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MARIAH CAREY FEELS 'EXCITED' TO PERFORM ALONGSIDE HER KIDS

Singer Mariah Carey - who has 12-year-old twins Monroe and Moroccan with ex-husband Nick Cannon - has revealed that she'll be joined on her Merry Christmas One and All Tour by her kids. "I'm proud of them ... They just know so many things, and I'm excited to watch them," shared Carey.

I HATE BEING IN THE PUBLIC EYE: MACHINE GUN KELLY

Rapper Machine Gun Kelly has admitted that he struggles with fame, after he was widely criticised for an awkward TV interview on the grid at the Brazilian Grand Prix Sunday. In response to the criticism, MGK wrote on X: "My anxiety has won. I hate being in public."



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ARIES
You are enthusiastic about mixing with people today, and you will feel like combining business and leisure. You will be encouraged to take part in group activities as you have the ability to work and have fun at the same time. Ganesh says that as a matter of fact you may emerge wiser from others' ideas.

TAURUS
Professionals in all spheres of work are due for a field day today. The day will be particularly outstanding for Administrators and executives are likely to get richer by the end of the day. Even if you are engaged in some other work, you will stand out and get noticed for your overall excellence.

GEMINI
Routine work bores you, and today you will go all out to break free from the shackles of boredom. The results, however, may not be as dramatic. You will have to depend on your children, if any, to rescue you from the tyranny of routine.

CANCER
You wish to display your social prestige and monetary clout in front of your relatives. But you have to pay a heavy price for that. Your past experience will teach you something, which will stand in good stead for future dealings.

LEO
You will see some change in your daily schedule today. It is a good day to start a new job or business activity. You will focus more attention on your personality today. You will try to improve yourself and bring your hidden talents to the fore. Make the most of this opportunity to implement your plans, says Ganesh.

VIRGO
Ganesh says you realise the importance of family matters today. You have great skills when it comes to negotiations, and you will use them in settling disputes amicably. Ganesh says you have learned the lessons of life on staying level-headed, and that you keenly believe that opposition eventually leads to progress.

LIBRA
Ganesh says today you may be able to undertake travel for business or pleasure purposes. It may be a busy day for you work wise and you may not be able to completely focus on your family or family issues. Try your luck in the stock market today, as it may prove beneficial to you. If there are certain issues or problems they will be sorted out today because of your varied skills and past experiences.

SCORPIO
Try to take a chill pill as you may be worried about petty issues today. Do not let them hinder your happiness and take a toll on your health. However, the day looks promising towards the end. Friends are just a phone call away, call them and set out for a destination unknown to distress and rejuvenate.

SAGITTARIUS
Work is likely to keep you on toes. At work place, you and your opinions will be in demand. Those who are associated with stock exchange and shares will be happy to gain profits during the afternoon. Wait and watch the end result in the evening.

CAPRICORN
Though you leave no stone unturned to identify the opportunities coming your way, you need to keep your guards on whenever you are a part of a legal matter. Financially, you're likely to bear some heavy losses, and if you're a dealer or a broker, the chances of suffering from them are even higher. Take some precautionary measures well in advance, advises Ganesh.

AQUARIUS
The game is set; you are put up against those who are holding a grudge against you and are waiting for an opportunity to pull you down. But, you are confident, skilful, and know your strengths very well. No matter how hard the opponents try, they will be no match to you, predicts Ganesh.

PISCES
You will find yourself in a philosophical state of mind today. You will be able to see things for what they really are, rather than what they appear to be. You are unlikely to try and swim against the flow today, given your mental state.

A FILM JOURNALISTS' FORUM INITIATIVE

Odia classic *Parinama* re-released after 63 years

The prints of the movie, released in 1960, were lost in the 1969 floods and their recovery was impossible, said producer Krushnachandra Tripathy Sharma in 1989



A screengrab from the movie

OP PHOTO

Bhubaneswar: The Film Journalists' Forum (FJF), a group of passionate cinecribes, conducted the screening of the restored and digitised version of Odia classic movie *Parinama* here at Jaydev Bhawan.

After an exhaustive research, FJF managed to locate the long-lost print of this cinematic gem, said Surya Deo, an active member of the Forum.

"Through meticulous cleaning, preservation, and digitization, the film has been brought back to its former glory and could be screened," added Deo, who bagged a National Film Award earlier this year for his book *Kali Pain Kalira Cinema*.

It may be recalled that Krushnachandra Tripathy Sharma, the producer of the movie, during an interview in

1989, regretted that he lost prints of all his films including *Parinama*, in the floods of 1969. After that, he stopped making films. So, there was no possibility of retrieving the movie.

"It's a long story about how and from where it was recovered. However, our painstaking efforts paid off, and we could restore the classic using advanced technology," said Deo.

Presented by Utkal Chalachitra Pratisthana and directed by Biswanath Nayak, the film had Pramod Panigrahi and Gitisudha in lead roles. Dukhira Swain, Dhira Biswal, Master Mania, Purna Chand, Sundarmani, Kishori Devi, and Karik Ghosh played other key roles. Tushar Panigrahi, brother of former Odisha CM Nandini Satpathy, played the main antagonist in the movie.

Bhubaneswar Mishra scored the music, while Akshay Mohanty, Sandhya Mukherjee, and Nirmala Mishra lent voice to the songs.

The 90-minute movie was released in Capital Talkies (Cuttack), Srikrushna Talkies (Puri), and Utkal Talkies (Aska) November 3, 1960.

Kat, AI's latest victim after Rashmika

Mumbai: Amid Rashmika Mandanna's deepfake controversy, another concerning incident has surfaced on social media. This time, a deepfaked image from Katrina Kaif's upcoming film *Tiger 3* has gone viral, raising further alarms about the misuse of technology. The picture showcases a scene from the movie and it has now ignited discussions about the ethical implications of

deepfake technology in the entertainment industry.

In the original picture, Katrina is seen wearing a towel and fighting a Hollywood stunt woman, but the altered image shows her wearing a white bikini.

The fans are slamming the internet saying how horrible the technology has become. Nowadays, morphed videos and pictures have become the biggest concern on social media, and it's high time cyberrime takes some action against these acts.

The term deepfake recently started doing rounds on the internet after the video of Rashmika Mandanna was circulating on social media yesterday. The clip of the Pushpa actor saw a girl entering a lift which had her face. Abhishek Kumar, a journalist and researcher, released the video on X, pleading for a legislative and regulatory framework to address India's burgeoning deepfakes. The video is originally of Zara Patel, a British-Indian influencer, but her face was replaced with the actor's face using deepfake technology.



Aamir's son to portray transwoman on stage

Mumbai: Junaid Khan, the son of top star Aamir Khan, will be essaying the role of a transwoman in stage play titled *Strictly Unconventional*.

The play comes with multiple relationships and the stories around them.

Junaid is a part of two of these stories and both his parts are diametrically opposite to one another.

"The play has multiple relationship stories and Junaid is part of two of them. Both roles are poles apart. In one, which is worth immense praise, he will be seen playing a transwoman. He will be seen donning a 'chudidaar kameez' with a wig. It is going to be performed in the evening of November 15 at Prithvi Theatre", revealed a source.

Junaid has been working actively in theatre for over six years. He made his foray into the world of theatre in August 2017 with director Quasar Thakore Padamsee's adaptation of Bertolt Brecht's *Mother Courage and Her Children*, a biting satire on the absurdity of war.

On the work front, while his screen debut is announced as his project with YRF titled *Maharaj*, as per reports he also has already signed another film which will also star Sai Pallavi opposite him, in a love story.

Mouni's mantra to fortify bond

Mumbai: Actress Mouni Roy has shared some important love tips to strengthen relationship.

The actress said not talking too much about the former partner and not overthinking is the mantra to a perfect relationship.

Here's what Mouni, the *Queen of Hearts from Temptation Island*, shared:

"Take Interest in your partner's Interests: Building a common ground is crucial for a thriving connection. Mouni emphasises the importance of sharing interests to engage in activities together and deepen the bond"

The she said, "Don't talk about your ex too much. Avoid delving into the past excessively."

Mouni advises against over-sharing about ex-partners, as it can potentially bother the current partner and hinder the growth of a relationship.

Don't also overthink, added the Brahmastra actress.

"Overanalysing every aspect of a relationship can lead to unnecessary complications. Mouni encourages going with the flow, allowing connections to develop organically," she said.

Mouni went to add, "Don't forget to have fun. Embrace the little joys in relationships."

Having fun together strengthens the bond."

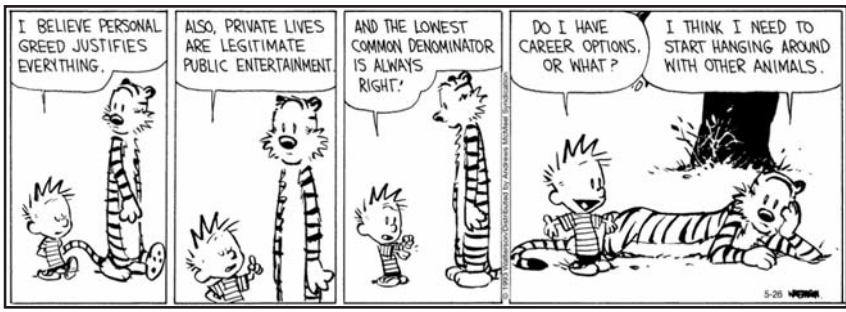
As Mouni suggests, a touch of playfulness can be a powerful ingredient for a lasting and fulfilling connection.



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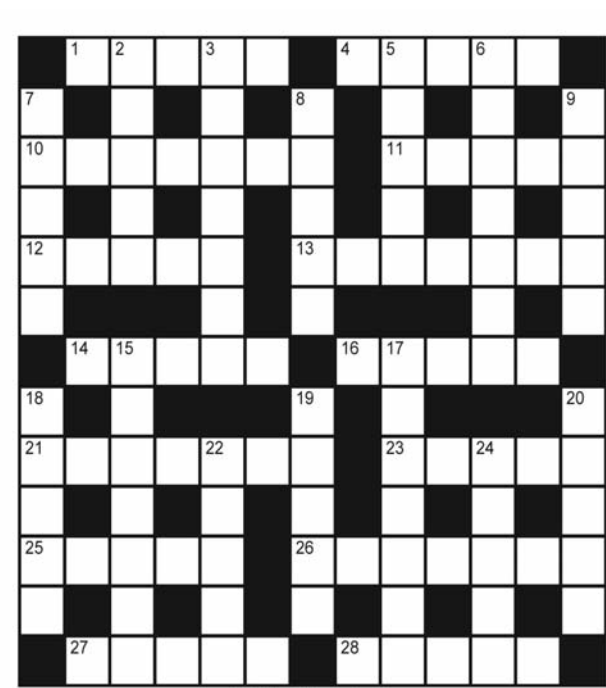


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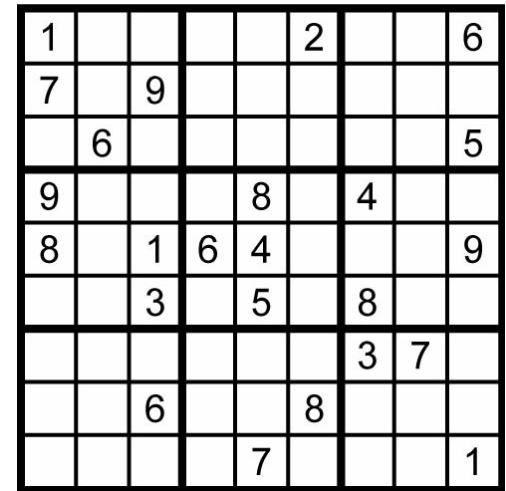
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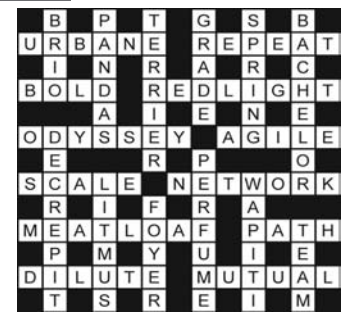
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SUDOKU

To solve the Sudoku puzzle, fill in the boxes in such a manner that every row, column and 3x3 box contains the digits 1 to 9, without repeating any.

