that can arise because of the consumption of such decorative panipuri pieces.

'ASI LUGUN DIED DUE TO EXCITED DELIRIUM'

POST NEWS NETWORK

Rourkela, Oct 21: Seeking to put allegations of any foul play in the death of Uditnagar ASI Alice Narma Lugun to rest, Rourkela SP Mitrabhanu Mahapatra Saturday said the lady officer had died due to a medical condition known as 'excited delirium'.

Mahapatra told reporters that the conclusion was drawn by experts at AIIMS Bhubaneswar whose help was sought to analyse

the initial post-mortem reports of the lady cop prepared by a team of doctors.

"A professor of forensic medicine examined the report. He opined that Lugun suffered from a symptom known as 'excited delirium' which causes asphyxia due to excited delirium. The situation comes when a person is under heavy anxiety. Under that situation it sometimes becomes difficult to breathe and that

causes death," the SP said.



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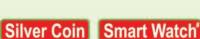




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MERYL STREEP, HUBBY SECRETLY **SEPARATED FOR OVER SIX YEARS**

Hollywood legend Meryl Streep and her husband of 45 years, Don Gummer have been separated for more than six years. A spokesperson for the actress said: "Don Gummer and Meryl Streep have been separated for more than six years. They will always care for each other but they have chosen lives apart."

EMILY'S APOLOGY OVER HER 'INSENSITIVE' COMMENTS

British actress Emily Blunt has issued an apology after an old interview surfaced where she called a waitress 'enormous'. "I'm appalled that I said something so insensitive, hurtful, and unrelated to whatever story I was trying to tell on a talk show," she told PEOPLE.



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Ganesha sees a wonderful time ahead for you. Today, you will meet many people who will prove reliable and trustworthy in the future. You aim to think and work perfectly. For that, says Ganesha, you will have to remain you practical and head-on-shoulders self.

TAURUS

You will manage to achieve all short-term goals that you had set today and your focus will now shift to setting long-term ones. Work pressure will continue but you will make it a point to find some time to renew your leisure activities. Family and friends will also figure in your scheme of things, predicts Ganesha

GEMINI You are likely to be concerned about your finances. jointly held assets and property, says Ganesha. Also, you will be a little edgy today. Even the most insignificant problems will dampen your mood. You will probably take chances in money matters. Ganesha advises you to keep your cool and return to your charismatic self

CANCER

There is nothing extraordinary about today. You will be busy doing the routine work and will find contentment in the mundane. The absence of thrill and adventure doesn't mean that you'll be free for most part of the day

The complete family man that you are, it is your near and dear ones who have always laid the foundation of your success. So why should today be any different. The auspicious tides of the day begin from your home and follow you everywhere. Be it work or play, you have a tempo that is undiminished.

VIRGO

Don't dilly-dally when it comes to matters of health, says Ganesha. You look lean and mean to take on those old wounds today. But peace and prosperity are the flavours of the day. Ganesha advises you to invest time in fun and entertainment today - just to get those batteries charged.

Put up that 'Do Not Disturb'

sign on the door today. That's because Ganesha feels the tingle in your bones to want to stick to your preferred subject matter. This will help vou achieve good progress in your research. Also, expect to be nit by a wave of nostalgia, as loving memories from the past sweeten your heart. Keep your eyes open, for, you are likely to find someone special with whom you will share vour innermost feelings, says Ganesha.

SCORPIO

Ganesha predicts you will possibly plan to launch a new product today. But put off the launch if you want to supersede certain unscrupulous elements. But after a waiting game, you may go ahead with your plan with much fanfare, says Ganesha.

SAGITTARIUS Zoom in on complicated problems and solve them with style, says Ganesha. Don't fret over problems: instead concentrate on ways to solve them. Your day will get even better when perhaps, news from an overseas friend reaches you.

CAPRICORN

Today, you will get back to playing the power game, using both fair and unfair means to achieve your goals, says Ganesha. Intellectual growth will be phenomenal: equally good will be your intuitions. In fact, your gut feelings will guide all the decisions you take today, and rest assured, none will leave you in a soup. You will be sensitive to and understanding of others' problems, and will lend a helping hand to those who seek your assistance.

AQUARIUS

A romantic liaison is headed towards you. Quite naturally, you don't want to be caught dead in a ratty old tee. Today, you want to keep everyone happy and amused, both at home and at work, And you manage wonderfully, says Ganesha.

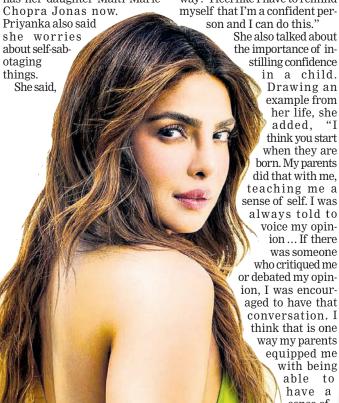
PISCES

'Love thy neighbour' is a commandment you may just end up implementing, literally, considering how religious scriptures provide you food for thought today. Spiritual pursuits will keep you occupied You may also find yourself visiting places of religious significance, says Ganesha.

Priyanka on being fragile

Mumbai: Priyanka Chopra and Nick Jonas are parents to oneyear-old daughter, Malti Marie Chopra Jonas. They had her via surrogacy.

The Aitraaz actress in a new interview talked about motherhood and how it has impacted her lately. She admits that she feels more fragile than before as she has her daughter Malti Marie Chopra Jonas now.



"Motherhood has made me a lot more fragile. I don't know if motherhood has impacted myself worth or confidence but what it has impacted — it's made me a lot more wary. Every day, I'm like, 'Oh my gosh, what's the mistake I'm going to make? Or how can I mess this up? How am I going to self-sabotage in a way?' I feel like I have to remind myself that I'm a confident per-

> stilling confidence in a child. Drawing an example from her life, she think you start when they are born. My parents did that with me. teaching me a sense of self. I was always told to voice my opinion... If there was someone who critiqued me or debated my opinion, I was encouraged to have that conversation. I think that is one way my parents equipped me with being able to have a sense of

> > self

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I got

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into

the real

world.'

AGENCIES

Mumbai: She has been impressive with her work in films like Raman Raghav 2.0, Kaalakaandi and web shows like Made in Heaven

and The Night Manager. Sobhita Dhulipala who hails from Andhra Pradesh says that when she arrived in Mumbai she wasn't even fluent in Hindi. During her school and college days, even though she was academically driven. Sobbita was quite active in

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HISTORICAL RECOUNTING OF MAHABHARATA

VIVEK'S NEW FILM TITLED PARVA

Bangalore: For their next movie venture, filmmaker Vivek Agnihotri and his actorwife Pallavi Joshi have zeroed in on the critically-acclaimed Kannada novel, Parva, by S L Bhyrappa.

The 1979 Kannada book is a retelling of the Sanskrit epic *Mahabharata*. Considered among Bhyrappa's most widely debated and popular works, Parva weaves its tale through the personal reflections of the principal characters.

"I was looking for a historical recounting of *Mahabharata* and then I learnt Bhyrappa spent decades researching and that he even visited the places that the epic was set in," Agnihotri said at the launch of the first-look poster of the film here Friday evening.

The Kashmir Files helmer said he will be adapting the book into a three-part film along with Prakash Belawadi, the Bangalore-based theatre exponent who has also acted in films across many lan-

Author Bhyrappa, who released the poster, recalled watching Peter Brook's The Mahabharata in 1989, which lasted for nine hours and ran to a full house at the same venue, Chowdiah Memorial Hall.

'So, 34 years ago, I was thinking to myself that if an outsider can bring his interpretation of Mahabharata to stage, I should also be able to do it. Now, I am happy that we are even going to have a celluloid interpretation of Parva," he

Kat to don 7 different looks in Tiger 3 song

her upcoming Diwali release Tiger 3, will be seen sporting seven different looks in the first song from Tiger 3. The song titled *Leke Prabhu Ka Naam*

Talking about the song, Katrina said: *"Leke Prabhu Ka Naam* stands out as

says, "I had the habit of reading and writing. I was also training in classical dance forms like Kuchipudi and Bharatanatyam. All

As she started looking out for work in showbiz, Sobhita shares that she had given herself a deadline. She concludes saying, "From the time I finished my college I gave myself a deadline

of three years - if within that I am not able to find my path then I would go back to studying. I just wanted to give myself a realistic marker. It helped me have an objective and focus. Then when Raman Raghav 2.0 happened... the film had a positive influence on me.'

Sobhita

recalls her

unlikely entry

into showbiz

AGENCIES

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ties. She

Mumbai: Katrina Kaif, who is gearing up for wil hit the airwaves Monday. The actress has called the song one of her most favourite songs of her career.

> a visually captivating song. Set against the breathtaking backdrop of Cappadocia, Turkey, this song has to be visually one of my favourites. Teaming up once more with my favourite

Vaibhavi Merchant after Mashallah and Swag Se Swagat." "Styled by one and these elements that contribute to a creative only Anaita Shroff instinct were very much

me. In Leke PrabhuNaam, Anaita has crafted seven remarkable looks, each exuding an undeniable sense of glamand unique silhouettes," she added.

The track has been composed by Pritam and sung by Ariiit Singh and Nikhita Gandhi. AGENCIES

Adajania who has truly excelled in curating a stunning array of looks for Ka

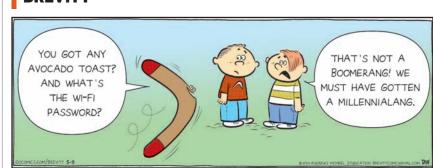
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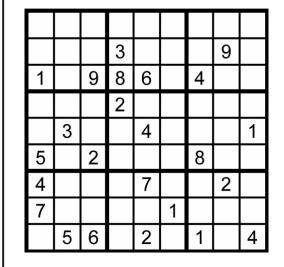
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Man held for attacking woman, her pet dog

INDO-ASIAN NEWS SERVICE

Bhubaneswar, Oct 21: The police Friday arrested a 46-year-old person on the charges of assaulting a woman and inserting an iron rod in the private part of her pet dog at Suryanagar here.

The accused was identified as Maguni Nayak, a native of Nayagarh district, who lives in a slum near the residence of the woman in Suryanagar.

Nayak was arrested in connection with a case registered under various sections of the IPC and the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Act.

"October 19, the accused and his family members

were engaged in a fight with the complainant after her pet barked at him. Navak abused the victim's mother and brother. When the complainant intervened, the accused also attacked her with a sword but she ducked it.

"Nayak then dragged her by her hair before disrobing her, thus outraging her modesty. The accused also inserted an iron rod in the anus of her pet dog, causing severe bleeding and injury to the animal, Inspector-in-Charge of Capital Police Station, Padmanav Pradhan said.

Navak was later produced before a court that remanded him to judicial

"The media report is not

factually correct and does

not reflect the correct pic-

ture of the Union

Government's commitment

towards improving public

health as one of its prior-

ity duties," the ministry

Considering public health as a priority issue,

the government has ex-

tended the COTP (Cigarettes and Other

Tobacco Products) film

rules to OTT platforms also. The OTT Rules 2023 be-

came operative from September 1, 2023.

Under these rules, now

all OTT platforms have to

display anti-tobacco health

spots, anti-tobacco health

warnings as a prominent

static message and audio-

visual disclaimer on the

ill-effects of tobacco use

said in a statement.

'No compromise on anti-tobacco warning'

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

New Delhi, Oct 21: There is no compromise on OTT Rules 2023 requiring online streaming platforms to incorporate anti-tobacco warnings in their content, the Union Health Ministry asserted Saturday and warned of action in case of non-compliance.

The ministry termed as "false, misleading and based on misrepresented facts" a media report that recently claimed that the Union Government has reached "an uneasy compromise" with OTT (overthe-top) streaming services on adding smoking warnings to their content.

"The report further claims that some platforms have chosen less intrusive warnings as a result of such an agreement

Rain to play spoiler during Dussehra

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

Bhubaneswar, Oct 21: With the low pressure area in the Bay of Bengal intensifying into a well-marked system Saturday, the IMD forecast light to moderate rainfall in certain parts of Odisha October 23 and 24, the last two days of Durga Puja.

The low pressure area formed over south-west and adjoining south-east Bay of Bengal became a wellmarked low pressure and the system is likely to intensify further into a depression October 22 (Sunday), the IMD said in a bulletin.

"It is likely to move west northwestwards initially till October 22 morning and then gradually recurve northnortheastwards towards



letin said, adding that under the influence of low pressure area and its further intensification, squally weather with wind speed reaching up to 65kmph is likely October 22 over the deep sea area of west-central Bay of Bengal and up to 70 kmph October 23 and 24 over west-central adjoining north Bay of Bengal.

The weather agency also forecasts squally weather with wind speed reaching 45-65kmph along Odisha

The IMD has also cautioned fishermen not to venture into the sea and return to the coast by October 22 as the sea condition will be rough.

Umakshankar Das, senior scientist at the meteorological centre, Bhubaneswar, said there was no warning of heavy rain, but several places in the state may receive light to moderate rain or thundershower under its impact October 23 and 24.

Light to moderate rain or thundershower is very likely to occur at a few places over the districts of coastal Odisha and at one or two places over the districts of Mayurbhanj, Keonjhar, Angul, Dhenkanal, Kandhamal, Rayagada, Koraput, Malkangiri October

CM congratulates ISRO on Gaganyaan Mission

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

Bhubaneswar, Oct 21: Odisha Chief Minister Naveen Patnaik Saturday congratulated the team of scientists involved in the successful launch of first test flight of India's Gaganyaan mission. It is a

proud moment for Indians, Patnaik said in a post on X.

"Congratulate the scientists of @isro on successfully launching the first test flight of #Gaganyaan mission. It is a proud moment for us as India takes another giant leap towards launching the crewed spacecraft into

Wishes for

The ISRO scientists

Saturday launched the rocket carrying payloads related to crew safety in the Gaganyaan mission with precision from Sriharikota and achieved the goal of Crew Module and Crew Escape separation.



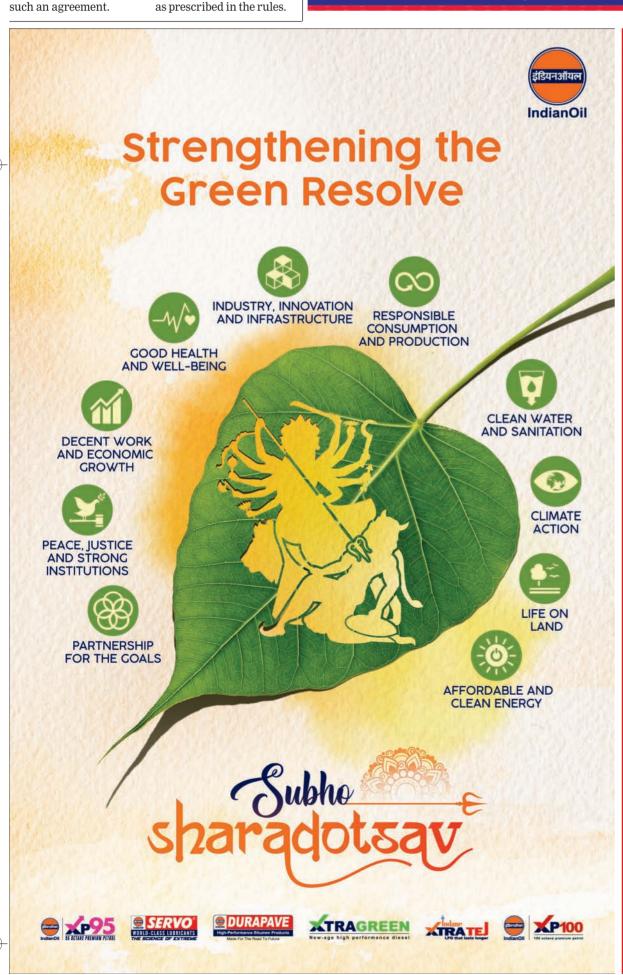
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Organise computer literacy programmes every six months. Set up a centralised midday meal kitchen in Keonihar district

in partnershipwith the Odisha Government. Midday meals given to 30,000 children every day.

Solar Lamps given to 1 lakh school children. Through the NGO Swabhiman, we support the differently abled children.

SUSTAINABLE LIVELIHOOD

Kitchen Gardens empowered 500 families.

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in 178 acres of 480 farmers under 'Project Samriddhi'. More than 155 SHGs formed, empowering 2000 women.

