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Fresh quake strikes Nepal, felt in Delhi

New Delhi: An earthquake of 5.6 magnitude struck west Nepal Monday and strong tremors were felt in parts of north India, the National Centre for Seismology said. It said the epicentre for the quake was 233 kilometres north of Avodhva in Uttar Pradesh. The quake triggered panic among people, with many in Delhi and the National Capital Region reporting vigorous shaking of furniture. Several social media users shared visuals of people rushing out of residential buildings. At least 157 people were killed and more than 160 injured when a powerful 6.4 magnitude earthquake, the worst since 2015, struck Nepal Friday night and destroyed hundreds of houses in the Himalayan nation's remote mountainous region.

Heeralal Samariya first Dalit to be CIC

New Delhi: Former IAS officer Heeralal Samariva was Monday sworn in as the Chief Information Commissioner by President Droupadi Murmu. The post was lying vacant following the completion of YK Sinha's tenure October 3. Samariya, the first Dalit to have been appointed to the post, was working as information commissioner in the transparency panel Central Information Commission (CIC). A 1985-batch Indian Administrative Service (IAS) officer of Telangana cadre. Samariva retired after serving as the Labour and Employment Secretary in the government of India. He was sworn in as the Information Commissioner November 7, 2020.



SCOURGE OF WAR: Samir Ayoub, uncle of three children who were killed by an Israeli airstrike, puts flowers on their car in Ainata, a Lebanese village bordering Israel in south Lebanon, Monday AP/PTI

FRESH TENSION IN IMPHAL OVER 'MISSING' BOYS

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

Imphal, Nov 6: Fresh tension gripped the Manipur capital and its adjoining areas Monday after two teenage boys went missing from Imphal West district in Manipur.

The two, identified as 16-yearold Maibam Avinash and 19vear-old Ningthoujam Anthony, had gone towards Sekmai area in Imphal West district on a twowheeler Sunday morning to attend a function before they went missing, locals said.

Locals suspect that the duo, whose hometown is in Lamshang, was abducted by unidentified men. Lamshang police has registered a missing case and started an investigation.

Police have recovered the phones of the teens wrapped in a black polythene packet near an oil pump in Senapati district which comes after crossing Kangpokpi district.

Demanding swift police action to rescue the teens, higher secondary students of three prominent schools in Imphal town took out a rally and protested at Keisampat junction in the heart of the capital.

At Lamshang, locals in large $numbers\ came\ out\ on\ the\ streets$ and burnt tyres and put boulders in the middle of the streets as a mark of protest.

Odd-even scheme in Delhi from Nov 13

New Delhi: Delhi Environment Minister Gopal Rai announced Monday that the odd-even car rationing scheme will be enforced from November 13 to 20 in the National Capital as a measure to combat air pollution. Rai also said that to safeguard the health of schoolchildren, the government has decided to suspend in-person classes in all schools, except for students in grades X and XII preparing for board exams. The odd-even scheme will come into effect in Delhi after Diwali, running from November 13 to November 20. A decision to extend the scheme will be made after November 20. the minister said during a press meet here.

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Fraud in name of farmers OHRC seeks report

14 JAN SEVA KENDRA EMPLOYEES ARRESTED FOR CONSPIRING TO EMBEZZLE ₹10 CRORE UNDER PMFBY

POST NEWS NETWORK

Bolangir, Nov 6: Bolangir police busted a major online fraud racket as it arrested as many as 14 employees of Sahai Jan Seva Kendras on charge of planning to embezzle insurance claims worth over ₹10 crore under the Centre-sponsored Pradhan Mantri Fasal Bima Yojana (PMFBY) by manipulating the land pattas and land records of thousands of farmers, a police official said Monday.

The arrested accused were identified as Kuber Meher, 28, Hiradhar Meher, 42, Bidyadhar Meher, 43, of Bhalumunda village, Samant Majhi, 25, of Dumerpada village, Champaram Kumbhar, 41, of Sanagamada village under Bangomunda police limits, Balaram Behera, 33, of Kandakhal village, Pravin Sahu, 22, of Patrapali village under Muribahal police limits, Chudeshwar Behera, 41, Sisir Bhue, 32, of Sriram village under Sindhekela police limits, Kunal Jindal, 24, of Kantabanji, Purender Putel, 43, of Saintala police limits, Sunral Meher, 29, of Meherpada in Patnagarh, Rahul



Kegaon police limits in Kalahandi district. Seven laptops, 11 numbers of computer CPUs, five printers, three monitors, four finger print scanners and 16 mobile nhones were seized from the possession of the accused

This was stated here by Bolangir Superintendent of Police (SP) Rishikesh Dnyandeo Khilari at a presser held at the ODRAF building near the Reserve Police Ground in Bolangir, Monday, The district police managed to crack the case due to timely complaint lodged by the district agriculture department, the SP said.

According to the police, the district agriculture department somehow came to know that

crop insurance worth crores was done in the name of fake farmers while using the documents of thousands of farmers in Bolangir district

The agriculture department lodged a written complaint with the Bolangir Cyber Police Station after it suspected that plans were afoot to defraud crores by manipulating the land pattas and land records of farmers in the district.

The suspicion arose after it detected that the number of farmers and farmlands had been inflated in the district and found numerous insurance claims under Pradhan Mantri Fasal Bima Yojana (PMFBY). The inflated figures stunned the officials in the agriculture department and the concerned insurance firm.

Taking the complaint seri-

ously, the Cyber Police registered a case and four teams comprising officers of Cyber Police and district police conducted raids at different locations and apprehended 14 persons for their

alleged involvement in the crime.

During the investigation, the police teams found that the land pattas and land records had been manipulated at 13 Sahaj Jan Seva Kendras in Bolangir district and one centre in Kalahandi district. During the probe they found that the land pattas Aadhaar cards, copies of bank passbooks and mobile phone numbers of farmers had been manipulated by the proprietors of the Sahaj Jan Seva Kendras and their employees. They up loaded the available data without the knowledge of the farmers and mentioned various people as sharecroppers. They even submitted necessary premiums towards the PMFBY as per the guideline of crop insurance.

We will soon nab others involved in this case," said the SP adding that the district administration has been asked to close the Common Service Centres (CSCs) involved in the crime.

GADAKANA DUMPING YARD ROW

from BMC by Dec 11

POST NEWS NETWORK

Bhubaneswar, Nov 6: Peeved at the alleged insensitivity of the civic authorities towards the plight of citizens, the Odisha Human Rights Commission (OHRC) Monday issued notice to the Bhubaneswar Municipal Corporation (BMC), seeking a detailed factual report on dumping of garbage at the Gadakana dumping vard by December 11. The hearing on the matter will commence at the state rights body December 14.

The commission's directive came in response to a petition filed by Anchalika Suraksha Manch, a local non-profit from Gadakana, alleging that the prevailing unhealthy condition borne out of the garbage dump is a violation of human rights.

OHRC chairperson Justice Satrughana Pujahari said the complainant Sura Patra and other members of the Manch have alleged that the BMC keeps on dumping all waste articles collected from across the city in Mancheswar area, making life difficult for the residents in the

vicinity, while also exposing them to serious health risks.

Taking into consideration that the allegations prima facie reveals violation of human rights, the rights body directed the BMC Commissioner to initiate an enquiry into the matter and submit a detailed factual report by December 11, 2023.

Citizens of the capital city of Bhubaneswar, especially those living in the surrounding areas of various Temporary Transit Centres, are reportedly being choked by the toxic air and foul stench emanating from the everexpanding waste piles. The inordinate delay in setting up solid waste management units is adding to the woes of these residents.

Members of the Manch knocked on the doors of the Odisha Human Rights Commission (OHRC), the National Commission for Protection of Child Rights (NCPCR) and other key forums, seeking action.

The outfit alleged that the civic body has not acted despite an order of the Orissa High Court in 2012 to remove all temporary transit stations in the city

Panel sticks to Hindi names

AGENCIES

New Delhi, Nov 6: The parlia-SENSEX **64958.69** 👚 594.91 mentary committee examining three Bills, which seek to replace as many 'colonial' era laws, ₹0.08 Monday adopted its draft report offering a slew of **1** ₹0.71 amendments but sticking to their Hindi names, with nearly 10 Opposition members likely to submit dissent notes.

Congress leader Chidambaram spoke at length in the meeting offering a host of suggestions, including that the committee should define community service and what all it envisages, and wanted three instead of two days for members to file dissent notes, sources said, adding that the panel has stuck to the deadline of 48 hours.

While some Opposition members such as Adhir Ranjan

Chowdhary have already submitted their dissent notes, a few others are likely to submit in the next two days. The committee, the sources said, has stuck to the Hindi names given to the bills and ignored suggestions NAL LAWS from some Opposition mem-

bers, including Dayanidhi Maran, that they should have English versions too. Home Minister Amit Shah

had introduced Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita, Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita and Bharatiya Sakshva Adhinivam Bills in Lok Sabha August 11 during the Winter Session. They are meant to replace the Indian Penal Code, The Code of Criminal Procedure and the Indian Evidence Act and were sent to the committee for scrutiny with a three-month deadline.

Los Angeles, Nov 6: Arnold Schwarzenegger savs he had multiple coaches to prepare for his Hollywood debut and that included a guy who was supposed to help the Austria-born star get rid of his accent.

Schwarzenegger, however, ended up landing a role in Terminator because of his accent as filmmaker James Cameron thought he sounded like a machine, reported entertainment portal IndieWire.

During an appearance on "The Graham Norton Show" Schwarzenegger spoke about the beginnings of his American acting career.

"I had an English coach, and an acting coach, and a speech coach, and an accent-removal

When I did

'Terminator', Jim Cameron said, "What made 'Terminator' work and why it became successful is because Schwarzenegger talks like a machine"

coach — who has passed away since then, but I mean, I should have otherwise gotten my money back," Schwarzenegger told Norton

The former California governor said he would spend hours with the coach to sound like an American, working on pronunciation of words like 'three' or 'wine', which sound different in German, the official language of Austria.

"I remember he'd say, 'You

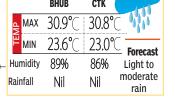


know you always say 'sree'. It's 'three', with a 'T-H'. So he had me say, 'Three thousand three hundred and thirty-three and onethird', with the 'T-H' and not with the 'S'," he said. "We would say, 'This is a nice vine.' But it's actually 'wine', right? So, the guy had me say 'A fine wine grows on vine.' I was saying things like that over and over again. It was very helpful, but it didn't get rid of my accent."

He may not have succeeded in sounding American but Schwarzenegger managed to break out as an action star with 1982's 'Conan the Barbarian' and 1984's 'The Terminator', where his accent became an asset in playing the cyborg killer antagonist.

'When I did 'Terminator', Jim Cameron said, 'What made 'Terminator' work and why it became successful is because Schwarzenegger talks like a machine'," Schwarzenegger re-

The actor most recently featured in the Netflix series-'FUBAR' and documentary series Arnold.





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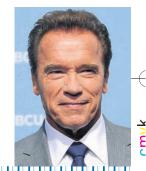


DOJA CAT APOLOGISES AFTER TAUNTING HER FOLLOWERS

Singer Doja Cat has apologised the social media users after she made use of her Instagram account to taunt her haters with a bizarre video posted over the weekend. It featured her sticking her tongue out repeatedly and saying 'bleah!' to the camera in a mocking manner, reports aceshowbiz.com.

SCHWARZENEGGER CAUGHT **KISSING MYSTERY WOMAN**

Hollywood star Arnold Schwarzenegger has been caught kissing a woman amid his brewing romance with his girlfriend Heather Milligan. The Terminator: Dark Fate actor appeared to have packed on the PDA with an unidentified woman during a recent outing in California.



FORTUNE **FORECAST**

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You may want to meet up with friends you haven't me in a long time, and the stars indicate that you will have great fun. Your enthusiasm will add a glow to whatever you do. Your sincerity in approach is what nakes it special, says Ganesha

TAURUS

You will focus on nurturing the positive aspects of your life today, says Ganesha You might exhaust yourself mentally trying to set things straight. It would be better to brainstorm with someone close to you or approach people whom you have differences with. The nitty-gritty is fine. but do not forget the larger picture, sug-

You will let your personal likes and dislikes cloud your judgement today. Don't let that hannen or you may lose a worthy friend. You are likely to have a chance even your ex-sweetheart. A romantic evening is on the anvil.

CANCER Today may not be a productive day for you. Though there may not be any major loss, you may feel a little lost and would like to be left alone. If you have kids, you may suffer from the empty nest syndrome with your kids not at home

You may wear the trendiest suit, drive the swankiest car and dine at the costliest restaurant, but if luck is not on your side. you can forget becoming a business tycoon. Fortunately, that is not the case with you today. With a favourable alignment of the cosmos, you are set for a day where your business proposals will be the hardest thing to overlook

Family matters. And matters of family matter more. Your negotiation skills are supreme and you shall bring harmonious ends to disputes today. Life has taught you to be balanced and level-headed, and you strongly believe that there is progres ion in opposition

It's a full platter today, and you have to manage it all somehow. The day promises to be full of activities, especially those that involve writing letters and reviving old contacts. Expect a call to appear fo an interview for a better job. Also, look forward to being put in charge of organising events at work, says Ganesha.

SCORPIO

In all probability, you are set to shine out as a man of care and kindness. Ganesha advises you to shut the doors on worries and open the windows to let merrymak ing and happiness sweep you off your feet today. The social bug will bite you hard, says Ganesha.

SAGITTARIUS

Providence smiles upon you today, predicts Ganesha. Catching a film with your beloved today is a very good idea. Chances are you may have a nice outing along with your friends or family. In either case, the load in your wallet is likely to lessen, steadily if not dramatically.

CAPRICORN

Not many can match you when it comes to living a healthy lifestyle, and as Ganesha says, health won't be an issue today either. On the work front, you are likely to complete pending projects successfully and your boss, who may be furious because of the delay caused, will reluctantly admit that you did justice to the work and that it was worth the wait.

AQUARIUS

Today, you will wish there were two of you! You are deluged with pending work, and even doubling up efforts will not seem enough. You may even cancel your movie date, deciding to deal with your sweetheart's tantrums later. It's your boss you are worried about, says Ganesha

PISCES

Bright prospects will greet whatever new ventures you decide to focus on today. says Ganesha. It is a good time to implement your plans. Apart from short-term monetary gains, you may also find yourself pursuing activities which bring you intangible rewards, like goodwill for example



Mumbai: Actress Katrina Kaif, whose towel fight sequence at a hammam from *Tiger 3* has caught the eye of many, spoke about how the action sequence with two women has not been shown before on screen in India.

The Welcome actress said: "Tiger franchise consistently offers me the opportunity to elevate the standard of female action heroism. I've experienced the life of a super spy vicariously through Zoya, and I appreciate her fierce combat skills. Like Tiger, she can outlast any opponent, which brings a fresh and captivating dynamic for both me and the audience." She added, "Shooting a challenging sequence within a steamy Hammam room, featuring intense hand-to-hand combat, presented formidable difficulties. Credit goes to Adi for conceiving this remarkable scene, as it's a rarity in Indian cinema to showcase such an intense fight between two women. The execution by Maneesh and the ac tion team was impeccable, and Zoya's showdown with the formidable fighter portrayed by Michelle Lee promises to deliver astonishing intensity, ag-

gression, and brutality, leaving audiences in

She added: "This is one of the best action sequences I have ever seen women do on

Tiger 3 is set to release November 12 in Hindi, Tamil and



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multiple boot-camps and

spending a sub-

Rajasthan and another in

Maharashtra. We were taught

how to drive tanks. We shot in

West Bengal for 45 days and

filmed important events like

the Battle of Garibpur, which

was pivotal in Bangladesh's

The film also features

Mrunal Thakur, Priyanshu

Painyuli and Soni Razdan

struggle for independence.

spective.

stantial amount of

time with armed forces.

He said: "We lived for

Mumbai: Actor Ishaan Khatter, who is all set to woo the audience with his uniform look in the upcoming war film Pippa, opened up on the preparations that he went for the portrayal of real-life war hero. He shared: "The character of Capt Balram Mehta in Pippa fascinated me. I considered myself incredibly hon-

oured to portray Captain Balram at the age of 26, which is coincidentally the same age at which Captain Balram Singh Mehta (now Brigadier) fought in the

nificant time to research, at-

FUN

DOST

Al-generated vulgar clip goes viral

Support pours in for Rashmika

The video originally featured Zara Patel, a British-Indian influencer, but her face changes to that of the 'Pushpa' actress in the deepfake

Mumbai: Actress Rashmika Mandanna speaks out against her deepfake video which has been doing the rounds on social media and said technology is being misused.

Taking to X she wrote, "I feel really hurt to share this and have to talk about the deepfake video of me being spread online. Something like this is honestly, extremely scary not only for me, but also for each one of us who today is vulnerable to so much harm because of how technology is being misused.