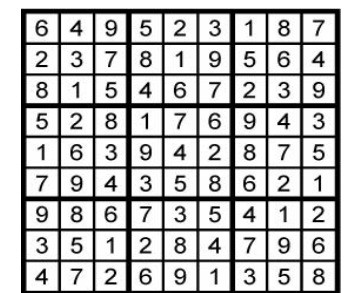


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34% EARN ₹6K OR LESS

Around 34 per cent families in Bihar live on less than ₹6,000 a month or less than ₹200 a day, according to the Caste Survey report

NATIONAL P7



NATO SCRAPS COLD WAR PACT

NATO member countries that signed a key Cold War-era security treaty freeze their participation in the pact Tuesday

INTERNATIONAL P8



ODISHA FC SCRIPT WIN

Odisha FC come from behind to defeat Maziya Sports & Recreation of Maldives 3-2 in a Group D match of the AFC Cup

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Life term for 8 villagers

BERHAMPUR: A local court here Tuesday sentenced eight persons to life imprisonment after convicting them for the murder of a co-villager over past enmity at Ambagada village under Berhampur Sadar police limits in Ganjam district in 2017. The convicts were identified as R Hari Patra, 30, R Lokanath Patra, 21, M Danda Patra, 45, K Bairi Patra, 55, K Bhima Patra, 47, M Somesh Patra, 20, B Noi Patra, 37, and B Bhaskar Patra, 21 - all residents of the same village. The eight thrashed Budu Patra of the village to death over past enmity September 17, 2017. **P3**

'Pralay' test fired

BALASORE: India Tuesday successfully test-fired its surface-to-surface short-range ballistic missile (SRBM) 'Pralay' from the Abdul Kalam Island off the Odisha coast, a Defence official said. The missile has been developed by the Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) in view of the country's defence requirements along its borders with neighbouring China and Pakistan, he said. The missile, launched around 9.50 am, met all its mission objectives, the official said, adding that a battery of tracking instruments monitored its trajectory along the coastline. 'Pralay' is a 350-500 km short-range, surface-to-surface missile with a payload capacity of 500-1,000 kg. 'Pralay' has been developed for deployment along the Line of Actual Control and Line of Control, he said.



SUPER MAX: Australia's Glenn Maxwell celebrates his double century and his team's win in the ICC Men's Cricket World Cup 2023 match between Afghanistan and Australia at the Wankhede Stadium, in Mumbai, Tuesday **PTI PHOTO**

35-yr-old woman stabbed to death in City

INDO-ASIAN NEWS SERVICE

Bhubaneswar, Nov 7: A 35-year-old woman was stabbed to death by unknown miscreants at Gothapatna under Chandaka police station on the outskirts of the City here late Monday night. The deceased identified as Sasmita Behera was living at Krishnapuri colony in Chandaka police station area here.

"Sasmita and her husband used to run a roadside eatery at the place. The husband had gone to fetch water from a nearby tap when some miscreants assaulted the woman leading to her death. The reason behind the fatal assault is

FOUR MURDERS IN 24 HRS ROCK CAPITAL

yet to be established. However, circumstances suggest that she had been attacked over some previous enmity," said Prakash Chandra Pal, Additional DCP.

A case (350/23) has been registered in this regard on the basis of the complaint lodged by the victim's brother. Sources in the police claimed that the assailants had used a long sharp weapon that almost pierced the victim.

Significantly, hours before the incident, a 25-year-old married man killed a 5-year-old girl

by slitting her throat after allegedly raping her in a slum under Airfield police limits. The accused identified as Ghania Das, a daily wagger, was on the run after committing the crime, said police.

"On being informed, police, along with the forensic team, reached the spot and started an investigation. Based on a complaint lodged by the victim's family, we have registered a case (274/23) against the accused for murder. However, we are waiting for the autopsy report and will slap rape charges against the

accused after confirmation," said Ashok Kumar Nayak, IIC, Airfield police station.

Meanwhile, two more suspected murder cases were reported at different places in the Airfield police station area during the day.

The family members of a married woman accused her husband and in-laws of killing her over dowry related dispute, while the father of a 27-year-old girl levelled murder charges against her live-in partner.

Police have reportedly detained the husband and the lover of the deceased woman after registering two separate offences.

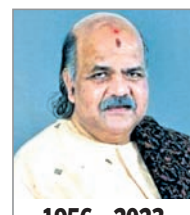
Maheswar Mohanty passes away

POST NEWS NETWORK

Bhubaneswar, Nov 7: Former Odisha Assembly speaker Maheswar Mohanty died at a private hospital here, Tuesday.

Mohanty, a BJD leader who was also a minister, was 67. He is survived by two sons and wife.

He was admitted to the hospital on November 1 after suffering a cerebral stroke, and the end came at 3.25 am Tuesday, officials said. His mortal remains were consigned to flames at 'Swargadwar' in Puri with full state honours. His elder son Sunil lit the funeral pyre while thousands of people joined his funeral procession.



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Popularly referred to as the "strongman" of Puri, Mohanty, an advocate by profession, was elected to the Assembly from the Holy town five times, as a Janata Dal candidate in 1995 and as a BJD nominee in 2000, 2004, 2009 and 2014.

In the Naveen Patnaik government, he held portfolios such as Panchayati Raj, Revenue, Law and Tourism, between 2011 and 2019. He was the Speaker of the Assembly from 2004 to 2008.

Chief Minister Naveen Patnaik described him as a "popular leader with high organisational skills". He played an important role in the development of Puri as an MLA and minister, Patnaik said. **MORE P2**

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SC for green Diwali

The apex court also advocated for community sensitisation to prevent bursting of firecrackers during the festive seasons

POST NEWS NETWORK

New Delhi, Nov 7: The Supreme Court Tuesday clarified that its earlier order for prohibiting manufacture and sale of firecrackers containing barium and banned chemicals is applicable to all the states and not just Delhi and National Capital Region. However, the sale of green crackers is permissible as per the apex court order of 2018.

A two-judge bench of Justices AS Bopanna and MM Sundresh asked all the states to comply with the apex court order banning firecrackers. The bench observed that no fresh order is required at this juncture as it had passed plethora of directions indicating steps to minimise air and noise pollution.

"Hence the said orders will bind every state in the country, including the state of Rajasthan," the bench said.

The bench said this while hearing an application seeking directions to the Rajasthan government to comply with the Supreme Court's directions regarding ban on crackers containing barium and minimising air and noise pollution during festive season. The apex court also advocated for community sensitisation to prevent bursting of firecrackers during the festive seasons. It said that sensitising common people about the harmful effects of firecrackers is the key.

"Ironically, nowadays children don't burst many firecrackers but elders do. It is a wrong perception that it is the duty

of the court when it comes to pollution and environment protection. People have to come forward. It is for everyone to manage air and sound pollution," the bench said.

Earlier in September, the apex court had rejected the plea of firecracker manufacturing association to permit manufacture and sale of firecrackers containing barium and joined fireworks (series crackers or laris) as per new standards.

Significantly, the Supreme Court had in October 2018 banned the manufacturing and sale of conventional crackers containing barium and other harmful chemicals. The apex court had allowed bursting of only green crackers, which have low emission of sound and harmful chemicals, during the festivals.

The top court had also banned the manufacture, sale and use of joined firecrackers (series crackers or laris) saying that they cause "huge air, noise and solid waste problems". The apex court had said that the noise and smoke emission limits on the crackers have to be approved by the Petroleum and Explosive Safety Organization (PESO), under the Department of Industrial Policy and Promotion, Ministry of Commerce and Industry. The court had also banned the fire-crackers generating noise level exceeding 125 dB(A) of 145dB(C) at 4 metres distance from the point of bursting.

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MARKET WATCH

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NIFTY	19406.70	↓ 5.10
DOLLAR	83.28	↑ ₹0.05
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SILVER	₹70,729	↓ ₹1388

WEATHER

	BHUB	CTK
TEMP MAX	31.6°C	30.0°C
TEMP MIN	23.1°C	23.0°C
Humidity	87%	85%
Rainfall	Nil	Nil
Forecast	Partly cloudy sky	

Four booked for stealing 'America'

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

London, Nov 7: Four men have been charged over the theft of an 18-carat gold toilet from Blenheim Palace, the sprawling English country mansion where British wartime leader Winston Churchill was born.

The toilet, valued at 4.8 million pounds (USD 5.95 million), was an artwork titled 'America' and intended as a pointed satire about excessive wealth by Italian conceptual artist Maurizio Cattelan. It was part of an art installation at Blenheim Palace, near the city of Oxford, a few days before it



vanished overnight in September 2019.

The Crown Prosecution Service said Monday it has authorised criminal charges against four men, ages 35-39, over the theft. They are accused of burglary and conspiracy to transfer criminal property. Seven people had

been arrested over the heist, but no charges have been brought until Monday, four years after the toilet was stolen. The artwork has never been found.

The golden toilet was fully functioning, and prior to the theft, visitors to the exhibition could book a three-minute appointment to use it. Police said that because the toilet had been connected to the palace's plumbing system, its removal caused 'significant damage and flooding' to the 18th-century building, a UNESCO World Heritage site filled with valuable art and furniture that draws thousands of visitors each year.

The Guggenheim Museum in New York, where the artwork was installed in a bathroom prior to it being shown at Blenheim Palace, described the toilet as 'cast in 18-carat gold'.

The museum said the artwork invited viewers to 'make use of the fixture individually and privately' to experience 'unprecedented intimacy with a work of art'.

In 2021, the Thames Valley Police, the force investigating the theft, suggested that it would be a 'challenge' to recover the toilet. The four suspects will appear at Oxford Magistrates' Court November 28, prosecutors said.

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Stop selective posting of judges: SC to Centre

AGENCIES

New Delhi, Nov 7: The Supreme Court Tuesday asked the Centre to stop the selective 'pick and choose' approach in appointments to the top court, high courts and transfers between high courts, warning it of "an unpalatable order" if the delay and selectivity continue while making appointments recommended by the SC collegium.

A bench of Justices Sanjay Kishan Kaul and Sudhanshu Dhulia expressed great concern over the delay by the Centre in clearing names proposed or reiterated by the collegium for appointment to the Supreme Court and high courts, or transfer between high courts.

Citing a recent example, Justice Kaul said that even when the SC collegium had recommended the elevation of five advocates as the Punjab and Haryana High Court judges, the Centre skipped first two and cleared the remaining three.

He added that this trend was reflected in several other appointments made by the Centre which disturbs inter-se seniority.

"This pick-and-choose must stop," Justice Kaul told Attorney General R Venkataramani.



The apex court warned the AG that it might pass orders that may not be "palatable" on the judicial side if the problem is not taken care of

He further told the AG that this must not be taken as an off-hand remark as he has discussed this with the collegium.

While passing the order, the bench warned the AG that it might pass orders that may not be "palatable" on the judicial side if the problem is not taken care of by the Centre.

It also said in its order that 14 names are pending with the Centre and five are pending de-

spite the reiteration by the collegium.

Dictating the order the SC bench said, "We have expressed our concerns to the AG over the lack of progress since the last date. Pendency of transfer matter is an issue of great concern as it is being selectively done...AG submits that the issue is being taken up by him with the government.

"There are 14 pending recommendations to which there has been no response. In recommendations made recently, selective appointments have been made...This is hardly conducive to persuading successful lawyers to join the bench."

Justice Kaul asked the government to show some progress on the issue of transfers and selective appointments as the delays create huge anomalies in the system.

The court was hearing a plea seeking contempt action against the Centre over delays in notifying the appointment of judges after recommendations were forwarded by the Collegium. On October 20, the top court said that it will have to "unstuck" the collegium recommendations stuck with the Centre for appointment of judges. The case is listed for further hearing November 20.



BOOST TO SPORTS: Chief Minister Naveen Patnaik inaugurates 'Odisha Table Tennis Academy' in Laxmisagar area of Bhubaneswar, Tuesday. ST Chairman VK Pandian, Sports and Youth Services Minister Tusharkanti Behera, Development Commissioner Anu Garg, Bhubaneswar (Central) MLA Ananta Narayana Jena and Bhubaneswar Mayor Sulochana Das are present on the occasion

OUA knowledge partner in 'Jal Diwali' campaign

ARINDAM GANGULY, OP

Bhubaneswar, Nov 7: Odisha Urban Academy (OUA), under the state Housing and Urban Development department, has been declared a knowledge partner in Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs' (MoHUA) nationwide 'Jal Diwali' campaign starting Tuesday.

To provide a platform to women to take part in water governance, MoHUA launched a progressive initiative 'Women for Water, Water for Women

Campaign' under its flagship Atal Mission for Rejuvenation and Urban Transformation (AMRUT) in partnership with the National Urban Livelihood Mission (NULM).

Through the campaign, women will gain first-hand knowledge about water treatment processes by visiting water treatment plants (WTPs) in their respective cities.

"These visits will help them understand the vital procedures involved in delivering clean and safe drinking water to house-

holds. Additionally, women will gain insights into water quality testing protocols which ensure that citizens get water of the required quality. The overarching goal of the 'Jal Diwali' campaign is to instill a sense of ownership and belongingness among women towards water infrastructure," said a department official.

Odisha Urban Academy has been selected as knowledge partner by the Ministry as Odisha's approach of convergence and community partnership in water

governance has emerged as a model of urban governance which has earned national and international recognition, informed the official.

Notably, Odisha is the first state to encourage participation of transgender community in operation and management of water treatment plant in Cuttack. Besides, the state has taken several initiatives to encourage community participation in waste water treatment and universal access to piped water supply under Basudha scheme.

Millet Innovation Challenge to empower startups in Odisha

ARINDAM GANGULY, OP

Bhubaneswar, Nov 7: Realising that there is an increasing need for startups and innovation to promote millet cultivation and create economic opportunities within this sustainable agricultural domain, Startup Odisha has launched Millet Innovation Challenge, which serves as a platform for recognised startups operating within the millet industry to pitch their transformative solutions and ideas.