Worked in collaboration with the NABARD on project Wadi for tribal farmers

in 424 acres and 68 goat rearing units for landless families. Introduced Lemon grass cultivation project (with aromatic and medicinal value)

in 165 acres of 131 farmers in 16 villages. 30 SHGs are engaged in Project Saksham, a sustainable livelihood initiative at Utkal Alumina.

INFRASTRUCTURE Constructed a 50,000 kilo liter overhead tank to supply drinking water to residents of Champua subdivision in Keonjhar district.

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check dams, borewells, water harvesting structures and river steps. Maintaining bathing ghats, culverts, playgrounds, health centres and community halls. Aditya Birla Group has ploughed in ₹20 Crores to help make a difference

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BAKUL NOW IN BURLA

Gopabandhu Library to spread love of reading



Bhubaneswar, Oct 21: Western Odisha Development Council chairman Asit Tripathy inaugurated the Gopabandhu Library in Burla, fulfilling the longstanding demand of citizen's for a good public library in the town, known as a knowledge destination.

Set up by the Bakul Foundation, the inaugural function of the library Friday was graced by the Commissioner, Municipal Sambalpur Corporation (SMC), Vedbhushan and founder, Bakul Foundation Sujit Mahapatra.

The library, inspired by the Bakula Bana Bidyalaya concept of Utkalamani Gopabandhu Das, has been built by SMC.

Tripathy said that the library would help develop a love for books and reading among children and adults. He emphasized the importance of reading habit for cognitive development at an early age. He extended his happiness over the Bakul Foundation's decision to extend its expertise to western Odisha.

The library at Burla is housed in a hall at Gopabandhu Square which has been created for the very purpose. Notably, Sambalpur Collector Ananya Das had sought

velop the library, which bears the Bakul stamp of creative spaces and well-curated books.

The library has over 10,000 books for people of all ages in English and Odia. It has a special children's section, with more than 50 per cent of the books targeting children of various age groups.

The books have been mobilized by Bakul from individuals across the state. Moreover, there will be a book collection drive in Sambalpur for people to contribute their books to the library which can then be read by all enthusiastic readers.

Additionally, the library is free for all and will be open between11am and 7pm initially. It will remain closed Mondays. Bakul Foundation has also been given the responsibility to run the library and will convert it into a community centre with active involvement of citizens of Burla and Sambalpur.

It is worth mentioning that the Bakul Foundation has been spearheading a library movement and has already set up more than 25 libraries across the state for children and the



FESTIVE MOOD: People throng Rasulgarh Puja Pandal in Bhubaneswar on Maha Saptami, Saturday

'FundStack to fuel startup growth

ARINDAM GANGULY, OP

Bhubaneswar, Oct 21: Odisha Startup Investor Connect Event Fundstack is back with its 3rd Edition, Fundstack 3.0.

The 2-day event, to be held November 21, will be state's largest congregation of renowned investors who will pitch in ideas for supporting startups to raise funds from angel networks and venture capitalist firms.

Startup Odisha Executive Chairman Omkar Rai launched Fundstack 3.0 Friday over a virtual gathering and also inaugurated the dedicated website for startups to start applying for the program.

Speaking on the occasion, he emphasised on the success stories that came up from the last edition which were in



spiring and motivational for the leading as well as aspiring entrepreneurs of the state.

Rai asserted that Fundstack 3.0 will be an opportunity to introduce the Odisha Startup Growth Fund (OSGF) and enable more partners to join this initiative to fuel the growth of startup ecosystem in Odisha.

The 20 finalists of last year's

Fundstack had got a chance to connect with some of the most leading investment firms of the country and startups such as Transport Simple, Homvery, Carbon Out, LarkAI and many

first fundraising.
This year also 50 selected startups shall be curated by experts and mentors through an

more were able to secure their

ideas for supporting startups to raise funds from angel networks and venture capitalist firms investment readiness workshop who in turn will pitch before the investors 21st

In the 2-day event, to be

held November 21,

investors will pitch in

November 2023 from which top 20 startups shall be shortlisted to be part of the dedicated one-on-one meetings over speed dating and networking sessions at the mega closing ceremony 22nd

Food fest at Nimantran Restaurant

ARINDAM GANGULY, OP

Bhubaneswar, Oct 21: A special curated Dussehra Food Festival was inaugurated at Nimantran Restaurant here Saturday to celebrate the spirit of Dusshera.

This year, everyone can look forward to a unique culinary experience that complements the festive atmosphere. The stall, inaugurated by Odisha Tourism



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(OTDC) Chairman Lenin Mohanty promises a mouth-watering culinary experience. Mohanty hailed Nimantran Restaurant for its commitment

Development Corporation

to promoting the cultural heritage of Odisha through food. "Our culinary team has put their hearts into curating a menu that celebrates the rich traditions of the festival," said Dussehra, a significant Hindu

festival celebrated with great enthusiasm in India, is svn onymous with scrumptious feasts and culinary delights. Nimantran Restaurant, known for its commitment to serving authentic and delectable cuisine, has curated a special menu to celebrate the festive occa-

The restaurant boasts a diverse menu that highlights the rich flavours and traditions of the region. Everyone can savour a wide range of traditional Odia delicacies that perfectly complement the festive spirit, the festival organisers said.



EXPRESSION: Visitors browsing through paintings at an art exhibition 'Devi' organised by Lalit Kala Akademy at Buddha Art Gallery in Bhubaneswar, Saturday

Lalchnd Jewellers unveils Puja offers for customers

POST NEWS NETWORK

Bhubaneswar, Oct 21: Amid Durga Puia festivities, Lalchnd Jewellers announced Saturday an array of thrilling offers for the customers.

During the period, all HUID hallmarked gold jewellery will carry a nominal making charge of just Rs. 599 per gram. There is also a generous 20 per cent discount on selected branded watches, a flat 25per cent off on diamond value, a flat 15 per cent off on MRP of branded items, and 50 per cent discount on the making charges of silver jew-

"What sets Lalchnd Jewellers apart is our unwavering commitment to jewellery purity and quality, not to mention consumer rights. Unlike some other jewellers, our offers are clear and straightforward, without any discounts or hidden conditions and charges. We believe in providing genuine value to our cus-



tomers and we offer flat discounts on products," founder chairman of Lalchnd Jewellers Sunjoy Hans said.

'We were the first ones three decades ago to create awareness about the importance of gold quality. We were the first to tell customers how they were being cheated by jewellery brands they blindly trusted. We are regularly running campaigns to advise customers against getting lured by "up to" offers and those with hidden terms and conditions. We are committed to expose all activities that are not in the interests of jewellery customers," he added.

Healthy diet in midlife saves women from cognitive decline

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iddle-aged women consuming heart-healthy diets were about 17 per cent less likely to report cognitive decline decades later, researchers have found.

The finding suggests that switching to the DASH diet -Dietary Approaches to Stop Hypertension - could improve cognitive function in later life for women who make up more than two-thirds of those diagnosed with the most prevalent form of dementia, Alzheimer's disease, said the researchers from New York University's (NYU) Grossman School of

The DASH diet includes a high consumption of plant-based foods rich in potassium, calcium, and magnesium and is rich in fruits, vegetables, whole grains, and low-fat dairy foods. The diet limits saturated fat, cholesterol, sodium, and sugar-sweetened foods and beverages.

'Subjective complaints about daily cognitive performance are early predictors of more serious neurocognitive disorders such as Alzheimer's," said Yu Chen, professor in the Department of Population Health and senior author of the study published in the journal Alzheimer's & Dementia.

'With more than 30 years follow-up, we found that the stronger the adherence to a DASH diet in midlife, the less likely women

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port cognitive issues much later in life," said Chen. The researchers analysed the data of 5,116 women out of the

14,000 enrolled in the NYU

Women's Health Study, which examines the role of lifestyle and other factors on the development of cancer and other chronic conditions in women.

They were asked about their diets through questionnaires when they enrolled for the study between 1985 and 1991.

Over a follow-up period of more than 30 years, 33 per cent of the women reported having more than one of the six cognitive complaints, assessed using six validated standard questions indicative of later mild cognitive impairment, which precedes dementia. The questions pertained to difficulties in remembering recent events or shopping lists, understanding spoken instructions or group conversation, or navigating familiar streets.

The chances of reporting multiple cognitive complaints reduced by 17 per cent in women consuming diets similar to the DASH diet, the researchers analysed.

"Our data suggest that it is important to start a healthy diet in midlife to prevent cognitive impairment in older age,' said Yixiao Song, a lead author of the study.

"Following the DASH diet may not only prevent high blood pressure, but also cognitive issues," said Fen Wu, a senior associate research scientist who coled the study.

Previous research has shown that high blood pressure, particularly in midlife, is a risk factor for cognitive decline and dementia.

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RIOT OF COLOURS: A colourful backdrop was the cynosure of all eyes as visitors thronged a Durga puja pandal at Gobindtola in Sambalpur,

Bear renders man critical

POST NEWS NETWORK

Keonjhar, Oct 21: A man sustained critical injuries after he was mauled by a bear at Medinpur village under Banspal block in Keonjhar district Saturday early morn-

The injured person was identified as Nidhi Khuntia, 48, a native of the village. Forest officials and family members rescued and admitted him at the district headquarters hospital in Keonjhar.

The incident occurred when Khuntia had gone to attend the call of nature to Siddhamatha jungle near Badaghagra at 6am Saturday. A bear attacked him there and rendered him critical by mauling his neck, chest, face and head.

Family members rescued him when he screamed for help. On being informed, Suakati forester Jyotirmayee Pattnaik and Anjar forest guard Chandrakanta Mohanta rushed him to the Keonjhar district headquarters

Villagers demanded that the Forest department should bear all the expenses of Khuntia's treatment and provide him with adequate compensation.

2 WOMEN DEAD AS TRUCKS CRUSH SUV



PNN & AGENCIES

Baripada, Oct 21: Two women were killed and five others seriously injured when the SUV in which they were travelling got crushed between two trucks on Dwarasuni ghat road on National Highway-49 Mayurbhanj district Saturday, police said.

The deceased were identified as Saniprana Chakraborty, 46, wife of Ayan Chakraborty and Navanita Chakraborty, 45, wife of Anirban Chakraborty Kharagpur area in neigh-

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Place: Sambalpur, Date: 21.10.2023

bouring West Bengal. Both the deceased are sisters-

in-law in relationship.

The accident took place at Dwarasuni ghat in Bangiriposi area of the district when the family of eight was returning to their home in West Bengal's Kharagpur after performing a puja at Dwarasuni temple following fulfilment of their wishes.

They were returning home in a car (OD11-01G9922). The SUV was moving down the ghat road when an iron ore laden truck hit the vehicle from rear. The vehi-

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cle then crashed into another truck plying in front of it and got crushed between the two trucks.

Police and fire services personnel used gas cutters to cut open the SUV and rescue the occupants, police said.

While the two women died on the spot, five others were rescued and sent to hospital for treatment. Their condition was said to be critical, police said.

The injured including four males and a girl were admitted to the Bangiriposhi community health centre for treatment. Their health conditions improved after doctors administered them primary treatment, sources said.

Police have seized the truck while the two truck drivers fled the scene after the mishap. A case was registered in this connection and further investigations were on, Bangiriposhi police station IIC Kamalakanta Das said

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No woman MLA so far in 5 Ganjam segments

EXCEPT CHHATRAPUR, GOPALPUR, HINJILI, BHANJANAGAR AND POLSARA ASSEMBLY SEATS. REST 8 OF THE 13 SEGMENTS IN GANJAM HAVE ELECTED WOMEN LEGISLATORS

POST NEWS NETWORK

Berhampur, Oct 21: Odisha has witnessed as many as 16 Assembly elections from 1951-1952 to 2019. Ganjam district, one of the largest in state, comprises 13 Assembly segments out of which five are yet to elect a woman as MLA so far. These Assembly constituencies are Chhatrapur, Gopalpur, Hinjili, Bhanjanagar and Polsara.

The issue assumes significance as a Bill seeking 33 per cent reservation for women in Lok Sabha and the state Legislative Assemblies has been passed in both the houses of Parliament ahead of the upcoming 2024 elections. Women leaders and workers of the ruling Biju Janata Dal (BJD) have been insisting to try their luck as candidates in these five seats which have gone unrepre-

sented by the fair sex so far. Some women leaders of the party requesting anonymity said BJD supremo and Chief Minister



a name for himself by attaching importance to women in various fields. They hope that they will be given a chance to contest in these Assembly seats in the upcoming elections.

Reports said that women leaders have been elected to the state Assembly from the rest eight Assembly segments at different points of time during the Congress' stint as well as in non-Congress governments.

According to reports available from the State Election Commission, Sugyani Kumari Deo has been elected to the state Assembly for nine times at various points of time by contesting from

Kabisuryanagar Assembly segments from non-Congress

This alone is a feat achieved by Deo. Similarly, Usha Devi has won from Chikiti Assembly seat for six times by contesting from the erstwhile Janata Dal and the ruling dispensation BJD.

Shanti Devi has won earlier from Sorada Assembly segment while Usharani Panda won twice from Aska and Sorada by contesting from the Congress party. Nandini Devi got elected Sanakhemundi Assembly segment in 2014 elections.

Ananga Manjari won from Badakhemundi, now segment, in 1957 elections. Suryamani Baidya was elected from Khallikote Assembly segment and Latika Pradhan from Kabisuryanagar

Assembly segment in the 2019 elections.

Manjula Swain has won from Aska and Ratna Manjari Devi won from Berhampur Assembly segment in 1977 elections.

Notably, Chief Minister Naveen Patnaik was the first to raise the issue of 33 per cent reservation for women in the Lok Sabha and the state Assemblies. He also sought the support of chief ministers of other states for the realisation of the demand.

Although late, the NDA government at the Centre has turned the Bill into a law. Various women outfits demanded the ruling BJD to give more space to women and field them from these five Assembly constituencies which have gone unrepresented by women leaders till date.

Durga puja: Steel City to be under tight security blanket

POST NEWS NETWORK

Rourkela, Oct 21: Rourkela will witness a massive deployment of police force for the peaceful celebration of Durga puja festival in the city.

Speaking to the media, Rourkela SP Mitrabhanu Mahapatra said, "This time we are going to deploy 24 platoons of force in different parts of the city.

Furthermore, 403 home guards are to be deployed at different spots including puja pandals and busy junctions. Besides, 11 ASP and DSP level officers, three inspectors and 96 SIs/ASIs will assist for smooth control of crowd including traffic. In addition to this, all the IICs will take care of their own PS areas."

The administration also held two rounds of exten-

sive discussions with the office bearers of all puja committees and also the members of Central Puja Committee. The committees have been asked to install CCTVs and have their own volunteers to control the crowd and to keep a close watch on cleanliness and the environment.

Notably, this year the administration will award the best three pandals with cash

awards. All the pandals will have different entry and exit points, the SP said. Pandal hopping will be over by 11 o'clock at night. Meanwhile, police have made preventive arrest of history-sheeters and also those who had jumped bails. This Dussehra, the Steel City is set to host over 150 pujas, big and small. The immersion will take

place October 25.



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SALE NOTICE (Immovable Property)

E-AUCTION

E-AUCTION SALE NOTICE FOR SALE OF IMMOVABLE ASSETS UNDER THE SECURITISATION AND RECONSTRUCTION OF FINANCIAL ASSETS AND ENFORCEMENT OF SECURITY INTEREST ACT, 2002 READ WITH PROVISO TO RULE 8 (6) OF THE SECURITY INTEREST (ENFORCEMENT) RULES, 2002.

Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower(s) and Guarantor(s) that the below described

es mortgaged/charged to the Secured Creditor, the constructive / symbolic possession of which has been taken by the Authorised Officer of Central Bank of India- Secured Creditor, will be sold on "As is where is", "As is what is" and "Whatever there is" basis on the date and time specified here in below, for recovery of due to the Central Bank of India-Secured Creditor from the Borrower(s) and Guarantor(s). The reserve price and the earnest money deposit of the respective properties is mentioned here in below:-

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	BRANCH / Name & Address of Borrowers / Guarantors / Mortgagors	Description of the Immovable Properties Property -1: All that piece & Parcel of Property recorded in the name of Mrs. Subarna Rout, W/o.: Niranjan Rout at Mouza: Jagasara having Plot No.: 493/1994 under Khata No.: 229/1049,	Date of Demand Notice / Date of Possession Notice/ Outstanding Dues	Reserve Price / EMD / Bid Increment Amount (1) ₹26.60 Lakhs / ₹2.70 Lakhs	1.	Borrower: M/s. Sneha Motors, Prop.: Anusmita Tripathy, Wo.: Sarada Prasad Tripathy, Block Colony, Ward No.: 6, PO/P.S.: Athagarh, D Plot No.: 111, Area: Ac 107, South: Plot No.: 12	Tripathy, W/o.: Sarada Prasad Tripathy, Block Colony, Ward No.: 6, PO/ P.S.: Athagarh, Dist.: Cuttack, PIN-754029 ist.: Cuttack, PIN-754029 .0.100 Dec, Bounded by 20, North: Road	All that part and parcel of Vacant Land in the name of Anusmita Tripathy , W/o.: Sarada Prasad Tripathy, situated at Mouza: Haripriyapur, P.S./Tahasil: Athagarh, Dist.: Cuttack, Khata No.: 47/111, Plot No.: 111/393, corresponds to East: Plot No.: 112, West: Plot No.:	₹ 11,50,545.06 + interest & expenses thereon / 12.04.2022 / 22.02.2023	₹ 9,99,000/- ₹ 99,900/- ₹ 20,000/-
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2.	Prop.: Sri Babulal Putel, S/o.: Sri	All that part and parcel of the immovable property consisting of Land & Building in the name of Sri Babulal Putel , S/o.: Makardhwaj Putel, situated at Mouza: Kukudahad, P.S./	14.11.2019 /	₹16.60 Lakhs		Bhubaneswar-751020	P.S. All Field,	305, Plot No.: 543, Sub Plot No.: 23, Area: Ac.0.027.54 Dec, Bounded by East: Sudarsan Ransingh, West:	12.05.2022 / 11.10.2022	₹ 20,000/-

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LAST DATE AND TIME FOR SUBMISSION OF EMD AND DOCUMENTS ON OR BEFORE 07.11.2023 upto 05.30 PM by online

Date & Time of Inspection of Properties: 25.10.2023 to 07.11.2023 between 11.00 AM to 5.00 PM (with prior appointment from bank) at their own expenses TERMS & CONDITIONS: 1) For detailed terms and conditions of the sale please refer to the link: https://www.mstcecommerce.com/

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auctionhome/ibapi/index.jsp and https://ibapi.in. Prospective bidders may also contact the Authorised Officers / Branch as mentioned in above list., 2) This is a statutory 15 days sale notice to the above mentioned borrowers/guarantors under Rule 9(1) of the SARFAESI Act. 2002, 3) This is a 15 days' notice to the Borrower / Guarantor / Mortgagor of the above said loan about holding of this sale on the above mentioned date., 4) All expenses relating the stamp duty and registration of Sale Certificate/conveyance, if any, shall be borne by the successful bidder. 5) The Authorized Officer will not be held responsible for any charge, lien, encumbrance, property tax or any other dues to the Government or anybody in respect of the property under sale. 5) The Authorized Officer has the absolute right to accept or reject any bid or adjourn/postpone/cancel the sale without assigning any reason thereof. It may be noted that nothing in this notice constitute or deemed to constitute any commitment or representation on the part of the

STATUTORY 15 DAYS SALE NOTICE UNDER RULE 9(1) OF THE SECURITY INTEREST (ENFORCEMENT) RULES, 2002.

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Date & Time of E-Auction: 05.12.2023 from 10.00 A.M. to 4.00 P.M. Last Date & Time of Submission of EMD and Documents on or before 04.12.2023.

Date and Time of Property Inspection: 01.11.2023 to 02.12.2023 on any working day during office hours.

For Participating in the E-auction sale, the intending bidders should register their details with the service provider https://www.msteecommerce.com/auctionhome/ibapi/index.jsp well in advance and shall get user ID & password.Intending bidders advised to change only the password.For detailed terms & conditions of the sale please refer to the link provided in https://www.mstcecommerce.com/auctionhome/ibapi/index.jsp and Secured Creditor's website i.e. www.centralbankofindia.co.in. The interested bidders who require assistance in creating Login ID & Password, uploading data, submitting bid, training on e-bidding process etc. may contact to www.mstcecommerce.com or their Central helpdesk Number 033-22901004.

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STATUTORY 30 DAYS SALE NOTICE UNDER RULE 8(6) OF THE SARFAESI ACT,2002

Place: Bhubaneswa **Authorised Officer** Central Bank of India



The world is deafened with useless words.

THE MOTHER



Dragging Feet

India has rejected marriage equality after the government opposed gay marriage and the Supreme Court agreed with it. States in the G20 that have marriage equality are Argentina, Australia, Brazil, Canada, France, Germany, Mexico, South Africa, Spain, the UK and the USA. India stands with nations like China, Indonesia, Japan, Russia, Saudi Arabia and Turkey. Gay rights campaigners have shown themselves to be extremely effective globally and there is little doubt that they will win on this issue in time. The question is why India is dragging her feet over something inevitable.

The answer is not easy to find. India has a new Parliament but the problem with the old laws remains. One reason is that the Supreme Court has been slow to determine whether moves made by this government are constitutional. This is or should be the court's primary role along with securing individual liberty (another area where it could be argued conclusively that it has been remiss).

This reluctance especially shows in instances where the government is heavily invested, especially the Prime Minister. For years, groups and individuals have been pleading with the Supreme Court to decide the constitutionality of some laws and actions of the Modi government, but this has been in vain.

Of late, the court has taken up some of these issues but none of them remain decided. It is important they be kept in the realm of the public domain. Three of them are about the gutting of Article 370 (where a challenge was filed in August 2019), on Electoral Bonds (filed in September 2017) and on the Citizenship Amendment Act (filed December 2019).

It is not necessary to repeat why these are among the things the Prime Minister is most heavily invested in but it is necessary to go through what these issues are about. The Electoral Bonds issue essentially undermines Indian democracy. In one line that is why it should be struck down. What it allows and has allowed for the last half dozen years, is anonymous and unlimited funding of political parties. The bonds were opposed by the Reserve Bank of India and by the Election Commission. Both bodies were overruled by the Modi gov ernment. The bonds are bearer instruments, meaning that they are cash. A person can purchase a bond, sell it to a third



Aakar Patel

For the longest time, the court did not even hear important matters that the government did not want it to

party — a foreign government, a criminal gang — which can then donate it to the political party of its choice. The most popular denomination of the bonds is the most valuable one: Rs 1 crore. I will leave it to readers to consider which one of us has or is willing to give Rs 1 crore to donate to the political party we vote for. The vast majority of this money has gone to the BJP. Despite the RBI's objection and the seriously problematic questions thrown up on democratic integrity, the Supreme Court has not decided on this matter in six years.

Kashmir is the only part of South Asia to not have an elected government and hasn't had it since June 2018. That was more than five years ago and in a few months after that Article 370 was "read down" by sleight of hand. Was this constitutional? Much if not most of the legal commentary tells us the answer is no. Again, a matter of national importance and a matter concerning our democracy and also a matter in which the Prime Minister had a stake. The court did not prioritise it.

The Citizenship Amendment Act set a cut-off for refugees from three neighbouring states (Afghanistan, Bangladesh, Pakistan) who had come to India before 31 December 2014. Of these, the Muslims would be filtered out and the rest given citizenship. Why only three neighbours and why not Lanka, China, Burma? That the law does not explain. Why only Muslims and why not other marginalised groups? That the law does not explain. The home minister told us we have to read the CAA in conjunction with the National Register of Citizens. The first law would isolate Muslims and the second law would incarcerate them. The brave protests of 2019 and 2020 pushed the government back though at great cost and the BJP has not yet implemented CAA, though almost four years have gone since it was passed. The Supreme Court has not determined its constitutionality though it was challenged immediately.

This, then, has been the record. There are other instances where the court has not done what many think it should have. When the government was accused of spying on citizens illegally, it got a free pass. It is unclear what the court has done with the Pegasus matter. One headline from last year tells us the story: "No evidence, Govt didn't cooperate: SC panel on Pegasus". The SC could and should have forced the government to file an affidavit to say whether or not it was using this spyware on Indians. It chose not to do so.

For the longest time, the court did not even hear important matters that the government did not want it to. Of late, it has begun to form benches. Meanwhile, a lot of the damage has been done and continues to be done particularly on matters like the bonds.

WISDOM CORNER

No one has ever become poor by giving.

ANNE FRANK

The time you enjoy wasting is not wasted time.

BERTRAND RUS

Your past is just a story. And once you realize this it has no power

CHUCK PALAHNIUK

THIS DAY **IN HISTORY**

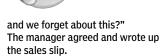
- **1964:** French philosopher and writer Jean-Paul Sartre was announced the winner of the Nobel Prize for Literature; however, he became the first person to decline the award.
- 2008: Chandrayaan-1, India's first lunar space probe, was launched, and it later found water in the Moon's atmosphere.
- 2010: WikiLeaks, a website founded by Julian Assange that functioned as a clearinghouse for classified or otherwise privileged information, released thousands of US documents relating to the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan.

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Catching the shoplifter

A shoplifter was caught red-handed trying to steal a watch from an exclusive jewellery store.

"Listen," said the shoplifter, "I know you don't want any trouble either. What do you say I just buy the watch



the sales slip.
The crook looked at the slip and said,
"This is a little more than I intended
to spend. Can you show me
something less expensive?"

FOCUS POLITICS

LIBERTARIAN POPULISM



Mark Zwolinski

LIBERTARIANISM
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HISTORY

avier Milei is not only a former rock star, the owner of five cloned dogs, and a self-described "anarcho-capitalist." He is also the front-runner in Argentina's presidential election on October 22, leaving many Western pundits wondering what his candidacy represents.

Some commentators have described Milei as a "right-wing," "far-right," or "populist" candidate, and not without good reason. He has loudly supported populist politicians like Donald Trump and Jair Bolsonaro, and during a recent interview with the far-right broadcaster Tucker Carlson, he dismissed Black Lives Matter, LGBT ideology, feminism, and climate change as part of a global "socialist agenda."

Others have argued that Milei is best understood as a principled libertarian, and they, too, have evidence to support their view. After all, he is a trained economist whose approach is grounded in the Austrian School methodology popularised by Ludwig von Mises and Friedrich von Hayek. He developed his ideas under the mentorship of Alberto Benegas Lynch, whose Center for Liberty Studies helped to create and maintain Argentina's tradition of classical liberal thought in the hostile environment of Peronism.

Finally, in contrast to populists like Bolsonaro, who notoriously threatened to use violence if he ever saw two men kissing on the street, Milei takes a live-and-let-live approach to many social issues, supporting both gay marriage and transgender rights.

Both sides of this debate assume that their respective positions are mutually exclusive. Either Milei is an individualist libertarian firebrand in the image of Ayn Rand, or he is a right-wing populist in the mold



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of Hungarian Prime Minister Viktor Orbán.

In fact, Milei is both, and there is nothing particularly unusual or surprising about this combination. As John Tomasi and I document in our recent history of libertarian thought, The Individualists, libertarianism is an inherently flexible ideology, one that has taken both radical and reactionary forms over its nearly 200-year history.

In the nineteenth century, for instance, libertarians like Lysander Spooner and Voltairine de Cleyre were at the vanguard of a number of progressive social movements. Libertarians were radical abolitionists, crusaders for women's rights, persistent critics of militarism and colonialism, and even, in some cases, opponents of exploitative wage labour and the private ownership of land.

By the mid-twentieth century, however, libertarianism started turning to the right. Faced with the common threat of socialism, libertarians in the United States forged an uneasy alliance with conservatives to fight against the New Deal at home and international communism

abroad. The defence of economic liberty took center stage, and radical critiques of state capitalism and social hierarchy were relegated to the margins.

Thus, even if we conclude that Milei is a libertarian, that does not tell us much about how he will govern. While all libertarians are committed to private property, free markets, and limited government, those ideals are subject to an extraordinarily wide range of interpretations, allowing for moves in either a progressive or a reactionary direction.

Milei's opposition to legal abortion, for example, is probably a minority position among US libertarians, most of whom believe that women have a right to sovereignty over their own bodies. But pro-life libertarians like Milei would argue that the unborn child has rights, too.

Similarly, many libertarians in the US support ending the "war on drugs" and restrictive immigration policies, which they see as examples of coercive state interference with people's peaceful, voluntary choices. But Milei's more conservative stance on these issues can also be ra-

tionalised on libertarian grounds, because the modern welfare state has ushered in a world where taxpayers sometimes must pay for other people's choices. What if legalising drugs and opening the borders means heavier taxes – which libertarians equate with greater coercion – for current citizens?

At the end of the day, it is relatively easy for a clever philosopher – or an opportunistic politician – to find a semi-plausible libertarian justification for almost any policy proposal he happens to favour. In Milei's case, he has already given us every indication that he would pursue a libertarian agenda with a decidedly populist bent.

In the US, we got a sneak peak of what libertarian populism might look like in the "paleo-libertarianism" of Murray Rothbard and Lew Rockwell. In the early 1990s, this school lent its support to racist politicians like David Duke, to a nativist (highly restrictive) immigration policy, and to the violent police suppression of criminals and "bums." Such positions have enjoyed a resurgence since Trump's presidency, even coming to dominate the Libertarian

Party of the US.

Those who cherish individual liberty therefore should be cautious before throwing their support behind Milei. Yes, he is a libertarian; and yes, libertarians believe in individual liberty. But the real questions are whose liberty, and what specific policies the defence of that liberty entails. Milei's answers might not be what many other libertarians (or anyone else) want to hear.

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SPECTRUM DISASTER MITIGATION

Disability & climate emergencies



Avilash Roul

DESPITE 15 PER
CENT OF WORLD'S
POPULATION
BEING PWDS,
CLIMATE ACTIONS
ARE NOT FULLY
REFLECTING THE
SERIOUSNESS OF
ADDRESSING THEIR
RIGHTS

mong the most climatevulnerable groups are persons with disabilities (PwDs). As October and November are usually anticipated as natural disaster months in Odisha, the government and its leading departments usually meet to stocktake the preparedness. Early this month, the government concluded such a highlevel preparedness meeting by infusing effective coordination among relevant agencies. Are we providing active, advanced, appropriate care to the PwDs in such preparations, planning and its executions?

For more than two decades, Odisha has been the laboratory of climate change and natural disasters mostly after the heatwave in 1998 and Super Cyclone in October 1999. Climate-induced disasters like floods, cyclones, heatwaves, forest fires, drought have been visiting the state frequently. Warming of the Indian Ocean and the Bay of Bengal is expected to facilitate increased cyclogenesis in the Bay of Bengal with high-intensity cyclones in coming decades. Heatwaves and urban flooding will be a regular feature in coming decades. As Odisha has been ahead of other states in minimising the loss of lives during disasters, arguably, it is expected to devise a comprehensive strategy for PwDs to deal with disasters on mission mode beyond zero death

target

Due to discrimination, marginalisation, inherent vulnerabilities, limited access to knowledge and socio-economic compulsions, PwDs are disproportionately at higher risk from adverse effects of climate emergencies. PwDs are likely to have more difficulties during rescue. evacuations, response, relocation or recovery. Inherent limitations make PwDs more vulnerable to extreme climate events, loss of ecosystem services and negligible prospects for adaptation and resilience. It is commonly observed that PwDs are left behind or abandoned during evacuation except those with strong family values. Many times, the PwDs are not allowed in shelters as wrongly perceive that they need complex medical services.

Despite 15% of world's population being PwDs, climate actions are not fully reflecting the seriousness of addressing their rights. About 3.2% population of Odisha is made up of PwDs, the highest in the country as per the 2018 NSSO Report. In Odisha, the percentage of PwDs is higher in rural areas than in urban areas. There are 2.68 crore PwDs in India who constitute 2.21% of total population. Out of this males constitute 1.5 crore and females 1.18 crore.

Although the 2015 Paris Agreement on Climate Change, Sendai Framework (20215-30)

and Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) 2015-2030 categorically put PwDs as one of the most climate-vulnerable groups dedicating special provisions, the PwDs have been largely left behind in decision-making processes at global, national and local levels.