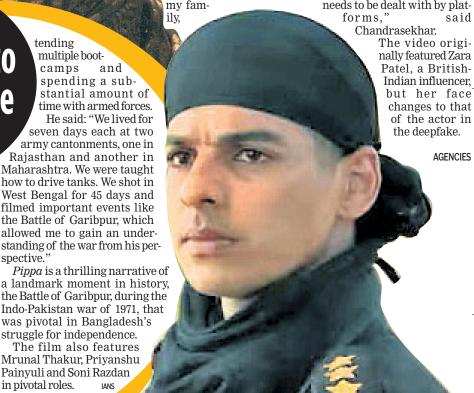
The actor continued, "Today, as a woman and as an actor, I am thankful for



when I was in school or college, I gen-

the actress, Union Minister Rajeev Chandrasekhar today reminded the social media platforms of their legal obligations to fight misinformation.

If platforms do not comply with this, they can be taken to court by the aggrieved person under the provisions of Indian Penal Code, added the minister. "Deep fakes are latest and even more dangerous and damaging form of misinformation and needs to be dealt with by plat-



PEANUTS

'World's behind

the wrong Sara

Mumbai: Actress Sara Ali Khan has clarified

that she is not dating Indian cricketer Shubman

Gill, who is currently busy with the ongoing

The Atrangi Re actress is set to appear on

the popular chat show Koffee With Karan in

its season 8 along with actress Ananya Panday.

Sara issued a clarification during the course

of the episode as per the latest promo of the

telling Sara: "There were alleged rumours

about you dating Shubman Gill."

Sara ke peecche pada hai."

In the promo host Karan Johar is seen

To which she quipped: "You have got the

The actress was referring to Sara Tendulkar.

the daughter of the India cricketing legend

Sachin Tendulkar, whose record of the most cen-

turies in One Day International was recently

equalled by Virat Kohli. Kohli made a stellar

comeback as he smashed his 49th ton during the recent match between India and South

During the match, Shubman was also *

teased by the spectators with Sara's name 🎻

to which Kohli jumped and asked them to

call the cricketer by his name pointing

to his name written at the back of his jer-

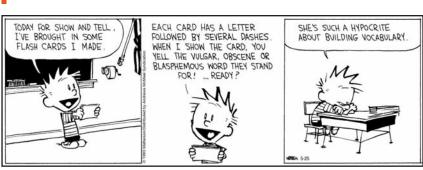
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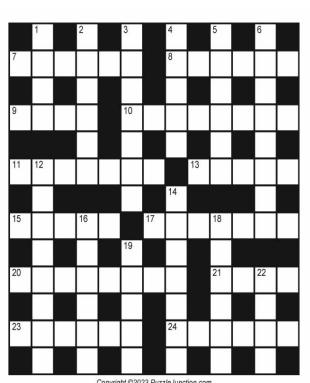
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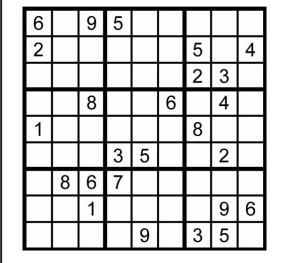
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CHECK FOR SOLUTIONS OF THE PUZZLES TOMORROW

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RICH TRIBUTE

Odisha Assembly Speaker Pramila Mallik paying floral tribute at the statue of Pandit Nilakantha Das on the occasion of the erudite scholar and freedom fighter's 56th death anniversary on the House premises in Bhubaneswar, Monday



SOCIAL SECURITY PENSION SCHEME

Remove ghost beneficiaries, SSEPD dept tells Collectors

Bhubaneswar, Nov 6: The state government has directed all district Collectors to identify and remove ghost beneficiaries under the social security pension

Social Security & Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities (SSEPD) de-

partment principal secretary Bishnupada ters to Collectors November 3 regarding ghost beneficiaries under the Madhu Babu PRINCIPAL SECRETAR Pension Yojana (MBPY) and National Social Assistance Programme (NSAP).

"It has come to the notice of the department that death cases are not being reported properly, for which the money is being credited to a non-existing person," Sethi said.

He said proper identification of death vacancies and its immediate filling up is a prerequisite for ensuring that eligible needy people get their entitlements smoothly.

The block development officers (BDOs) should review the pension matter every month, cancel pension in cases of death

and ensure that a new beneficiary is included in the scheme to ensure that the vacancy remains nil all the time, he instructed.

During the review for the month of October 2023, he said, 12,405 vacancies were found under MBPY and 6,614 under NSAP.

Moreover, the pension of 41,046 NSAP beneficiaries could not be credited through direct benefit transfer (DBT) as required. And the reasons of which the pension was not credited are not known, Sethi pointed out.

"Though verified online applications are

pending with the district administrations to be sanctioned, it is sad that vacancies are not being filled up," said the letter.

The district administrations should take proactive steps in identifying the vacancies and fill up the same as soon as possible so that the pending eligible applicants can be accommodated, he added.

The Collectors have been directed to properly scrutinise and verify the pensioners and take necessary measures for immediate filling up of the vacancies under both pension schemes.



ART WORK: A painter draws murals at Exhibition Ground Road in Bhubaneswar, Monday, as part of a beautification drive

'INJUSTICE' TO CHANDALA COMMUNITY

NHRC notice to Odisha, Centre

KULDEEP SINGH, OP

New Delhi, Nov 6: The National Human Rights Commission (NHRC) has issued notice to the secretary of Union Ministry of Tribal Affairs and Chief Secretary of Odisha government on the alleged injustice caused to people belonging to 'Chandala' community in Odisha.

The NHRC was told that the community is facing discrimination in getting benefits of welfare schemes and basic amenities and, also, untouchability.

The Commission also issued notice to the secretary of Union Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment on a plea moved by rights activist Radhakanta Tripathy, who also pleaded for changing the name of the community from 'Chandala' to 'Adi

The petitioner highlighted the plight of people belonging to the

Bhubaneswar, Nov 6: The state

BJP Monday announced the

names of presidents for its 36

organisational districts, seven

months after Manmohan Samal was appointed the state chief.

Babu Singh was made the BJP

president of Bhubaneswar, while

Rashmi Ranjan Mohapatra was

appointed the chief of Khurda

district. Lalatendu Badu was

made the head of Cuttack Nagar,

Prakash Behera the president

of Cuttack Sadar and Asrit

Patnaik was appointed the BJP



PETITIONER HIGHLIGHTED THE PLIGHT OF PEOPLE BELONGING TO THE CHANDALA **COMMUNITY LIVING IN** MALKANGIRI, NABARANGPUR AND KORAPUT DISTRICTS OF **ODISHA. NHRC HAS SOUGHT** REPORTS FROM THE **AUTHORITIES WITHIN FOUR WEEKS**

Chandala community living in Malkangiri, Nabarangpur and Koraput districts of the state. The NHRC sought reports from

the authorities within four weeks. Tripathy also contended that

a movement was initiated by

Umakant Mohapatra will be

the BJP president of Balasore,

Hemant Padhi of Bhadrak,

Aswin Kumar Sarangi of

Bargarh, Shibaji Mohanty of

Bolangir, Naresh Mohapatra of

Dhenkanal and MLA K Narayan

Rao will head the party in

Odisha president of the BJP in

March, had in August announced

the names of 35 office bearers of

the party's state unit, including

10 vice presidents and five gen-

Samal, who was made the

president of Puri.

Gajapati district.

BJP names heads for 36

organisational districts

people in the state to rename the community as Adi Utkal and a proposal submitted to Harijan Welfare Advisory Board of the state government, and also forwarded to the Union Tribal Affairs Ministry. However, the proposal was turned down by the Union government stating that it would create inconvenience in allotting caste certificates since Adi Utkal doesn't find mention as a caste in records of rights, Tripathy said.

The petitioner urged that the total population of Chandala community across Odisha is quite low and, of them, very few have records of right or patta, while rest of them are very poor so issuance of caste certificate would not be a herculean task. Tripathy contended that there is a need to change the name Chandala to ensure dignity and relief to the members of the community and their future generation.

Brace for chill

Bhubaneswar, Nov 6: Odisha is likely to witness cold conditions as the Regional Meteorological Centre here Monday forecast a drop of night temperature by 3-4 degree Celsius

in the next 24 hours. There will be no large change in minimum temperature (night temperature) during the next 24 hours and it will gradually fall by 3-4 degrees Celsius in next two to three days at many places over the districts of Odisha, the MeT of-

fice said in its mid-day bulletin. Meanwhile, Koraput recorded the lowest temperature of 13.2 degree Celsius during the last 24 hours. However, the IMD said that the state is likely to experience light to moderate rain/thundershower at one or two places in the districts of South Coastal Odisha, Koraput, Rayagada and Malkangiri till 8:30am of Tuesday. Light to moderate rain is very likely to occur at one or two places in Gajapati, Rayagada, Koraput and Malkangiri districts in next 24 hours.

HC asks ASI to file affidavit on Nata Mandap repair work

POST NEWS NETWORK

Cuttack, Nov 6: The Orissa High Court Monday directed the Archaeological Survey of India (ASI) to file an affidavit with detailed information regarding steps taken to repair the Nata Mandap of Srimandir in Puri. The court has also asked the Shree Jagannath Temple Administration (SJTA) to submit its report in this regard.

A division bench of Acting Chief Justice BR Sarangi and Justice MS Raman posted the matter for hearing November 8. The court has also scheduled the hearing of the twin issues related to repair and restoration of Ratnabhandar and Konark Sun Temple on the same day.

The court expressed pleasure over non-completion of repair works at Nata Mandap which started way back in 2017, and said that the respondents are resorting to delaying tactics by buying time. The HC also



sought a report from the superintending archaeologist of Puri circle Dibishad Brajasundar Gadnayak about pending work related to repair of Nata Mandap.

The court was informed that the progress in the work would happen only after the receipt of detailed consultancy report from IIT-Madras whose technical suggestions had been sought. A similar remark on the repair

of Nata Mandap was made by amicus curiae NK Mohanty, who submitted a report to that effect. It is learnt that due to the alleged inaction of IIT-Madras the repair work has been stalled.

It may be recalled that the original petition seeking expeditious repair of Srimandir Nata Mandap was filed by Abhishek Das.

DEFT HANDS

A potter

earthen

lamps at

Basantpur

on the

outskirts of

Capital City

ahead of

Deepavali

celebrations

Police nab domestic help for jewellery theft

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Bhubaneswar, Nov 6: The police have arrested a domestic help who allegedly stole gold ornaments from the residence of his nonagenarian employers at Khandagiri, here.

Assistant Commissioner of Police, Zone III, Pradipta Kumar Rout said Monday that Tapas Nayak was nabbed following a brief hunt. The police have recovered gold ornaments weighing 35 gram from his possession. Nayak is a native of Dhenkanal.

Nayak was engaged by Sujata Mohanty and Gopal Krushna Mohanty, both aged above 90 years, at their residence in Barabari area of Khandagiri.

IIC Abhimanyu Das of Khandagiri police station said Nayak was hired intermittently by the couple to help them with their daily chores since August 2021. He was in the habit of leaving the job abruptly and coming back again, Das said.

The elderly couple recently discovered that a gold chain and four pairs of earrings were missing from their wardrobe. "Suspecting the role of Tapas in the theft, they registered a complaint with us," Das said.

Working on multiple leads, the police finally managed to lay their hands on Nayak November 2 (Thursday),

he added. The recovered ornaments will be returned to the couple by following due procedure, police said.

appears as senior advocate before SC

New Delhi, Nov 6: Former Orissa High Court Chief Justice

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Justice Muralidhar

New flexible X-ray detectors could revolutionise cancer treatment

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

New Delhi, Nov 6: Scientists have developed a new generation of low-cost, flexible X-ray detectors with potential applications ranging from cancer treatment to better airport scan-

Traditionally, X-ray detectors are made of heavy, rigid material such as silicon or germanium, the researchers said.

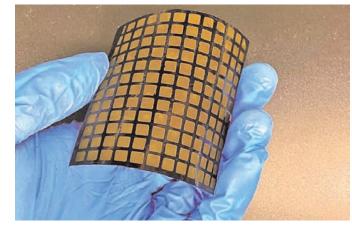
The new detectors are cheaper and can be shaped around the objects that need to be scanned, improving accuracy when screening patients and reducing risk when imaging tumours and administering radiotherapy, they

"This new material is flexible, low-cost, and sensitive. But what's exciting is that this material is tissue equivalent. This paves the way for live dosimetry (measurement of radiation), which just isn't possible with current technology," said Prabodhi Nanayakkara, who led the research at the University of Surrey in the UK.

The findings are published in the journal Advanced Science.

The researchers noted that most of the X-ray detectors in the market are heavy, rigid, energyconsuming and expensive if a

large area needs to be covered. Substances built up of hydrogen and carbon, known as organic semiconductors, offer



a more flexible solution, but until now, did not allow as detailed an X-ray image to be produced as traditional detectors, To solve this challenge, the tumours & administering radiotherapy researchers created devices based

The new detectors are

cheaper and can be

shaped around the

objects that need to be

scanned. It also reduces

risks when imaging

on an ink by adding low quantities of high atomic number elements to an organic semicon-

Building on the team's previous research, their new detector behaves more like human tissue under X-rays, which they say could lead to new, safer techniques for administering imaging methods such as radiotherapy, mammography and radiography.

"This new technology could be used in a variety of settings, such as radiotherapy, scanning historical artefacts and in security scanners," said Professor Ravi Silva, director of Surrey's

Advanced Technology Institute. 'These results are very exciting, especially considering this was the first material investigated, and there is plenty of scope for further improvements," said study co-author, Professor Martin Heeney from Imperial College London, UK.

S Muralidhar appeared as a senior advocate before the Supreme Court Monday to defend a retired judicial officer in a case related to adverse remarks issued against her by the Madras High Court. The top court has designated Justice Muralidhar as a senior

advocate after the decision of a full court of judges October 16.

Justice Muralidhar appeared before Chief Justice DY Chandrachud's court.

As the former judge appeared

for the judicial officer, the CJI said in a lighter vein, "I can't say brother Muralidhar, but I will say Mr Muralidhar now." The apex court recorded advocate Muralidhar's submission that the judicial officer has an "unblemished" record and permitted his client to submit a written response to the adverse remarks.

Nabin Odisha in 3 more districts

Bhubaneswar, Nov 6: Chief Minister Naveen Patnaik Monday launched his government's flagship 'Ama Odisha Nabin Odisha' scheme in parts of Kandhamal, Angul and Gajapati districts, under which each panchayat is given ₹50 lakh for developmental works.

As part of the scheme, Baliguda, G Udayagiri and Phulbani Assembly constituencies in Kandhamal district will get ₹85.50 crore. In Angul district, Talcher, Pallahara, Chhendipada, Athmallik and Angul Assembly constituencies will get ₹112.50 crore, and ₹74.50 crore has been granted for Mohana and Paralakhemundi constituencies in Gajapati district, officials said.

Addressing the function through videoconference, Patnaik said the 'Ama (our) Odisha Nabin (new) Odisha' scheme will ensure



the development of villages, both in terms of culture and infrastructure.

He said the scheme aims at promoting 'Jagannath culture' and the tradition of the state.

Besides, people will also get digital infrastructure, skill development centres and banking facilities under the scheme, he

It will create opportunities for youths, women and farmers, Patnaik said.

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BOOST TO PANCHAYATS

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EPIC SHOW: A troupe from Ganjam performs 'Prahallad Natak' at Bhanja Kala Mandap as part of Outreach Cultural Festival jointly organised by Bharatiya Vidya Bhavan and Infosys Foundation in Bhubaneswar, Monday

Guv calls on PM, Prez



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Bhubaneswar, Nov 6: Odisha Governor Raghubar Das called on Prime Minister Narendra Modi and President Droupadi Murmu in New Delhi, Monday. The Prime Minister's Office

posted on X, "Governor of Odisha, Raghubar Das met Prime Minister Narendra Modi."

Das also paid a courtesy visit to President Droupadi Murmu at Rashtrapati Bhavan. President had appointed Das, the former Chief Minister of Jharkhand, as the new Governor of Odisha. Das has replaced Ganeshi Lal, a former Haryana Bhartiya Janta Party president and minister.

1,200 mangrove saplings planted in Puri Principals' Conclave to promote climate education

ARINDAM GANGULY, OP

Bhubaneswar, Nov 6: To promote climate resilience and coastal biodiversity conservation, a mass plantation drive-cum-mangrove exposure visit was organised in Astaranga block of Puri Monday jointly by Bakul Foundation and the Odisha Paryavaran Sanrakshan Abhiyan Trust.

The event aimed to raise awareness about the crucial role played by mangroves in climate resilience and tried to engage the coastal youth in mitigating environmental challenges. Participants from various walks of life, including youths, students, vulnerable women communities, PRI members, intellectuals and nature lovers joined the drive, planting some 1,200 mangrove saplings.