Startups can win monetary rewards, receive promotional support and even gain an exclusive opportunity to pilot their solutions with the Odisha Millet Mission by participating in the challenge.

Startups with expertise in diverse millet industry sectors like branding and packaging, logistics and supply chain management, quality assurance and safety, and financial and legal mechanisms management are encouraged to participate in this unique challenge.

Executive chairman of Startup Odisha Omkar Rai said, "Millet Innovation Challenge is a crucial step towards fostering innovation in the millet industry. It marks the beginning of a transformative journey where millets will play a central role in ensuring food security, empowering local communities, and driving economic growth. Through this challenge, we aim to catalyse a wave of innovative solutions that will shape a sustainable and prosperous future for Odisha."

GOVERNOR, LEADERS PAY TRIBUTES TO MOHANTY

AGENCIES

Bhubaneswar, Nov 7: MLAs cutting across party lines gathered to pay their last respects to former Speaker and Minister Maheswar Mohanty, who breathed his last early Tuesday morning, at the Assembly.

Mohanty's body was taken to the BJD state headquarters and the Assembly where a guard of honour was accorded to him.

When the body was being taken from Bhubaneswar to Puri, a large number of people gathered on both sides of the road.

Congress legislative party leader Narasingha Mishra said, "Maheswar was very close to me and I have never seen such a great Speaker and an administrator like him. He had no enemy as people across party lines were his guests at some time or the other."

Terming him a true democrat, he said Mohanty had brought several reforms in the functioning of the Assembly during his tenure as the Speaker.

Puri's BJP MLA Jayanta Sarangi, who defeated Mohanty in the 2019 Assembly elections, said, "We knew each other since



1985. I have worked under his leadership in the Puri Municipality. However, later I joined the BJP following a brief difference of opinion with him. However, our personal relationship was great."

In February 2014, when Mohanty was the minister of Revenue and Disaster Management, some miscreants opened fire at him near Amala Club in Puri. He had sustained bullet injuries on his hand and

shoulder, said BJD vice-president Debi Prasad Mishra, describing him as a 'tough leader' who held the 'fort of BJD' in the coastal region.

"We will be missing a great loving and caring friend," he said. Governor Raghubar Das, Union Minister Dharmendra Pradhan and Chhattisgarh Governor Biswa Bhusan Harichandan were among the leaders who condoled Mohanty's demise.

Apex court upset over Dhenkanal lawyers' stir

POST NEWS NETWORK

New Delhi, Nov 7: The Supreme Court Tuesday sternly expressed disappointment over the abstention of work by advocates at a court in Dhenkanal district and asked them to "not make death a holiday for themselves."

A two-judge bench headed by Justice SK Kaul noted the submission of the Orissa High Court that there was no incident of strike except the one at Kamakhyanager where bar association abstained from the work for the whole day after death of an advocate's clerk. The court has posted the matter for hearing January 23.

"It's very unfortunate incident that a member of bar expires and then advocates abstain from court work.... Don't make it a holiday for yourself. How many people would have really gone to pay homage to that advocate," Justice Kaul said.

The apex court was hearing a petition pertaining to strikes and abstention of court work by advocates in Odisha to press for their demands of Orissa High Court benches in western and southern part of the state. In January, the Supreme Court had

THE SC WAS HEARING A PETITION PERTAINING TO STRIKES AND ABSTENTION OF COURT WORK BY ADVOCATES TO PRESS FOR THEIR DEMANDS OF ORISSA HIGH COURT BENCHES IN WESTERN AND SOUTHERN PART OF THE STATE

issued contempt notices to 191 advocates for their alleged involvement in agitation, picketing and vandalism during the protests for demanding new benches of Orissa High Court. The bench had asked the advocates to tender unconditional apology and an undertaking that they will not indulge in such acts in future.

Earlier, the Supreme Court had in February refused to consider the unconditional apology tendered by the advocates, allegedly involved in vandalism and strikes at district courts.

The apex court had held that it is too early for it to consider these unconditional apologies and it will watch if the apology is coming from heart or merely an attempt to escape contempt proceedings.

Along with the apology, the SC had also asked advocates to give an undertaking that they will not indulge in such acts in future.

EV charging station at Nexus Esplanade

POST NEWS NETWORK

Bhubaneswar, Nov 7: An electric vehicle (EV) charging station was unveiled at Nexus Esplanade here by Statiq, an EV charging network, Tuesday.

Situated at Nexus Esplanade - Basement B1, this state-of-the-art charging station is outfitted with two 60 kw EV chargers. This dynamic infrastructure caters to a wide array of four-wheelers with diverse EV technologies. Remarkably, each gun is equipped to recharge an electric car by up to 80 per cent SOC in a mere 45 minutes, enabling expedient charging for today's fast-paced world, a release said. Furthermore, the station boasts of the capability for simultaneous charging of two vehicles, showcasing Statiq's dedication to efficiency and convenience.

Co-founder and CEO of Statiq Akshat Bansal said, "By strategically placing our stations in high-traffic areas like Nexus Esplanade, we aim to make charging as seamless and commonplace as refuelling a traditional vehicle."

Centre director of Nexus Esplanade Parth Pratim Nayak said, "By offering EV charging facilities, we aim to provide our customers with a seamless and sustainable transportation option."

Call for postal stamp on Gangadhar Meher

BHUBANESWAR: Gangadhar Meher Pratisthan has urged Chief Secretary PK Jena to initiate measures with the Centre for the release of a postal stamp honouring legendary poet Gangadhar Meher in April next year. A three-member team of the outfit has recently called on the Chief Secretary and requested him to take up the issue with the Union government for release of the stamp. The members comprised Sanjib Chandra Hota, former state election commissioner and advisor of the Pratisthan, Narendra Kumar Mishra, former vice-chancellor of Odisha University of Culture, and Mihir Meher, convener of the Pratisthan. The legendary poet was born in 1862 in a weaver family. Gangadhar Meher could read only up to the middle vernacular standard, hindering over many diverse disadvantages.

Tunnel aquarium treat for Baliyatra hoppers

POST NEWS NETWORK

Cuttack, Nov 7: Baliyatra hoppers are in for a unique visual treat as the biggest open air trade fair of Asia is all set to play host to a tunnel aquarium, touted to be the first in Odisha.

More than 2,000 fish, both freshwater and saltwater, will be exhibited in the tunnel aquarium that would be built on 15,000 sq-ft fairground land at an estimated cost of Rs 50 lakh, sources said.

According to Shirdi Saibaba Enterprises, people wish to experience something new at Baliyatra every year.

"This year, tunnel aquarium will be the crowd puller. One can view various aquatic beings, including octopus and squid, with an underwater perspective in the tunnel for somewhere be-



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tween Rs 100 and Rs 150. This is for the first time that Odisha will showcase an underwater tunnel aquarium," Shirdi Saibaba Enterprises proprietor Abhishek Jain said.

Jain said train coaches will be used to build the aquarium. "15-mm transparent glass will be used for the facility. The tunnel will have two open ends for entry and exit. We will start assembling the tunnel any mo-

ment now," Jain pointed out. According to sources, the annual open air trade fair is scheduled to begin November 27 and conclude December 4.

The district administration Saturday began the process of plot allocation for the mega event. The process would continue till November 10. While the auction will be done between November 11 and 15, plots will be allocated by November 20.

Raman's birth anniv celebrated at RSC

POST NEWS NETWORK

Bhubaneswar, Nov 7: On the 135th birth anniversary of Nobel-winning physicist CV Raman, Regional Science Centre (RSC), Bhubaneswar Tuesday organised a number of activities for school students to inspire them towards scientific thinking and research.

More than 120 students from several City schools took part in these activities that included a quiz competition, and an interactive session on Raman Effect and scattering of light by Gopal K Pradhan, of department of physics, School of Applied Sciences, KIIT University.

During the interaction, Pradhan highlighted Raman's contributions to development of physical sciences and enhanced understanding of the



phenomenon of 'scattering of light' for which he got the Nobel Prize in 1930.

A film titled 'Life and Works of Sir CV Raman' was also screened for the students' inspiration. Raman's research focused on the scattering of light, a phenomenon that occurs when a beam of light is deflected by molecules. His discovery, known as the Raman Effect, revealed that a small fraction of the scattered light acquires different wavelengths than that of the original light. The Raman Effect has since been instrumental in studying different materials present in the environment.

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Lifer for 8 murder convicts

THE ACCUSED WERE FOUND GUILTY OF KILLING A CO-VILLAGER OVER PAST ENMITY

POST NEWS NETWORK

Berhampur, Nov 7: A local court here Tuesday sentenced eight persons to life imprisonment after convicting them for the brutal murder of a co-villager in 2017 at Ambagada village under Berhampur Sadar police limits in Ganjam district over past enmity.

The accused were identified as R Hari Patra, 30, R Lokanath Patra, 21, M Danda Patra, 45, K Bairi Patra, 55, K Bhima Patra, 47, M Somesh Patra, 20, B Noi Patra, 37, and B Bhaskar Patra, 21, all residents of the same Ambagada village.

The Court of Additional District and Sessions Judge Indu Sharma, also slapped a penalty of ₹15,000 on each of the convicts, apart from the prison term. Failure to pay the penalty would result in an additional one year in prison for all the eight culprits, the judge said.

The judge passed the order after examining the statements



recorded by 19 witnesses and the chargesheet. All the convicts were in court during pronouncement of the order.

The murder happened when Hari had a fight with co-villager Budu Patra over past enmity, September 17, 2017. During the fight, Budu beat up Hari and one of his friends.

Later, all of them went back to their respective homes. A meeting was convened at the

village community centre and Budu was summoned to the meeting. There Hari and one of his associates attacked Budu over the previous incident. Fearing for his life, Budu fled and took refuge in the house of his brother Ladu Patra.

Seeking revenge, Hari and seven of his associates armed with sharp-edged weapons and lathis chased Budu and reached the house of his brother. They de-

manded that Budu be handed over to them. When Ladu did not oblige, Hari and the others broke open the door and dragged Budu out. They assaulted him injuring him grievously. They also attacked Ladu when the latter tried to save his brother.

Family members rescued a profusely-bleeding Budu and rushed him to the MKCG Medical College and Hospital here where he succumbed to his injuries during treatment. Sadar police registered a case over a complaint filed by the Ladu and launched an investigation.

Preliminary investigations revealed that the murder took place over past enmity as police arrested all eight persons and produced them in court. The then police IIC and investigative officer, Shiba Shankar Mohapatra also submitted the chargesheet. All the eight convicts who were then serving as undertrials had been released on bail in 2020. Now they will have to serve their respective sentences.

3 held for selling illegal firecrackers

POST NEWS NETWORK

Berhampur, Nov 7: A huge cache of illegal firecrackers were seized by Bada Bazar police from different places under their jurisdiction recently. Three persons have been arrested and four cases have been registered, Berhampur SP, Saravana Vivek M stated here Tuesday. He added that one person is absconding. Those arrested have been identified as Rabi Jena, M Surya Narayan and Siba Sahu while the absconding person is Pitamber Sethy.

Officials said police got a tip-off regarding the sale of illegal firecrackers at Old Berhampur area under Bada Bazar police limits. Acting on it police seized a huge amount of firecrackers from an auto-rickshaw and arrested Rabi. A case (No 436/23) was registered in this regard.

Similarly police seized huge amounts of firecrackers from a rented house at Chaitanya Nagar and arrested Siba of Durbandha village. A case (No 437/23) was registered against him at the same police station. Police also seized firecrackers from a rented house at Pandit Sahi and arrested Surya.

In another incident, Chandabli police in Bhadrak district busted an illegal firecracker manufacturing unit.

‘Rourkela-Kolkata flight connectivity a big joke’

POST NEWS NETWORK

Rourkela, Nov 7: Passengers travelling to Bhubaneswar and Kolkata from here vented their anger and did not mince words as for the second day in succession the Alliance Air flight was cancelled. People were fuming with anger and said that flight connectivity to Rourkela from Bhubaneswar and Kolkata has turned out to be a ‘big joke’ indeed.

The airline company officials blamed the delay in arrival of the flight here as the main reason for the cancellation. The scheduled time of arrival of the flight at the airport here was 2.40 p.m. However, when the ATR aircraft did not arrive even after 4.30pm, the company had no option but to cancel the flight. This is because of the absence of the Instrument Landing System (ILS) at the Rourkela airport. With darkness setting in by around 5.00pm here it would have been extremely difficult and risky for the flight to start from here, officials said.

The cancellation angered pas-



senger Akash Das, who was scheduled to travel to Kolkata with his 93-year-old father and another family member. “This entire flight connectivity between Rourkela and Kolkata is turning into a big joke,” Das fumed. “I knew such a situation could emerge, so I had also booked train tickets for tonight. However, other passengers have been left stranded,” he added. Another traveller added that the frequent cancellation of the Kolkata flight is an ‘insult’ to passengers.