In a paradigm shift towards

PwDs, the United Nations Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities, adopted in 2006, mandates countries to take all necessary measures to ensure the protection and safety of PwDs during natural disasters among others. Similarly, the Rights of Persons with Disabilities Act. 2016 of India directs the participation of PwDs in disaster risk management process. However, there are hardly any instances of active participation of PwDs in any of the DRM or Disaster Risk Reduction or any climate action plans irrespective of national, regional or local levels. Even, the District Disaster Management Authorities, which are supposed to inform PwDs of any risks under disaster preparedness, evade such responsibilities

At the initial stage of COVID in March 2020, the state government considered suggested measures to make the fight against the pandemic disability inclusive from making disabled-friendly facilities and quarantine centres to sharing infor-

for the PwDs, besides using sign language during COVID updates as a means of communication for the deaf or hard of hearing. Similarly, December 20, 2019, the state government declared to establish a dedicated Cell for PwDs headed by a PwD at Odisha State Disaster Management Authority to address all issues related to climate change-induced disasters. However, it is yet to be functional as envisioned. The Odisha State Disaster Management Plan 2017 takes note of the vulnerability of PwDs. Merely taking notes or mentioning in detail the international and national provisions for PwDs may not provide the required care to PwDs. Can it be possible that all the information or press briefing of OSDMA be made available in formats accessible to PwDs including sign languages at least 24X7?

mation in an accessible format___

Undoubtedly and unintentionally, PwDs are often left out of plans and decisions about their local areas and their wellbeing. Consequently, the plans are not effective in addressing the special targeted care for PwDs. Hence participation of PwDs must be mandatory in preparing and implementing climate change action plans and disaster management plans from the national to the local levels.

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TO THE EDITOR

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Lacklustre response

Sir, A cricket connoisseur expected the ongoing cricket ICC Men's Cricket World Cup to be a magnificent extravaganza; after all India was hosting the tournament independently for the first time ever. However, the ODI World Cup has not transcended a routine cricket tournament. The poor turnout for the matches is very painful to watch. Even for the matches involving the Indian team, the usual euphoria and excitement are visibly missing. It appears people are bored by the nonstop cricket: Tests, T20s and ODIs. Further, when the T20 is the latest trend, a die-hard fan seems to be least interested in the longer one-day format. The mode of ticket-sale and the astronomical ticket prices, too, are putting fans off especially when they have the option of viewing the same match at home on their TVs or phones. The World Cup could have been scheduled better, maybe after Deepavali, and the absence of a befitting opening ceremony, and a damp-squib opening match, have not helped matters.

Ganapathi Bhat, AKOLA

Humanitarian catastrophe

Sir, Irrespective of whether it is Israel's attack on the Hamas or the other way round, the world's nations, without any leniency, must decry the mindless and barbaric killings of the innocent civilians. The direct targeting of civilians, whether done by the Israeli military or the Hamas insurgency forces, is not only a war crime, but a crime against humanity, and even a crime against the Almighty God. The fact of the matter is that this conflict is not binary, and there is no "side" to stand with, because the dignity and humanity of millions of Israelis and Palestinians are at stake. The cycle of war must be halted at any cost. If the world leaders lose their ability to see the dignity of the civilians of Israelis and Palestinians as equally worthy of their concern and support, and fail to take a unified stand for collective humanity, it will only lead to a humanitarian catastrophe. Nelson Mandela had rightly said: "To deny people their human rights is to challenge their very humanity.

Ranganathan Sivakumar, CHENNAI



TWO STATES RAJASTHAN





SUNDAY | OCTOBER 22 | 2023 | BHUBANESWAR

DELHI AIR QUALITY LIKELY TO TURN 'VERY

Congress fields Gehlot from

Sardarpura, Pilot from Tonk

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Jhalrapatan seat.

New Delhi/Jaipur, Oct 21: The

BJP Saturday named 83 more

candidates for the Rajasthan

Assembly polls, including for-

mer chief minister Vasundhara

Raje from her traditional

Fifty incumbent MLAs have

been given tickets while nine

have not been renominated by the

Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP),

which has also not named any

MP in the second list. Of the 83

With this, the BJP has so far

New Delhi, Oct 21: The National

Green Tribunal (NGT) has ob-

served the cleaning of Yamuna "is

The NGT also observed that

the reports filed by agencies, in-

cluding the Delhi Jal Board (DJB),

the Delhi government and oth-

ers, were "deficient" on various

issues, including not providing the

details of the drains being dis-

charged in the river, monitoring

the functioning of the sewage

treatment plants (STPs) and

candidates, 10 are women.

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far from satisfactory."

New Delhi, Oct 21: Amid a likely increase in pollution levels, the Centre's air quality panel Saturday directed authorities in the National Capital Region to increase parking fees to discourage private transport and enhance the services of CNG or electric buses and metro trains.

The action comes as part of

BJP fields Raje from Jhalrapatan

'Stage II' of the central government's pollution control plan known as the 'Graded Response Action Plan' (GRAP), which is implemented in the Delhi-NCR to combat air pollution during the winter season.

At a meeting to review the air quality situation in the Delhi-NCR, the Commission for Air Quality Management (CAQM), a statutory body responsible for

named 124 candidates for the

November 25 polls to the 200-

Some of the supporters of

The saffron party has decided

Raje, including two former state

ministers, have also been given

to field Narpat Singh Rajvi from

Chittorgarh after its earlier de-

cision to deny the five-term MLA.

who is the son-in-law of BJP

stalwart Bhairon Singh

Shekhawat, renomination from

The BJP leadership's about

turn on Rajvi's candidature is

being seen as a damage-control

exercise after the latter reacted

angrily and cited his family

The names also include

Vishwaraj Singh Mewar, a de-

scendent of Maharana Pratap

Singh, who joined the party re-

cently. He has been fielded from

Nathdwara, which was won by

veteran Congress leader C P

restoration of the river's flood-

Justice Prakash Shrivastava noted

that based on the tribunal's ear-

lier directions, the Delhi gov-

ernment, DJB, Central Pollution

Control Board (CPCB) and

Haryana had filed status reports

Justice Sudhir Agarwal and ex-

pert member A Senthil Vel, said

the reports were "deficient" on

various issues, including details

of the drains discharging both

The bench, also comprising

A bench of NGT Chairperson

plains and wetlands.

about the river.

PUNJAB & SIND BANK

Joshi in 2018.

legacy to hit out at the party.

his Vidhyadhar Nagar seat. This triggered a backlash from

a section of party workers.

member Rajasthan Assembly.

proactively implementing GRAP, said forecasts by the India Meteorological Department and the Indian Institute of Tropical Meteorology suggest Delhi's overall air quality is likely to dip and enter the 'very poor' category on October 23 and 24, owing to unfavourable meteorological and climatic conditions.

Delhi's 24-hour average air quality index (AQI) stood at 248

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New Delhi/Jaipur, Oct 21: The

Congress Saturday released its

first list of 33 candidates for the

Rajasthan assembly elections, field-

ing Chief Minister Ashok Gehlot

from Sardarpura and his former

deputy Sachin Pilot from Tonk.

Three leaders who rebelled

against Gehlot with Pilot in 2020

made it to the list -- Indraj Singh

Guriar from Virat Nagar, Mukesh

Bhakhar from Ladnun, and

Ramniwas Gawariya from

treated and untreated wastewater

in the river and the quantity and

quality of the discharged waste-

Also, there was no mention of

the STPs that had been con-

structed, upgraded and currently

operational along with the ca-

pacity of the existing STPs, the

bench had said in an order passed

It noted the report failed to

mention the steps taken for util-

isation of the treated wastewater

for agriculture, horticulture, con-

struction activities, dust mitiga-

POSSESSION NOTICE

RAJASTHAN ASSEMBLY ELECTIONS

Saturday. The panel therefore decided to invoke the measures under Stage II of GRAP in the entire NCR in addition to steps already taken under Stage I.

"All actions as envisaged under Stage-II be implemented in right earnest by all the agencies concerned in NCR with immediate effect, in addition to all Stage-I actions of GRAP already in force," it said in an order.

Parbatsar. The Congress has given

tickets to five ministers 28 sitting

MLAs and an independent candi-

date who won the 2018 Rajasthan

Sharma from Malviya Nagar and

Pushpendra Bharadwaj from

Sanganer: Both of them had lost the

Lalit Kumar Yadav, who lost the

elections on a BSP ticket from

Mundawar, and Vivek Dhakhar,

who had contested unsuccessfully

on a Congress ticket from

Mandalgarh, have also been given

tickets. Ramila Khadiya, who had

contested as an independent can-

didate and won, has been fielded by

the party from Kushalgarh seat.

from his Nathdwara assembly seat

and Congress state unit president

Govind Singh Dotasra from

Lachhmangarh. Former minister

Harish Chaudhary will contest

from Baytoo and minister Mamata

tion and other non-contact pur-

poses and measures for rejuve-

nation and restoration of the

river floodplain and the associated

colonies which have so far not

been covered in the above scheme

(sewage network system) shall

be furnished indicating timelines

for laying down sewage network

system to trap all the sewage gen-

erated from authorised and unau-

thorised colonies and linking to

the main drain for treatment and

disposal," it said.

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"Details of those areas or

wetlands.

Bhupesh from Sikrai-SC seat.

Speaker C P Joshi will contest

The party has fielded Archana

assembly elections.

last elections.

GRAP categorises actions into four stages: Stage I - 'Poor' (AQI 201-300); Stage II - 'Very Poor' (AQI 301-400); Stage III - 'Severe' (AQI 401-450); and Stage IV -'Severe Plus' (AQI >450).

Stage I mandates the suspension of work at private construction and demolition projects with a plot size equal to or exceeding 500 square metres that are not registered on the state

government's portal for remote monitoring of dust mitigation measures

Authorities are also tasked with enforcing a complete ban on the use of coal and firewood in 'tandoors' at hotels, restaurants and open eateries, along with taking punitive action against polluting industrial units and thermal power plants within 300 kilometres of Delhi.

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Notice is hereby given to all concerned that Namita Boitai, W/o. Rajesh Kuma Boitai, resident of Kopanda, P.O./P.S.: Jajpur Road, District: Jajpur, Odisha has lost Regd. Sale Deed No. 10821200384 Dtd.27.01.2012 executed by Ajaya Kumar Rout in favour of Chandrabati Moharana pertaining to Plot No 1044/2349 (Gharabari) area Ac. 0.010 decimals and Plot No. 1050/235(Gharabari) area Ac.0.050 decimals under Khata No. 542/531 of Mouza Kopanda Unit No. 10 District: Jajpur. Namita Boitai of the above address has applied for a housing loan to the LIC Housing Finance Ltd., Cuttack by offering ortgage of the said property title documents in her name. All concern therefore having any claim over the property purchased under the said documents, i.e. Original Regd. Sale Deed No. 10821200384 Dtd.27.01.2012 is required to file their claim with the undersigned within 15 (Fifteen) days from the date of publication of this notice, failing which it will be presumed that the property having link with the said document is free from encumbrances and any claim in respect thereof against the applicant as 'a' mortgager and th empany as the mortgagee shall be void and ineffective after the lapse of 1

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Cuttack Area Office, Link Road, Cuttack

MUNICIPALITY OFFICE, KENDRAPARA

Kendrapara Municipal Council, Kendrapara invites percentage wise single cover bids for execution of Civil work as detailed in the DTCN from Govt Registered Civil Contractor's having valid contractor licence, PAN, GST and other as per DTCN upload https:/tendersodisha.gov.in portal and bidder. should submit bids as per their eligibility criteria shown in DTCN.

Place of Execution - In Kendrapara Municipal area. Estimated cost of work - Rs.15,00,000/- lakhs to 40,00,000/- lakhs

Eligible class of contractor - Govt. registered contractors as per OPWD code The bid documents will be available in the website from 11.00 A.M. or

Dt.26.10.2023 to 5 P.M. Dt.05.11.2023 for online bidding

The bidder has to participate in online bidding only. Further details can be seen from the e-procurement portal https://www.tendersodisha.gov.in

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appointment of Regular Handling Contractor for handling of FP Cotton Bales & allied service etc. at CW- Bolangir, Junagarh and Koksara & appointment of Regular Transport contractor for transportation of FP Cotton Bales at CW-Bolangir, Junagarh and Koksara in the state of Odisha under Patna Region. The Tender will be available online for sale w.e.f. 20.10.2023 to 09.11.2023 up to 23:59 hrs. The details may be seen and downloaded from CWCs website www.cewacor.nic.in and www.cwceprocure.com. This shall be notified on website only.

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E-PROCUREMENT NOTICE

Bid Identification No. 04/KM 2023-24
No. C-1676: The Executive Officer, Kendrapara Municipality on behalf

Total No. of work for which tender invited - 4 Nos.

The technical bid documents will be opened at 11.00 A.M. or

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Regional Office, Maurya Lok Complex, Block-A, 2nd Floor Dakbungalow Road, Patna-800001 49 E-mail: rmpat@c No: CWC/RO-PATNA/Buss/HANDLING-CCI/ODISHA/Bolangir/2023-24 Dated: 20.10.2023

No: CWC/RO-PATNA/Buss/TRANSPORATATION-CCI/ODISHA/Bolangir/2023-24 Dated: 20.10.2022
No: CWC/RO-PATNA/Buss/HANDLING-CCI/ODISHA/Junagarh and Koksara/2023-24 Dated: 20.10.2023 No: CWC/RO-PATNA/Buss/TRANSPORTATION-CCI/ODISHA/Junagarh and Koksara/2023-24 Dated; 20.10.2023

Four separate E-Tenders are invited from the interested parties for

For Regional Manager

Divisional Railway Manager (Engg) /

E-AUCTION

SALE NOTICE

Appendix-IV [Rule-8(1)] (A Government of India Undertaking) ASHOK NAGAR BRANCH, BHUBANESWAR, ODISHA-751009 (For Immovable Property) Whereas, the undersigned being the Authorised Officer of the Punjab & Sind Bank, Ashok Nagar Branch under the Securitisation

Date of Demand Notice/Date of Possession Notice

Cleaning of Yamuna 'far from satisfactory': NGT

water.

October 17.

and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest. Act 2002 (54 of 2002) and in exercise of powers conferred under section 13(12) read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002, issued Demand Notice calling upon the Borrowers/Guarantors to repay the amount mentioned in the notices along with future interest within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notice. The Borrowers having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the Borrowers/Guarantors and the public in general that the undersigned has taken possession of the properties described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him under Sub-Section (4) of section 13 of the Act read with rule 8 & 9 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002. The Borrowers/Guarantors in particular and the public in general is hereby cautioned not to deal with the properties and any dealings with the properties will be subject to the charges of the Punjab & Sind Bank for the mentioned amount and future interest & other charges thereon. The Borrower's attention is invited to provision of sub-section (8) of section 13 of the Act, in respect of time available, to redeem the Description of the Immovable Properties /

A/c No./Name & Address of the **Borrowers/ Guarantors** Borrower: M/s. United Enterprises, At:

Property-1) Equitable mortgage of all that part and parcel of the property onsisting of Plot No.: 278/462, Sabak Plot No.: 278 in Mutation Khata No. Plot No.: 31/4, Unit-3, Kharavela Nagar, Bhubaneswar - 751003 /Partners: 1) 213/2, Sabak Khata No.: 121, Area: Ac.0.060 Dec., Mouza: Bhubaneswa Sahar unit-40. Damana. Tahasil: Bhubaneswar, within the registration Sub Rajid Ali Khan, S/o.: Wazzudin Khan, district: Bhubaneswar, Dist: Khurda, in the name of Sh. Sricharan Navak Address-1) Plot No.: 2776, Unit - 3, S/o.: Mr. Bansidhar Nayak. / 22.06.2023 / 19.10.2023 Kharavela Nagar, Bhubaneswar 751003, Address-2) At: Matakatpur, Property-2) Equitable mortgage of all that part and parcel of the property measuring area Ac.0.018.1 Dec., A) Plot No.: 1578, Khata No.: 93, Area P.O.: Balichandrapur, Dist: Jajpur, Odisha- 754205. Address-3) Plot No.: Ac. 0.013.5 Dec., Mouza: Matakatpur, P.S.: Balichandrapur, Tahasil: Darpan 1191, Nilakanthanagar, Nayapalli, within the registration Sub-district: Badachana, District: Jaipur, standing in Bhubaneswar, Dist: Khurda - 751012, 2) the name of Wazuddin Khan, S/o.: Daler Khan B) Plot No.: 1578/1895. Mr. Biranchi Narayan Nayak, S/o.: Khata No.: 606, Area: Ac.0.04.6 Dec., Mouza: Matkatpur, P.S.

Sh.Sricharan Nayak, At: Plot No.: GA- Balichandrapur, Tahasil: Darpan, within the registration Sub-district 195, Niladri Vihar, Chandrasekharpur, Badachana, District: Jajpur. standing in the name of Wazuddin Khan, S/o.