Sujit Mahapatra, founder of Bakul Foundation, served as the leader for the event, demonstrating the organization's commitment to environmental

The programme began with an exposure visit, where participants learned about mangrove nursery establishment, coastal restoration efforts, and the significance of Olive Ridley Sea

Turtles in the ecosystem. "The participants actively engaged in sowing seeds in the

nursery and planting mangroves, contributing directly to the restoration efforts. They also had the opportunity to interact with local leaders from different generations, gaining valuable insights," informed a volunteer.

Bichitra Nanda Biswal, a state

Soumya Ranjan Biswal, a local community leader recognized by the United Nations, Bijay Kumar Bhatt, a high school teacher, and Charulata Biswal, an Indian Biodiversity Award winner, shared their experiences in coastal biodiversity conservation with the participants.

Jitendra Kumar Swain, the Sarpanch of Devi River Mouth in Puri, welcomed and acknowledged the noble efforts of all participants in preserving

the mangrove forest.
"This event not only encouraged active participation in mangrove plantation but also highlighted the critical role of community leaders and organizations in protecting coastal ecosystems and promoting climate resilience," added the vol-

help in mitigating climate crisis. One of the flagship programs is Green Campus Programme, which starts with Principals' Conclave.

knowledge.

ARINDAM GANGULY, OP

Bhubaneswar, Nov 6: The

Climate Project Foundation

(TCRF) partnered with ODM

Educational Group and Sahodaya

Schools to organise the

'Principals' Conclave on climate

change and sustainability edu-

cation' for deans, principals, and

heads of various schools at ODM

School here recently to spread

awareness about the conse-

quences of climate change and

empower students with relevant

Keeping in view SDG 4.7

(Sustainability Development

Goals). TCPF has come up with

a set of programmes that not

just enhance awareness, but also

The conclave started with the introductory note from Bipin Sahoo, principal of DAV, Pokhariput, deputy secretary of Sahodaya Schools Complex, Bhubaneswar Chapter, who invited all the guests to the stage, followed by an address by the chief guest, Gauray, scientist in-charge, Regional Museum of Natural History, who said, "We need population control and tree plantation to deal with climate crisis. Each of us should plant 10 trees then only in 10 years we can combat climate catas-

Aditya Pundir, director of TCPF's India & South Asia section, emphasized the plight of the planet that is undergoing climate crisis. He gave the example of heat effects in Odisha and other states, and how sustainability education can pave the path for resolving this crisis.

Rekha Lalla, spoke about Green Campus Programme, which enables schools, colleges, and universities to transform themselves into green campuses. She also showcased how several educational institutions across more than 14 states in India have implemented this program to become Net Zero campuses.

Keynote speaker SN Patro of Odisha Environment Society spoke about awareness about climate change and collective human responsibility is imperative.

'Centre for Languages' opens at SOA



Bhubaneswar, Nov 6: Siksha 'O' Anusandhan Deemed to be University (SOA) launched the 'SOA Centre for Languages' here recently to give its students the opportunity to learn foreign languages like French, Swahili and Arabic.

At the centre, foreign students studying at the university will impart training to students in the three aforementioned languages.

Launching the new initiative. SOA Chancellor Amit Banerjee highlighted the importance of the language centre saying it would also help students learn lan-

and Spanish. The centre will extend training in other languages including Dzongkha (from Bhutan), Bangla, Tamil and Hindi, he said. Kenguruka Sidoine, a PhD scholar in Biotechnology, John Mulungi, pursuing master's in Computer Science and Jaffar Ebrahim Alkadi, a BPharm student, will be teaching French, Swahili and Arabic respectively, informed a university official.

ost people with chronic

back pain naturally

think their pain is

caused by injuries or other prob-

lems in the body such as arthri-

tis or bulging disks. But a re-

search team has found that

thinking about the root cause

of pain as a process that's oc-

curring in the brain can help

promote recovery. That is a key

finding of a study published in

JAMA Network Open, a monthly

Researchers have been study-

ing a psychological treatment

called pain reprocessing ther-

apy that may help "turn off" un-

helpful and unnecessary pain

signals in the brain. To do this.

the researchers carried out a

study in which some people were

randomly chosen to receive the

pain reprocessing therapy treat-

open-access medical journal.

ECoR for more halts at Kenduapada station

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Bhubaneswar, Nov 6: Keeping in view the convenience of passengers during Kali Puja and Urs festival, the East Coast Railway (ECoR) has decided to provide stoppage for a few trains and increase the stoppage time of seven trains temporarily at Kenduapada station near Bhadrak.

According to ECoR sources, 12892/12891 Bhubaneswar-Bangiriposi-Bhubaneswar 12704/12703 Express. Secunderabad-Howrah-Secunderabad Falaknuma

Express, 12822/12821 Puri-

Howrah-Puri Dhauli Express and 18046/18045 Hyderabad-Howrah-Hyderabad East Coast Express will have stoppage at Kenduapada station, temporarily from November 17 to 20.

BHADRAK KALI PUJA

Similarly, 18022/18021 Khurda Road-Kharagpur-Khurda Road Express, 18038/18037 Jajpur Keonjhar Road-Kharagpur-Jajpur Keonjhar Road Express, 08556/08555 Nayagarh Town-Bhadrak-Nayagarh Town MEMU Passenger Special, 08412/08411 Bhubaneswar-BalasoreBhubaneswar MEMU Passenger Special, 08416/08415 Puri-Jaleswar-Puri MEMU Passenger Special, 08454/08453 Cuttack-Bhadrak-Cuttack MEMU Passenger Special and 08438/08437 Cuttack-Bhadrak-Cuttack MEMU Passenger Special will stop at Kenduapada for five minutes instead of two minutes, temporarily from

November 17 to 20. What Laxmi Puja is to Dhenkanal and Baliyatra to Cuttack, Kali Puja is to Bhadrak in Odisha. The town has started wearing a festivity look with idol-making and pandal decoration going on in full swing.

Understanding source of back pain can lead to quicker recovery

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ment, while some got a placebo injection into their backs.

The study included 151 adults, from ages 21 to 70, with chronic back pain and found that 66 per cent of participants reported being pain-free or nearly painfree after pain reprocessing therapy, compared with 20% of people who received a placebo.

These results were remarkable because previous trials of psychological treatments rarely led to people reporting full recoveries from chronic pain.

The most common chronic pain condition is back pain. Many patients - and doctors - are focused on identifying different back problems that they suspect may be causing the pain. So they try all sorts of treatments, often

A growing number of scien-



Researchers have been studying a psychological treatment called pain reprocessing therapy that may help 'turn off' unhelpful and unnecessary pain signals in the brain

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A GROWING NUMBER OF SCIENTISTS BELIEVE THAT CHRONIC BACK PAIN IS CAUSED PRIMARILY BY BRAIN CHANGES. PAIN CAN ORIGINATE WITH AN INJURY, BUT THEN THE PAIN SYSTEM GETS "STUCK" LONG AFTER INJURIES HAVE HEALED

tists now believe that many cases of chronic back pain are caused primarily by brain changes. Pain can originate with an injury, but then the pain system can get "stuck" and keep firing long after injuries have healed.

Pain is the brain's alarm system, letting us know about in-

juries or other threats to our body. Much of the time, the system works well, accurately warning us that a part of our body is injured and needs to be protected. But when a person has been in pain for months, years or even decades, pain processing pathways are more likely to fire,

and brain regions that typically are not involved in pain start to be involved. Chronic pain also leads to increased levels of activity in glial cells, which are part of the brain's immune system. All these changes in the brain then serve to "entrench" the pain, making it persist.

People, very understandably, think that if their back hurts, there must be a problem in the back - even though researchers know this is often not the case.

It's critical to note that just because the signal originates in the brain, the pain is not any less real. The pain is always real, no matter what. But to treat it effectively, one needs to accurately identify the root cause.

One of the main goals of pain reprocessing therapy is to help people think differently about the causes of their pain. After we treated participants with pain reprocessing therapy, about half the causes of pain that people described were related to the mind or brain. They said things like "anxiety," "fear" or "neural pathways" were the causes of their

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woman found

Bhadrak, Nov 6: The body of a 24-

year-old pregnant woman was found

Monday on the roadside in this dis-

trict near Napanga village in

Bhandaripokhari police station area,

police said. The deceased woman has

The victim's father alleged that she

was killed by her husband and his fam-

ily members. "They used to torture my

daughter physically and mentally. I

have submitted a written complaint to

The woman got married around a

year back, police said. They added

that this was her husband's second

marriage. She went missing Sunday

night, and the body was spotted on a

roadside near the village Monday, po-

lice said. Officials also said that the de-

ceased fell in love with her husband

identified as Sipun Das, before mar-

riage. The two then decided to get

married with the consent of their re-

the body but the exact cause of death

will be known after the post-mortem,'

said Ajay Sudarsan Bage, the inspector-

in-charge of Bhandaripokhari police sta-

tion. "An investigation is underway

and the husband and his family mem-

bers have been called for interroga-

Woman 'sorcerer' sucks

poison, hospitalised

Hatadihi: A woman died of snakebite at

of Hatadihi block in Keonihar district

a woman 'sorcerer' claiming that she

victim's body. In the process, she fell

as Jhunurani, 42, wife of Surjyamani

Minati at the Anandpur sub-division

hospital said she is not out of danger.

Jhanajhana village under Soso police limit

Sunday. However, in a tragic turn of event,

possessed special powers turned critical

as she tried to suck the poison out of the

critically ill and is now fighting for her life

in a hospital. The deceased was identified

Behera, while the 'sorcerer' is the victim's

friend Minati Dehury. Doctors attending to

"There were some injury marks on

the police," he stated.

spective families.

tion," Bage added.

been identified as Tapaswini Das.

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Man kills dad over

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its of the district.

petty family dispute 🗦

Sundargarh, Nov 6: A 58-year-old man was killed by his son over a petty family dispute in

Sundargarh district, police said

Monday. The deceased was identified as Padu Munda, a resident

of Chala Sahi in Phulajhara vil-

lage under Mahulpada police lim-

The accused Chakradhar, de-

ceased's third son, returned home

Sunday evening and asked his

aunt for food. When the woman

asked him to wait, Chakradhar

got angry and started hurling

abuses at his aunt, police said.

for his unruly behaviour, the accused, in fit of anger hit the for-

mer with a wooden stick leading to his sudden death," informed

Suresh Chandra Pradhan, IIC

of Mahulpada police station.

Other family members tried to

catch Chakradhar but he man-

aged to escape from the place.

reached the spot and sent the

body to a nearby hospital for

post-mortem. Police have started

an investigation into the mat-

On being informed, police along with a forensic team

When Padu accosted his son

Bridge over Indravati an unfulfilled dream

PEOPLE LIVING AROUND RESERVOIR COMPLETELY CUT OFF FROM OTHER PARTS OF KALAHANDI DISTRICT



MORE THAN 6,300 FAMILIES DISPLACED DUE TO CONSTRUCTION OF INDRAVATI RESERVOIR

DESPITE SANCTION OF ₹54 CRORE. AGENCY ENTRUSTED WITH **CONSTRUCTION STOPPED WORK**

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Bhawanipatna, Nov 6: People living in cut-off areas close to the Indravati reservoir under T Rampur block in Kalahandi district continue to live a life of drudgery and obscurity. This is because of the failure of the administration to construct a bridge over the reservoir, sources said here Monday.

In the absence of an alternative, people continue to travel in rickety and country-made boats to attend to their work on the other side of the reservoir. However, mishaps frequently occur due to the condition of the boats. In the last decade, over 100 people have died due to boats that have capsized. On the other

100 booked for

attacking PS

Bargarh, Nov 6: Police regis-

tered Monday a case against more

than 100 people for allegedly being

involved in attacking a police sta

tion (PS) in this district a day be-

fore, a senior officer said. The

case was registered based on the

CCTV footage during the attack

on the Ambabhona police station,

Bargarh SP Prahlad Sahai Meena

informed. "Strict action will be

Acting on a tip-off, a police team

suspected that a picnic party at

Tamdei on the bank of the

Mahanadi river was consuming

ganja. They raided the site but

did not find the contraband from

those participating in the picnic.

Angered by the search operation,

those who participated in the pic-

nic ransacked the police station,

Odisha BJP president

Manmohan Samal demanded the

arrest of BJD MLA Susanta Singh

and accused him of indulging in

the attack on the police station.

Samal alleged that the BJD leg

islator's supporters vandalised

the police station. Singh could

Sundargarh, Nov 6: Disability is not a curse

if proper care is taken for the rehabilitation of

the affected people. Appropriate treatment and

support go a long way in rehabilitation of the

Exemplary work is being done by the integrated physiotherapy units (IPU) and therapeutic

centres opened by the administration in this

district. More than 20 such centres have been

opened in various blocks of this district and

The centres are playing a major role in

rehabilitating the people by providing neces-

sary counselling and various other services. Funds for the centre are being provided by

the District Mineral Foundation. The centres

are helping out people of all ages suffering

to 18 years of age with various disabilities

such as developmental delay, speech delay, ju-

venile scoliosis, spine and back pain and paral-

ysis. They are also coming to the aid of senior

citizens with physical therapy for sprains,

All these centres have a physiotherapist, a

special educator and a driver. Each centre

also has an e-rickshaw so that people needing

physiotherapy can travel to the venue easily

All these physiotherapy centres have district

teams to support them. The district team con-

sists of a senior physiotherapist, an occupa-

tional therapist, a speech therapist and a psy-

chologist. The teams visit the 20 centres twice

a month to provide specialised care to the

back pain and general weaknesses

The centres are assisting children from birth

not be reached for comment

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disabled persons.

also in Rourkela.

and free of cost

service seekers.

from disability problems.

another officer said.

taken against the offenders,

Meena added

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hand 80 persons have breathed their last due to lack of healthcare facilities in the cut-off areas. Many have died while being taken to the other side in boats. This precarious situation has been continuing for over two decades now.

The Indravati reservoir was constructed within the geographical boundaries of Thuamula Rampur (T Rampur) block in Kalahandi district. Residents in most of the panchayats under blocks like Gopinathpur, Adri, Maligaon, Padepadar and Ghutrukhal were declared displaced. This is because most of the land in these panchayats got submerged in the reservoir. A total of 6,333 families belonging to 24 villages were displaced for construction of the reservoir spread over an area of 110 sq km.

A large number of the displaced families relocated elsewhere while many of them settled on the high land area around the reservoir. However, their problems compounded after construction of the reservoir. They got cut off from other localities of the district. Communication and commuting became a problem as boats were the only way out.

Due to the predicament, residents living in the cut off areas demanded the construction of a bridge over the reservoir connecting it to Kenduguda ghat. The Odisha government sanctioned ₹46 crore for construction of a bridge in 2014. However repeated cancellation of tenders came in the way of construction.

The state government again floated a tender in 2021 with a plan outlay of ₹54 crore. Later, it signed a contract with an agency and work on the bridge started in the area which was scheduled for completion by 2024.

However, construction stopped after the agency entrusted with the work withdrew from the project due to unknown reasons. People living in the cut off areas till now are not sure when the bridge will be completed. They continue to suffer silently as no one knows when work on the bridge will start again.

One arrested for shooting friend in Bisra

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Rourkela, Nov 6: One person has been arrested for shooting at his friend, police said Monday. The accused identified as Zunaid Alam, shot and gravely injured Md Irfan Raza during an altercation that took place on the morning of November 4 at Bisra in Sundargarh district, DSP Zone III Anil Pradhan informed. Irfan is currently undergoing treatment at a hospital here.

'We filed a case as per the complaint filed by the brother of the victim, Manzoor Raza. He said in the complaint that his brother was shot by two unidentified youths who had covered their faces with masks. However, initial investigation revealed that Manzoor was lying and even the place where the shooting took place was mentioned wrongly," informed Pradhan. He added that police had filed a case under 307 of IPC and 25/27 of Arms Act.

Police said Irfan and Zunaid were well known to each other and drivers by profession. They were both driving vehicles be-

The accused had been pressurising the brother of the victim not to file a police complaint and had even hid the blood-stained clothes of his friend

longing to one person. On the fateful day, the two had an argument and in the heat of the moment. Zunaid brought out a gun he was carrying and shot Irfan from close range.

Pradhan also stated that after the shooting, Zunaid understood the gravity of the situation and tried to suppress the entire incident. Along with two of his friends he tried to pressurise Manzoor not to file a police complaint. However, Manzoor did not bow to the pressure and went ahead and filed a complaint. Pradhan added.

Police have recovered a country-made pistol, a magazine and the blood-stained clothes of Irfan from Zunaid. He was produced in court and remanded to judicial custody Monday.

Body of pregnant Police rule out murder in Sushmita death case

VISCERA REPORT SAYS THAT FORMER ASSISTANT COLLECTOR DIED DUE TO DROWNING

POST NEWS NETWORK

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Rourkela, Nov 6: The viscera report of Sushmita Minz, former assistant collector of this town suggests that she died due to drowning, police said here Monday. The report thus ended speculation that she was murdered.