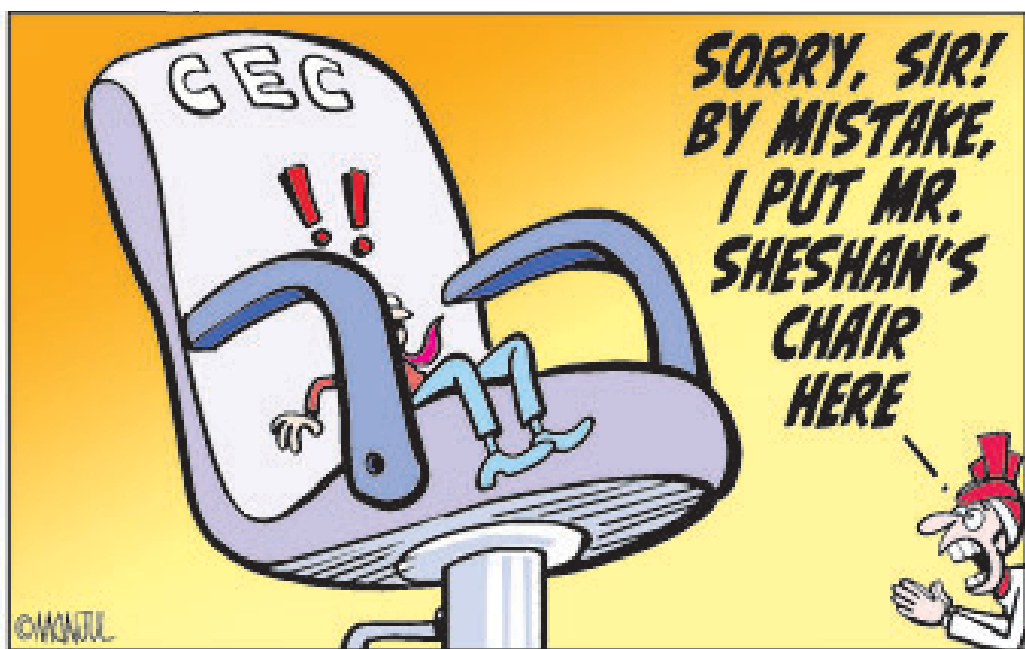
A total of 56 tickets had been booked for the flight from here to Kolkata via Bhubaneswar. Twenty six of the passengers were scheduled to disembark at

the Odisha capital.

Things have taken a political turn regarding flight cancellations with BJP Odisha president Manoranjan Samal blaming the state government for the predicament of the passengers. “The state government is delaying the installation of the ILS by not transferring the land to the Centre. Till the ILS is set up, passengers will continue to suffer,” Samal had said recently during his visit to this city.

Former SEFI secretary and now president of Sachetan Nagarika Mancha, Bimal Bisi also blamed the state government for the delay in land acquisition for setting up the ILS.

POLITICKLE by MANJUL



Fake gutkha factory busted, 3 arrested

PNN & AGENCIES

Koraput, Nov 7: A factory manufacturing fake gutkha was busted in Koraput district and three persons were arrested in this connection, police said Tuesday. Acting on a tip-off, three police teams raided a building on the outskirts of the Lamtaput area Monday evening and seized seven gutkha packaging machines, a senior officer said.

A huge number of sacks containing gutkha pouches and raw materials used in making the tobacco product were recovered from there, the official informed. “We got information about the functioning of the illegal gutkha-making unit and accordingly, the raid was conducted. The arrested persons failed to provide any valid documents for running the unit,” SDPO (Nandapur) Sanjaya Mahapatra said.

The unit was functioning at a rented house for the past few months and several people were involved in running the illegal



business, Mahapatra added. “After preparing the gutkha,

they used to pack the product in pouches named after renowned companies. They supplied such counterfeit products both inside and outside the district, mostly in rural areas,” Mahapatra informed. One of the arrested persons is a resident of Hanru village at Sivrajpur area in Uttar Pradesh, while two others are locals, he added.

Locals said they were aware of the existence of the factory but had no information about the fake tobacco products being manufactured there.

EAST COAST RAILWAY
Tender No. E-T-M-MCC-OBHS-PUI-19-2023
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Advertised Value (₹) : 65,86,90,696.72
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Tender No. MCSW-Rev-GIS-23-24-12
NAME OF WORK : REVIEW OF GROUP INCENTIVE SCHEME AT CARRIAGE REPAIR WORKSHOP, EAST COAST RAILWAY, MANCHESWAR FOR A PERIOD OF 12 (TWELVE) MONTHS.
Advertised Value (₹) : 1,47,26,400.00, EMD (₹) : 2,23,700.00, Tender Document Cost (₹) : 5,000/-, Period of Completion : 12 Months.
Bidding Start Date : 16.11.2023
Closing Date & Time : At 1500 hrs. of 30.11.2023.
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Tender No. 34-KUR-TRD-OT-2023-24
NAME OF WORK : MAINTENANCE OF TRD ASSETS IN KHURDA ROAD (KUR)-DASPALLA SINGLE LINE SECTION FOR THREE YEARS.
Advertised Value (₹) : 4,64,43,393.22, EMD (₹) : 3,82,200.00, Period of Completion : 1095 Days.
Bidding Start Date : 08.11.2023, Date and Time of Closing of Tender : At 1300 Hrs. of 22.11.2023.
Manual offers are not allowed against this tender, and any such manual offer received shall be ignored. Complete details and Tender documents will be available at website <http://www.ireps.gov.in>
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4. Class of Contractor : 'D' & 'C' Class Contractor
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5. Period of Completion : Furnished in Annexure
6. Availability of Tender : 08.11.2023 at 10.00 AM
Online for Bidding : 16.11.2023 up to 5.30 PM
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3. Period of Completion : One & Two Calendar months
4. Date & Time of availability of Bid documents in the Portal : From 18.11.2023 10.00 AM to 30.11.2023 Upto 5.00 PM
5. Last Date/Time for receipt of Bids in the Portal : 30.11.2023 upto 5.00 PM
6. Name and address of the Officer Inviting Bid : Executive Engineer, Rural Works Division, Phulbani
Further details can be seen from the e-procurement portal website www.tendersodisha.gov.in
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2. Total Number of Works : 15 Nos.
3. Class of Contractor : Road & Building Works (C & D Class of Contractor)
4. Period of Completion : 01 Calendar month
5. Availability of Tender : Dt.07.11.2023 to 21.11.2023 online for bidding
6. Last date & time of seeking tender clarification : Dt.20.11.2023 at 5.00 Pz.M.
7. Date & time of opening of tender : Dt.22.11.2023 at 11.00 A.M.
Further details can be seen from the website www.tendersodisha.gov.in
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TIGER FOUND IN KEONJHAR FOREST

POST NEWS NETWORK

Keonjhar, Nov 7: Forest officials have released the photograph of a Royal Bengal Tiger highlighting the presence of the species at the Atei reserve forest under Ghatagaon range and Keonjhar division. There had been speculation about the presence of a tiger and six leopards in Keonjhar division, but there had been no proof to substantiate it. Now with the photograph, the presence of the tiger in Atei forest has been established.



Officials said Tuesday that the tiger

census results that will be available in January will confirm the exact number of big cats in the forest. They added that a number of other animals including deer, porcupines, jackals and wild boars have made the forest their home. These animals were caught on the trap cameras installed for the tiger census.

Earlier Forest department officials had informed about the presence of a Royal Bengal Tiger. They had been trying to track the movement of the animal. The roads passing through the Atei forest had been sealed to protect the tiger, officials said.

Physiotherapists want regularisation of jobs

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

Berhampur, Nov 7: Physiotherapists working in different government-run hospitals in Odisha under the National Health Mission (NHM) have demanded regularisation of their jobs and formation of a separate cadre for them. Many of the physiotherapists and occupational therapists are working in different district headquarter hospitals, sub-divisional and selected community health centres across the state for more than a decade.

At present around 120 physiotherapists and occupational therapists are working in the health centres under NHM, informed Sasank Sekhar Parida, president of All Odisha Physiotherapy Service Association (AOPSA) at a press conference here recently. “Though we have demanded regularisation of our jobs several times, the government is yet to respond,” Parida said.

Parida claimed that Gujarat, Himachal Pradesh, Rajasthan and Arunachal Pradesh governments have regularised the jobs of physiotherapists and occupational therapists working under the NHM. “However, the Odisha government is yet to take any such step,” Parida said.

“Earlier we submitted a memorandum to the Health Minister and secretary in support of our demands. Though the government had assured to look into our demands, nothing has been done so far,” said Priyabrata Kalikinkar Ojha, general secretary, AOPSA.

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The international community must act quickly to keep fossil fuels in the ground, incentivise net-zero emissions, foster innovation, and achieve a just transition. But doing so requires embracing our collective moral responsibility, rather than allowing the temptation of political and financial gain to lead us into the abyss

The Paris climate agreement. Despite facing droughts and food insecurity in recent years, the Gambian government has set out an ambitious strategy to reach net-zero emissions by 2050, by creating climate-resilient food systems, preserving biodiversity, investing in human capital, shifting to a low-emissions economy, and managing its coastal zones.

Sticking to the targets set out in the Paris climate agreement is not a far-fetched dream; as the example of Bangladesh and other developing countries shows, it demands leadership and moral investment. Notably, almost two-thirds of respondents surveyed in the Global Solidarity Report concur that international bodies should have the authority to enforce agreements related to certain pressing challenges, including environmental pollution.

The trust gap is the decisive obstacle to global solidarity. When pledges are repeatedly not honoured, suspicion grows, undermining the effectiveness of the UN Framework Convention on Climate Change. There is no solidarity without trust, and no multilateralism without solidarity.

Climate change is an emergency that requires an aggressive response. The international community must act quickly to keep fossil fuels in the ground, incentivise net-zero emissions, foster innovation, and achieve a just transition. But doing so requires embracing our collective moral responsibility, rather than allowing the temptation of political and financial gain to lead us into the abyss. With our planet's fate hanging in the balance, there is only one right choice.

Saber Hossain Chowdhury, a Bangladeshi member of Parliament, is Special Envoy to the Prime Minister for Climate Change. Hassan Damluji, a Co-Founder of Global Nation, is a senior adviser to the World Health Organization and a visiting senior fellow at the London School of Economics.

PROJECT SYNDICATE

The world is barreling down a perilous path. Or, as United Nations Secretary-General António Guterres put it, "We are on a highway to climate hell with our foot on the accelerator." But global warming is not just another political issue: reducing greenhouse-gas (GHG) emissions is an existential imperative that must not be ignored.

The urgency of this crisis cannot be overstated. As countries confront the devastating consequences of climate change, it is crucial to act on the basis of the scientific consensus: limiting global warming to 1.5° Celsius above pre-industrial levels – the target set by the 2015 Paris climate agreement – requires halting new fossil-fuel investments.

But emissions are not being reduced at the speed and scale necessary to limit warming, as recent events, including the UN General Assembly and Climate Week NYC, have highlighted. Despite global leaders' frequent pledges of solidarity in support of climate action, a business-as-usual approach prevails in many countries. The United States, for example, has greenlit the Willow oil project in Alaska, while Brazil is flirting with oil exploration near the mouth of the Amazon River. The allure of short-term profits evidently outweighs policymakers' fear of irreversible planetary costs.

Ironically, many of the countries that are most vulnerable to – and least responsible for – global warming are doing more than their fair share to achieve the 1.5°C target. This year, in a historic referendum, the people of Ecuador voted to halt oil drilling in Yasuni National Park, which is part of the Amazon rainforest. In 2018, Belize became the first country to ban offshore oil exploration.

This disconnect is reflected in the Global Solidarity Report 2023, published by Global Nation with support from the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, Global Citizen, Glocalities, and Goals House. Analysing the strength and resilience of the international community, the report paints a sobering picture.

Most worryingly, a new scale to measure global solidarity shows that the world is in the "danger zone," scoring 39 points (with 100 representing the highest level of shared purpose). While solidarity among the global public is more widespread than many assume, the institutional response has so far failed to match the gravity of the moment.

Consider the United Kingdom. Approximately 46 per cent of UK respondents agreed that the country "should leave oil and gas reserves in the ground," while only 17 per cent disagreed. Yet the UK government recently approved the exploration of a massive new oilfield in the North Sea. Such a counterproductive decision so soon after the UK rallied world leaders behind the Glasgow Climate Pact at the 2021 United Nations Climate Change Conference (COP26) underscores the ever-growing trust deficit between governments and their own citizens, as well as among countries.

Meanwhile, Bangladesh, despite accounting for only 0.46

per cent of current global emissions, has taken significant steps to move away from fossil fuels. The government decided to scrap plans for ten coal-fired power plants that had attracted \$12 billion in foreign investment. Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina has emerged as a beacon of inspiration, urging her citizens to become leaders in and champions of global climate action, rather than passive victims of the crisis.