Bhubaneswar-751021, 3) Mr. Daler Khan / 22.06.2023 / 18.10.2023

Santosh Kumar Rath, S/o.: Mr. Bhabagrahi Rath, Address-1) Plot No.: 67/1066, Lane-4, Dibya Vihar, Samantarapur Bhubaneswar - 751002, Address-2) Plot No.: 252/2680, Bhimpur, Dist: Khurda - 752031 /Guarantors: 1) Wazzuddin Khan S/o.: Daler Khan, At: Matakatpur, P.O.:Balichandrapur, Dist: Jajpur, Odisha- 754205, 2) Sh. Sricharan Nayak, S/o.: Mr. Bansidhar Nayak, Address-1) Plot No.: GA-195, Niladri Vihar, Chandrasekharpur, Bhubaneswar-751021, Address-2) Pot No.: 278/462, Khata No.: 213/2, Mouza: Damana (Unit-40), P.S.: Chandrasekharpur, Bhubaneswar, Dist: Khurda - 751021, 3) Sahara Khanam, W/o.: Rajid Ali Khan, Address-1) At: Mataktpur, P.O.: Balichandrapur, Dist: Jajpur, Odisha - 754205, Address-2) Plot No.: 1191, Nilakanthanagar, Nayapalli, Bhubaneswar, Dist: Khurda - 751012, Address-3) Plot No.: 2776, Unit - 3 Kharavela Nagar, Bhubaneswar - 751003 Borrower: M/s. United Enterprises & Property-2) Equitable mortgage of all that part and parcel of the property

Mr. Bhabagrahi Rath, Address-1) Plot No.: 67/1066, Lane-4, Dibya Vihar, Samantarapur, Bhubaneswar - 751002

Address-2) Plot No.: 252/2680, Bhimpur, Dist: Khurda - 752031 Co, Prop.: Mr. Prasant Kumar Nayak, S/o.: Mr. Kshetra Mohan Nayak, Both are At: Purana Odapada, P.S.: Raghunathpur, Jagatsinghpur-754132 /Guarantor: Mr.Shakti Ranjan Mohapatra, S/o.: Mr. Sadasiba Mohapatra, At: Jabahar Chouk, Dhenkanal - 759001

Wazzuddin Khan, S/o.: Daler Khan, measuring area Ac.0.018.1 Dec., A) Plot No.: 1578, Khata No.: 93, Area: At: Matakatpur, P.O.:Balichandrapur, Ac.0.013.5 Dec., Mouza: Matakatpur, P.S.: Balichandrapur, Tahasil Dist: Jajpur, Odisha- 754205 / Darpan, within the registration Sub-district: Badachana, District: Jajpur Guarantors/Partners: 1) Rajid Ali standing in the name of Wazuddin Khan, S/o.: Daler Khan B) Plot No. Khan, S/o.: Wazzuddin Khan, 1578/1895, Khata No.: 606, Area: Ac.0.04.6 Dec., Mouza: Matkatpur, Address-1) Plot No.: 2776, Unit - 3, Kharavela Nagar, Bhubaneswar - district: Badachana, District: Jajpur. standing in the name of Wazuddin 751003, Address-2) Plot No.: 1191, Khan, S/o.: Daler Khan / 22.06.2023 / 18.10.2023 Nilakanthanagar, Nayapalli, Bhubaneswar, Dist: Khurda - 751012, Address-3) At: Matakatpur. P.O.:Balichandrapur, Dist: Jajpur, Odisha- 754205, **2) Mr. Biranchi Narayan Nayak,** S/o.: Śh. Sricharan Nayak Plot No.: GA-195, Niladrivihar, Chandrasekharpur, Bhubaneswar-751021, 3) Mr. Santosh Kumar Rath, Ś/o.

Borrower: M/s. Maa Dakhineswari Trading & Equitable mortgage of all that part and parcel of the property consisting of Plot No.: 851, Khata No.: 1101/44, Mouza: Purana Odapada, P.S.: Raghunathpur, Tahasil/SRO: Raghunathpur, Dist Jagatsinghpur, Odisha - 754132, measuring Area: Ac.0.030 Dec. in the name of Mr. Prasant Kumar Navak, S/o.: Mr. Kshetra Mohar Nayak, Bounded by East: Road, West: Vendor, North: Others, South Others / 29.07.2023 / 18.10.2023

(Property - 2) ₹1,32,10,945.90 as on

31.05.2023 + interest & expenses thereon

₹30,89,714.53 as on 30.06.2023 + interest & expenses

thereon

Sd/- Authorised Officer

इंडियन बैंक Indian Bank 🛕 इलाहाबाद

Zonal Office, Indian Bank Building, B-2 (East), Sahid Nagar, Bhubaneswar- 751007

Sale of Immovable Property/ies mortgaged to Bank under Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforc Security Interest Act, 2002 (No. 54 of 2002) Whereas, the Authorised Officer of Indian Bank had taken possession of the following property/ies pursuant to the notice issued under Sec 13(2) of the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 in the following loan accounts with

ight to sell the same on "AS IS WHERE IS BASIS", "AS IS WHAT IS BASIS" and "WITHOUT ANY RECOURSE BASIS" for realization of Bank's dues plus interest as detailed hereunder and whereas consquent upon failure to repay the dues, the undersigned in exercise of power conferred under the said Act proposes to realize the Bank's dues by sale of the said property/ies. The Sale will be done by the undersigned through e-auction platform provided at the website https://www.mstcecommerce.com/auctionhome/ibapi/index.jsp Date of Demand Notice/ Reserve Price / Branch / Name & Address of the Description of the

No.	Borrowers / Guarantors / Mortgagors	Immovable / Movabale Properties	Outstanding dues / Nature of Possession	Bid Increment Amount	Time of E-Auction
1.	SAHEED NAGAR BRANCH (Ph.: 9830090768) A/c: M/s Lingaraj Supplier, (1) Lingaraj Pradhan (Borrower Mortgagor), S/o: Mr Gunamani Pradh (2) Mrs Sipa Sundaray (Guarant W/o: Mr Lingaraj Pradhan, both address at Plot No.330/2208, Linga Nagar, Lane-18, Bhimatangi, Old To Bhubaneswar.	& Khata No.994/140, Mouza: an, Bhubaneswar Sahar, Unit No.27, r), Bhubaneswar, Dist: Khurda, Total are Area: Ac.0.550 dec., Boundaries: raj North-Plot No.830(P), South-Plot	11.01.2023 Rs.46,41,000/- as on 26.10.2022 plus further interest @ applicable rates till the date	Rs.74,52,000/- / Rs.7,45,200/- / Rs.25,000/-	22.11.2023 (Wednesday) from 11.00 AM to 05.00 PM
2.	BARAMUNDA BRANCH (Ph.: 9439055509) A/c: M/s Basudev Agency, Prop.: Mrs Jashorika Mohanty (Borrower), Mr Pravanjan Mohanty (Guarantor & Mortgagor), S/o: Mr Niranjan Mohanty, both are address at Plot No.162, Dharma Vihar, Khandagiri, Bhubaneswar,	III that part and parcel of Residential and in the name of Mr Pravanjan lohanty situated at Plot No.59/2658/670, Khata No. 540/1297, RSD No. 1081126379, Volume No. 531, Date: 2.10.2011, Area: Ac.0.69 decs., Mouza: lancheswar, Tahasil: Bhubaneswar, P.S. lew Capital No.26, Bhubaneswar, Dist; thurda, Odisha, Boundary: Northboad, South- Plot No.139, East- Plot of Smt Pubali Rana (Seller), West- Plot lo.265.	25.09.2023 Rs.39,02,176/- as on 18.07.2023 plus further interest @ applicable rates till the date of realization and costs,	Rs.18,93,000/- / Rs.1,89,300/- / Rs.25,000/-	27.11.2023 (Monday) from 11.00 AM to 05.00 PM

DATE AND TIME OF E-AUCTION: For SI. No.1- Dt.22.11.2023 (Wednesday) from 11.00 AM to 5.00 PM with unlimited extension of 10 minutes duration and For SI. No.2- Dt.27.11.2023 (Monday) from 11.00 AM to 5.00 PM with unlimited extension of 10 minutes duration

LAST DATE AND TIME FOR SUBMISSION OF EMD AND DOCUMENTS: For SI.No.1- ON OR BEFORE 21.11.2023 upto

05.30 PM and For SI.No.2- ON OR BEFORE 26.11.2023 upto 05.30 PM DATE & TIME OF INSPECTION OF PROPERTIES: For SI. No.1- Dt.13.11.2023 to 21.11.2023 between 10.00 AM to 5.30 PM and

For SI. No.2- Dt.21.11.2023 to 25.11.2023 between 10.00 AM to 5.30 PM (with prior appointment from bank) at their expenses

(1) For detailed terms & conditions of the sale please refer to the link: https://www.mstcecommerce.com/auctionhome/ibapi/index.jsp and https://ibapi.in . Prospective bidders may also contact the Authorised Officers / Branch as mentioned in above list . (2) This is also a 30 days notice to the borrowers/guarantors/mortgagors of the above said loan about holding of this sale on the above mentioned date . (3) On receipt of the entire sale consideration, the Authorised Officer shall issue the Sale Certificate as per rules . (4) All expenses relating the stamp duty and registration of Sale Certificate conveyance if any, shall be borne by the successful bidder . (5) The Authorised Officer will not be held responsible for any charge, lien encumbrance, property tax or any other dues to the Government or anybody invespect of the property under sale . (6) The Authorised Officer has the absolute right to accept or reject any bid or adjourn/postpone/cancel the sale without assigning any reason thereof . It may be noted that nothing in this notice constitute or deemed to constitute any commitment or representation on the part of the bank to sell the property

STATUTORY 30 DAYS SALE NOTICE UNDER RULE 8(6) OF THE SECURITY INTEREST (ENFORCEMENT), RULE 2002. Borrowers/Guarantors are hereby notified to pay the total dues along with up to date interest and ancillary expenses before the date of E-Auction, failing which the property will be auctioned / sold and balance dues, if any, will be recovered with interest & cost

Place: Bhubaneswar, Date: 21.10.2023 Sd/- Authorised Officer, Indian Bank

Date: 21.10.2023

Place: Bhubaneswar

Punjab & Sind Bank



PHOTO POST



 $ISRO's\ TV-D1\ test\ flight\ of\ Mission\ Gaganyaan\ lifts\ off\ from\ Satish\ Dhawan\ Space\ Station\ in\ Sriharikota$



Peoples Democratic Party chief Mehbooba Mufti with party workers during a demonstration in solidarity with Palestinians, in Srinagar



People holding Tricolour create a human chain during a voting awareness campaign in Jabalpur



 $Bharatiya\ Kisan\ Union\ leader\ Rakesh\ Tikait\ with\ farmers\ during\ a\ protest\ in\ Greater\ Noida$



An artist gives final touches to effigies of Ravana in Prayagraj



Police personnel pay tribute to martyrs during Police Commemoration Day at a memorial in Jammu



DMK leader Udhayanidhi Stalin during a signature campaign against NEET Exam in Chennai

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Today, we are told almost every day that the situation is far improved. It is as close to normal... I believe, unfortunately, Jammu and **Kashmir is that place where** democracy in India goes to be buried

OMAR ABDULLAH FORMER JAMMU AND KASHMIR CM

PM NOD TO NAIDU'S APPOINTMENT

Prime Minister Narendra Modi has approved the appointment of former Vice President M Venkaiah Naidu as a nominated member in the existing jury of the prestigious Gandhi Peace Prize, according to Union minister G Kishan Reddy





Modiji and the BJP is not on your wellbeing. How to remain in power, how to strengthen

their only goal and their focus is on this only. It has become their policy to take money out of poor people's pockets and give it to big industrialists

PRIYANKA GANDHI VADRA CONGRESS LEADER

When I took over as the law minister, my first statement was that we have to bring down pendency. We took several steps,

from lok adalats to fast track courts to mobile courts. We used various technologies but the cases kent increasing. We will have to go into the reasons behind it

ARJUN RAM MEGHWAL LAW MINISTER



implementation of the scheme

GIRIRAJ SINGH UNION RURAL DEVELOPMENT MINISTER

SHORT **TAKES**

5 killed in accident

Noida: Five people, including a child, were killed after a van was hit by an unidentified vehicle on the Yamuna Expressway (YXP) in Greater Noida Saturday, police said. Three other passengers, all minors, in the Maruti Eeco were injured in the incident and have been hospitalised. they said. The incident took place around 1 am at the 25th milestone on the YXP under the Rabupura police station area, an official said.

Emergency landing

Mumbai: A Delhi-bound flight of Akasa Air with 185 passengers on board made an emergency landing at the Mumbai international airport on Saturday after a passenger claimed there was a bomb on the plane, which later turned out to be a hoax, officials said, adding he has been arrested. After taking off from Pune, a passenger, identified as Pallav Ajay Tyagi, started shouting that there was a bomb on the flight, which caused panic among passengers, a police official said.

MP polls: BJP's fifth list out

Bhopal: The BJP Saturday released a fifth list of 92 candidates for the next month's MP assembly polls dropping sitting Indore-3 MLA Akash Vijayvargiya, son of the party stalwart Kailash Vijayvargiya who is in the fray from the Indore-1 segment. The BJP has fielded Rakesh Golu Shukla from the Indore-3 constituency in place of Akash Vijayvargiya.





PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

New Delhi, Oct 21: BJP MP Nishikant Dubey Saturday filed a complaint with the anti-corruption ombudsman Lokpal against TMC MP Mahua Moitra, accusing her of taking bribes to raise questions in Parliament.

Firing a fresh salvo against her, Dubey said she was in India when her parliamentary ID was used in Dubai and claimed that the National Informatics Centre (NIC) had disclosed the information to probe agencies.

Moitra, whose party has been quiet on the issue, remained combative and kept up her attack on the Adani Group, alleging that charges have been levelled against her at its behest. She also claimed on X that she had received a message about an impending CBI raid. "I am busy with Durga Puja. I invite CBI to come home & count my pairs of shoes. But first please file FiR into ?13,000 crore coal money Adani stole from Indians," Moitra said.

Soon after her post, Dubey

posted a message in Hindi, saying he was "tired of hearing of CBI, CBI" and has lodged a complaint with Lokpal, which is entrusted with probing the case

of corruption against public au-

thorities, including MPs. "Lokpal oversees the complaints against parliamentarians and ministers. The CBI is its medium," he said. Earlier, the BJP leader alleged that "an MP pawned the country's security for some money."

"The MP's ID was opened from Dubai when the so-called parliamentarian was in India. The entire Indian government, including the prime minister, finance department and central agencies, use this NIC," the BJP MP said.

"Does the Trinamool Congress (TMC) and the opposition still have to do politics? People will take a decision. The NIC has given this information to probe agency," Dubey said without naming the agency. Moitra hit back saying Adani's dealings are related to national security and "not (an) email ID that every PA & every unchecked intern

Moitra hits back

New Delhi: Facing 'cash for query in Parliament' allegations, a combative Trinamool Congress MP Mahua Moitra Saturday said the NIC should release information on login access of all MPs and verify if they were physically present there. Keeping up her attack on the Adani group, she also demanded a CBI probe into allegations against the company related to coal imports. Moitra was reacting after BJP's Lok Sabha member Nishikant Dubey claimed she was in India when her parliamentary ID was used in Dubai and that the National Informatics Centre (NIC) had disclosed the information to probe agencies.

team of every MP has publicly & accesses at will".

"Request NIC to please release ALL details of MPs publicly to show they were physically present in place from where IDs were accessed by their PAs & researchers/interns/staff. Don't use Fake Degree wala for leak, make this public NOW (sic)," she posted on X.

Targeting the Adani Group, she said, "Sorry Mr. Adani. I am not taking your deal to shut up for six months in return for "peace". And nor am I taking the second deal where I am allowed to attack you but not the PM. Adani used to CASH TO NOT QUESTION. Now he is forced to create a fake CASH FOR QUESTIONS (sic)."

Dubey has accused Moitra of accepting bribes and favours for asking questions in Lok Sabha at the behest of businessman Darshan Hiranandani to target the Adani Group and Prime Minister Narendra Modi. The Lok Sabha's Ethics Committee is looking into Dubey's complaint and has asked him to appear before it on October 26 for recording "oral evidence".



Policemen detain AAP workers during a protest against the arrest of party leader Sanjay Singh, near GPO in

Man held after woman found murdered in Delhi

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

New Delhi, Oct 21: A day after a woman was found murdered near an MCD-run school in west Delhi, police Saturday said they have arrested a man who claimed she came to meet him from Switzerland after they got acquainted through a dating app and that he allegedly strangled her to death following a quarrel.

The police, however, said that they are yet to verify the sequence of events and other details as no identity proof of the woman has been recovered so far.

The accused, identified as Gurpreet Singh (30), was arrested from his house in Janakpuri where he resides with his parents and sister.

Delhi Police officials claimed that Rs 2.10 crore cash was recovered from his house after which the Income Tax department was also informed. According to a police officer, the suspect was arrested based on CCTV footage in which he was seen sitting in a white colour Hyundai Santro car which was used for dumping the body.