Rourkela SP, Mitrabhanu Mohapatra informed that the police had received the viscera report. "We have received the viscera report and at the moment we are examining it. The report suggests that she died due to drowning,' Mohapatra said



Sushmita's death attracted a lot of attention as she was working in an important capacity. Her body was found floating in the pond at Sensory Park in front of RSP's corporate office September 19. Despite being one of the busiest places in this town, no one saw Sushmita entering the park. Her body was noticed by locals who immediately informed the police. Later on it came to be known that before her demise Sushmita was staying in Hotel Radhika Regency here.

The hotel later informed that she had checked in September 16. It also became public that she was having problems in her office and also with her family. Following the discovery of her body, Sushmita's brother Sandip had filed a police complaint.

In the complaint he had alleged that Sushmita had been murdered. He had also blamed five persons for their involvement in her death. He had alleged that the Sundargarh Collector, ADM Rourkela. Gurundia CDPO and ASI of Uditnnagar PS were behind the 'murder of Sushmita'.

Police had interrogated 15 persons regarding the death of Sushmita. It should also be mentioned here that the ASI mentioned in the complaint, Alice Narma Lugun died under mysterious circumstances a few days after Sushmita's demise.

DSP Banita Majhi, Human Rights Protection Cell was handed the charge of investigating the case. Many tribal organisations jumped in support of Sushmita. George Tirkey, former MLA of Biramitrapur trashed the viscera report Monday. "I don't believe this report. It is purely a murder case,' Tirkey said.

ter. "A manhunt has been launched to apprehend the absconding accused," police said. **EAST COAST RAILWAY**

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IPU centres doing wonders in Sundargarh

MORE THAN 46,000 PEOPLE WITH VARIOUS DISABILITIES HAVE RECOVERED AFTER AVAILING TREATMENT

This effort of the district administration is truly commendable as physiotherapy is often neglected limiting recovery of the persons affected by various ailments. Nowhere in Odisha such centres have come up at the block level. This has made physiotherapy accessible and affordable to the citizens of Sundargarh district.

There are a number of examples as to how people have benefitted from such centres. Fortytwo years old Manoj Kumar Barik of Hemgiri

block was suffering from acute pain starting from his spine down to his right leg. He could not even walk properly. He approached the integrated physiotherapy unit and therapeutic centre in Hemgiri block. After undergoing treatment for 14 days he again started to walk in a proper manner without any pain.

Similarly, 68-year old Madhusudan Naik of Budelkani was suffering from frozen shoulder and could not raise his right hand. He was treated at the physiotherapy centre in Sadar block. Various types of muscle stretching exercises helped him so much that he can now use the same hand freely

IPU centres were introduced in this district in a phased man ner. In the first phase 10 centres were opened in December 2021, while another 10 started in September 2022. More than two lakh therapeutic ses sions have been conducted so far in these centres and around 46,790 persons have benefitted from the treatment.

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Doubt is not a sport to indulge in with impunity; it is a poison, which drop by drop corrodes

THE MOTHER



Sportswashing

orld sporting events have, for decades, become an arena for settling political scores. Ideological fights and propaganda wars are what triggered the political grandstanding and it all started in 1930s with the Berlin Olympics. With the cold war becoming a thing of the past, political issues that touch the lives of women and men far more than ideological shadowboxing are now being glossed over while organising world sports. This has become possible for the power that emanates from money. The matter has come under international focus once again following the recent virtual capitulation of FIFA to Saudi Arabia in the latter's bid to host the soccer World Cup in 2034. In the process, the world is all set to enjoy the magical display of contemporary soccer greats and not pay heed to the abuse of human rights, curbing of women's freedom by the ruling powers and carbon emission that has already harmed global climate beyond repair. International sports are used to highlight burning issues for the simple reason that the world's attention gets riveted on such events.

FIFA's announcement that Saudi Arabia was the lone bidder to host the World Cup in 2034 raises many questions. It is all about the process of according this opportunity to a country, known for all the wrong reasons, to host one of the most watched sporting events on the planet. The official announcement of awarding of the competition can be made only towards the end of 2024, but the outcome is fairly predictable with the Saudi kingdom becoming the sole candidate after Australia's withdrawal. Once Indonesia backed Saudi Arabia instead of teaming up with Australia for a joint bid, there was not a shadow of doubt about who

Such a turn of events is mainly due to the way FIFA has conducted the process. If Australia and Saudi Arabia seemed to be the only countries in the running, it was because, on October 4, FIFA chose to reserve the 2034 World Cup for Asia-Oceania (which includes the Middle East), having awarded the 2030 World Cup to a group of countries across three continents, breaking the tradition of geographical rotation. Spain, Portugal and Morocco will host the 2030 edition, but three matches will be played in Argentina, Paraguay and Uruguay, for the avowed reason that this will allow Uruguay to celebrate the centenary of the World Cup which was first played in that country in 1930. Such a jugglery makes it possible to hold the tournament in Europe, Africa and South America. Its logical corollary is that the event will be organised in Asia-Oceania

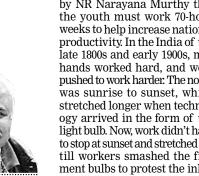
Saudi Arabia's Crown Prince Mohammed bin Salman, known as MBS, has, for the past few years been trying hard to turn the kingdom into one of the great centres of international sporting competition of all kinds - golf, boxing, Formula 1 and football which is very popular in the country and the Arab world in general. MBS is charged with some of the atrocious crimes, including the killing of Saudi journalist Jamal Khasoggi. He also faced international ostracism. He chose sports to invest petro-dollars and whitewash his wrongdoings. The hosting of world sports championships and the recruitment by local clubs of international football stars such as Neymar, Cristiano Ronaldo and Karim Benzema have become a major soft power asset for the kingdom. It has also given MBS a means for economic diversification from exporting liquid gold – petroleum – to tourism.

MBS is brutally honest about his intention to use sports to get internationally rehabilitated for his reported complicity in crimes. He has said to a US media outlet if sportswashing is going to increase his country's GDP by 1%, then he would continue doing exactly that and he does not care a fig for what others say about him.

That is too haughty a voice. The tragedy is he can afford to be arrogant because he has the money power which is irresistible to today's world of sports that help sportspersons and sports bodies become filthy rich.

FOCUS WORK HOURS

POOR PITCH ON PRODUCTIVITY



Jagdish Rattanani

MANY IN INDIA SUFFER LOW WAGES, **ZERO BENEFITS AND LONG WORK HOURS**

There is something very 19th-century, Bombay mill-owner type of flavour to the comment by NR Narayana Murthy that the youth must work 70-hour weeks to help increase national productivity. In the India of the late 1800s and early 1900s, mill hands worked hard, and were pushed to work harder. The norm was sunrise to sunset, which stretched longer when technology arrived in the form of the light bulb. Now, work didn't have to stop at sunset and stretched on, till workers smashed the filament bulbs to protest the inhuman exploitation that technology

brought in its wake. The IT world is very different today, shaped in part by the work of, and the large share of voice enjoyed by, Murthy and the company he co-founded, Infosys Ltd. Given this background, Murthy's remarks will immediately be applied to the IT services sector, which, while revolutionising India's participation in global markets, has essentially been a sweatshop built on labour arbitrage. Some will argue this is the reason why the company and many in the sector remained body-shopping pros and largely failed to move up the value chain. Innovation continues to pour in from other markets, the offerings of AI being only the latest coming from an ecosystem that is dramatically different from that obtained here - non-hierarchical, with the spirit of experimentation, risk-taking and the acceptability of failure being a few highlights. None of this sits well with mandated, regulated, monitored hard work in the sense it is understood in India, marked largely by a do-as-youare-told work philosophy, monotonous, unexciting and exploitative all at the same time.

It should be plain that hard work does not necessarily lead to higher labour productivity. Even if it did, in the mills then and in the IT sector now, it may not take the nation anywhere. It benefited the mill owners then. It benefits the IT czars now. In



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fact, it reinforces the culture of milking a workforce without investing in human capital so that the bulk of the people are "used" without the appropriate investments in building their potential and offering them the requisite support to grow. This short-termism benefits the businessman in the immediate but hurts the system and productivity in the long run, an approach that has characterised many facets of the India growth story so far. This is made worse by a combination of factors like weak labour laws, increasing contractualisation of labour force, declining power of trade unions, a long history of exploitation and the desperate need for a job, any job in fact, making the conditions ripe for a systemic abuse of workforce.

In IT sector, this tends to reduce the bulk of the workers at a very young age to zombies who are pushed to work on screens with little awareness of anything else, and to that extent, taking them that much away from anything remotely enterprising or innovative. The work pressures mean the educated youth of India, particularly the estimated 5.4 million employed in the IT-enabled services sector, are relegated largely to the lower end of the value chain, with low skills, low pay and long work hours. Weekends, they break out into bars and clubs to unwind, their time off from a routine that is backbreaking and self-defeating with little options for holistic growth and a higher-than-normal chance of mental illness

It is instructive that the remarks of Murthy came in an interview with TV Mohandas Pai, who is the former CFO of Infosys and personally known to Murthy in that capacity. Murthy cannot be unaware that Mohan, as he calls him, is the person who objected to students at JNU taking a political stance, calling it a "misuse of tax payers' monies" as if education is all about being devoid of political sensemaking or participation in political events.

It may serve Infosys to have zombies but it can never serve the nation to valorise this as the route to a national revival. Many in India suffer low wages, zero benefits and long work hours. Murthy's remarks will be used to legitimise these malpractices. Without putting it in that many words, it pushes the pernicious argument that the poor are lazy, that the rich are rich because they are hard-working citizens who take the nation forward and sets the stage for the misplaced argument that the tax payers are givers and the

rest are takers and subsidies to the underprivileged are an unfair burden on the hard working.

As it is, one of the problems of the Indian education and work system has been a rather narrow focus on the immediate work at the cost of curiosity, or a long-term panoramic view, or an engagement with future. This limits interdisciplinary knowledge, constrains the capacity to connect the dots, and does not empower students and workers to see the big picture in a world marked by rapid change and high complexity.

The danger is ending with workers and leaders without purpose, with a single-minded, unidirectional focus on targets, zeroed in on the insignificant tasks of their times and oblivious to the morally significant issues that confront their organisations and indeed the nation today. These are people concerned with speed, not the direction in which we are headed. With such an approach, the danger remains of reaching faster than ever, and landing in the wrong place ahead of time. Nothing could be more disastrous for India.

Consider a very different message that Murthy with all his seniority and the respect he commands could have given: Our youth must be driven by a larger purpose beyond the immediate. We need to build the idea of caring and sharing, of understanding the pain of others and realising that India can grow only when all of us grow together - all regions, religions, castes, groups, strata and communities. This is an India where wage disparities are lower than ever, where quality education and health are made available to all and our workforce is noted for being industrious, corruptionfree and ready to be in service of the common citizen. That would be a message to celebrate.

The writer is a journalist and faculty member at SPJIMR. Views are personal.

WISDOM CORNER



A man is like a fraction whose numerator is what he is and whose denominator is what he thinks of himself. The larger the

Live! Live the wonderful life that is in you! Let nothing be lost upon you. Be always searching for new sensations. Be afraid of nothing Greatness occurs when your children love you, when your critics

respect you and when you have peace of mind.

OUINCY JONES



denominator, the smaller the fraction LEO TOLSTOY

THIS DAY **IN HISTORY**

- 1874: Harper's Weekly featured a Thomas Nast cartoon about the possibility of US President Ulysses S. Grant seeking a third term, and the Republican vote was represented by an elephant; the animal, which appeared in several other Republican-related cartoons by Nast, eventually became the party's official logo.
- 1916: Jeannette Rankin from Montana won a seat in the US House of Representatives, becoming the first woman elected to Congress.
- 1917: The October Revolution (named after the dates of this event in the Julian calendar), the last phase of the Russian Revolution of 1917, ended as the Bolshevik Party seized power in Russia, inaugurating the Soviet regime. The Bolsheviks, led by Vladimir Lenin, took over the winter palace and ended the rule of the post-Tsarist provisional government and transferred all powers to the communists in Russia
- **2000:** Disputed US presidential election. On this day in 2000, the U.S. presidential election ended in a statistical tie between Democrat Al Gore and Republican George W. Bush, only to be settled on December 12 by the U.S. Supreme Court after a bitter legal dispute.

SPECTRUM GEOPOLITICS

What is the Global South?



Joseph S. Nye, Jr.

THE TERM IS **MORE OF A POLITICAL SLOGAN** THAN AN **ACCURATE DESCRIPTION OF THE WORLD**

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is in constant use nowadays. For example, some commentators warn that Israel's incursion into Gaza is "alienating the Global South," and we often hear that the "Global South" wants a ceasefire in Ukraine. But what do people mean when they use it?

Geographically, the term refers to the 32 countries below the equator (in the southern hemisphere), in contrast to the 54 countries that lie entirely north of it. Yet it is often misleadingly used as shorthand for a global majority, even though most of the global population is above the equator (as is most of the world's landmass). For example, we often hear that India, the world's most populous country, and China, the second most populous, are vying for leadership of the Global South, with both having recently held diplomatic conferences for that purpose. Yet both are in the northern hemisphere.

The term, then, is more of a political slogan than an accurate description of the world. In this sense, it seems to have gained traction as a euphemism to re-

During the Cold War, countries that were not aligned with either the US or the Soviet Union blocs were said to belong to the "Third World." Non-aligned countries held their own conference in Bandung, Indonesia, in 1955, and there are still 120 countries constituting a weak non-aligned movement today.

Nonetheless, with the Soviet Union's demise in 1991, the idea of a non-aligned Third World no longer made much sense. For a time, it became common to refer to "less-developed countries." But that term had a pejorative ring to it, so people soon began to refer to "developing countries."

Although that term has its own problems – not all low-income countries are developing, after all - it proved useful in the context of United Nations diplomacy. The Group of 77 (G77) now comprises 135 countries, and exists to promote their collective economic interests. Outside the UN context, however, there are too many differences between members for the organisation to serve a meaningful role.

Another fad term that has

markets," which refers to countries like India, Mexico, Russia, Pakistan, Saudi Arabia, China, Brazil, and a few others. In 2001. Jim O'Neill, then a managing director at Goldman Sachs, coined the acronym BRIC in a paper that identified Brazil, Russia. India, and China as emerging economies with high growth potential. Though he was offering investment analysis, some political leaders, including Russian President Vladimir Putin, seized on the grouping as a potential diplomatic platform to counter American global influence.

After a series of meetings, the first BRIC summit was held in Yekaterinburg, Russia, in 2009. With the addition of South Africa the following year, the group became the BRICS. Then, at the 15th BRICS summit this past August, South African President Cyril Ramanhosa announced that six emerging-market countries (Argentina, Egypt, Ethiopia, Iran, Saudi Arabia, and the United Arab Emirates) would join the bloc on January 1, 2024.

Ever since it became a conference-holding body, the BRICS has often been seen as repre-

The term "Global South" place less acceptable terms, come into vogue is "emerging senting the Global South, But, again, Brazil and South Africa (and now Argentina) are the only members from the Southern Hemisphere, and even as a political replacement for the Third World, BRICS is rather limited conceptually and organisationally. While a few of its members are democracies, most are autocracies, and many have ongoing conflicts with each other.

The term's main value is diplomatic. Though China is a middleincome country in the Northern Hemisphere that is competing with the US for global influence, it likes to describe itself as a developing country that plays an important leadership role within the Global South. For journalists and politicians, the high-, middle-, low-income terminology does not roll easily off the tongue or fit well in headlines. For want of an alternative shorthand, they will continue to rely on "Global South." But anyone interested in a more accurate description of the world should be wary of such a misleading term.

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Charged for speeding

man was speeding down a Alabama highway, feeling secure in a gaggle of cars all travelling at the same speed. However, as they passed a speed trap, he got nailed with an infrared speed detector and was

The officer handed him the citation, received his signature and was about to walk away when the man asked. "Officer, I know I was speeding, but I

don't think it's fair - there were plenty



going just as fast, so why did I get the "Ever go a fishing?" the policeman

suddenly asked the man. "Ummm, yeah..." the startled man replied.

The officer grinned and added, "Did you ever catch 'em all?"

Red-hot form

Sir, On current form of both the teams, the India-South Africa World Cup 2023 tie at Eden Gardens, Kolkata was expected to be a pitched battle. But in the end it turned out to be a demonic battle over the pitch for South African batters, as the Indian bowlers, as is their wont in this tournament, cut them to ribbons, and made them look like newbies in batting. For teams, the bugaboo of facing Indian bowlers in the semi-final and in finals probably, will be a major concern, and our bowlers, who are in red-hot form, should use it to their fullest advantage to go on and win the cup ultimately. Meanwhile, many congratulations to the run machine Virat Kohli for equalling Sachin Tendulkar's record of 49 ODI tons, and with his rampaging form, the King has every opportunity to break the record in this world cup itself. If anything on India's massive win over Sri Lanka and South Africa in WC 2023, the tidal waves of the Arabian sea in Mumbai and the imposing Howrah bridge, and the Hooghly river running beneath it in Kolkata, will have plenty of tales to offer for generations.