Moreover, most of the nine countries currently considered "almost sufficient" in meeting the 1.5°C target (according to the Climate Action Tracker) are in the developing world. Costa Rica, which produces most of its electricity from renewable sources, falls into this category. Innovative policies and financing models have enabled the government to protect the country's forests and biodiversity.

Similarly, The Gambia has defied the odds in reaching "almost sufficient" status. For a short period in 2021, it was the only country compliant with



Saber Hossain Chowdhury & Hassan Damluji

THE ALLURE OF SHORT-TERM PROFITS EVIDENTLY OUTWEIGHS POLICYMAKERS' FEAR OF IRREVERSIBLE PLANETARY COSTS

Trapped Afghans

A colossal humanitarian tragedy is unfolding close to India's border, but the world is too preoccupied with the Israel-Hamas war and the woes of Palestinians caught in the crossfire to take note of it. Hundreds of thousands of Afghan refugees are being forced to leave Pakistan as the country is carrying out an order from its interim government to remove undocumented people from within its borders. Of about 4 million Afghans living in Pakistan, nearly 1.7 million people are believed to be in the crosshairs of this forced eviction and repatriation plan. The Pakistan government set the deadline of November 1 for these people to remain in the country or leave or otherwise face arrest and deportation. A network of holding centres for detained migrants has been set up in Pakistan's mostly western provinces. There are reports of police high-handedness, harassment and abuse of Afghans living in the country. Nearly 200,000 Afghan refugees have already returned to their homeland which has become worse than prison as they face hostilities from the Taliban.

Human Rights Watch reveals refugees are now facing detentions, beatings and extortion by police. Others have been evicted by their landlords or fired from jobs. The UN High Commission for Refugees (UNHCR) has repeatedly appealed to the Pakistan government not to resort to forced repatriation of Afghan nationals. It warns that minorities, journalists and especially women and children are particularly in danger.

The Pakistan foreign ministry has responded by claiming that due precautions will be taken to ensure that those under greatest threat are not forced to return. But, this sounds like meaningless verbiage in the light of the abuses that are already taking place. The situation has come to such a pass because a caretaker government is now in place in Islamabad. It has little political accountability for a decision suspected to have been taken and imposed by the country's real rulers, the military.

Pakistan is seemingly using the Afghans to achieve two objectives. First, it wants the refugees to go so as not to impose further financial burden on its already tottering economy. But, more importantly the Afghans have turned out to be a sort of Pakistan's bargaining chip to protect the country against attacks and ravages being made by the Pakistan version of the Taliban. Islamabad wants to pressure the Taliban to check and curb the infiltration and plots of cross-border terrorists. In fact, the attacks have occurred even as Pakistan carries out its repatriation drive.

The acting interior minister, Sarfraz Bugti, has tried to justify this policy. The Taliban regime's defence minister has chided Pakistan with a proverb in Pashto which in English means – As you sow, so you reap.

However, Bugti has a point when he said if the West were so concerned about the plight of these Afghans, it should have done more to relocate them. According to humanitarian groups, the \$613m regional refugee response plan to support 7.3 million Afghans hosted in neighbouring countries, as pledged by the West, only 15 per cent has, so far, been made available.

The failure of Western countries to fulfil their promises and their responsibilities appears to be in line with the abrupt US withdrawal of troops from Afghanistan leaving the native population to be slaughtered and enslaved by the Taliban. In such a situation Pakistan was the only option for hundreds of thousands of Afghans desperate to flee their country in 2021. The West has a pathetic record in this regard. The European Union has resettled only 271 Afghan refugees in 2022.

Pressure should be applied by the West on Pakistan not to drive out the Afghan refugees to Afghanistan. All these current disturbed zones across the world project just one simple image. Everywhere it is only the children and women who bear the brunt of torture, rape and eventual death. They are the only deprived lot everywhere and it is only they who need and deserve protection and empathy.

WISDOM CORNER

- Thoughts come and go. Feelings come and go. Find out what it is that remains. **RAMANA MAHARSHI**
- Love and work, work and love... that's all there is. **SIGMUND FREUD**
- To be beautiful means to be yourself. You don't need to be accepted by others. You need to accept yourself. **THICH NHAT HANH**

THIS DAY IN HISTORY

- 1895:** First person to observe X-rays. German physicist Wilhelm Conrad Röntgen accidentally discovered X-rays, also sometimes called Röntgen rays while working on cathode rays. X-rays are a type of electromagnetic radiation that are often used today in medicine. Röntgen was awarded the first Nobel Prize in Physics in 1901 for his discovery.
- 1939:** Assassination attempt on Hitler. Johann Georg Elser, a German woodworker, attempted to kill Adolf Hitler and other high ranking members of the Nazi party during the 16th anniversary observances of the Beer Hall Putsch, a failed coup attempt by Hitler in 1923. The time bomb Elser used in a beer hall called Bürgerbräukeller in Munich went off but failed to kill Hitler. Elser was caught and imprisoned in Dachau for 5 years.
- 1956:** Comet Arend-Roland was discovered; it was remarkable for its anomalous second tail, which projected toward rather than away from the Sun. It was discovered on November 8, 1956 by Belgian astronomers Sylvain Arend and Georges Roland on photographic plates. As the eighth comet found in 1956, it was named Arend-Roland 1956h after its discoverers.
- 1972:** Home Box Office launched. The premium TV channel, informally known as HBO, is the oldest paid TV channel in the United States. The first programme to screen on the channel was Sometimes a Great Notion, a movie starring Paul Newman and Henry Fonda.
- 1994:** In the US midterm elections, the Republicans won control of the House of Representatives and the Senate for the first time in 40 years; the sweeping victory was partly because of President Bill Clinton's low popularity at the time.

LOL Dealing with a juggler



A juggler, driving to his next performance, was stopped by the police. "What are those knives doing in your car?" asked the officer. "I juggle them in my act." "Oh yeah?" says the cop. "Let's see

you do it." So the juggler starts tossing and juggling the knives. A guy driving by sees this and says, "Wow, am I glad I quit drinking. Look at the test they're making you do now!"

IN JEST THIS

Lying on resume can get you in trouble



Melvin Durai

PARENTS WANT THEIR CHILDREN TO BECOME HONOURABLE ADULTS AND TELL ONLY ACCEPTABLE LIES

If you're a parent of teenagers, you've probably reprimanded them for telling lies or being deceptive. Teens are tempted to lie about all sorts of things, such as what they were watching on their phones, whether they completed their homework, or whom they were hanging out with after school.

I've had many conversations with my kids that revolved around honesty.

Me: "It's midnight. Shouldn't you be sleeping?"

Teen: "Still working on my homework. Almost done."

Me: "Almost done? Isn't that what you said three hours ago?"

Teen: "Yes, I was almost done then, and I'm almost done now."

Me: "So you lied then, but you're telling the truth now?"

Teen: "No, I exaggerated then, and I'm still exaggerating now."

Teaching children to be truthful is important. Telling lies can get them in trouble, especially if

they grow up to be pathological liars. Parents want their children to become honourable adults and tell only acceptable lies.

Acceptable lies are considered white lies and fall into three main categories:

- Lies to avoid hurting other people. When your friend gets a new hairstyle and asks you what you think, you say, "It really suits you. Perfect hairstyle for you." You don't say what you're really thinking: "Are you trying to scare away the neighbourhood dogs?" Another example of this is when someone invites you to a party and you say, "It sounds like a great time, but unfortunately I have a prior commitment." You don't tell the truth: "Sorry, but the last party you hosted was so boring, I wish I had stayed home and watched DD News."
- Lies to get out of awkward situations. You run into an acquaintance at a store and he talks your head off. Finally, you look at your phone and

say, "I've got to go. My wife just texted me. Our house is on fire!" Okay, perhaps that's not a white lie. A white lie would be more like this: "I've got to go. I'm late for a dental appointment."

3. Lies to be polite. You and your wife meet another couple at a party and have an "okay" conversation. When you leave, you exchange phone numbers and say, "We'll have to have you over for tea sometime." What you don't say, of course, is that "sometime" means "sometime when we've run out of interesting people to invite."

Such lies are relatively harmless. They don't hurt anyone and are not self-serving. But in many other situations, lies are unacceptable and can get you in trouble. You could be fired from a job and even end up in prison. That's what happened to an Australian woman Veronica Hilda Theriault.

In 2019, she was given a 25-month prison sentence after

being convicted of deception, dishonesty, and abuse of public office. She had attained a position as chief information officer for South Australia's Department of the Premier and Cabinet by lying about her education and employment on her resume, and impersonating a former employer to give herself a glowing job reference. And if that isn't enough, she had used a photo of model Kate Upton in her LinkedIn profile. In other words, Theriault didn't just have a bachelor's degree in deception, she had a PhD (peak height deception).

Lying on a resume can get you in big trouble. Even so, in a recent survey conducted by ResumeLab, 70 per cent of job seekers admitted that they have lied on their resumes. That means that 30 per cent have told the truth.

But before we accept the findings of this survey, maybe we should conduct another survey to find out if they've ever lied in a survey.

Greener choice for Diwali

Sir, As Diwali, the festival of lights, approaches on November 12, people are preparing and adorning themselves with new attire for this significant Hindu celebration, which symbolises the triumph of light and goodness. Deeply rooted traditions, including lighting lamps, creating rangolis, and participating in religious rituals, mark this festive occasion. However, the escalating environmental concerns linked to the pollution caused by traditional fireworks have spurred a movement for eco-friendly and quieter Diwali celebrations, with green crackers garnering widespread support. In response to these environmental issues, several states have enforced bans on bursting firecrackers during Diwali. Nevertheless, some cities have embraced green crackers as a less harmful alternative that reduce air pollution. Introduced in 2019, India now offers three types of green crackers: SWAS (Safe Water Releaser), STAR (Safe Thermite Cracker), and SAFAL (Safe Minimal Aluminium). To identify green crackers, customers can simply look for the CSIR NEERI logo on the fireworks packaging. In essence, green crackers, with their reduced pollution and noise levels due to the absence of harmful substances, harmoniously align with the spirit of Diwali as a celebration of light and virtue, offering a responsible and eco-friendly choice for a brighter and more sustainable future.

Krishna Kumar Vepakomma, HYDERABAD

More sanctuaries needed

Sir, Amid the tigers and the cheetahs, the beautiful Indian leopards are often neglected. As of 2020, the leopard count is put approximately at 13,000 within forested habitats in tiger range landscapes. The number may be much more if non-forest habitats and elevated areas are taken into consideration. Also, social media posts have needlessly exaggerated the "fierceness" of the beautiful creatures that ordinarily do not attack the human beings unless provoked. Deforestation and destruction of wildlife habitats have forced the leopards to stray into towns and cities. A couple of days back, the spotted animal that ventured into an industrial-cum-residential area of Bangalore was shot dead by forest officials who failed to capture it alive. India needs more sanctuaries and ground water to prevent the animal from straying to human habitats.

Ganapathi Bhat, AKOLA

Letters

TO THE EDITOR

Readers of Orissa POST are most welcome to contribute letters (200 words), articles and columns (between 750-1250 words). Contributors are requested to send their contact numbers and full postal address/email ID. They may also send in their valuable comments, opinion and suggestions, preferably by email, to: edit@orissapost.com

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Rare species of bamboo rat spotted in Bengal Amarnath cave shrine gets motorable road

The species was detected by the local villagers Ambari- Falakata Range under the Baikunthapur Forest Division in scattering over the two districts of Jalpaiguri and Darjeeling in north Bengal



ected mainly in Nepal, Bangladesh and parts of north-eastern India. But as per the records of the state government, this is for the first time that a Bamboo Rat is detected not just in any forest in north Bengal but anywhere within West Bengal," said a senior official of the state forest department.