The body of the woman, who was believed to be in her early 30s, was found near the Municipal Corporation of Delhi school on Friday morning with its upper part covered with a black garbage disposal plastic bag. The victim's limbs were tied with metal chains.

Gurpreet had bought the car earlier this month for Rs 2 lakh from a second-hand car dealer in the name of another woman resident of Janakpuri, police said.

"It is suspected that the accused wanted to mislead the police, that's why he bought the car in someone else's name,' said a police officer.

The woman told the police that she was not aware that the car was bought by Gurpreet using her residence proof.

188 cops died in line of duty in past 1 yr: Shah

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

New Delhi, Oct 21: As many as 188 policemen laid down their lives in the line of duty while maintaining law and order in the past one year, Union Home Minister Amit Shah said Saturday.

He asserted that the country will never forget the sacrifice of the martyrs' families.

"In the last one year, from September 1, 2022 to August 31, 2023, 188 policemen have made the supreme sacrifice in the line of duty to ensure security and maintenance of law and order in the country," he said after paying homage to the personnel on Police Commemoration Day at the National Police Memorial

The home minister said of all the personnel serving the country, policemen have the toughest job - be it day or night, winter or summer, festival or regular day, policemen do not get a chance to celebrate festivals with their___

Centre throttling CAG: Congress spokesperson and Chairman of

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

New Delhi, Oct 21: The Congress Saturday alleged that the Modi government is trying to gag and bulldoze an independent institution like the Comptroller General of India by transferring out officers who pointed out "wrongdoings" in major government schemes.

Congress spokesperson Pawan

Khera claimed that three CAG officers, who had flagged the wrongdoings in the Modi government's Bharatmala Project, Dwarka Expressway, and Ayushmann scheme, were shunted out unceremoniously.

He claimed that CAG G C Murmu is so much under "pressure" that he is refusing to sign any reports despite the fact that at one time he was considered to be a favourite officer of Prime



66 The Modi government has become compulsively criminal by committing the crime of destroying autonomous institutions

PAWAN KHERA | CONGRESS SPOKESPERSON

Minister Narendra Modi. 'The Modi government has become compulsively criminal by committing the crime of destroying autonomous institu-

tions," Khera, the party

the Media and Publicity in Communications Department. said at a press conference.

He said media and the civil society were silent on the matter, in stark contrast to their actions ten years ago, when the UPA was in power and when mass protests were staged in the national capital's Ramlila

Maidan. He recalled how some TV channels and civil society activists ran a "relentlessly malicious campaign" against then-prime minister Manmohan Singh on the basis of "leaks" of a former CAG. All those reports on which that malicious campaign was based were proven false and fabricated,

Khera in the press conference claimed that under the Centre's Avushman Bharat scheme about

Rs 43,000 crore has been found to be "misappropriated." Quoting the CAG report, he said in several cases as many as 200 compensations were shown to have been paid against a single phone number. In the Bharatmala project, he said, the work that should have cost Re 1, cost Rs 14.

He said that besides these three projects "wrongdoings" have also been found in the collection of tolls by the National Highway Authority of India, as well as in projects related to the Ayodhya Development, Rural Development Ministry, and Hindustan Aeronautics Limited.

Khera claimed that the "witch-hunt" did not stop with the transfer of three officers only, but written orders were issued and the staff was asked to stop all fieldwork.

DELHI LIQUOR POLICY CASE

Hyd bizman alleges 'third degree torture'



PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

New Delhi, Oct 21: The Delhi High Court has sought the ED's stand on a petition by Hyderabad businessman Arun Ramchandra Pillai challenging his arrest and remand in a money laundering case related to the alleged Delhi excise policy scam wherein he has claimed "third degree" methods were applied to obtain information.

"Third degree" refers to brutality by police officers interrogating an accused. Justice Swarana Kanta Sharma Friday asked the probe agency to file a response with respect to the maintainability of the plea.

Advocate Nitesh Rana, appearing for the petitioner, argued that the March 6 arrest order of the Enforcement Directorate (ED) and the subsequent remand orders passed by the trial court sending him to the agency's custody and then to judicial custody were in violation of the provisions of the Prevention of Money Laundering Act (PMLA).

In his plea, the petitioner submitted that no grounds for arrest, either oral or written, were ever provided to him, as required under Section 19(1) of the PMLA, and that this also violates his constitutional rights.

It is further contended that

the remand orders did not record any satisfaction of whether the ED had materials on record to form "reasons to believe" that the petitioner is guilty of an offence under the PMLA.

"The Directorate Enforcement, in a vindictive manner and solely as a witchhunting exercise, has employed coercive tactics to obtain information and used third degree measures on the petitioner/applicant herein as well as the

other accused," the petition said. The ED "was enabled to act in such illegal manner by the Impugned Arrest Order as well as the Impugned Remand Orders, which in itself is a ground to quash the said Impugned Arrest Order and the Impugned Remand Orders", it stated. The ED's counsel contended that the petition was not maintainable. The court has listed the matter for further hearing on November 3 when the petitioner's bail plea is also scheduled for consideration.

Earlier this month, the petitioner had sought bail in the case, saying there was not an iota of evidence to keep him in jail. On June 8, a trial court here had dismissed Pillai's plea for bail, saying his role was more serious than of some other accused whoare still in jail, and that prima facie ED's case was genuine.

SAME-SEX MARRIAGE

EX-JUDGES PRAISE SC VERDI

Twenty-two former high court judges, including Permod Kohli, S M Soni, A N Dhingra and R C Chavan,

put out the statement PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

New Delhi, Oct 21: A group of former judges Saturday praised the Supreme Court verdict refusing to grant legal recognition to same-sex marriage, saying it is a blend of interpretation of statutory provisions, culture

and morality. The judgement has received "overwhelming applaud" from society except the LGBTQ+ community and a minuscule section thereof, the former judges claimed in a statement. The judgement is relevant in the context of Indian culture, ethos and heritage, they said, citing various points of the verdict.

Twenty-two former high court judges, including Permod Kohli, S M Soni, A N Dhingra and R C Chavan, put out the statement. The Supreme Court Tuesday refused to accord legal recognition to same-sex marriage, saying there was "no unqualified right" to marriage with the exception of those that are recognised by law.

Holding that transgender people in heterosexual relationships have the freedom and entitlement to marry under the existing statutory provisions, the apex court said an entitlement to legal recognition of the right to union, akin to marriage or civil union, or conferring legal status to the relationship can be only done through "enacted

In their statement, the former judges said the apex court has convincingly ruled that it is not within its jurisdiction to make provisions for recognising such marriages and that it is within

> the domain of Parliament. "Hon'ble court has reconfirmed the well-settled principle of separation of power enshrined in the Constitution holding that the jurisdiction of the court is to interpret the constitutional and

statutory provisions, and not to venture into legislative domain, which solely vests with the competent legislature," they said.

The thrust of the minority

view in the five-member bench on equality, individual dignity, choice of civil union irrespective of sexual orientation and privacy emanating from Articles 19, 21 and 25 of the Constitution did not find favour with the majority in the bench, they noted.

"An important feature of the majority view is recognition of marriage as a social institution in existence from times immemorial, pre-dating the concept of state. This gives credence to the bond of marriage between a man and a woman constituting family as a primary unit of civil society as propounded by our scriptures," they said. Noting that the queers' right

to adoption has also not been recognised by the court, the former judges praised the view. The existing statutory provisions also restrict the rights of a single person to adopt, they

"Notwithstanding the debate, unanimity in some areas and differing views on other issues, the judgement, particularly the majority view representing Indian traditions, deserves all appreciation," they said.

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FRANCE BACKS ISRAEL OVER HOSPITAL EXPLOSION

A blast at a Gaza hospital was not the result of an Israeli missile strike, but likely caused by a misfiring Palestinian rocket, the French military intelligence directorate (DRM) said. Palestinian officials said 471 people were killed in the blast at Al-Ahli al-Arabi Hospital Tuesday. Gaza's health ministry blamed an Israeli air strike, while Israel said the blast was caused by a failed rocket launch by militants. "There is nothing that allows us to say that it is an Israeli strike, but the most likely (scenario) is a Palestinian rocket that had a firing incident," the DRM said





Arabs urge fresh peace push

Cairo: Arab leaders at a Cairo summit condemned Israeli bombardment of Gaza as Europeans said civilians should be shielded, but the absence of Israel and senior US officials at the meeting undermined any prospect for halting an escalating war. Leaders and foreign ministers were meeting as a two-week conflict in neighbouring Gaza raged on, amid growing concern in many countries at an unfolding humanitarian catastrophe in the blockaded enclave that is home to 2.3 million people. Arab states said it was time to restart efforts to end a decades-long cycle of violence between Israelis and Palestinians, which has flared once again. Jordan's King Abdullah denounced what he termed global silence about Israel's attacks, which have killed thousands in Hamas-ruled Gaza and made over a million homeless, and urged an even-handed approach to the Israeli-Palestinian conflict. "The message the Arab world is hearing is that Palestinian lives matter less than Israeli ones," he said, adding he was outraged and grieved by acts of violence waged against innocent civilians in Gaza, the Israeli-occupied West Bank, and Israel. Palestinian President Mahmoud Abbas said Palestinians would not be displaced or driven off their land. "We won't leave, we won't leave," he told



ISRAEL-HAMAS WAR

ENTER GAZA AFTER 12 DAYS OF 'TOTAL SIEGE' BY ISRAEL AMID HEAVY **OVERNIGHT BOMBARDMENTS**

Gaza: The first humanitarian aid convoy to be sent to the besieged Gaza Strip since war broke out arrived through the Rafah border crossing Saturday, after wrangling over conditions for delivering relief left it stranded in

The United Nations said the 20truck convoy included life-saving supplies that would be received by the Palestinian Red Crescent, but the aid was a fraction of the quantity needed and

it was unclear how much aid will be allowed to pass in IN ISRAEL AT LEAST 1,405 coming days.

HAVE BEEN KILLED WITH Rafah is the **OVER 5,000 INJURED** main route in and **IN GAZA OVER 4,000** out of the Gaza **DECLARED DEAD WITH** Strip that is not **OVER 13,500 HURT** controlled by Israel and the focus of ef-

forts to deliver relief to Gaza's 2.3 million residents.

UN officials say at least 100 trucks a day are required in Gaza to cover urgent needs, and that any delivery of aid should be sustained and at scale. Before the outbreak of conflict, an average of about 450 aid trucks were arriving there daily.

Israel imposed a total blockade and launched air strikes on Gaza in response to a deadly attack on Israeli soil by Hamas October 7. The Rafah crossing has been out of operation since shortly afterwards, and bombardments on the Gaza side damaged roads and buildings that needed re-

SUPPLIES RUNNING OUT

The UN has warned that food has been running out in Gaza and supplies of fuel needed to keep hospital back-up generators running have reached dangerously

Israel has said it will allow no aid to enter from its territory until Hamas releases the hostages it took during its attack, and that aid can enter through Egypt as long as it does not end up in the hands of Hamas.

International donors have been flying aid into Al Arish, about 45 km (28 miles) west of Rafah in Egypt's Sinai Peninsula.

No large-scale relief effort has been operated from Egypt during previous conflicts in Gaza, when aid passed through the Kerem Shalom crossing, controlled by Israel.

The Israeli military said on Saturday that aid entering Gaza did not include fuel and would



levels. I am confident that this ern areas of the delivery will be the start of a enclave, where sustainable effort to provide Israel has urged essential supplies - including civilians to confood, water, medicine gregate.

Many of Gaza's and fuel MARTIN GRIFFITHS | residents have HUMANITARIAN CHIEF, UN crammed into southern areas to avoid

north, though they also say that nowhere in the territory is safe. Western states have been pushing to evacuate foreign passport holders from Gaza and the US Embassy in Israel said any bor-

der opening on Saturday could

air strikes in the

eigners to leave the territory. Secretary-General Antonio Guterres visited

the border Friday in a push to get the aid in. saying a mechanism for inspection of the aid demanded by Israel was still being worked out and that delivery of relief should not be tied to the release of hostages or evacuation of

Two American hostages freed

US President Joe Biden joined others Friday in welcoming the stunning news from Israel that Hamas had freed an American woman and her teenage daughter it had held hostage in Gaza for two weeks. An Israeli army spokesman said the two Americans, Judith Raanan and her 17-yearold daughter Natalie, were out of the Gaza Strip and with the Israeli military. Hamas said Friday it released them for humanitarian reasons in an agreement with the Qatari government. They were the first hostages to be released since Hamas militants, according to Israel, abducted roughly 200 people during their October 7 rampage. "I am overjoyed that they will soon be reunited with their family, who has been wracked with fear." Biden said in Washington



FOUR YEARS IN SELF-IMPOSED EXILE

Ex-Pak PM Nawaz Sharif returns home

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

Islamabad, Oct 21: Pakistan's former prime minister Nawaz Sharif returned home Saturday on a special flight after a four-year self-imposed exile in the UK to head his party and try to secure a record fourth term in the general elections expected to be held in January.

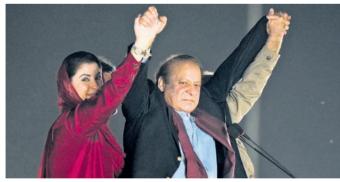
The 73-year-old Pakistan Muslim League-Nawaz (PML-N) supremo flew in from Dubai to Islamabad on the 'Umeed-e-Pakistan' chartered plane.

Sharif's legal team will meet him to take his biometrics and submit it to the Islamabad High Court as part of the bail process approved by the court October 19.

After staying an hour or so in Islamabad, he will leave for

'Coward fugitive returning under judicial asylum'

Calling former premier Nawaz Sharif a national criminal, his immediate successor Imran Khan's party Saturday said the state has buried shame, modesty, law and justice with its own hands by paving the way for the "coward fugitive to return home under judicial asylum". Imran Khan's Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI) reacted strongly to Pakistan Muslim League-Nawaz (PML-N) supremo's return to the country. In a statement Saturday, a PTI spokesperson said "state has buried shame, modesty, law and justice with its own hands" to pave the way for "national criminal's return to the country from London." "The nation is ready to 'welcome' its criminal who has been "adopted by the state," the PTI spokesperson said, adding that the people will hold accountable the criminals who have robbed the nation from generation to generation.



I get very worried and disappointed seeing the situation in the country. The country that had to move forward is going backward now economically and unity-wise NAWAZ SHARIF

Lahore to address a rally at Minar-e-Pakistan.

His party has been trying to paint his homecoming as a hope for Pakistan. No call was given for party workers to welcome him at the airport but dozens of supporters have reached the Islamabad airport.

About 150 PML-N supporters, who were onboard on the special flight, kept on chanting slogans throughout the flight.

Sharif was calm during the flight and apparently reading the notes for his address in Lahore in the evening

MARYAM ANOINTED NEW HEIR

"I am the son of the soil, Maryam is the daughter of the soil," Nawaz said as he indirectly anointed his daughter Maryam as his political heir.

He went on to mention how he regretted the "false cases" against him, (his brother and former foreign minister) Shehbaz, Maryam, and other PML-N leaders and then claimed "his relationship with the nation is the same as when he left the country," and that he was proud to see "loyalty in the eyes of his people."

'They (the authorities) came to arrest her. This brave girl faced the imminent threat,'

Sharif said.

Maryam, 49, is PML-N's senior vice president.

He said the country had to get back on its feet as nobody would lift us up

Sharif left for London in November 2019 on medical grounds after a higher court granted him bail for four weeks. By that time, he had served half of his seven-year jail term in the Al-Azizia cor-

ruption case During the four years since then, Sharif was declared a proclaimed offender in Al-Azizia and Avenfield corruption cases for his continuous absence from the proceedings on appeals against the sentences.

The Islamabad High Court Thursday granted him protective bail until October 24 in both cases after the National Accountability Bureau, Pakistan's anti-corruption agency, did not oppose the petitions filed by him.

He stepped down as Pakistan's prime minister in 2017 after he was disqualified for life from holding public office by the Supreme Court after a probe into his family's wealth following the 2016 Panama Papers leak.

US, UK back Canada in feud with India over diplomats

Canada said Thursday it had withdrawn 41 diplomats from India fallout from a bitter row over the killing of a Sikh separatist on Canadian soil

REUTERS

Washington, Oct 21: The United States and Britain Friday urged New Delhi not to insist Canada reduce its diplomatic presence in India and expressed concern after Ottawa pulled out 41 diplomats amid a dispute over the

murder of a Sikh separatist. Canada has alleged Indian involvement in the June murder in a Vancouver suburb of Canadian citizen and Sikh separatist leader Hardeep Singh Nijjar, whom India called a "terrorist." India denies the allegation

'We are concerned by the departure of Canadian diplomats from India, in response to the Indian government's demand of Canada to significantly reduce its diplomatic presence in India,' US State Department spokesperson Matthew Miller said.