Ranganathan Sivakumar, CHENNAI

Refugee crisis

Sir, The refugee crisis in Afghanistan and Pakistan is really a tragic human crisis that affects millions of people. According to the UNHCR, there are about 2.8 million registered Afghan refugees in Pakistan, and another 1.7 million who are undocumented. Many of them have lived in Pakistan for decades, but now face the risk of deportation or arrest as the Pakistani government had imposed a deadline of November 1, 2023 for all illegal migrants to leave the country. The Pakistani government says that the crackdown on undocumented Afghans is necessary for security reasons, as it blames some of the recent attacks in Pakistan on Afghanistanbased groups and nationals. However, many Afghans say that they have nothing to go back to in their war-torn homeland, and that they are terrified of living under the Taliban regime. Some of them have also faced harassment and discrimination in Pakistan, and have seen their homes and businesses destroyed by the authorities.

Amarjeet Kumar, HAZARIBAGH



TWO STATES MADHYA PRADESH





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Rajasthan Chief Minister and Congress leader Ashok Gehlot with party chief Mallikarjun Kharge upon the latter's arrival in the state ahead of the State Assembly elections, in Jodhpur, Monday

Malwa-Nimar holds key to MP Assembly

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

Bhopal, Nov 6: When the Congress grabbed the steering wheel of Madhya Pradesh at the Charles Correa-designed Indira Gandhi Vidhan Bhawan, the state assembly building, after the 2018 elections, it was riding high on an impressive show in the Malwa-Nimar region.

Spread across 15 districts, the Malwa-Nimar region in western MP with 66 seats holds the key to the 230-member assembly where Congress as well as BJP rebels can spring up surprises in the upcoming elections, according to political observers.

The Congress won 35 of the 66 seats in this region last time, increasing its tally from nine in 2013. BJP's score plunged to 28 in 2018 from 57 five years ago.

When Rahul Gandhi-led 'Bharat Jodo Yatra' was to pass through a 380-km stretch of MP,

the Congress chose this region for the march, dubbed by many a well-thought-out strategy.

Observers believe that the Congress topped the last assembly elections with 114 seats due to its gain in the Malwa-Nimar region and formed a coalition government under Kamal Nath.

While the Congress and BJP have made inroads in the area over the years, anti-incumbency against local leaders was the main reason for the BJP's poor performance here in 2018, said senior journalist and president of Indore Press Club Arvind Tiwari.

Malwa-Nimar region comprises 15 districts, including Indore with 9 assembly seats, Ujjain (7), Ratlam (5), Mandsaur (4), Neemuch (3), Dhar (7), Jhabua (3), Alirajpur (2), Barwani (4), Khargone (6), Burhanpur (2), Khandwa (4), Dewas (5), Shajapur (3) and Agar Malwa (2).

for STs, 22 are in this region. The Congress last time expanded its base among tribals by winning 15 seats, up from six in 2013. BJP's tally reduced to six from 15 in the same period.

"The Congress and BJP have worked hard during the past couple of years to strengthen their presence among the tribals of the Malwa-Nimar region. It is to be seen if the BJP will overcome the anger among its lowerrung party workers and anti-incumbency," Tiwari said.

Chief Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan's public connect in rural areas and his government's recently launched 'Ladli Bahna Yojana' might play an important role, he pointed out.

"But, the rebels of both parties on more than a dozen seats can change the results. These rebels have winning potential, if they were given the party ticket,"

It's advantage **Congress in MP**

The party enjoys a small but significant edge over the BJP



INDO-ASIAN NEWS SERVICE

New Delhi, Nov 6: An exclusive CVoter opinion poll conducted for ABP News reveals that the Congress enjoys a small but significant edge over the BJP in the Assembly elections due in Madhya Pradesh.

Interestingly, it is advantage Congress more because of voter "fatigue" with the BJP than any strong anti-incumbency sentiments against the government.

The other factor that seems to be helping the Congress have an edge is that the induction of Jyotiraditya Scindia and his supporters to the BJP in March 2020 doesn't not seem to have changed the voter tilt towards the Congress in the Chambal-

Gwalior region.

According to the CVoter survey, the Congress is projected to get a vote share of 44.3 per cent in the current polls, up from 40.9 per cent in the 2018 Assembly

The BJP vote share is also projected to go up from 41 per cent in 2018 to 42.1 per cent in the current elections.

The BSP that once had a formidable presence in pockets of the state bordering Uttar Pradesh is witnessing a collapsing support base with projected vote share dropping to 5 per cent in 2018 to 2.2 per cent this time.

According to the CVoter survey, the Congress is projected to win between 118 to 130 seats in the current elections compared to the 114 it had won in

The majority mark in the 230 member Assembly is 116.

On the other hand, the BJP is projected to win between 99 to 111 seats in the current elec-

In 2018, the party had won 109 seats when the Congress had formed a government with Kamal Nath as Chief Minister.

However, a revolt by Jyotiraditya Scindia and more than two other MLAs in March 2020 had led to the fall of the Congress government and Shivraj Singh Chouhan returned as Chief Minister of the state.

A total of 28,223 registered voters were interviewed by members of CVoter. The margin of error is 3 per cent.

BJP holds edge in Raj

SINCE 1993, THE VOTERS OF RAJASTHAN HAVE ROUTINELY VOTED OUT INCUMBENT **GOVERNMENTS IN ASSEMBLY ELECTIONS**



INDO-ASIAN NEWS SERVICE

New Delhi, Nov 6: An exclusive opinion poll conducted by CVoter for ABP News reveals that the BJP enjoys an advantage over the Congress in the Assembly elections due in Rajasthan.

The opinion poll, the last one for this round of Assembly elections, shows that while the Congress has recovered smartly compared to previous opinion polls, the BJP still holds an edge.

Since 1993, the voters of Rajasthan have routinely voted out incumbent governments in Assembly elections.

According to the CVoter survey, the Congress is projected to get a vote share of 41.7 per cent in the current Assembly elections, up from 39.3 per cent in the 2018 polls.

However, the BJP seems ahead with a projected vote share of 44.8 per cent, up from 38.8 per cent in the previous Assembly elec-

The BSP and other smaller parties are projected to see a big drop in vote share from 22 per cent in 2018 to just about 12 per cent this time, making the contest even more bilateral.

As per the survey, the Congress is projected to win between 67 to 77 seats in the current elections, down significantly from the 100 it had won in the 2018 Assembly elections.

The majority mark in the 200 member house is 101.

In contrast, the BJP is projected to win between 114 to 124 seats, indicating it is poised to win a comfortable majority in the current elections.

The "others" including the BSP had won 21 seats in the 2018 elections. That is projected to drop to between 5 to 9 seats in the current polls.

A patch up with young Congress leader Sachin Pilot and a slew of welfare schemes launched in the last six months have helped Chief Minister Ashok Gehlot recover lost ground. But not enough.

A total of 17,534 registered voters were interviewed by members of CVoter. The margin of error is 3 per cent.

SPURIOUS AGROCHEMICALS TAKE A TO

INDO-ASIAN NEWS SERVICE

Bhopal, Nov 6: Farmers in Madhya Pradesh have been losing their crops, hard work and money to fake and substandard agrochemicals every season. But they do not manage to get compensation even if they have a bill regarding the purchase.

"To complain in the consumer forum, we will need a proper bill. But the dealers selling agrochemicals give us a piece of paper with only the amount written on it. Even if we lodge a complaint, our chances of winning are negligible as the bill is not in the prescribed format (without the address of the dealer, seal or date of purchase)," said Manoj Meena, whose 18-acre soybean cultivation at Rampura Balachon in

Vasundhara

refuses to

step back

New Delhi: Despite a

clear signal from the

before the uncoming

Rajasthan Assembly

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elections to not declare

ministerial candidate.

former Chief Minister

and senior BJP leader

Scindia is not ready to

leave the electoral field

without making her

presence felt in the

party. Despite the

Vasundhara Raie

Scindia, the BJP high

declared her as the

chief ministerial

command may not have

candidate or the head of

the election campaign

upcoming state polls.

leaders in Raiasthan

politics she is still not

electoral field without a

strong fight. Considering

the political mood of the

BJP high command and

the preparedness of the

leadership, Vasundhara

Raje Scindia is focusing

on working hard at the

grassroots level. For the

fifth consecutive time

she not only ensured a

Jhalrapatan Assembly

constituency but more of

her supporters also got

tickets from the party.

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ready to leave the

party's state unit

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insistence of

Vasundhara Raie

BJP high command



Berasia tehsil of Bhopal district was ruined after use of insecticide that turned out to be spurious. However, not many have managed to get relief through

the consumer forum. Rashtriya Kisan Mazdoor Mahasangh national president Shivkumar Sharma said over 200

farmers of Harda district lost soybean crop on a total of 5,000 from local retailer Harsh Agro in the kharif season of 2018. Of them, 30 came together to file a case against the local seller and

agrochemical company Vision

Organics in the District Consumer

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Forum. May 9, 2019, the forum ordered Vision Organics to give compensation ranging from Rs 80,000 to 1.65 lakh, depending on the area of damage.

The government has authorised Reliance General Insurance to provide crop insurance under the Pradhan Mantri Fasal Bima Yojana in Bhopal district. Meena had also insured his kharif crop by paying Rs 7,260 to the company. However, he claimed that the insurance firm had complex rules, which prevented farmers like him from claiming compensation.

Meanwhile, farmers that the Central and state governments always assure them that the insurance company will compensate for the loss of individual farmers as well. But the reality is that it does not happen on the ground. The chances of claims getting rejected are very high, unless the locality or district is affected by the issue.

Munnalal Rajput of Rampura Balachon said the matter applied to all claim pleas. "If a farmer's crop is damaged in drought or flood or due to other reasons, then the insurance company says he cannot claim compensation if not a majority of farmers in the area suffered losses. Even if the entire district was affected, the farmers cannot claim insurance until the administration declares drought.'

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Do join us to learn more about Mutual Funds. **Date and Venue:** Friday, 10th November, 2023; 6:30 pm onwards.

at JDR Hotel, Rangadipa, Jay Damodar Residency, Sundargarh - 770 002, Odisha. For registration, please contact: Ranjit Mallik, Mobile: 99370 88035. Registration is compulsory.

The registration time will be from 9:30 am to 5:30 pm. No walk-ins will be allowed.



details of which can be verified on the SEBI website (www.sebi.gov.in/intermediaries.html). For any queries, complaints & grievance redressal, investors may reach out to the AMCs and / or Investor Relations Officers. Additionally, investors may Iso lodge complaints on https://scores.gov.in if they are unsatisfied with the resolutions given by AMCs, SCORES porta investors to lodge complaint online with SERI and subsequently view its status.

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GOVERNMENT OF ODISHA OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER, RURAL WORKS DIVISION, ROURKELA TENDER CALL NOTICE
BID IDENTIFICATION NO. ONLINE-SERKL-16 of 2023-24

1. Name of the Work: Building Work. 2. Total No. of works: 01 (One) No. 3. Estimated cost: Rs.26.56 Lakhs. 4. Class of contractor: "C" & "B" Class. 5. Period of completion: 04 (Four) Months. 6. Type of Tender: Single Cover. 7. Other details: Availability of Tanday On I and Data 9 Time Data 9 Time

Procurement Officer	Identification No.		r bidding	of seeking tender		
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Superintending	Online -	13.11.2023	20.11.2023	19.11.2023	22.11.2023	
Engineer, Rural Works	SERKL-16 of	from	upto	upto	at	
Division, Rourkela	2023-24	10.00 AM	05.00 PM	1.00 PM	11.00 AM	
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OIPR-25067/11/0023/23	24	Sd./- S	uperintending	Engineer, R.W. Div	ision, Rourkel	

1. Name of the Work Road works 06 (Six) No. of Road works 2. Total No. of Work 3. Estimated Cost Rs.5.04 lakhs to 16.80 lakhs Class of Contractor 'D' & 'C' Class Contractor 5. Period of Completion Furnished in Annexure

GOVERNMENT OF ODISHA

OFFICE OF THE SUPERINTENDING ENGINEER

e-mail: rwd_gajapati@yahoo.co.in

Availability of Tender 15.11.2023 at 10.00 AM to Online for Bidding 23.11.2023 upto 5.30 PM Date and Time of 24.11.2023 at 11.30 AM Opening of Tender

Further details can be seen from the Website www.tenderorissa.gov.in Sd./- SUPERINTENDING ENGINEER

: As per Annexure

R.W. DIVN., GAJAPATI OIPR-25158/11/0014/2324

GOVERNMENT OF ODISHA DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES **OFFICE OF THE SUPERINTENDING ENGINEER UPPER KOLAB HEAD WORKS DIVISION**

AT/PO-KOLABNAGAR, DIST: KORAPUT e-Procurement Notice- SE-UKHWD-08/2023-24 Dated 03.11.2023 (ONLINE)

Type of Work

3. Approximate Value of Work

8. Place of Opening

lass of Contractor Period of completion

Date & time of availability of bid documents online Bid online at office of the

01 (One) No. Deployment of Security Rs.28.93 Lakh

Registered & licensed security 01 (One) Calendar year 08.11.2023 at 11.00 Hours to

Date & Place of opening of Superintending Engineer, UKHWD, Kolab Nagar

20.11.2023 up to 17.00 Hours 21.11.2023 (11.00 Hours)

Name of the officer inviting Superintending Engineer, UKHWD, Kolab Nagar Further details can be seen in the Govt. of Odisha

e-Procurement Website http://www.tendersodisha.gov.in Sd./- Superintending Engineer Upper Kolab Head Works Division, Kolabnagar OIPR-32015/11/0009/2324

Government of Odisha "e" Procurement Notice Bid Identification No.: Online-AGL-14 of 2023-2024

RURAL WORKS DIVISION, GAJAPATI, PARALAKHEMUNDI 1. Name of the Work **Building Work** NATIONAL COMPETITIVE BIDDING THROUGH e-Procurement 2. Estimated Cost Rs.14.80 lakhs to 19.50 lakhs Identification No. Online Tender 10/GJP/2023-24 3. Period of Completion 03 Calendar Months Date & time of From 08.11.2023 to 4. availability of bid 16.11.2023 upto 5.00 P.M. document in the portal Last Date/time for receipt of bids in the 15.11.2023 upto 5.00 P.M. portal Name & Address of Executive Engineer, Rural Works Division, Angul the OIT

www.tendersorissa.gov.in

Sd./- Executive Engineer, R.W. Division, Angul OIPR-25096/11/0015/2324

NH DIVISION, JEYPORE e-mail: eenhdivisionjeypore@gmail.com BID IDENTIFICATION NO. 04/2023-24 [e-Procurement] 1) The Executive Engineer, NH Division, Jeypore on behalf

Further details can be seen from the Govt. website

2) Nature of work

Website

3) No. of work 4) Tender Paper Cost 6000/ Class of Contractor Availability of Bid document in the to 23.11.2023 5.00 PM

7) Date of Opening of Bid : 24.11.2023 at 12.30 P.M

Further details can be seen from the website https:// tendersorissa.gov.in. 9) Any Corrigendum/Addendum/Cancellation of will be

displayed in the e-tender website only.

GOVERNMENT OF ODISHA OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER

of Governor of Odisha Invites percentage rate bid in Single cover system in ONLINE MODE from eligible contractors for construction of Building works as detailed in the table below. From 11.00 AM of 13.11.2023

8) The Bidders have to participate in ONLINE bidding only.