Kolkata, Nov 7: A rare species of bamboo rat was found in north Bengal Tuesday with the forest department veterans claiming that this is probably the first time it was spotted in the entire state. The species was detected by the local villagers Ambari-

Falakata Range under the Baikunthapur Forest Division in scattering over the two districts of Jalpaiguri and Darjeeling in north Bengal. "These species are generally witnessed in bamboo woods considering that the soft fleshy portion inside the bamboos are their staple diet. These species are de-

ditionally had to travel to the cave shrine on foot. With the motorable road reaching the Amarnath cave shrine, the pilgrimage would become more accessible and comfortable for the devotees, the officials said. However, the People's Democratic Party (PDP) criticised the move calling it the "biggest crime" committed to the faith of Hindus. "This is not history, it's the biggest crime one can commit to Hinduism and its faith in nature. Hinduism is all about immersing in spiritual mother nature, that's why our pilgrimages are in the lap of the Himalayas," PDP spokesperson Mohit Bhan posted on X. Bhan said turning religious pilgrimages into picnic spots for "mere political gains" is worth condemnation. "We have seen the wrath of God in Joshimath, Kedarnath and yet we are learning no lessons instead inviting a catastrophe in Kashmir," the PDP leader said. Omar Abdullah Tuesday questioned the construction of the motorable road and said playing with the environment in such a way was not good as it was akin to destroying it



PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

Srinagar, Nov 7: In a first, vehicles have reached the Amarnath cave as the Border Roads Organisation has expanded road connectivity up to the cave shrine in Jammu and Kashmir, officials said here. The widening of the road from Dumail to the Amarnath cave via Baltal base camp in Ganderbal district of central Kashmir has been completed, the officials said. They said the Border Roads Organisation (BRO) personnel completed the formidable task and created history by expanding road connectivity up to the Amarnath cave shrine. The first set of vehicles has also reached the shrine, the officials added. Earlier, the J&K government's Public Works Department (PWD) was maintaining the Baltal route in the Ganderbal district and the Pahalgam Development Authority (PDA) maintained the Pahalgam route in the Anantnag district. The UT administration in September last year handed over the tracks to the BRO for maintenance and upgradation. The BRO undertook the road widening project to ease the difficulties faced by the pilgrims who tra-

ditionally had to travel to the cave shrine on foot. With the motorable road reaching the Amarnath cave shrine, the pilgrimage would become more accessible and comfortable for the devotees, the officials said. However, the People's Democratic Party (PDP) criticised the move calling it the "biggest crime" committed to the faith of Hindus. "This is not history, it's the biggest crime one can commit to Hinduism and its faith in nature. Hinduism is all about immersing in spiritual mother nature, that's why our pilgrimages are in the lap of the Himalayas," PDP spokesperson Mohit Bhan posted on X. Bhan said turning religious pilgrimages into picnic spots for "mere political gains" is worth condemnation. "We have seen the wrath of God in Joshimath, Kedarnath and yet we are learning no lessons instead inviting a catastrophe in Kashmir," the PDP leader said. Omar Abdullah Tuesday questioned the construction of the motorable road and said playing with the environment in such a way was not good as it was akin to destroying it

BENGAL MUNICIPAL JOB CASE

Marathon grilling at ED office of present, former chairpersons

Kolkata, Nov 7: The Enforcement Directorate (ED) sleuths probing the multi-crore municipalities' recruitment case in West Bengal are grilling the present chairman of one urban civic body and the former chairman of another municipality since Tuesday morning.



The current chairman of Baranagar Municipality in North 24 Parganas district Aparna Moulik was the first to enter the ED's Salt Lake office in the northern outskirts of Kolkata at around 10.30 a.m. Tuesday. Soon after that the former chairman of Titagarh Municipality, also in North 24 Parganas district Prashanta Chowdhury, also entered the central office and his questioning is still on. It is learnt that Moulik also appeared at the ED office Monday and faced marathon grilling on that day. Sources said that since there were inconsistencies in the statements given by her, Moulik was asked to appear at the ED office again Tuesday and face another round of questioning. It is learnt that both Moulik and Chowdhury are known to be extremely close confidants of West Bengal Minister, Jyotipriya Mallick, who had recently been arrested in connection with the multi-crore ration distribution case in West Bengal. Since Mallick was also the district president of Trinamool Congress for North 24 Parganas

Unaccounted cash recovered

The Enforcement Directorate (ED) has so far recovered cash worth Rs 18.20 crore in connection with the multi-crore ration distribution case in West Bengal, sources informed. The maximum recovery has been from the two corporate entities based out of Bankura, namely AJ Agrotech and AJ Royal, where the total seized amount has been Rs 16.80 crore. The recovery was made through a massive raid and search operation conducted early this month, sources said. At the same time, the ED sleuths have recovered Rs 1.40 crore of unaccounted cash from the office of a packaged flour production and marketing entity Ankit India Limited. This corporate entity connects the ration distribution case in West Bengal with the ill-famous Bihar fodder scam.

for a long time, ED sleuths are also probing whether the arrested minister had some connections with the municipalities' recruitment irregularities besides his alleged involvement in the ration distribution case. The ED became suspicious after studying the patterns of the cases, geographical locations of the municipalities and the peak time of the irregularities. The central agency had identified 10 municipalities where the recruitment-related irregularities had been the most. Out of these, seven are in North 24 Parganas district. Going by the pattern of the recruitment irregularities, the ED has noted that the cases took place when Mallick was the Trinamool President of North 24 Parganas district, besides holding the ministerial portfolio.



FESTIVE FERVOUR: A customer shops earthen lamps (diya) ahead of Diwali, at Burrabazar market in Kolkata, West Bengal

J&K: 'Penalty proceedings' against 55 officers

Jammu, Nov 7: The Jammu and Kashmir administration has initiated "penalty proceedings" against 55 officers for alleged delay on their part in delivery of various services in the revenue department, a senior official said. This step has been taken by the administration to ensure time-bound delivery of online services, e-services being covered under the Public Services Guarantee Act (PSGA) with linkage to Auto-Appeal System (AAS) which escalates breach of timeline cases to the next authority for action against defaulting officer, they said. "To ensure time-bound delivery of online services, e-services are progressively being covered under the PSGA with linkage to AAS which escalates breach of timeline cases to the next authority for action against defaulting officer", Commissioner-Secretary General Administration Department



(GAD) Sanjeev Verma said at the meeting. The Commissioner Secretary said that following the government's resolve to make government-to-citizen interactions more transparent and accessible through 1075 e-services, which is highest in the country, along with related IT initiatives such as MobileDost, Rapid Assessment System, DigiDost for doorstep delivery of e-services, linking of services with DigiLocker, there has been "im-

mense progress in mitigating corruption." "The latest data indicates that more than 52 lakh applications have been processed for availing various services in the online mode of which more than 42 lakh have been disposed of", he added. Emphasising the importance of financial discipline in checking the abuse of discretionary authority, Chief Secretary Mehta highlighted the functioning of BEAMS and PaySys linked digital payments have further streamlined the disbursement of financial assistance under 55 flagship schemes in the Union Territory exclusively through DBT mode, he said. More than 92,000 works have been completed during the financial year 2022-23, which is the highest ever, the Jammu and Kashmir chief secretary added. In tandem with these initiatives, the government has achieved 100 per cent disbursement of financial assistance under 55 flagship schemes in the Union Territory exclusively through DBT mode, he said. More than 92,000 works have been completed during the financial year 2022-23, which is the highest ever, the Jammu and Kashmir chief secretary added.

NSD's five-day Srinagar Theatre Festival begins

Srinagar: The five-day Srinagar Theatre Festival, organised by the National School of Drama (NSD), began here Monday. The festival is being organised in collaboration with the J&K Academy of Art, Culture and Languages. The NSD Repertory Company is performing its play for the first time in Srinagar. Syed Abid Rasheed Shah, Secretary, J&K Academy of Art, Culture & Languages, was the guest of honour at the inaugural ceremony. "Laila Majnun", a play written by Ismail Chunarua and directed by veteran Ram Gopal Bajaj, was showcased in the Inaugural ceremony.

'Kolkata's air quality not good for people with lung ailments'

The WBPCB said it had taken a number of measures including banning of chullahs (coal-driven ovens used by vendors), asking real estate developers to cover construction sites to prevent spray of dust particles and deploying tankers with water sprayers in the city

401-450 severe, according to pollution control board norms. An official of the West Bengal Pollution Control Board (WBPCB) told PTI that the city's annual average reading is 174 PM2.5 levels. He said Monday's reading is the combined effect of wintry conditions in the air which prevents fine particulate matters hanging in the air to rise above and creates smog in late afternoon and early morning hours. However, the Fort William air monitoring station of WBPCB recorded an AQI of 186 PM2.5 while the station at Victoria Memorial recorded 164. "At one point of time, the AQI was 200 PM2.5 in Maidan area," environmentalist Somendra Mohan Ghosh said quoting WBPCB figures. On Saturday and Sunday, the Fort William and Victoria Memorial stations recorded AQI ranging between 232-248 PM2.5 as smog had enveloped the air at dawn and before dusk, the WBPCB official said. The official said the current



The official said the current AQI level poses health concern for individuals who have lung ailments

real estate developers to cover construction sites to prevent spray of dust particles and deploying tankers with water sprayers in the city. Naba Dutta, the secretary of prominent green NGO Sabuj Mancha, said, "With Diwali and Kali Puja barely a week away, the air quality is likely to further worsen because of bursting of firecrackers. People are already experiencing breathing problems and there may be a rise in the number of patients with respiratory issues due to the spike in air pollution in the coming days."

CANDLES, DIYAS MADE BY INMATES TO LIGHT UP HOMES

Jammu, Nov 7: Candles and earthen lamps of various designs and colours made by jail inmates will light up the homes of hundreds of families this Diwali in Jammu. "The prisoners are making diyas and candles of various designs and colours for Diwali. We will put up stalls outside the jail and other places for their sale," Harish Kotwal, Superintendent at District Jail Amphalla, told reporters here. He said people should know that prisoners are part of their society and they, too, are trying to contribute to the community through such initiatives. "This is a part of inmates' rehabilitation and skill training initiative. They are skilled and can earn a living for their families once they are out of jail. They can set up small-scale units", he said. Shakti Kumar, who is serving lifetime imprisonment at the district jail, is part of this skill training initiative. "We get wax from outside. The material comes from two companies. We boil it and then put it into a machine for turning it into candles and diyas of various colours."

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1 Nature of Work	Repair & Construction of Buildings
2 Nos. of work	5 Nos.
3 Tended amount in Rs.	Rs.6,66,850/- to Rs.20,84,313/-
4 Period of completion	120 days to 180 days
5 Date & Time of availability of bid document in the portal	From 10.00 Hrs. of 10.11.2023 to 17.30 Hrs. of 24.11.2023
6 Last date/ time of receipt of original documents in the tender box at the office of the undersigned	Before 17.30 Hrs. of 29.11.2023 (Except Holidays)
7 Date & Time of opening of bids	11.00 Hrs. of 30.11.2023 onwards
8 Name and Address of the officer inviting bid	Executive Engineer (Agril.), Northern Zone, Soil Conservation, At/Po-Burla, Near Planetarium Chowk, Sambalpur, 768107

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1.	Date of sale of bid document	From 10.00 AM dt. 9.11.23 up to 5.00 PM of dt. 18.11.23
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Kolkata, Nov 7: The city's air quality turned poor Monday as the overall air quality index (AQI) touched 206 (PM2.5) level, according to US Mission India's NowCast Air Quality Index. An AQI between 0-50 is considered to be good, 51-100 is satisfactory, 101-200 moderate, 201-300 poor, 301-400 very poor and



Contractual women employees of UP 'Dial 112' emergency service being detained during a protest on the Lucknow-Sultanpur highway demanding salary increment, in Lucknow



Passengers hang out from a train as it approaches a station during a foggy morning on the outskirts of Delhi



People with tape over their mouths and their hands bound attend a vigil outside Downing Street, London, to mark one month since the invasion of Israel by Hamas



Rajasthan Chief Minister Ashok Gehlot takes blessings of an elderly voter during the 'Congress Guarantee Yatra' ahead of Assembly polls, in Jaipur



Anti-monarchy demonstrators hold placards in Parliament Street as guards walk past, ahead of the State Opening of Parliament at the Houses of Parliament, in London



Artistes from Manipur perform Lai Haraoba folk dance during 'Lok Rang' at Jawahar Kala Kendra in Jaipur



2023 Earthshot prize finalists pose for a picture before start of the awards night in Singapore



Security personnel in a scuffle with Anganwadi workers protesting outside the Bihar Legislative Assembly in Patna

national

of the day quote

Congress has one candidate (per constituency), but the BJP has four. There is a (party) candidate who is visible, but there are three others who are invisible....ED, which is campaigning like a star campaigner, like Prime Minister Narendra Modi. A second candidate is the CBI, which also goes after the (rival) candidates to weaken them, and a third is the Income Tax

MALLIKARJUN KHARGE | CONGRESS PRESIDENT

Due to some circumstances, we were with the Congress. But the Congressmen realised that there was no need of socialists. That's why we were turned away

AKHILESH YADAV | SP CHIEF

Riots broke out in Rajasthan due to appeasement policy of the Congress government, which doesn't even have courage to punish culprits

AMIT SHAH | UNION HOME MINISTER

SHORT TAKES

Three dead

Thane: Three persons including a local RPI functionary died and two injured when their car fell off a bridge onto a moving goods train between Karjat and Panvel railway stations in Maharashtra on early Tuesday morning, police said. Republican Party of India chief and Union minister Ramdas Athawale sought a probe into the incident. The accident took place on a bridge near Kinavali between 3.30 am and 4 am as the car was heading for Neral on Mumbai-Panvel road, said an official of Panvel police station.

Ex-J&K minister arrested by ED

Jammu: Former Jammu and Kashmir minister Lal Singh was arrested by the Enforcement Directorate here Tuesday, hours after an anti-corruption court dismissed his anticipatory bail application in a money laundering case, officials said. Singh was under investigation by the federal agency as part of the case lodged under the Prevention of Money Laundering Act (PMLA) against an educational trust run by his wife and former legislator Kanta Andotra, they said.