Washington has said it took Canada's allegations seriously and, along with London, urged India to cooperate with Canada in the murder probe even as Western powers have been reluctant to openly condemn India. Analysts say the US and the UK

do not want to damage ties with India, which they view as a counterbalance to their main Asian rival China. But Friday's statements from

the US State Department and Britain's Foreign Office have been the most direct criticism by Washington and London of New Delhi thus far in this case. "We do not agree with the de-

cisions taken by the Indian government that have resulted in a number of Canadian diplomats departing India," a spokesperson for Britain's Foreign Office said.

Canada withdrew 41 diplomats from India after New Delhi last month asked Ottawa to reduce its diplomatic presence following Canada's allegations over Nijjar's killing. Canada Friday consulates in several Indian cities and warned of visa processing delays. "Resolving differences requires diplomats on the ground. We have urged the Indian gov-

said it was temporarily sus-

pending in-person operations at

ernment not to insist upon a reduction in Canada's diplomatic presence and to cooperate in the ongoing Canadian investigation," the US State Department said, adding that it expects "India to uphold its obligations under the 1961 Vienna Convention on Diplomatic Relations.

Britain's Foreign Office also cited the Vienna Convention. It said "the unilateral removal of the privileges and immunities that provide for the safety and security of diplomats is not consistent with the principles or the effective functioning of the Vienna Convention."

THIRD FAILED VOTE

Jordan's US House speaker bid junked

REUTERS

Washington, Oct 21: Hardline conservative Republican Jim Jordan's quest to become speaker of the US House of Representatives ended Friday as his fellow Republicans revoked their support following a third, failed vote on the House floor.

That means that the House until at least next week will remain unable to respond to President Joe Biden's request for a \$106 billion national-security package including military aid for Ukraine and Israel or take action to stave off a looming Nov 18 partial government shutdown.

Support for Jordan's candidacy faded over the course of the week. He received 194 votes in a third round of balloting Friday, down from the 200 votes he received Tuesday and well short of the majority he needed to claim the speaker's gavel. Republicans then voted 112-86 to revoke Jordan's nomination in a closed-door meeting.



China, an all-weather ally of Pakistan, has been the main supplier of arms and defence equipment to Islamabad's military modernisation programme

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Washington, Oct 21: The US has imposed sanctions on three China-based companies for supplying missile-applicable items and technology for Pakistan's ballistic missile programme, the US State Department said.

In the designation, the US State Department said Friday that the sanctions were being imposed as part of the global nonproliferation regime.

"Today, we are designating three entities pursuant to Executive Order 13382, which targets proliferators of weapons of mass destruction and their means of delivery. These three entities, based in the People's Republic of China (PRC), have worked to supply missile - applicable items to Pakistan's ballistic missile programme, the State Department said.



The three companies are General Technology Limited, Beijing Luo Luo Technology Development Co Ltd., and Changzhou Utek Composite Company Ltd.

They were sanctioned for having engaged or attempted to engage, in activities or transactions that have materially contributed to, or pose a risk of materially contributing to, the proliferation of weapons of mass destruction or their means of delivery (including missiles ca-

pable of delivering such weapons), including any efforts to manufacture, acquire, possess, develop, transport, transfer or use such items, by Pakistan.

General Technology Limited has worked to supply brazing materials, which are used to join components in ballistic missile rocket engines, and in the production of combustion cham-

Beijing Luo Luo Technology Development Co Ltd. has worked to supply mandrels and other machinery, which can be used in the production of solid propellant rocket motors and can be controlled by the Missile Technology Control Regime.

Changzhou Utek Composite Company Ltd. has worked since 2019 to supply D-glass glass fibre, quartz fabric, and high silica cloth, all of which have applications in missile systems.

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FRESH CHINESE PAIN FOR EV MAKERS

China has announced additional export restrictions on some graphite products from December in the name of national security, a move that can affect EV manufacturers worldwide as the country is the primary source and producer of natural graphite





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We believe if there are three companies one dedicated to the cause of silver, one to zinc and lead and one to all kinds of recycling... The three together will have a much higher market cap compared to what one company has

Generative AI is more than a fleeting trend or mere hype. It is a technology with farreaching implications



ARUN MISRA | CEO, HINDUSTAN ZINC



RITU JYOTI GROUP VP, IDC

Best-ever quarter for Central Bank

Mumbai: A massive improvement in asset quality has helped state-run lender Central Bank of India record its best-ever quarterly profit in July-September at ₹605 crore, nearly double than the trailing 12-month period. The city-headquartered bank said its net income jumped 90.25 per cent on-year from ₹318 crore a year ago. The earnings were supported by a 505 bps improvement in gross NPAs which printed in at 4.62 per cent in the reporting quarter from 9.67 per cent in Q2FY23, while net NPAs nearly halved to 1.64 per cent from 2.95 per cent, registering an improvement of 131 bps.

ICICI Bank net profit jumps 36%

New Delhi: Private sector lender ICICI Bank Saturday reported a 36 per cent rise in standalone net profit to ₹10,261 crore for the by an improvement in interest income. The Mumbai-based lender had posted a net profit of ₹7,558 crore in the year-ago period. The total income in the second quarter of the current fiscal rose to ₹40,697 crore from ₹31,088 crore in the same period a year ago, ICICI Bank said. Its core net interest income grew 23.8 per cent to ₹18,308 crore on the back of a 19.3 per cent expansion in domestic loans.

JSW Energy net profit surges 82%

New Delhi: JSW Energy Friday posted an 82 per cent rise in its consolidated net profit to ₹850 crore for the September quarter on the back of higher revenues. "Profit After Tax (PAT, or consolidated net profit) was ₹466 crore in the corresponding period of previous year," a company statement said. It explained that the higher profitability was driven by robust contribution from Acquired RE portfolio, merchant sales and hydro truing up impact, meaning better output.

L&T Fin profit rises

Mumbai: L&T Finance Holdings Friday reported a 46 per cent on-year growth in net income at ₹595 crore for the September quarter on the back of record retail loan sales. It achieved the highest-ever quarterly retail disbursements of ₹13,499 crore, a growth of 32 per cent on-year, the lender said in a release. Its retail portfolio mix now stands at 88 per cent of the total loan book even as it continued to reduce the wholesale book by a steep 76 per cent onyear or by ₹28,740 crore.



Blow to US' fiscal fight Festive boost for

The big deficit, which exceeded all pre-Covid deficits, is likely to enflame Biden's fiscal battles with Republicans in the House of Representatives, whose demands for spending cuts pushed the US to the brink of default in early June over the debt ceiling

Washington, Oct 21: The US government Friday posted a \$1.695 trillion budget deficit in fiscal 2023, a 23% jump from the prior year as revenues fell and outlays for Social Security, Medicare and record-high interest costs on the federal debt rose.

The Treasury Department said the deficit was the largest since a Covid-fueled \$2.78 trillion gap in 2021. It marks a major return to ballooning deficits after back-to-back declines during President Joe Biden's first two vears in office.

The deficit comes as Biden is asking Congress for \$100 billion in new foreign aid and security spending, including \$60 billion for Ukraine and \$14 billion for Israel, along with funding for US border security and the Indo-Pacific region.

For September, the final month of the fiscal year, the deficit fell to \$171 billion from \$430 billion in September 2022

The fiscal 2023 deficit would have been \$321 billion larger, but was reduced by this amount because the Supreme Court struck down Biden's student loan forgiveness program as unconstitutional. The ruling forced the Treasury to reverse a preemptive charge against fiscal 2022 budget results that increased that year's deficit.

The fiscal year 2022 deficit was \$1.375 trillion.

Taking into account the two



RECORD INTEREST COSTS

to \$1 trillion and this

year's closer to \$2 tril-

lion, a Treasury official

The 2023 deficit marks an abrupt end to two years of falling deficits for Biden as Covid-19 spending faded. The US deficit peaked in fiscal 2020 at \$3.13 trillion as the sharpest downturn since the 1930s severely constrained tax revenues while spending on unemployment benefits, direct payments to consumers and aid to businesses peaked.

But the Congressional Budget Office has warned that based on current tax and spending leghealthcare benefits for the elderly and in debt service costs. Social Security spending

rose 10% to \$1.416 trillion due to cost of living adjustments for inflation, and spending for the Medicare senior healthcare program rose 4% to \$1.022 trillion. Interest costs on the more

were it not for large increases in

spending on retirement and

than \$33 trillion in federal debt also rose sharply, up 23% to \$879 billion, a record. Net interest payments, excluding intragovernmental transfers to trust funds, rose 39% to \$659 billion, also a record, according to a Treasury official

Gross interest payments amounted to 3.28% as a share of gross domestic product, the highest since 2001, and the net share at 2.45% was the highest since 1998, the official said.

Interest rates have soared over the last year and a half as the Federal Reserve jacked up borrowing costs to slow inflation. The average interest cost on the Treasury's outstanding debt was 2.97% last fiscal year, up from 2.07% the year before.

A deal to avoid a government shutdown over deeper spending cut demands from Republican hardliners led to the ouster of US House of Representatives Speaker Kevin McCarthy, and the party is still divided over who should lead them, which is expected to make negotiations ahead of a new fiscal deadline in mid-November more difficult.

FIRMS GROSS SALES RISE 19% TO ₹47K-CR IN 1ST WEEK OF FESTIVE SEASON SALE

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

New Delhi, Oct 21: E-commerce companies registered around 19 per cent increase in gross sales to almost ₹47,000 crore in the first week of the festive season, which concluded earlier this week, a report said Friday.

The report estimated that the Flipkart group, comprising Flipkart, Myntra and Shopsy, led the sales in the first week with around 63 per cent share in gross merchandise value (GMV), implying business of about ₹29,610 crore, according to the report by market research firm Redseer Strategy Consultants.

"Week 1 of the 2023 festive season sale, which concluded on October 15, saw online platforms clocking a GMV of around ₹47,000 crore, growing around 19 per cent over week 1 of the 2022 festive season sale," the report said.

The report said Amazon followed Flipkart in terms of GMV share but Softbank-backed Meesho pipped the firm again in terms of order volume.

"In volume terms, Meesho retained its second position, notably gaining market share in week 1 of the 2023 festive season sale, with the share increasing to 25 per cent of the total orders, up from 21 per cent in week 1 of the 2022 festive season sale," the



e-commerce cos

MEESHO PIPPED AMAZON AGAIN IN TERMS OF

Redseer Strategy Consultants said it follows an integrated research approach for the estimates, which include consumer, seller and delivery partner surveys, app downloads, import data on mobile shipments, and public reports.

According to the report, high average selling price items, such as mobiles, electronics goods. and large appliances emerged as the largest contributor to the sales during week 1, driving about 67 per cent of the total sales with premiumisation emerging as a key theme in these categories

As per Redseer's report, around 30 per cent of the consumers who shopped high average selling price items in the week under review, utilised easily accessible financing options while making these purchases.

Redseer said as per its consumer surveys, around 55 per cent of the consumers surveyed. were planning to make more purchases during the rest of the

EPFO ADDS 16.99 LAKH **NET MEMBERS IN AUG**

New Delhi, Oct 21: Retirement fund body EPFO has recorded net member addition of 16.99 lakh in August 2023, according to the payroll data released Friday.

A Labour Ministry statement said that the year-on-year comparison of payroll data reflects a marginal increase in net members over the previous year of August 2022.

As many as 3,210 establishments extended social security cover of the EPFO to their employees by remitting their first ECR during the month.

The data indicates that around 9.26 lakh new members have enrolled during August 2023.

Among the newly joined members, the age-group of 18-25 years constitutes 58.36 per cent of the total new members added during the month. This indicates that most of the first-time job seekers are youth joining the organised sector workforce in large

The payroll data depicts that approximately 11.88 lakh members exited & rejoined EPFO, showing an increase of 10.13 per

cent compared with the previous year in August 2022.

These members switched their jobs and re-joined the establishments covered under EPFO and opted to transfer their accumulations instead of applying for final settlement thus, extending their social security protection. The data also suggests that

members exiting the fold of EPFO have

declined continuously in nonths. Gender-

wise analysis of payroll data repreof the total 9.26 lakh new members added

during the month, around 2.44 lakh are female members, joining the EPFO for the first time. Also, the share of net female member addition during the month stood at around 3.43 lakh. State-wise analysis of payroll data denotes that Maharashtra,

Karnataka, Tamil Nadu, Haryana and Gujarat are the top five states in terms of net member addition. These states collectively enrolled 9.96 lakh members during the month which constitute around 58.64 per cent of net members addition.

Union Bank conducts 'note exchange cum coin distribution mela'

of the decade, reach-

ing some \$2.13 trillion

in 2030 as interest, health

and pension costs mount.

For the 2023 fiscal year, total rev-

enues fell \$457 billion, or 9% from

fiscal 2022, to \$4.439 trillion, largely

due to a drop in non-withheld

individual income tax payments

amid a worse performance in

stocks and other financial assets

cluded a \$106 billion drop in

Federal Reserve earnings as in-

terest paid on bank reserves ate

billion, or 2% from the prior

year to \$6.134 trillion. Outlays

would have been more modest

Fiscal 2023 outlays fell \$137

up any portfolio income.

Other revenue declines in-

as interest rates rose.



BHUBANESWAR: Union Bank of India has conducted a 'Note Exchange cum Coin Distribution Mela' in Kochilei Hata. Rasulgarh, Bhubaneswar. The event was inaugurated by Marut prakash Behera, Deputy General Manager, Reserve Bank of India. Niranjan Barik, Regional Head, Bhubaneswar Region, Ashok Kumar Mishra, Assistant General Manager, Bhubaneswar Region, Jitendra Kumar Samal, Assistant General Manager, Bhubaneswar Region, Seemashree Sahu, Branch Manager, Rasulgarh Branch, Currency Chest Incharge Abhimanyu Naik and other staff members were present on this occasion. In this event Union Bank of India has exchanged old, soiled and mutilated notes of the general public and also distributed coins among them. The bank will conduct more of such events in the coming days and want the general public to take the benefit of such events to help the country to reach it's motive of circulating clean cash notes.

Samsung leads Q3 phone mkt share SAMSUNG MAINTAINS TOP SPOT WITH 18% SHARE FOLLOWED BY XIAOMI, VIVO

INDO-ASIAN NEWS SERVICE

New Delhi, Oct 21: Samsung maintained its top position in the India smartphone market in the third quarter (Q3) with a market share of 18 per cent and a shipment of 7.9 million units, according to a new report.

Xiaomi advanced to the second position, shipping 7.6 million units, primarily fuelled by the release of its affordable 5G models.

Vivo dropped to the third spot, shipping 7.2 million units, while realme and OPPO (excluding OnePlus) completed the top five by delivering 5.8 million and 4.4 million units, respectively, according to market research firm

India recorded 43 million shipments in Q3 2023, as the market moves toward gradual recovery.

Although there was a 3 per cent vear-on-year decline in shipments, the quarter witnessed an improved consumer environment, allowing vendors to capitalise on newly-introduced devices.

"In Q3, smartphone brands strategically promoted their festive product lineup, with a strong emphasis around budget-friendly 5G options," said Sanyam Chaurasia, senior analyst at

The entry-level segment experienced a surge in demand as vendors introduced mass-market



Despite the market gaining consumer confidence in the second half, the road to recovery will be challenged by global economic concerns SANYAM CHAURASIA | SENIOR ANALYST, CANALYS

5G models.

'On the other hand, the premium segment continued to experience robust growth. It was driven by Samsung's S23 series and older-generation Apple iPhones, such as the iPhone 14 and iPhone 13, being offered at attractive deals during the festive sales," added Chaurasia.

The market also witnessed the re-entry of HONOR via a strategic joint venture route with HTech and launched its HONOR 90 model.

"While the top five brands wit-

nessed a year-on-year decline, the remaining players have been resilient and stabilised the overall market shipments," Chaurasia said. Brands such as OnePlus,

Infinix and Tecno witnessed strong growth mainly due to expanding channel presence, increased offerings and few carried positive momentum from the chip shortage period of 2021.

The growth in 2024 hinges on uncertain macroeconomic factors, particularly affecting the vulnerable entry-level segment.