Sd./- Executive Engineer, N.H. Division, Jeypore OIPR-34149/11/0005/2324

OFFICE OF THE SUPERINTENDING ENGINEER **RURAL WORKS DIVISION, KARANJIA (MAYURBHANJ)** E-mail ID:- eerwkaranjia@yahoo.com etter No. 5120/WE // Date:- 4.11.202 E" Procurement Notice for Construction of Building work & Special Repair of Building works for year 2023-24"

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Bid Identification No.- RWDKNJ-11/2023-24 1. Name of the work: Building Works (As per Annexure). 2. Estimated Cost: Rs.0.63 to Rs.22.50 Lakhs Approximately (As per Annexure). 3. Class of Contractor: 'D' & 'C' Class, (As per Annexure). 4. Period of Completion: As per Annexure. 5. Tender Paper Cost: Rs.4,000/-, Rs.2,000/-, Rs.600/- & Rs.400/- towards cost of bid as mentioned in Annexure of Building Works. urther details can be seen from the website www.tendersodisha.gov.in

Date & Time of Opening of Tender in O/o S.E. R.W.Division, Karanjia Availability of Tender online for bidding No. of seeking tender clarification **Technical & Financial Bid** Superintending Building Online Engineer, Rural Works RWDKNJ-11/ Dt.14.11.23 Dt.21.11.23 Dt.22.11.23 at 11.00 A.M. Division, Karanjia 23-24

upto 5.00 P.M. DIPR-25086/11/0017/2324 Sd./- Superintending Engineer, R.W. Division, Karanjia **GOVERNMENT OF ODISHA**

OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER, P.H. DIVISION, BALASORE Phone: 9438660004, e-mail: eephbls@gmail.com NATIONAL COMPETITIVE BIDDING THROUGH e-Procurement (Online Mode)

Bid Identification No. SEPHBLS-17 of 2023-24 dt.27.10.2023

SI. Name of the Work No.	Bid Identification No.	Value of Work (Rs.	Period of Comp- letion	Availability of bid documents for online bidding		Last date and time of seeking	Date & time of opening of Price bid	
			Lakh)		From	То	clarification	
1	Improvement of Water Supply to Ward No.01 & 03 of Jaleswar	SEPHBLS-17 dt.27.10.2023	49.61	03 (three) calendar months	11.00 Hrs. of dt. 07.11.2023	17.00 Hrs. of dt.22.11.2023	17.00 Hrs. of 17.11.2023	11.00 Hrs. of 23.11.2023

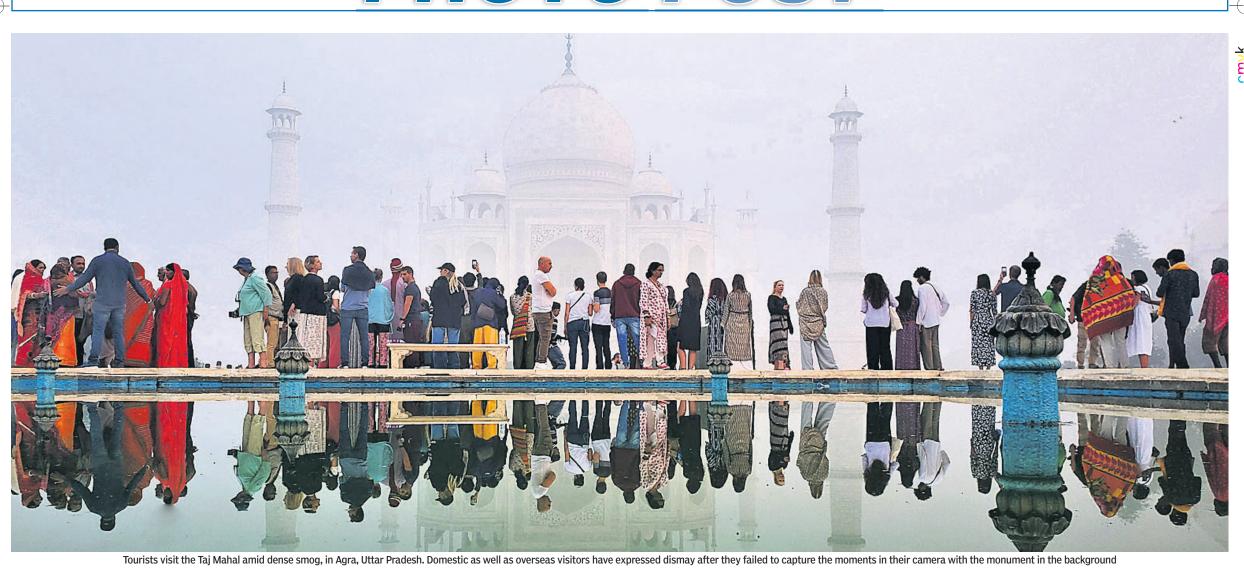
The bidders shall have to participate in ONLINE bidding only. Further details can be seen from the website: http://tendersodisha.gov.in. Any addendum/corrigendum/cancellation of tender can also be seen in the said website The authority reserves the right to reject any or all bids without assigning any reason thereof.

Name and Address of the officer inviting bid:- The Superintending Engineer, P.H. Division, Balasore, At- Samalpur, Post- Balia, Dist.- Balasore, Pin-756056, Odisha, Phone: 9438660004 Sd./- Superintending Engineer, P.H. Division, Balasore OIPR-13053/11/0006/2324

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PHOTO POST





Danish Queen Margrethe, left, receives Spain's King Felipe at the airport in Copenhagen, Denmark. King Felipe and Queen Letizia begin a three-day state visit to Denmark



Congress leader Rahul Gandhi visits the 'Samadhi Sthal' of Adi Guru Shankaracharya at Kedarnath, in Rudraprayag district, Uttarakhand



Polling officials leave for poll duty from left-wing extremism-affected areas of Dantewada ahead of the first phase of voting for Chhattisgarh Assembly elections



Iraqi Prime Minister Mohammed Shia al-Sudani, centre right, reviews an honour guard as he is welcomed by Iranian President Ebrahim Raisi, left, during an official welcoming ceremony at the Saadabad Palace in Tehran, Iran



Palestinian children mop outside their home after an Israeli bombardment in the Maghazi refugee camp in the Gaza Strip



AP/PTI PHOTOS

A BJP candidate celebrates his win in the Gram Panchayat polls, in Nagpur district of Maharashtra



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There was nothing wrong in what I had spoken. We will face the matter legally. I will not change my stand. I have only talked about my ideology UDHAYANIDHI STALIN I TN MINISTER FOR YOUTH WELFARE

INDIGO TO START FLIGHTS TO BALI, MEDINA THIS FISCAL

IndiGo plans to start flights to Bali and Medina in the current fiscal as the airline continues to expand its network, its chief Pieter Elbers said Monday. The airline is "well on track" to achieve the target of carrying 100 million passengers this financial year, he told reporters here. In the September quarter, which also saw the carrier posting a net profit of Rs 189 crore, it carried 26 million passengers





The people of Telangana are desperately waiting for November 30 when they will decisively vote out those who cheated them

PAWAN KHERA | SENIOR CONG LEADER





GOPAL RAI DELHI ENVIRONMENT MINISTER

SHORT TAKES

■ Bank fraud case: ED arrests Punjab MLA

Chandigarh: Punjab AAP MLA Jaswant Singh Gajjan Majra was Monday arrested by the **Enforcement Directorate in** connection with a money laundering investigation linked to a bank fraud case, official sources said. The legislator was taken into custody under provisions of the Prevention of Money Laundering Act (PMLA) after he was detained by agency officials from a public meeting he was holding in Malerkotla, they said.

India's 2nd batch of aid reaches Nepal

New Delhi: India Monday sent a second batch of medicines and other relief materials to Nepal for its earthquake affected people. The first consignment of relief materials was sent Sunday. "Second flight carrying 9 tonnes worth of emergency relief assistance lands in Nepal.

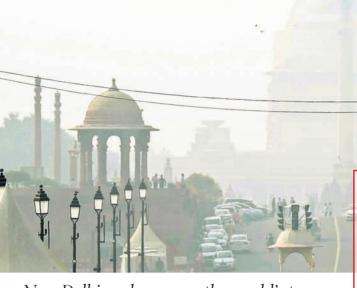
Death toll in Kerala blasts rises to four

Kochi: The death toll from the blasts that rocked a Christiar religious gathering near here a week ago has now reached four, after a 61-year-old woman succumbed to her injuries. The victim, identified as Moly Joy from Kalamassery, died at a private hospital in the early hours of Monday.

Ex-Pondy Speaker dies

Pondicherry: Former Speaker of Pondicherry Assembly P Kannan passed away at a private hospital here after prolonged illness. He was 74 and is survived by wife, a son and daughter, sources said. In a release, the hospital where he was treated said. Kannan was suffering from viral pneumonia.

AIR EMERGENCY



New Delhi ranks among the world's top polluted cities every year ahead of the onset of winter, when calm winds and low temperatures trap pollutants from sources including vehicles, industries, construction dust & crop residue burning in nearby fields

AGENCIES

New Delhi, Nov 6: Delhi will restrict use of vehicles next week to curb rising pollution as air quality in the capital remained dangerously unsafe for a third consecutive day despite mitigation efforts.

A thick smog shrouded the federal secretariat and president's palace in the heart of the city early Monday, and lowered visibility in other parts, as public outrage over hazardous air quality grew and the city extended closure of primary schools until November 10.

The local government said that it will impose the "oddeven" vehicle rule from November 13-20 to mitigate pollution levels that are expected to rise after the Hindu festival of Diwali November 12. when firecrackers are often set despite a ban.

The rule will allow vehicles

with odd registration numbers

on the road on odd dates and

similarly vehicles with even numbers on alternate days. Environmental experts have previously said that the rule, which has been imposed multiple times with some varia-

tions since 2016, has been more effective schools in the in de-congesting roads and less national capital have effective in been directed to bringing down suspend physical pollution. "In view of classes, except for rising pollution, odd-even classes 10 and 12, until

November 10

posed in Delhi, Gopal Rai, the local environment minister, told reporters, adding that a meeting will be held with police and transport department Tuesday to decide on

will be im-

the implementation. Air quality was "severe" for a third consecutive day in the city Monday, making it the second most polluted city in the world,

■ The odd-even scheme was first implemented in 2016 by the Arvind Kejriwal government in January and then in April the same year

Emergency and police

vehicles, two-wheelers,

women-driven cars were exempted under the scheme ■ In 2019, when the scheme was implemented in

November, two-wheelers and electric vehicles were exempted along with medical emergency vehicles and those carrying school children in uniform

■ Vehicles carrying VIPs, only women and those occupied by differently-disabled persons were also exempted

behind Lahore in Pakistan, according to a real-time compilation by Swiss group IQAir.

The cricket World Cup match involving Sri Lanka and Bangladesh, however, went ahead in the city Monday with organthe players' dressing rooms and using water sprinklers to reduce pollutants in the air.

An analysis of 25 research even death.

Punjab reports 2,060 farm fires

CHANDIGARH: Punjab Monday reported over 2,000 farm fires even as many parts of Haryana saw air quality indices in the 'severe and 'very poor' categories while it was 'poor' in areas of the border state. As farmers continued to set crop residue ablaze, 2,060 fresh stubble-



from September 15 till November 6 was 35 per cent less than 29,999 such

cases in the corresponding period last year, the data stated. The state

had reported 32,734 farm fires during the same period in 2021

isers installing air purifiers in

Curbs on vehicles are in addition to a ban on construction work for public projects in the national capital region, and restrictions on entry of trucks and heavy vehicles in Delhi, imposed by a federal pollution control watchdog Sunday.

studies by the Down To Earth magazine, published Sunday, showed that poor air quality was linked to low birth weight, preterm delivery, stillbirth, developmental delay, restricted growth in children and

ISRAEL-HAMAS PM Modi speaks to Iran prez PRESS TRUST OF INDIA New Delhi, Nov 6: Prime

Minister Narendra Modi and Iranian President Sevved Ebrahim Raisi n Monday exchanged views on the "difficult situation" in the West Asia region, with the PM expressing deep concern at the "terrorist incidents, violence and loss of civilian lives"

The two leaders stressed the need for preventing escalation, ensuring continued humanitarian aid and early restoration of peace and stability, a statement issued by the Prime Minister's Office (PMO) said.

In his telephonic conversation with Raisi, Modi also reiterated India's longstanding and consistent position on the Israel-Palestine issue.

"Good exchange of perspectives with President @raisi_com of Iran on the difficult situation in West Asia and the Israel-Hamas conflict. Terrorist incidents, violence and loss of civilian lives are serious concerns.'

"Preventing escalation, ensuring continued humanitarian aid and early restoration of peace and stability are important. Welcomed the progress in our bilateral cooperation, including on the Chabahar port,' the Prime Minister said on X.



Modi's conversation with Raisi is part of his ongoing dialogue with top leaders of the region in the wake of the escalation in violence in the Israel-Hamas conflict

Last week, Modi spoke separately to his British counterpart Rishi Sunak and UAE President Mohamed bin Zayed Al Nahyan during which concerns over terrorism and civilian deaths were shared

Modi and Raisi exchanged views on the "difficult situation" in the West Asia region, and the Israel-Hamas conflict, the statement said

President Raisi shared his assessment of the situation, it added. The two leaders also reviewed and positively assessed progress in multifaceted bilateral cooperation. Modi and Raisi welcomed the focus and priority accorded to the Chabahar Port in Iran for improving regional connectivity. Both sides agreed to remain in touch given their shared interest in regional peace, security and stability, the statement said.

SNIPPETS

Elvish case: Investigating officer shunted

Noida: A sub-inspector who was investigating the snake venom case in which YouTuber Elvish Yadav is an accused has been shunted and the matter transferred to another Noida police station, officials said. The investigating officer, SI Sandeep Chaudhary, was the in-charge of Noida's Sector 49 police station and has been transferred to police lines. "The station in-charge Sector-49, Noida, has been transferred to the Reserve Police Line due to his inability to effectively control crime within the police station area," a police spokesperson said Sunday night.

Driver held for geologist's murder

Bangalore: The former driver of a senior geologist who was found murdered at her residence here was arrested Monday. He admitted during police interrogation that he killed her as he was upset that she had dismissed him from his job a few days ago. Kiran had been working as a driver for Prathima K S, who was serving in the Department of Mines and Geology, for the past four years, but he was recently replaced. Under interrogation, the 32-year-old driver said he was dismissed from the job about a week ago. He used to often get scolded by her for driving "carelessly". Later, he apologised and requested the 45-year-old geologist to take him back but when she refused to do so, he killed her, police said. I

Health dept urges

their launch at Kartavya Path, India Gate, in New Delhi. Ahead of Diwali festival, the Centre Monday formally launched the sale of wheat flour at a subsidised rate of Rs 27.50 per kg under the brand name 'Bharat Atta' across the country to provide relief to consumers from

Public distribution

vehicles carrying

'Bharat Atta' during

high prices PTI PHOTO

Days after an outbreak of Zika virus was reported from north-

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

ern Kannur district, the Kerala health department issued a directive on Monday urging people to remain vigilant against the mosquito-borne disease. The department said that

Thiruvananthapuram, Nov 6:

symptoms such as fever, headache, body pain, joint pain, and red eyes should be taken seriously.

It urged the public to promptly inform healthcare workers if they notice these symptoms. The first infection was reported in the Thalassery area of Kannur district on October 30, and after that, a medical camp was organised in the area on November 1 during which 24 samples were collected and sent for testing. The statement was



ing chaired by Health Minister Veena George held here reviewed the Zika virus cases in Thalassery. Currently, eight Zika virus cases have been confirmed there. The department said if preg-

nant women are affected by the virus, there is a possibility of birth defects, such as microcephaly, in the unborn baby. Therefore, pregnant women in areas with reported cases of the disease should receive special monitoring, it said.

No. C-1761 OFFICE OF THE **MUNICIPAL COUNCIL, SUNDARGARH** Tender Call Notice No. 9112 Dt.02.11.23 **COMPETITIVE BIDDING THROUGH e-Procurement NOTICE INVITING TENDER** Bid Reference No. SNGM-19/2023-24/Dt. Total No. of works for which Tenders invited: 06 Nos.

Place of Execution: Different Locations of Sundargarh Municipality. Estimated Cost of Individual Works excluding GST: Rs.3,00,795.00/- t

Rs.16.86.354.00/-

Eligible Class of Contractors: Registered Contractors of Class- 'D' to Class

- 'C' as indicated against each work mentioned in the Tender Call Notice. Intending bidders have to participate through "On-Line" bidding only. The website for online bidding is https://www.tendersodisha.gov.in

The bid documents will be available in the above website from 11.00 A.M. 04.11.2023 to 5.00 P.M. of 13.11.2023 for online bidding.

Bids received will be opened on e-Procurement System at 11.00 A.N onwards on 14.11.2023. The bidder must possess valid and compatible Digital Signature Certification

The DTCN for bid shall be available in the e-procurement portal https: www.tendersodisha.gov.in for on-line bidding.

Sd./- Executive Officer, Sundargarh Municipality

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SPARRING OVER GEMS AND JEWELLERY

Instant solutions have long term implications for governments may come and governments may go but bruises blight for long.

In recent times, three states saw popular mandate being sidestepped to ensure change of horses mid-stream. The verdict is out in Karnataka with the Congress back in the saddle, this time on its own steam. Madhya Pradesh is full scale in poll mode and the outcome is just around the corner. Maharashtra, the third state has just about a year to go but the government so cobbled seems foot sore and travel weary. Whatever may be the outcome, it is however the

fall-out of this politics that is impacting popular perceptions between neighbours-Maharashtra and Gujarat- and calls for a soothing touch.

Once a part of bi-lingual Bombay state, the separation was not rancour-free and while

the hurt may have healed, the sore remains, surfacing every time the' sunny' summer gives way to the winter 'chill'.