Nine injured in Manipur firing

Imphal: At least nine persons including two Manipur police personnel and a woman sustained bullet injuries after unidentified men fired on them at Kangchup foothills in Kangpokpi district adjoining Imphal West district on Tuesday, officials said. Alarmed over the presence of five unknown persons from a different community who had strayed into Meitei area, a large group of people including women from Phayeng went to Kangchup hillside to find out about them, eyewitnesses said. However, as soon as they reached, suspected militants from the hills started firing at them, they added.

Close shave for Amit Shah

Jaipur: Union Home Minister Amit Shah had a narrow escape Tuesday when a 'rath' in which he was travelling came in contact with an electricity wire in Rajasthan's Nagaur. The incident occurred when Shah's cavalcade was moving to Parbatsar from Bidiyad village to address an election rally. While passing through a lane in Parbatsar, the upper portion of his 'rath' touched the power line which led to a spark and the subsequent snapping of the wire.



The Supreme Court has had very strong words to say about the dangerous levels of air pollution in the nation's capital. But it is a crisis that affects entire north India, especially, Both the Centre and the states have been complicit in their inaction

JAIRAM RAMESH | CONGRESS LEADER

NOIDA COPS SEND NOTICE TO ELVISH

The Noida police sent a notice Tuesday to Youtuber Elvish Yadav asking him to join the investigation into suspected use of snake venom for rave parties, even as Uttar Pradesh minister Arun Saxena said no celebrity is bigger than the law, which will take its own course



Can't let people die due to pollution: SC

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

New Delhi, Nov 7: Amid a spike in pollution levels in Delhi-NCR, the Supreme Court Tuesday directed Punjab, Haryana, Uttar Pradesh and Rajasthan to ensure crop residue burning was stopped "forthwith", saying it cannot let "people die" due to pollution.

Questioning the Delhi government's odd-even car rationing scheme, which is aimed at curbing pollution and is scheduled to be enforced in the city from November 13 to 20, the apex court asked about its effectiveness and termed it "all optics".

"I am sorry, this is complete murder of health of people, there is no other phrase I have," said Justice Sanjay Kishan Kaul, who was heading the bench which also comprised Justice Sudhanshu Dhulia. Another bench of the top court comprising Justices AS Bopanna and MM Sundresh, which was dealing with the firecrackers ban matter, clarified on Tuesday that the top court's order banning firecrackers containing barium binds every state and was not just limited to Delhi-NCR.



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The Justice Kaul-led bench also took a stern view of states trying to shift blame to one another for the pollution and observed there cannot be "political battle" all the time. While hearing a matter pertaining to the debilitating air pollution in the Delhi-National Capital Region (NCR), the bench flagged issues like crop residue burning, vehicular pollution and burning of waste in the open were the major contributors to pollution during this time of the year.

The top court is seized of a

plea filed in 1985 by environmentalist MC Mehta on air pollution and the issue of crop residue burning had cropped up during the hearing of the matter. Expressing concern over widespread stubble burning which were not stopping following paddy harvest, the bench said, "The concern is this... These farm fires are not stopping. What action the states are taking to stop the farm fires?" "Delhi cannot be made to go through this year after year," it said.

The bench directed the Delhi government to ensure that municipal solid wastes were not burnt in the open in the city. On the issue of stubble burning, the counsel appearing for Punjab claimed incidents of crop residue burning have come down by 40 per cent since last year.

"We want to stop all this. We don't care how you do it. It is your business how to do it. It must stop," the bench told the counsel, adding, "You have to stop it, whether by forceful action, sometimes by incentives, sometimes by other actions, but you have to stop it." "We cannot let people die because of this (pollution)," the apex court said, while referring to the health related issues being faced by people due to alarming rise in pollution levels.

It said residents of Delhi have been grappling with health issues at this time of the year, year after year, because a solution to the problem has not been found. "We direct the state government of Punjab and for that matter, all other states adjacent to Delhi, which is Haryana, Rajasthan and UP... to ensure that crop burning is stopped forthwith," it said.

Congress alleges poll code violation by PM

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

New Delhi, Nov 7: The Congress Tuesday claimed Prime Minister Narendra Modi's announcement of a five-year extension of the PM Garib Kalyan Anna Yojana was "blatant violation" of the model code of conduct and said the party would approach the Election Commission on the issue.

Congress general secretary Jairam Ramesh said they would be meeting the Election Commission on the issue and will seek its intervention, as the announcement was made by the prime minister during the Chhattisgarh election campaign even without the approval of the Union Cabinet.

Ramesh said the party has sought time from the Election Commission, but will also file an online complaint against the prime minister's announcement to the poll body, urging it to act against the PM. "This announcement of extension of PM Garib Kalyan Anna Yojana (PMGKAY) by five years is a clear violation of the model code of conduct as it was made even without the approval of the Union Cabinet during the poll process," he said.



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"We would certainly approach the Election Commission and have sought time from it," he said. He also clarified that the Congress was not against the scheme but was against the announcement during the poll process and in violation of the model code.

In a post on X, he also said the five-year extension is not only a recognition of the "Prime Minister's flailing image" but also of the deepening economic distress and financial pain. "A desperate Prime Minister announced a five-year extension of the PM Garib Kalyan Yojana in the midst of the Chhattisgarh election campaign. This is a blatant violation of the Model Code of Conduct. Will the @ECISVVEEP take note and act?" Ramesh said.

CHHATTISGARH POLLS

71% turnout in first phase



PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

Raipur, Nov 7: A high voter turnout of 71.48 per cent (provisional) was recorded in the phase 1 of Chhattisgarh Assembly elections for 20 seats Tuesday, polling for which was held in separate time slots due to security reasons amid Naxalite violence and call for a boycott, officials said. Voting for 10 constituencies was held from 7 am to 3 pm and from 8 am to 5 pm in the remaining segments under a thick security blanket of police and paramilitary personnel in the Naxalite-hit Bastar division. The opposition BJP and ruling Congress are the main contenders for power in Chhattisgarh, where nearly 1 lakh security personnel were deployed on duty for the first phase of polls that covered 20 of the total 90 assembly seats in the state.

"An average voter turnout of 71.48 per cent was recorded in the first phase of the Chhattisgarh elections on Tuesday. However, this figure may go up as the final data from several booths was yet to be received," a poll official said.

Of the 20 seats for which polling was held, 12 were reserved for Scheduled Tribes (STs). A total of 223 candidates, including 25 women, were in the fray and as per electoral rolls, 40, 78,681 voters were eligible to exercise their franchise in the first phase. After the end of voting, the electoral fate of former chief minister and BJP leader Raman Singh, Chhattisgarh Congress president and MP Deepak Baij, and at least three ministers in the Bhupesh Baghel cabinet was locked in Electronic Voting Machines (EVMs). Incidents of violence were reported from Sukma, Narayanpur, Bijapur and Kanker districts.

Four security personnel were injured in an encounter with Naxalites in the Chintagufa police station area of Sukma district, while a CRPF commando sustained injuries in an IED blast near Tondamarka camp in the same district during separate area domination operations to ensure security during the polls, police said.

Exchanges of fire also took place between Naxalites and security personnel - one each in Narayanpur, Bijapur and Kanker districts.

However, no harm was reported to security personnel in those incidents, police said.

The Congress, which is seeking a second term in office, and the opposition BJP, which ruled the state for 15 years before it was voted out in 2018, are the main contenders for power. Women voters outnumbered men in the seats covered under the first phase of polling.

Aditya L1 takes high-energy X-ray glimpse of solar flares

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

Bangalore, Nov 7: ISRO's maiden solar mission, Aditya L1, has captured its first high-energy X-ray glimpse of solar flares.

During its first observation period from approximately October 29, the High Energy L1 Orbiting X-ray Spectrometer (HELIOS) on board Aditya-L1 spacecraft has recorded the impulsive phase of solar flares, the space agency said in a statement Tuesday.

A solar flare is a sudden brightening of solar atmosphere. The recorded data is consistent with the X-ray light curves provided by National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration's (NOAA) Geostationary Operational Environmental Satellites (GOES). "Commissioned on October 27, 2023, HELIOS is currently undergoing fine-tuning of thresholds and calibration operations. The instrument is set to monitor the Sun's high-energy X-ray activity with fast timing and high-resolution spectra," it said.

HELIOS data enables researchers to study explosive energy release and electron acceleration during impulsive phases of solar flares. HELIOS was developed by the Space Astronomy Group of the U R Rao Satellite Centre, ISRO, Bengaluru, the agency added.

HELIOS, the hard X-ray spectrometer on Aditya-L1 Solar Mission by ISRO, is the harbinger of flaring activities on the Sun, with the ability to capture the early impulsive phase of the solar activity.

34% EARN ₹6,000 OR LESS: BIHAR CASTE SURVEY

Based on the survey findings, Bihar Chief Minister Nitish Kumar announced his intent to raise quotas for Other Backward Classes, Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes in the state, saying a legislation to this effect is likely to be brought in the ongoing Assembly session

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

Patna, Nov 7: More than a third of families in Bihar are making do with an income of ₹200 or less a day, while the number of SC-ST families living on similar earnings is nearly 43 per cent, according to the Caste Survey report tabled in the state assembly Tuesday.

According to the report, the state is home to about 2.97 crore families out of which more than 94 lakh (34.13 per cent) live on an income of ₹6,000 or less a month. Parliamentary Affairs Minister Vijay Kumar Chaudhary who tabled the report said the literacy rate has risen from 69.8 per cent as per the 2011 census to 79.8 per cent.

The percentage of households who live on less than ₹6,000 a month or less than ₹200 a day among the Scheduled tribe households (42.91 per cent) was almost the same as among scheduled caste households (42.78 per cent). Chaudhary tabled the detailed



report, preliminary findings of which were made public on October 2, in presence of Chief Minister Nitish Kumar and Deputy CM Tejashwi Yadav, among others. Chaudhary termed the exercise as "historic" and vouched for the figures being "authentic", denying allegations levelled by the opposition BJP that numbers had been "manipulated" to politically suit the ruling Mahagathbandhan coalition.

"We must remember that a rise in the population percentage of a caste does not amount to an achievement. Similarly, a fall in the percentage does not mean a loss," said the minister, who also voiced displeasure over litigations trying to challenge the survey on various grounds, even though the Supreme Court had found the exercise to be "perfectly valid".

He also took the occasion to recall that the exercise followed

the Centre's reluctance to undertake a caste survey, notwithstanding two unanimous resolutions passed by the legislature to press the demand and an in-person request made to Prime Minister Narendra Modi, by an all-party delegation led by the chief minister.

The state has also improved its sex ratio from 918 to 953 women per 1,000 men, said the minister. The report has also come out with several other important findings like more than 50 lakh people of Bihar are living outside the state in search of livelihood or better education opportunities.

Those earning a living in other states numbered around 46 lakh, while another 2.17 lakh have found greener pastures abroad. Those pursuing studies in other states numbered about 5.52 lakh while about 27,000 were doing the same in foreign countries.

Supreme Court bats for press freedom

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

New Delhi, Nov 7: The Supreme Court Tuesday asked the Centre to put in place guidelines on seizure of electronic devices like phones and laptops of individuals, particularly media professionals, while terming it a serious matter.

A bench of Justices Sanjay Kishan Kaul and Sudhanshu Dhulia conveyed their concern to Additional Solicitor General (ASG) S V Raju, who was representing the Centre, about the sweeping powers of probe agencies.

"Mr Raju, I find it very difficult to accept that some kind of an all-within power which the agencies have, this is very, very dangerous I think," Justice Kaul observed. The bench was hearing two petitions, including the one filed by 'Foundation For Media Professionals', seeking comprehensive guidelines for search and seizure of digital devices by the investigating agencies.



The counsel, appearing for one of the petitioners, said the issue raised was of seminal importance as there were no guidelines with regard to when and how will the probe agencies seize electronic devices.

Raju said complicated legal issues have been raised in the matter and he needed some time to prepare for it. He said there are individuals who are serial offenders or anti-national elements who may conceal material data and therefore, some balance was required.

"The problem is, these are media professionals. They will have their own sources and other aspects. This is a serious matter," the bench said, adding, "Now, if you just take everything away, there is a problem".

"There must be some guidelines," the court said. Raju said several legal issues involved in the matter and he would examine these aspects. "I think it is time for you people to do it yourself to ensure that it is not misused. It can't be a state which runs only through its agencies. It cannot be

done," the bench said.

The bench told Raju the government must analyse what kind of guidelines are necessary to protect the interest of both sides and they cannot be adversarial in that sense. The petitioner's counsel raised the issue about the state's power and an individual's rights, including the right to privacy. He said nowadays, probe agencies can compel individuals to provide their biometric information, a practice adopted by all political dispensations. The bench noted that Raju has requested for some time to better examine the matter so he can make submissions.

"We have, however, put to the ASG that there has to be a balancing of interest and proper guidelines need to be in place to protect the interests of the media professionals. We would like the ASG to work on this and come back to us on this issue," the bench said, while posting the matter for further hearing in December.