"To maintain market share, vendors should prioritise reducing channel pressures and building a lean product portfolio. They should have 'hero models' in each price segment while maintaining balanced inventories across channels," the re-

'MOST-PREFERRED EMERGING MARKET'

Morgan Stanley upgrades India to 'standout overweight' mkt

Indian equities top the brokerage's global equity investment score with an overall score of 68

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

Mumbai, Oct 21: The Wall Street major Morgan Stanley has upgraded India to "standout overweight" citing that the relative economic and earnings growth is improving and the macro-stability setup looks sufficient to withstand the higher real rate environment.

"India remains standout overweight. We increase our over-

weight stance on Indian equities and as our most-preferred emerging market," the brokerage said in a note Friday.

The "dream" run of domestic flows continues and multipolar world dynamics are driving both FDI as well as portfolio flows towards the country, it said.

Not just that domestic equities tops the brokerage's global equity investment score with an overall score of 68. Singapore though is at the

second highest score is a distant 54, Greece at 47, Mexico at 43 and Poland at 38, making the top five markets for the company this year. India has been structurally

outperforming MSCI EM index by 45.5 per cent (in USD terms) from early 2021 until October

2022, and "we expect outperformance to continue, with India starting to show a material breakout in relative EPS versus EM and having relatively low correlation/revenue from both the US and China," it said.

Recent high-frequency trends also support our bullish stance with inflation concerns abating and the trade balance improving, it said, adding that other than India only Japan has an overweight stance in Asia.

We remain structurally bullish on India with the key thesis of our market upgrade intact. Our India economics team's recent tracker shows projects under implementation have recorded broad-based growth and PMI manufacturing remains in the expansionary zone since July 2021,

likely driven by strong domestic demand amid a broad external weakness," the report said.

Moreover, the previous concerns of a higher inflation causing abrupt changes in monetary policies have somewhat abated after September CPI moderated to 5 per cent and core CPI slowed further to 4.6 per cent. Trade deficit has also narrowed with service trade balance improving sequentially in September.

From an average return in dollar terms India has been historically outperformed on average during EM bear markets, to the tune of almost 8 percent each year since 1997, the report said.







Kiwis test awaits India



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Dharamsala, Oct 21: Flying into the hilly terrain without their balancing figure Hardik Pandya, a frighteningly dominant India's World Cup campaign will start all over again with Sunday's blockbuster clash against an ambitious New

A freak ankle injury had ruled Pandya out of the big game against the Kiwis who are eveing their maiden triumph, even as the hosts desperately look to break their long trophy jinx in ICC tournaments.

With the flamboyant all rounder not in picture, India have been forced to disturb a combination that has brought them four convincing wins on the trot, leaving the opponents worried and exploring ways to stop the rampaging hosts.

Against the New Zealanders the Indians will take to the field after having done a bit of rejigging of their combination and reevaluation of strategies.

Pandya's injury has disturbed the balance of the side as India doesn't have a like-for-like re-

placement for him. These thoughts must have crossed the minds of the men who matter the moment Pandya sustained the injury to his left ankle while trying to stop the ball on his follow-through during their match

The star all-rounder has been advised rest and hasn't travel to Dharamsala. Currently under

against Bangladesh in Pune.

Suryakumar Yadav instantly comes into the mix. But it remains to be seen who is the other player India would replace in their bid to get the balance right.

Given the situation, the mediocre Shardul Thakur should get the boot as Shami would be better suited merely because of his pace and swing in these con-

India and New Zealand have faced each other nine times in the ODI World Cups. Of these games, India have won only three times while New Zealand have come out victorious on five occasions, with one match being abandoned

the assessment of the BCCI medical team, Pandya is expected to join the squad in Lucknow before the match against England

In the current scenario, seamer Mohammed Shami, who hasn't played a match so far in the World Cup, is a certainty in the playing XI as the pitch here is expected to favour the fast bowlers to some extent.

And to bolster the batting,

Ravichandran Ashwin, too, provides an option for India with both bat and ball but it remains to be seen whether his off-spin would be effective here.

The Indian batting has been doing extremely well with the likes of Rohit, Virat Kohli, KL Rahul, and Shubman Gill all scoring runs. In bowling, the Indians have fared well with Jasprit Bumrah leading the attack from the front with the new

Suryakumar Yadav, who is expected to play his first World Cup game against on right forearm during the net session on the eve of the match. It is still not clear if he could be rendered doubtful for the game although team sources said that he is doing 'fine'. It is learnt that the pain has subsided considerably after applying ice-packs and he is immediately not being taken for an X-Ray. However once the body cools down and how swollen the area is will determine the next course of medical action. Worse, the only other reserve batter in the line-up Ishan Kishan suffered a honey-bee bite on the neck in what turned out to be a weird training day for the home team.

ball and Kuldeep Yadav decimating sides with his guile in the middle overs.

Going purely by records, New Zealand hold an edge over India in the World Cup. It is going to be one of India's biggest challenge so far in the tournament as New Zealand is a side against which the Men In Blue have struggled in the past editions of the marquee event.

Both India and New Zealand are unbeaten so far in the tournament, registering four wins in as many games but the Kiwis are sitting atop the points table on account of a better net run rate. So a win Sunday will take both the sides closer to the semifinals.

Kane Williamson's absence has hardly affected the Kiwis with the likes of Devon Conway. Rachin Ravindra and Daryl Mithcell sharing the responsibility in the batting department. Despite being without veteran Tim Southee, who is warming the bench, New Zealand possess a po-



DHARAMSALA: Indian team management got a mighty scare Saturday after New Zealand Sunday got a nasty knock

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

Mumbai, Oct 21: Rampant South Africa left England's World Cup title defence in absolute shambles here on Saturday, handing the reigning champions their biggest loss in history of ODI cricket by 229 runs in one of the most dominant all-round performances in recent times.

Having amassed the second highest total of 399/7 in this vear's edition — the first also belongs to the Proteas — South African pace battery ran through England's famed batting lineup with tremendous ease terminating their innings at 170 in 22 overs. In World Cup history, South Africa's win over England is now the joint-sixth highest by margin of runs.

For a side which lifted the last two white-ball ICC tournaments, England have hit the nadir in this edition as their woes deepened further across departments. They are now placed ninth in 10-team table.

A wrong call at the toss was followed by a poor bowling show, but what left a huge embarrassment to deal with for England was a stunning collapse on a battingfriendly surface here, which saw Jos Buttler's team rolling over for 170/9 in 22 overs.

If it was not for a ninth-wicket

(43 n o, 17b, 2x4, 5x6) and Gus Atkinson (35, 21b, 7x4), England's loss will feature among one of the worst in history of ODI cricket. For what it is worth, Reece Topley was unavailable to bat.

Clinical Proteas maul England

The return of their 'spiritual leader' Ben Stokes — who did not bowl and managed a mere 5 also had no impact whatsoever as he played his first game in this World Cup since returning back from retirement.

Alongside the catastrophic defeat. Buttler's call to bowl first in most humid conditions, would also rankle for times to come since England's recent record of chasing — only three wins in 11 matches since January 2022—did not back them up enough.

Jonny Bairstow (10) was bounced out by Lungi Ngidi (2/26), Joe Root (2) meekly played one to leg slip off Marco Jansen (2/35), who also had Dawid Malan (6) caught behind.

Kagiso Rabada (1/35) took a sharp return catch to end Stokes' stay. The young Gerald Coetzee (3/35) then got into the act to account for Harry Brook (17). Buttler (15) and Adil Rashid (10) to pile further misery on

England's disintegration began when Heinrich Klaasen produced a hundred (109, 67b, 12x4, 4x6) of the highest quality in extremely humid conditions to fire South Africa to their highest total in a World Cup contest

Heinrich Klaasen celebrates his century;

Marco Jansen (inset), after shining with

the bat, was mobbed by teammates after dismissing an England batter, Saturday

> against them. Klaasen resurrected South Africa with his third century of the year and overall fourth, while Jansen smashed a terrific 75 not out (42b, 3x4, 6x6). South Africa stumbled in the middle overs after Reeza Hendricks (85, 75b, 9x4, 3x6) and Rassie van der Dussen (60, 61b, 8x4) ensured a strong platform.

> Klaasen regularly needed fluid intake during his innings but even while cramping up a bit didn't leave the pitch unlike a few English bowlers, who found the heat unbearable.

> Klaasen and Jansen added 151 runs for the sixth wicket off just 77 balls, which is now a record for South Africa against England in ODIs as well as in World Cup history. The wheels came off for England as a total of 143 runs were scored off the final 10 overs whereas the last five produced as

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South Africa 399/7 (Heinrich Klaasen 109, Reeza Hendricks 85, Marco Jansen 75 n o, Rassie van der Dussen 60, Aiden Markram 42; Reece Topley 3/88) beat England 170 (Mark Wood 43 n o, Gus Atkinson 35; Gerald Coetzee 3/35, Lungi Ngidi 2/26, Marco Jansen 2/35) by 229 runs.

Sindhu loses to Marin in ill-tempered semis

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

Odense (Denmark), Oct 21: Struggling Indian shuttler PV Carolina Marin of Spain in three games in an ill-tempered semifinal of the Denmark Open Super 750 tournament, which saw both players receive yellow cards for verbal exchanges here, Saturday.

Sindhu, who has been struggling the whole season, lost 18-21, 21-19, 7-21 in the match that lasted one hour and 13 minutes. This was Sindhu's fifth loss on the trot against Marin who had beaten the Indian in that memorable 2016 Rio Olympics final as well as the 2018 World Championships summit clash.

World No.12 Sindhu and Marin, currently ranked sixth, had earlier talked about good camaraderie between them but they showed none of it on the court Saturday. Both were warned verbally

by the umpire multiple times before being shown yellow cards in the deciding game. The umpire initially called both the players to tone down their celebrations after winning points.

But Marin continued to scream and celebrate while Sindhu was warned twice for taking longer



time in receiving serve. Marin was warned twice for loud celebrations after taking the first game 21-18.

In the decider after Sindhu won the second game, the umpire warned the Indian to be ready to receive serve quickly. At that point, Sindhu was heard saying 'you allowed her to shout, so you ask her and then I will be ready'.

Just after that, the shuttle fell on Sindhu's court and both reached to pick it, leading to another verbal altercation. The chair umpire called both the players and flashed yellow cards to them. Marin was also told not to pick shuttle from Sindhu's

Sri Lanka open World Cup account PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

Lucknow, Oct 21: Sadeera Samarawickrama displayed unwavering composure in his unbeaten half century (91, 107b, 7x4) as he guided Sri Lanka to a clinical five-wicket win over the Netherlands and secure their first victory in this World Cup here, Saturday.

South African-born Sybrand Engelbrecht (70, 82b, 4x4, 1x6) and Logan van Beek (59, 75b, 1x4, 1x6) led a remarkable recovery with maiden half centuries to help the Netherlands post a fighting 262 after they opted to bat.

In reply, Dutch off-spinner Aryan Dutt (3/44) snared Kusal Perera (5) and skipper Kusal Mendis (8) inside the powerplay, but Sri Lanka never lost sight of the target on a dry and spinning pitch Ekana Samarawickrama anchoring their chase without taking any risks.

Lending solidity to the middle order, Samarawickrama got to a well-deserved half century - his sixth in ODIs -en route to his match-winning knock to seal Sri Lanka's chase with 10 balls

This was bottom-placed Sri Lanka's first win after enduring three losses on the trot in the 10-team showpiece event.



Pathum Nissanka (54, 52b, 9x4) came up with a third straight half century to set it up before Samarawickrama and Charith Asalanka took the chase away from the Netherlands in a 77run fourth-wicket stand.

For the Dutch bowlers, the execution was missing unlike their upset win over South Africa at

Dharamsala three days back Just when the Lankan duo of Samarawickrama and Asalanka was in cruise mode. Dutt broke the partnership cleaning up the left-hander in his last over that also pumped up the Dutch camp.

But without any scoreboard pressure - 82 required off 104 balls - the seasoned Dhananjaya

de Silva (30) played sensibly, rotating the strike to give the wellset Samarawickrama more op-

The duo, however, failed to complete the chase as De Silva being bowled by Colin Ackermann. But there were no further mishaps and it was Dushan Hemantha who hit the winning runs, hitting Acerkmann for a boundary in the penultimate over.

Earlier, the 35-year-old Engelbrecht, who came in at No.7, shared a 130-run partnership with No.8 batter Van Beek as the pair turned the tide for the Dutch after they were reeling at 91/6 in the 22nd over.

Comeback man Kasun Rajitha (4/50) and their in-form left-arm pacer Dilshan Madushanka (4/49) were the pick of the Lankan bowlers but they lacked support at the other end as the Dutchmen made rapid progress following their seventh-wicket partnership.

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The Netherlands 262 (Sybrand Engelbrecht 70, Logan van Beek 59; Dilshan Madushanka 4/49, Kasun Rajitha 4/50) lost to **Sri** Lanka 263/5 (Sadeera Samarawickrama 91 n o, Pathum Nissanka 54, Charith Asalanka 44; Aryan Dutt 3/44) by 5 wickets.

Odisha go down fighting against Services in SMAT

POST NEWS NETWORK

Bhubaneswar, Oct 21: Odisha lost their Group B match of the (SMAT) T20 cricket tournament against Services by three wickets at the DY Patil Stadium in Mumbai, Saturday.

Odisha batters didn't get the momentum they had hoped for after being invited to bat first by the opposition. They lost their first wicket - Sandeep Pattnaik – in the first over.

Some batters got starts but they couldn't convert their scores into big ones as Odisha lost wickets at regular intervals to post 142/8. Opener Swastik Samal (39) was the top scorer, while Rajesh Dhuper (28), Rakesh Pattnaik (21) and skipper Govind Poddar (18) made some contribution with their willows.

Ariun Sharma was the standout among the Services bowlers with the figures of 2/13. Varun Chaudhary also bagged two wickets (2/30).

In response, Services were 121/3 in the 16th over, when the collapse was triggered by Debabrata Pradhan (3/14). However, they managed to pull off the win with a ball to spare despite losing three more wickets in the way.

SALAH BRACE HELPS LIVERPOOL BEAT EVERTON

ASSOCIATED PRESS

Liverpool (England), Oct 21: Liverpool needed two late goals by Mohamed Salah to get past 10man Everton 2-0 in the Premier League in a Merseyside derby dominated by refereeing decisions Saturday.

Ashley Young picked up what appeared to be a soft yellow card in the 18th minute, then was sent off in the 37th for another foul on Liverpool winger Luis Diaz, handing the hosts a numerical advantage at Anfield.

Konate was immediately substituted, Everton manager Sean Dyche raged on the sidelines and he endured more frustration

when Diaz's cross struck the outstretched right arm of substitute Michael Keane in the area.

Salah dispatched the penalty in front of The Kop in the 75th minute for his sixth league goal and added another following a counterattack the eighth minute of stoppage time, as Liverpool claimed a sixth win in nine matches this campaign.

Later in the day, first half goals by Julian Alvarez and Erling Haaland helped Manchester City secure a 2-1 win against Brighton.

Ansu Fati, who is on loan from Barcelona, pulled one back for the visiting Brighton side before City's Manuel Akanji was sent off in the second half stoppage time.



Charlton no more

MANCHESTER: Bobby Charlton, an English football icon who survived a plane crash that decimated a . Manchester United team destined for greatness to become the heartbeat of his country's 1966 World Cup-winning team, has died. He was 86. A statement from Charlton's family, released by United, said he died Saturday surrounded by his family. An extravagantly gifted midfielder with a ferocious shot. Charlton was the leading scorer for both United (249 goals) and England (49 goals) for more than 40 years until being overtaken by Wayne Roonev. He is survived by his wife. Norma, whom he married in 1961, and his two daughters.

2024 Paris Games lifeline for women's hockey team

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

New Delhi, Oct 21: The Indian women's hockey team failed to book an automatic berth for 2024 Paris Olympics after finishing third in the Hangzhou Asian Games but it will get another chance to make the cut as the country is hosting the qualifying tournament in Ranchi next year.

The International Hockey Federation (FIH) has moved the Women's Olympic Qualifiers to Ranchi from Changzhou in China which earned a direct Paris Games berth by winning the Asian Games gold in Hangzhou

earlier this month.

The Paris Olympics qualifying tournament will be held at Marang Gomke Jaipal Singh AstroTurf Hockey Stadium in Ranchi, Jharkhand, from January 13 to 19 next year.

Apart from India, seven countries will take part in the qualifying tournament from which the top three will confirm their berth in next year's Olympics.

The other three FIH Olympic Qualifiers will be played in Muscat, Oman (men's: January 15-21, 2024) and Valencia, Spain (women's and men's: January (13-21, 2024).

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