The latest spot of abrasionwhether perceived or real- is caused by the push and pull over India's largest Gems and Jewellery Park. On the one hand Surat in South Gujarat, considered one of the world's largest diamond cutting and polishing centre is set to inaugurate the Surat Diamond Bourse (SDB) December 17, while on the other The Gems and Jewellery Export promotion Council(GJEPC) and Bharat Diamond Bourse(BDB) are moving strong to set up the country's largest gem and Jewellery park in Navi Mumbai at an estimated cost of Rs 40,000 crores

According to Melvyn Thomas, the Surat-based editor of the Blunt Times who closely monitors the sector feels that the move gained impetus after Vallabhbhai



Lakhani, chairman of Kiran Gems announced shifting base from BDB in Mumbai to Surat along with his1200 employees.

Minister of Industries of Maharashtra Uday Samant is determined to push the Navi Mumbai project, which according to him, will create one lakh new jobs, and has

also announced that additional land will be allocated next to the park for the residence of the workers employed therein. However, for Surat, which houses a large number of small and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs) the abiding concern would be that of affordability if they relocate to Navi Mumbai.

The Maharashtra government has already approved subsidy incentives for Jewellery Park such as 5 FSI; One Rupee Electricity Subsidy for all units and 2 rupee for LGD units in the Park; waiver of Electricity Duty for all units in the Park; 50% SGST waiver for 5 years to all units in the Park; 5% interest subvention on Term Loan for all MSME units; and Stamp duty waiver to IJPM for lease.

Meanwhile, with the Central Board of Indirect Taxes and Customs (CBITC) adding Surat to the list of towns where private bonded warehouses for diamonds can be established, the city is the fifth jurisdiction in India to facilitate the setup of private bonded warehouses for diamonds, following in the footsteps of CSI Airport, Mumbai, Jodhpur, Air Cargo Export in Delhi, and Airport and Air Cargo in Chennai.

Thomas says that the tug-of-

war between Surat and Mumbai over India's largest gems and jewellery park is a sign of the growing competition between the two cities for business and in-There has already been noticeable disquiet in Maharashtra

after Vedanta-Foxconn who were in advanced talks with Maharashtra, signed an MOU with the Gujarat government to set-up their semi-conductor and display manufacturing unit. In September this year TATA Projects, a leading technologically led Indian EPC Company, Gujarat. The contract awarded to TATA Projects solidifies the company's proficiency in largescale, sustainable infrastructure development in the Indian manufacturing landscape.



international



From the beginning of my time in the New Zealand Parliament, I've advocated for global climate action. My passion and sense of urgency on this issue has only increased over the last 15 years, especially as I witnessed firsthand the impact of climate change in our region JACINDA ARDERN | FORMER NEW ZEALAND PM

LIFER FOR WIFE KILLER

An Indian man has been sentenced to life in the US state of Florida for fatally stabbing his 26-year-old wife 17 times and then driving over her body before fleeing from the scene in 2020, a media report said





The Thailand photographic evidence that Thai hostages held by the Hamas militant

SRETTHA THAVISIN | THAILAND PM





PRESIDENT OF THE STATE







Special celebration

London: King Charles III turns 75 November 14 and the milestone birthday of the British monarch will be marked with a giveaway of a special series of commemorative coins to other Britons also turning 75 this year, the UK's Royal Mint announced Monday. The Royal Mint said it is on the hunt for 75 people turning 75 years old this year to gift them the GBP 5 coin designed in honour of and as a tribute to the King's passions and interests

Yellen to host He Lifeng

Washington: US Treasury Secretary Janet Yellen will host Chinese Vice Premier He Lifeng for two days of talks this week, the latest in a series of high-level talks between US and Chinese officials as the world's two largest economies aim to ease tensions, the Treasury Department announced Monday, The Yellen-He talks set for Thursday and Friday come ahead of the start of the Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation summit in San Francisco which starts November 11.

Nepal President cancels Europe visit

Kathmandu: Nepal President Ramchandra Paudel has cancelled his planned 10-day visit to Europe in view of the devastating earthquake in the country, his office said Monday. Paudel was scheduled to depart on November 8 to participate in the Paris Peace Forum and subsequently visit Germany and Italy. He was scheduled to return home on November 17.

10,000 people killed in Gaza since start of war

Gaza, Nov 6: UN agency leaders saying "enough is enough" demanded a humanitarian ceasefire Monday nearly a month into Gaza's war, as the enclave's health authorities said the death toll from Israeli strikes on the enclave now exceeded 10,000.

Israel has rebuffed mounting international pressure for a ceasefire, saying hostages taken by Hamas militants during their rampage in southern Israel on October 7 should be released first.

"An entire population is besieged and under attack, denied access to the essentials for survival, bombed in their homes, shelters, hospitals and places of worship. This is unacceptable," the U.N. chiefs said in a joint statement.

"We need an immediate humanitarian ceasefire. It's been 30 days. Enough is enough. This must stop now." The 18 signatories include the U.N. High Commissioner for Human Rights Volker Turk, World Health Organization head Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus, and U.N. aid chief Martin Griffiths.

The reported number of fatalities in Israeli strikes on Gaza since October 7 has now surpassed 10,000, with the health ministry in the Hamas-controlled enclave saying at least 10,022 Palestinians were killed including 4,104 children.

A Reuters journalist in Gaza said an overnight bombardment by air, ground and sea was one of the most intense since Israel began its offensive following the Oct. 7 attack in which Hamas



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» Palestinian health officials said eight people were killed in an air strike overnight on Gaza City's Rantissi cancer hospital

killed 1,400 people and seized more than 240 hostages.

Israel, which says its forces have encircled Gaza City, faces mounting pressure over civilian casualties. A US diplomatic push in the region is intended to reduce risks of the conflict escalating

The health ministry in Gaza said dozens of people were killed by the Israeli air strikes in Gaza City and further south in Gaza neighbourhoods such as Zawaida and Deir Al-Balah. Hamas-affiliated Al-Aqsa TV quoted medical sources as saying at least 75 Palestinians were killed and 106 hurt in the attacks.

Palestinian health officials said eight people were killed in an air strike overnight on Gaza City's Rantissi cancer hospital. Israel's military said it was looking into the report.

The Israeli army said its strikes hit "tunnels terrorists military compounds, observation posts, and anti-tank missile launch posts". Ground troops killed several Hamas fighters while taking a militant compound containing observation posts, training areas and underground tunnels, it said.

Gaza border officials said the Rafah crossing has resumed operations to allow foreign passport holders and critically wounded Palestinians into Egypt. Hundreds of foreign nationals and wounded were allowed to leave Gaza for Egypt last week but no such exits have been reported since November 3

19 soldiers killed in **Russian missile strike**

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Kyiv, Nov 6: Ukraine confirmed Monday that 19 service members were killed by a Russian missile strike in Zaporizhzhia during a military awards ceremony in what President Volodymyr Zelenskyy lamented was a "tragedy that could've been avoided'

Defence Minister Rustem Umerov has ordered an investigation into why the 128th Separate Mountain-Assault Brigade of Zakarpattia participated in the crowded event Friday honouring troops for Rocket Forces and Artillery Day so close to front lines.

The announcement came as officials said Russian drone and missile strikes in Odesa wounded eight people and damaged an art museum that is part of a UN-ESCO World Heritage site, and satellite photos showed damage done by a Ukrainian missile strike to a Russian naval ship.

Odesa's National Art Museum said seven exhibitions, most featuring the work of contemporary Ukrainian artists, were damaged by a strike that left a large crater outside the museum celebrating its 124th anniversary.



Photos and video showed shattered windows, doors, and some paintings lying on the floor amid debris strewn across the galleries. The attack followed reports by the Russian Defense Ministry that Ukrainian cruise missiles aimed at the Zaliv shipyard in Kerch, a city in the east of the Moscow-held Crimean Peninsula, had struck one of

TENSIONS EASE

China, Aus agree to turn the page



REUTERS

Beijing, Nov 6: Chinese President Xi Jinping said Monday that a "healthy and stable" relationship with Australia served each country's interests, and that it was important to move forward with strategic ties.

Mutual benefit is what China wants, Xi told Australian Prime Minister Anthony Albanese, the first Australian leader to visit Beijing since 2016, as both men met at the Great Hall of the People in the heart of the Chinese capital.

A strong relationship between China and Australia "will be beneficial into the future,' Albanese told Xi in their second face-to-face talks in a year.

On his visit, Albanese is seeking to mend relations between the trading partners after disputes in recent years - over issues ranging from security concerns to the origin of COVID-19 - triggered Chinese blocks on Australian products including wine, barley and beef.

Earlier on Monday, Albanese stopped by Beijing's Temple of

Heaven, following in the footsteps of the Australian leader to visit China five decades ago as diplomatic relations were being

landmark, Albanese posed for a photograph at the circular Echo Wall, the spot where Australia's then Prime Minister, Gough Whitlam, stood in 1973, a year after the

established.

At the historic

two countries established ties. "In China we often say that when drinking water, we should not forget those who dug the well,' Xi said. "The Chinese people will not forget Prime Minister Whitlam for digging the well for us.'

For decades, China and Australia built a relationship on trade, with Beijing becoming Canberra's biggest commercial partner with purchases of Australian food and natural resources. But ties soured after Australia in 2017 accused China of meddling in its politics. The following year, Australia banned equipment from Chinese tech giant Huawei Technologies Co for its 5G network out of national security fears.

FOR BETTER SURVEILLANCE =

SK may launch 1st spy satellite Nov 30



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Seoul, Nov 6: South Korea said Monday it plans to launch its first domestically built spy satellite at the end of this month to better monitor rival North Korea, as the North pushes to expand its arsenal of nuclear weapons targeting its adversaries.

The plan was unveiled days after North Korea failed to follow through on its vow to make a third attempt to launch its own reconnaissance satellite in October, likely because of technical issues. Jeon Ha Gyu, a spokesperson for the South Korean Defense Ministry, told reporters Monday that the country's first military spy satellite will be launched from California's Vandenberg Air Force Base on November 30.

The satellite will be carried by SpaceX's Falcon 9 rocket. Under a contract with SpaceX, South Korea plans to launch four more spy satellites by 2025, according to South Korea's Defense Acquisition Program Administration

South Korea currently has no military reconnaissance satellites of its own and relies on U.S. spy satellites to monitor moves by North Korea. The possession of its own spy satellites would give South Korea an independent space-based surveillance system to monitor North Korea in almost near-time. When operated together with South Korea's socalled three-axis system - preemptive strike, missile defense and retaliatory assets - the country's overall defense against North Korea would be sharply strengthened, according to Lee Choon Geun, an honorary research fellow at South Korea's Science and Technology Policy Institute.



Britain's Prince William participates in a dragon boat event in Singapore, Monday

DIFFICULT INDIA, CANADA TIES IN DEEP CRISIS: EXPERTS

India recently decided to partially restore visa services, weeks after suspending them in anger at Ottawa's claim that Indian agents may have been involved in the murder of a Khalistani terrorist from Punjab

REUTERS

New Delhi, Nov 6: Mending frayed diplomatic relations between India and Canada will be a long process after each side adopted maximalist positions, despite New Delhi's surprise move to ease some visa curbs on Canadians, officials

and experts say. India recently decided to partially restore visa services, weeks after suspending them in anger at Ottawa's claim that Indian agents may have been involved in the murder of a

Khalistani terrorist from Punjab. Mutual recriminations since that accusation, which India strongly denies, have strained ties between the two countries close for almost a century and

with extensive links through the Sikh community - to their worst in memory.

And while India's relaxation on visas may have raised some expectations of improved relations, it was not a breakthrough, as neither side has much incentive to hasten a return to normalcy, officials and experts in both countries said

Neither New Delhi nor Ottawa looks likely to take dramatic steps to reconcile soon as Canada's murder investigation proceeds and Prime Minister Narendra Modi prepares for Indian national elections by May.

The relationship is in deep crisis, perhaps its worst ever,' said Michael Kugelman, director of the South Asia Institute



at the Wilson Center in Washington. "Each side may have a strong interest in the crisis not getting completely out of control, but that doesn't mean there are strong incentives to resolve the crisis.

Ajay Bisaria, India's ambassador to Canada from 2020 to 2022, said the relationship is in a "de-escalation phase" following "quiet diplomacy". Even with the reprieve, the visa curbs are expected to hinder the move-

ment of tens of thousands of Indians and people of Indian origin who live in Canada or plan to study there.

Although both governments have spared business and trade links, the acrimony has delayed discussions on a free-trade deal and threatens Group of Seven member Canada's Indo-Pacific plans, where New Delhi is critical to efforts to check an increasingly assertive China.

On September 18 Prime Minister Justin Trudeau said Canada was "actively pursuing credible allegations" linking Indian government agents to the June killing in a Vancouver suburb of Hardeep Singh Nijjar, 45, who had advocated the fringe position seeking to carve an independent Sikh homeland of Khalistan

out of India. Canada expelled India's intelligence chief in Ottawa. India quickly responded by halting 13 categories of visas for Canadians and cutting Canada's

diplomatic presence in India a move Ottawa said violated the Vienna Conventions.

Then on October 25, New Delhi said it would resume issuing visas under four categories, a measure Indian officials said aims to help people of Indian origin travel to India during the wedding season beginning this month.

"This is not a thaw," an Indian foreign ministry official said. "People can read whatever they want into it." Ottawa triggered the crisis and must take the first step towards climbing down from its position, another official said.

A senior Canadian government source said that while Ottawa's ultimate goal was to return to where things were, unpredictability in coming months over the murder investigation and trial, as well as India's elections, could interfere."This is a difficult moment, but Canada is not abandoning its Indo-Pacific strategy," the source said.

JUDGE CHIDES DONALD TRUMP

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New York, Nov 6: The judge presiding over the civil fraud trial of Donald Trump admonished him to keep his answers concise, reminding him and the courtroom that "this is not a political rally" as the former President and leading Republican president candidate began testifying in a lawsuit accusing him of dramatically inflating his net worth.

'We don't have time to waste. We have one day to do this," an exasperated Supreme Court Judge Arthur Engeron said at one point. At another, he said, "In addition to the answers being non-responsive, they're repetitive.'

Trump's turn on the witness stand, in a case that cuts to the \rightarrow heart of the business brand he spent decades crafting, represents a remarkable convergence of his legal troubles and his political ventures at a time when he also faces criminal indictments while vying to reclaim the White House in 2024.

SHORT TAKES

Verstappen wins

SAO PAULO: Three-time champion Max Verstappen led from the start and won the Brazilian Grand Prix ahead of McLaren's Lando Norris. Sergio Perez of Red Bull finished fourth, distancing himself from Mercedes' Lewis Hamilton in one of the few competitions left this season a position for runner-up. Perez nearly took the podium position from third-place Fernando Alonso of Aston Martin, but the Spaniard saw the checkered flag 0.053 seconds before the Mexican. Verstappen earned his record-breaking 17th win and never lost the lead.

Real held at home

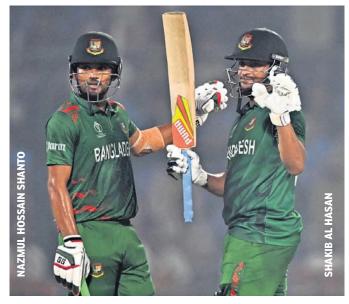
MADRID: Jude Bellingham couldn't come through this time and Real Madrid were held by Rayo Vallecano in their Madrid derby to drop to second place in the Spanish league. The 0-0 draw ended Madrid's perfect record at home and kept them from joining Girona at the top of the standings after 12 rounds. Girona had moved three points clear. Barcelona remained in third place, two points behind Madrid. Brothers Inaki and Nico Williams led Athletic Bilbao to a 3-2 win at Villarreal. The Basque Country club moved to fifth place, four points behind fourthplaced Atletico Madrid.

Luis Diaz's appeal

LUTON: Luis Diaz returned to Liverpool's team and scored a late equaliser in their Premier League match against Luton, with his father still missing after being kidnapped by a guerrilla group in Colombia. He revealed a T-shirt with the words "Libertad Para Papa" (Freedom for Papa) after the goal. Diaz followed that up with a post on Instagram later Sunday, It read: "Today the footballer is not speaking to you. Today Lucho Diaz. the son of Luis Manuel Diaz, is speaking to you... I beg you to release him immediately. respecting his integrity and ending this painful wait as soon as possible." Both of Diaz's parents were kidnapped in the small Colombian town of Barrancas last weekend, though his mother was

rescued within hours by police.

Bangladesh beat Sri Lanka



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New Delhi, Nov 6: Angelo Mathews became the first batter to be timed out in international cricket as Bangladesh officially knocked Sri Lanka out of the World Cup with a three-wicket win in a dramatic match, which was held amid severe air pollution here Monday.

Despite the AQI hovering close to the 400 mark, it was business as usual after the two teams braved toxic conditions as Bangladesh bowled Sri Lanka out for 279 in 49.3 overs, with Charith Asalanka scoring a 105ball 108 (6x4, 5x6).

But Bangladesh chased down the target with 53 balls to spare. Bangladesh skipper Shakib Al Hasan (82, 65b, 12x4, 2x6), who took 2/57 with the ball, and Najmul Hossain Shanto (90, 101b, 12x4) shared a 169-run stand off 147 balls to lay the foundation of the run chase. From 210/2, Bangladesh slumped to 269/7 be-

fore romping home in 41.1 overs. The win snapped Bangladesh's six-match losing streak and kept

UNWANTED RECORD FOR MATHEWS

NEW DELHI: Sri Lanka all-rounder Angelo Mathews Monday became the first international cricketer to be 'timed out' after not being ready to face the ball within two minutes of the fall of a wicket against Bangladesh. The incident happened in the 25th over when the 36-year-old walked out to bat after the dismissal of Sadeera Samarawickrama but found that the helmet strap was broken and immediately signalled for a replacement instead of facing the bowler Shakib Al Hasan. This prompted Bangladesh to appeal for a 'time out'. Mathews was seen having an animated discussion with umpire Marais Erasmus and Richard Illingworth, explaining that he had some issue with the helmet strap. He also approached Shakib, who didn't withdraw his appeal and the Sri Lankan cricketer was forced to leave the field. According to article 40.1.1 of the ICC playing conditions for the 2023 World Cup, "After the fall of a wicket or the retirement of a batter, the incoming batter must, unless Time has been called, be ready to receive the ball, or for the other batter to be ready to receive the next ball within two minutes of the dismissal or retirement. If this requirement is not met, the incoming batter will be out, Timed out." Article 40.1.2 says: "In the event of an extended delay in which no batter comes to the wicket, the umpires shall adopt the procedure of Law 16.3 (ICC Match referee awarding a match). For the purposes of that clause the start of the action shall be taken as the expiry of the two minutes referred to above."

them in the race for the Champions Trophy qualification, while denting Sri Lanka's chances for the 2025 event in Pakistan. The top seven teams from this World Cup will qualify for the Champions Trophy, while Pakistan, being the hosts, have qualified automatically.

For Sri Lanka, it was their sixth loss in eight games. Both Bangladesh and Sri Lanka, who are at four points each, need to finish inside the top-8 to make the cut.

Earlier, Asalanka's timely hundred took them to 279. He forged a 63-run partnership with Sadeera Samarawickrama (41).

before adding 78 with Dhananjaya de Silva (34). He also shared 45 with Theekshana (22). Opener Pathum Nissanka also contributed with a 36-ball 41.

BRIEF SCORES

Sri Lanka 279 (Charith Asalanka 108, Pathum Nissanka 41, Sadeera Samarawickrama 41; Tanzim Hasan Sakib 3/80, Shoriful Islam 2/51, Shakib Al Hasan 2/57) lost to Bangladesh 282/7 (Nazmul Hossain Shanto 90, Shakib Al Hasan 82; Dilshan Madushanka 3/69, Angelo Mathews 2/35, Maheesh Theekshana 2/44) by 7 wickets.

at FIDE Grand Swiss

Rare double for India

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Isle of Man (UK), Nov 6: R Vaishali and Vidit Gujrathi clinched the women's and open category titles respectively in the FIDE Grand Swiss in a rare double for India on the world stage, with both players also qualifying for the prestigious Candidates tournament.

While Vaishali played out a draw with Batkhuyag Mungutuul of Mongolia in the 11th and final round to bag the women's title Sunday night, Vidit beat Alexandr Predke of Serbia to record his seventh victory in the event and take the top spot in open section.

Both Vaishali and Vidit ended with identical 8.5 points apiece and stayed a half point clear of nearest rivals. Apart from a place in the Candidates to be played in April next year in Canada,



Vaishali got richer by USD 25000 (Over Rs 20 Lakhs) while Vidit took home a whopping prize purse of USD 80000 (Over Rs 66 Lakhs).

The second place in the women's section went to Anna Muzychuk of Ukraine. The second woman player to make it to the Candidates was Tan Zhongyi who finished third.

In the open section, Arjun Erigaisi ended a creditable fourth and remained unbeaten throughout the event. Vaishali had her eves trained for the gold and the Grandmaster title can wait for which she is shy of a few points.

Vaishali became the first Indian to win the Grand Swiss and will have her task cut out in the Candidates alongside India's first woman Grandmaster -Koneru Humpy, who is likely to qualify by virtue of her high rating but the decision will be known only in January 2024.

SWIATEK IN FINAL, EYES TOP SPOT IN WTA CHART

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Cancun, Nov 6: Iga Swiatek gave herself a shot at her first WTA Finals title and the year-end top ranking by eliminating No.1 Aryna Sabalenka 6-3, 6-2 in a rain-suspended semifinal.

The second-seeded Swiatek. a 22-year-old from Poland, will meet the fifth-seeded Jessica Pegula, a 29-year-old from the United States, Monday for the trophy at the tour's season-ending championship. Both play-

ers went undefeated during round-robin play and have claimed all eight sets they've played on the outdoor hard court in Cancun.

The final was supposed to be played Sunday, but a series of showers throughout the week continued Saturday, when Pegula defeated Coco Gauff in the first semifinal. The second semifinal, Swiatek vs Sabalenka, was stopped in the fourth game.

Swiatek consistently out-hit the powerful Sabalenka, the run-

ner-up at last year's WTA Finals, from the baseline and wound up with more winners, 16-13, while also making fewer than half as many unforced errors, 23-10.

Sabalenka, who won the Australian Open in January for her first major title, could have guaranteed herself remaining at No.1 by beating Swiatek. Instead, a victory over Pegula would allow Swiatek to rise from No.2 to regain the top spot she held from April 2022 to this September, when Sabalenka overtook her.

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

New Delhi, Nov 6: A disappointing Asian Games campaign on their mind, the Indian women's hockey team wanted to set the record straight by clinching the gold medal in the just-concluded Asian Champions Trophy in Ranchi, skipper Savita Punia said.

Touted as favourites, India fell short at the Asian Games, losing to eventual winners China 0-4 in the semifinal in Hangzhou in October: But the Indians roared

back to form, demolishing all their Asian rivals, including China, to clinch their second Asian Champions Trophy title in Ranchi Sunday with a 4-0 win over Japan.

Wanted to set record straight at ACT: Savita

"We came with a target. We wanted to set the record straight after the team fell short in the Asian Games. We wanted to claim the gold medal here, especially since it was being held in India for the first time," said Savita after claiming the ACT title Sunday.

"We always take it one game at a time in every tournament. This time, the whole team had a point to prove and I am glad we were able to do so."

India, who won the bronze at the Asian Games, will return to Ranchi and look to repeat the performance at the women's FIH Hockey Olympic Qualifiers, scheduled to be held January 13-19.

"The team played a lot of attacking hockey. We took the initiative as we have the players suited for it and everyone gave their best to make sure we stand on top of the podium," Savita said.

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Hon'ble Chief Minister, Odisha

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India in the near future will remain the largest coking coal export destination, one due to a significant increase in domestic steel demand and the other as China will depend more on its own resources DILIP OOMMEN | PRESIDENT, ISA

MUNDRA PORT SETS NEW RECORD

Mundra Port, the flagship of Adani Ports and Special Economic Zone Ltd (APSEZ), has set a record by handling 16.1 million metric tonnes (MMT) of cargo in October, the highest-ever volume by any port in India. Mundra Port, the country's largest port, crossed the 100 MMT-mark in 210 days, surpassing the record of 231 days last year





announcing a partnership with HPCL to roll out thousands of Gogoro battery swapping stations across its

retail outlets throughout the country in the coming years

HORACE LUKE | FOUNDER AND CEO, GOGORO

We are planning to launch three projects in Gurugram and Andhra Pradesh within the next 6-9 months. We are

expecting a revenue of about ₹4,000 crore from these projects AMIT SARIN MD, ANANT RAJ

sales growth in the second quarter of the current fiscal year is largely a result of increased momentum in implementation of infrastructure projects

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02 RESULTS

Barbeque Nation slips into red

New Delhi: Barbeque Nation Hospitality on Monday reported a loss of ₹11.92 crore on a consolidated basis in the second quarter ended September 2023. The company had reported a Profit After Tax (PAT) of ₹7.53 crore in the July-September period a year ago, according to a regulatory

HPCL swings back to black

New Delhi: State-owned Hindustan Petroleum Corporation Ltd (HPCL) Monday reported returning to profitability in the September quarter after a boost in marketing margin improved earnings. It logged a consolidated net profit of ₹5.826.96 crore in July September 2023-24.

POSITIVE GLOBAL TRENDS

Bulls remain strong

Sensex, Nifty jump nearly 1% on gain in IT, banking shares; rally for 3rd day on the trot

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Mumbai, Nov 6: Benchmark Sensex and Nifty rallied for a third straight session Monday, closing higher by nearly 1 per cent on gains in IT, private banks and capital goods shares amid favourable trends in global markets.

The 30-share BSE Sensex jumped 594.91 points or 0.92 per cent to settle at 64,958.69. During the day, it rallied 628.76 points or 0.97 per cent to 64,992.54.

Optimism continued as soft expectations of moderation in monetary tightening by the Fed supported the sentiment. Since most of the headwinds are global in nature, investor sentiment has shifted to domesticoriented businesses, where festive demand is healthy VINOD NAIR | HEAD OF RESEARCH, GEOJIT FINANCIAL SERVICES

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2Ws take down Oct automobile retail sales

Among the Sensex firms, Larsen & Toubro, Axis Bank, Tata Steel, Bajaj Finance, Power Grid. Asian Paints, Mahindra & Mahindra has rallied around 1,367 and Bajaj Finserv were the biggest gain-

State Bank of India, Hindustan Unilever. Tata Motors and Titan were the laggards.

In the broader market, the BSE smallcap gauge jumped 1 per cent and midcap index rallied 0.90

Among the indices, capital

Investors richer

Investors' wealth climbed ₹7.95 lakh crore in three days of market rally amid positive trends in global markets. The market capitalisation of BSE-listed firms soared ₹7,95,290.63 crore to reach ₹3,18,17,766.44 crore, in three trading days.

goods advanced 1.68 per cent, metal jumped 1.64 per cent, industrials (1.42 per cent), utilities (1.39 per cent), commodities (1.38 per cent), oil & gas (1.33 per cent), energy (1.27 per cent), realty (1.19 per cent), bankex climbed 0.74 per cent and auto (0.65

per cent).

Consumer Durables emerged as the only laggard. In Asian markets, Seoul, Tokyo, Shanghai and Hong Kong settled in the green. European markets were trading lower. The US markets ended in

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positive territory Friday. Global oil benchmark Brent crude climbed 1.35 per cent to \$86.04 a barrel. Foreign insti tutional investors (FIIs) offloaded equities worth ₹12.43 crore Friday, according to exchange data.

Patra named Business **Development General Manager of UCO Bank**

BHUBANESWAR: To look after the business development in Odisha, Chhattisgarh, Andhra Pradesh and Telangana a new **Business Development General** Manager Office has started functioning in Bhubaneswar. 5 Zonal Offices at Bhubaneswar, Sambalpur, Balasore, Raipur and Hyderabad within the above states will be covered under the jurisdiction of the General Manager's Office. This General Manager Office will work for the overall business growth of the bank. General Manager Goutam



Patra will lead the office for the first time. Previously Patra was serving as the Zonal Head of UCO Bank Zonal Office Bhubaneswar, This office will predominantly focus on digital banking, forex business, export and to intact customer base. The total business mix of the above 5 zones is about 47,000 crore. With this new responsibility, General Manager Patra will also continue as the Convenor of the State Level Bankers Committee

PEAKING DEMAND

Power plants told to run at full pace

POWER MIN DIRECTS STATES TO RUN **POWER PLANTS AT FULL CAPACITY AS ELECTRICITY DEMAND ROSE 20% YOY IN THE LAST THREE MONTHS**

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

The minister

New Delhi, Nov 6: Union Minister RK Singh Monday asked his counterparts in states to run all power plants at full capacity to meet the peak demand against the backdrop of rising electricity consumption and coal shortage.

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New Delhi. "To meet the growing demand, all states need to run all power plants and at full capacity," Singh said. He met with his counterparts

in states and union territories and shared his views on steps being taken to address the growing power demand in the country, which he said is a sign of fast growth of the Indian economy. The power demand has increased phenomenally. The de-

mand increased by 20 per cent

year-on-year in August, September and October 2023. This shows how fast the country's economy is growing. "Also, we met peak demand of 2.41 lakh MW recently while peak demand was 1.9 lakh MW

in 2017-18. If the peak demand grows even higher, it will not be able to met. This is one challenge that needs to be addressed." Singh also asked states to blend

domestic coal with imported

coal to address supply-demand

gap.
"I am certain that Coal India must have increased production, but our demand has increased faster. This has led to shortages and that's why we need to do 6 per cent blending. NTPC and DVC are doing the blending, states too should do the blending,

> age of coal," he added. The minister stressed that available coal will have to be dis-

depending on short-

tributed equitably among states, depending on require-"We don't play politics

in electricity. It is a fully integrated system; power is generated in some state and consumed in 3-4 different states. Coal is produced somewhere, wind somewhere and solar somewhere else. We are not going to do any favouritism. The shortage will have to be shared by all and supplemented by all. The minister further urged

states to set up new power plants near coal belts so that issues related to long-distance transportation of coal and availability of rakes do not arise.

"We need to add capacity as well.... We need about 80,000 MW of thermal capacity under construction. All this capacity addition is being done through the public sector, private sector investment has not started coming, but I am quite certain that private sector investments will come, as we have made the system viable and the sector gives returns." Singh said.

The extremely **US payroll data and**

National Stock Exchange climbed 181.15 points or 0.94 per cent to

Monday, Sensex has rallied

New Delhi, Nov 6: Retail sales

of automobiles in the domestic

market saw a 7.73 per cent year-

on-vear decline in October this

vear at 21.17.596 units, mainly due

to dip in two-wheeler uptake

with the inauspicious period of

Shraddh affecting new pur-

chases, the Federation of

Automobile Dealers Associations

in the domestic market stood at

22,95,099 units in October 2022,

at 15.07.756 units last month, as

FADA said in a statement.

Retail sales of automobiles

Two-wheeler retail sales were

(FADA) said Monday.

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against 17,25,043 units in the vear-ago period, down 12.60 per cent, as per the latest data by

Similarly, passenger vehicle (PV) retail also declined by 1.35 per cent at 3,53,990 last month, as compared to 3,58,884 units in October 2022.

TWO-WHEELER **PLUNGE 12.60% PV RETAIL DIPS 1.35%**

AUTO RETAIL

7.73% IN OCT

SALES DIP

On the other hand, threewheeler sales were up 45.63 per cent at 1.04.711 units, as compared to 71.903 units in the yearago month. Tractor retail sales also grew by 6.15 per cent at 62,440 units, as against 58,823

units in October 2022. Commercial vehicles retail



It could lead to industry-wide repercussions, FADA said, asserting "Immediate and decisive action is imperative to counter the risk of a financial squeeze as the year closes.

sales increased 10.26 per cent

in October this year at 88,699

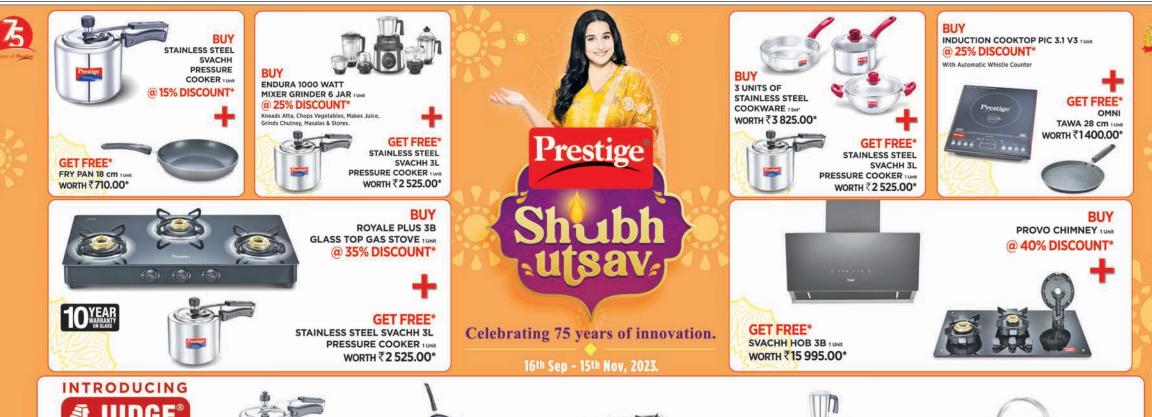
units, as compared to 80,446

High inventory levels in PVs,

at a critical 63-66 days range,

demand urgent attention from

units in the year-ago month.





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