RASHMIKA'S DEEPFAKE

Govt advisory to social media cos

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

New Delhi, Nov 7: The Centre has issued an advisory to major social media companies to identify misinformation, deepfakes and other content that violates rules and remove those within 36 hours after being reported to them, an official statement said Tuesday.

The development comes after a deepfake video of actress Rashmika Mandanna was found circulating on social media platforms earning criticism from several politicians and celebrities. Netizens claimed the video has been morphed and the actual video is of an Indian-origin person living in the UK.

"The Centre today issued an advisory to the significant social media intermediaries to ensure that due diligence is exercised and reasonable efforts are made to identify misinformation and deepfakes, and in particular, information that violates the provisions of rules and regulations and/or user agreements," the Ministry of Electronics and IT (Meity) said in a statement.

Meity in the advisory has directed that social media companies expeditiously take action against the content that is in violation of the rules and regulations well within the timeframes stipulated under the IT Rules 2021, and users are caused not to host such information, content, deepfakes.

"Remove any such content when reported within 36 hours of such reporting and ensure expeditious action, well within the timeframes stipulated under the IT Rules 2021, and disable access to the content or information," the statement said. In case of impersonation in an electronic form, including artificially morphed images of an individual, social media companies have been advised to take action within 24 hours from the receipt of a complaint in relation to any content.

international



It will be determined who specifically violated the rules regarding the safety of people in the area of the enemy's aerial reconnaissance access
VOLODYMYR ZELENSKY | UKRAINE PRESIDENT

PML-N, MQM-P TO CONTEST POLLS JOINTLY

In a surprise development, Pakistan Muslim League-Nawaz and Karachi-based Muttahida Qaumi Movement Tuesday announced an electoral alliance to contest the general elections against Bhuttos' Pakistan People's Party in Sindh province



of the day quote

Because these young people -- Muslim Americans, Arab Americans, but also young people -- see this conflict as a moral conflict and a moral crisis
PRAMILA JAYAPAL | INDIAN-AMERICAN CONGRESSWOMAN

We want to further deepen our strong economic and cultural relationship with India as part of our renewed Asia Pacific strategy
MICHAEL MARTIN | DEPUTY, PM IRELAND

We have started negotiations with India to remove its military presence. We want a bilateral relationship that's mutually beneficial
MOHAMED MUZZU | PRESIDENT-ELECT, MALDIVES

SHORT TAKES

Ex- Meta engineering leader to testify

Washington: On the same day whistleblower Frances Haugen was testifying before Congress about the harms of Facebook and Instagram to children in the fall of 2021, Arturo Bejar, then a contractor at the social media giant, sent an alarming email to Meta CEO Mark Zuckerberg about the same topic. In the note, as first reported by The Wall Street Journal, Bejar, who worked as an engineering director at Facebook from 2009 to 2015, outlined a "critical gap" between how the company approached harm and how the people who use its products -- most notably young people -- experience it.

5 Republicans qualify for third Prez debate

Washington: The US Republican National Committee (RNC) has announced that five candidates, including Indian-origin Nikki Haley and Vivek Ramaswamy, have qualified for the third presidential debate scheduled to take place in Miami Wednesday. The remaining three candidates are Florida Governor Ron DeSantis, former New Jersey Governor Chris Christie and South Carolina Senator Tim Scott, CNN reported.

Nepal earthquake: 16 more injured

Kathmandu: At least 16 people were injured after three tremors of over 4 magnitude hit western Nepal's Jajarkot Monday, days after the country witnessed its worst quake in eight years that claimed the lives of 153 people and left a total of 266 others injured, security agencies said. With those injured in the aftershocks Monday, the total number of people injured in a series of earthquakes in Nepal has touched 266.

7 killed in bus Kabul explosion

Islamabad: A minibus exploded in a mostly Shiite Muslim neighbourhood in Afghanistan's capital, Kabul, killing at least seven civilians and wounding 20 others, authorities said on Tuesday. This is the second blast to have struck the area in as many weeks. Police spokesman, Khalid Zadran, said the explosion took place in the western part of the city in Dashti Barchi area. The cause remained unknown, but police launched an investigation. No one immediately claimed responsibility for the attack, but an affiliate of the Islamic State group has targeted in the past Shiite schools, hospitals and mosques in the same area.

Britain rolls out breast cancer prevention pill

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

London, Nov 7: Thousands of women at increased risk of breast cancer are set to benefit from a risk-reducing drug to be offered by Britain's National Health Service (NHS) after it was licensed for use to help prevent the disease, the state-funded health service announced on Tuesday. Anastrozole, which has been used for many years as a breast cancer treatment, has today been licensed by the UK's Medicines and Healthcare products Regulatory Agency (MHRA) as a preventive option -- which it is

hoped could help prevent thousands of breast cancer cases in England.

The drug, which is off-patent, has been shown in trials to reduce the incidence of the disease in post-menopausal women at increased risk of the disease by almost 50 per cent.

"Breast cancer is the most common cancer in the UK, so I'm delighted that another effective drug to help to prevent this cruel disease has now been approved," said UK Health Minister Will Quince. "We've already seen the positive effect Anastrozole can have in treat-



ing the disease when it has been detected in postmenopausal women and now we can use it to stop it developing at all in some women," he said.

Around 289,000 women at moderate or high risk of breast cancer could be eligible for the

drug, and while not all will choose to take it, it is estimated that if 25 per cent do, around 2,000 cases of breast cancer could potentially be prevented in England, while saving the NHS around GBP 15 million in treatment costs. "This is the first drug to be repurposed through a world-leading new programme to help us realise the full potential of existing medicines in new uses to save and improve more lives on the NHS. Thanks to this initiative, we hope that greater access to anastrozole could enable more women to take risk-reducing

steps if they'd like to, helping them live without fear of breast cancer," said NHS chief executive Amanda Pritchard.

The treatment is taken as a 1mg tablet, once a day for five years. Anastrozole is an aromatase inhibitor, which works by cutting down the amount of the hormone oestrogen that a patient's body makes by blocking an enzyme called "aromatase".

The most common side effects of the medicine are hot flushes, feeling weak, pain/stiffness in the joints, arthritis, skin rash, nausea, headache, osteoporosis, and depression.

JAPAN AND UK VOW DEEPER SECURITY TIES

ASSOCIATED PRESS

Tokyo, Nov 7: Japanese and British foreign and defense ministers met Tuesday and agreed to further deepen military cooperation under a new security pact that allows their militaries to enter each other's territory for joint exercises.

Japan and Britain have expanded their cooperation in recent years as concern has grown over China's increasing influence. Japan, whose only treaty ally is the United States, has signed Reciprocal Access Agreements with Australia and the UK, making them semi-allies.

The talks in Tokyo among Japanese Foreign Minister Yoko Kamikawa and Defense Minister Minoru Kihara and British Foreign Secretary James Cleverly and Defense Secretary Grant Shapps are the first since the RAA took effect in mid-October. They met on the sidelines of a gathering of foreign ministers from the Group of Seven industrialized nations on Tuesday and Wednesday that is expected to focus on the Israel-Hamas war, the Russia-Ukraine war and tension in the Indo-Pacific region.

Later Tuesday, Shapps told several selected journalists, including from The Associated Press, that the reason for their meeting is to show in the Indo-Pacific "that despite what's going on in Europe, and despite what's going on in the Middle East, we are still here today, and that I think shows enduring strength of our relationship with Japan".

The four ministers agreed to expand their joint exercises, including the annual Japan-UK joint exercise, Vigilant Isles 23, starting later this month, according to a joint statement issued after their talks. They also agreed on using the RAA to realise an "even more ambitious programme of more frequent and complex exercises" than before.

40 dead in flash floods

AGENCIES

Nairobi, Kenya: Heavy rains and flash flooding have killed at least 40 people and displaced tens of thousands in Kenya and Somalia, aid agencies reported Monday.

In Somalia, the government declared an emergency after the extreme weather killed at least 25 people and destroyed homes, roads and bridges. Emergency and rescue workers were trying to reach an estimated 2,400 residents trapped by floodwaters in the Luuq district of southern Somalia's Jubaland state.

The UN office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs warned of a high risk of flooding along the Juba and Shabelle rivers and called for the evacuation of people living along the entire stretch of the Juba.

"The Somalia Disaster Management Agency is swiftly responding to the crisis, with plans to dispatch a flight to Dollow and transport two boats from Kismayo to Luuq and one to Baardhere to assist with evacuations," Hassan Isse, the agency's managing director, told The Associated Press.

A MONTH INTO WAR

Israel gave civilians still trapped inside freshly encircled Gaza City a four-hour window to leave Tuesday and escaping residents said they passed tanks in position to storm it

AGENCIES

Khan Younis (Gaza Strip), Nov 7: Israel will take "overall security responsibility" in Gaza indefinitely after its war with Hamas, Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu said, the clearest indication yet that Israel plans to maintain control over the coastal enclave one month into a conflict that has claimed thousands of lives and levelled whole swaths of the territory.

In an interview with ABC News that aired late Monday, Netanyahu expressed openness to "little pauses" in the fighting to facilitate the delivery of aid to Gaza or the release of some of the more than 240 hostages seized by Hamas in its Oct 7 attack into Israel that triggered the war. But he ruled out any general ceasefire without the release of all the hostages, and the White House said there was no agreement on US President Joe Biden's call for a broader humanitarian pause after a phone call between the leaders. The war has come at a



Gaza's interior ministry says all bakeries in northern Gaza are out of service due to Israeli attacks and a lack of fuel

Israeli opposition Labor Party leader says plans needed for Gaza 'political victory' after Hamas defeated

US PRESIDENT JOE BIDEN DOES NOT FAVOUR AN ISRAELI RE-OCCUPATION OF GAZA, WHITE HOUSE SAYS

staggering cost. Airstrikes have reduced entire city blocks to rubble, and around 70% of Gaza's 2.3 million people have fled their homes, with many heading Israeli orders to head to the southern part of the besieged territory, which is also being bombed.

Israeli troops have been battling Palestinian militants inside Gaza for over a week, and have succeeded in cutting the territory in half and encircling Gaza City. Food, medicine, fuel and water are running low, and

United Nations-run schools-turned-shelters are overflowing.

The Palestinian death toll has surpassed 10,000, the Health Ministry of the Hamas-run Gaza Strip said Monday, including over 4,100 minors.

More than 2,300 people are missing and believed to be buried under the rubble of destroyed buildings, the ministry said. The ministry does not distinguish between civilians and combatants, and Israel says it has killed thousands of fighters.

NATO suspends key Cold War-Era treaty

AGENCIES

Brussels, Nov 7: NATO member countries that signed a key Cold War-era security treaty froze their participation in the pact Tuesday just hours after Russia pulled out, raising fresh questions about the future of arms control agreements in Europe.

Many of NATO's 31 allies are parties to the Treaty of Conventional Armed Forces in Europe, which was aimed at preventing Cold War rivals from massing forces at or near their mutual borders. The CFE was signed in November 1990 as the Soviet bloc was crumbling but was not fully ratified until two years later.

NATO said that Tuesday's action by its signatory members was required because "a situation whereby Allied State Parties abide by the Treaty, while Russia does not, would be unsustainable".



Earlier in the day, Moscow said it had finalised its withdrawal from the treaty. The long-expected move, which the Kremlin blamed in part on NATO's continued expansion closer to Russia's borders, came after lawmakers in Moscow approved a bill proposed by President Vladimir Putin denouncing the CFE.

US National Security Adviser Jake Sullivan said suspending the obligations by Washington and its allies will strengthen NATO's "deterrence and defense capacity by removing restrictions that

impact planning, deployments, and exercises -- restrictions that no longer bind Russia after Moscow's withdrawal". Russia's actions "further demonstrates Moscow's continued disregard for arms control," he added.

The German Foreign Ministry underscored that Berlin and its allies are not pulling out of the treaty.

"In the case of a fundamental change in Russia's behaviour, a renewed implementation of the CFE remains possible," it said.

The ministry said Germany intends to stick to the national limits for weapons systems in the treaty. It criticised Moscow's withdrawal, saying that "Russia is destroying another pillar of our European security and arms control architecture."

"Securing a balanced conventional potential of forces in Europe cannot be realised without the involvement of Russia," it added.



Britain's King Charles III Tuesday delivered his first King's Speech, a tradition steeped in tradition and accompanied by royal pomp and ceremony, to lay out Prime Minister Rishi Sunak's plans for his government ahead of next general election. The 74-year-old monarch was joined by Queen Camilla for the ceremonial State Opening of Parliament, which symbolises the independence of the House of Commons through its royal pageantry in the House of Lords AP/PTI PHOTO

'98% of China's funding to Pak is in form of loans'

WITH \$14 BILLION IN FINANCE COMMITMENTS, 2017 WAS THE TOP YEAR FOR PAKISTAN

AGENCIES

Karachi/Beijing, Nov 7: As much as 98 per cent of China's development funding for its all-weather ally Pakistan came in the form of "less-than-generous loans," with only two per cent coming in the form of grants between 2000 and 2021, according to a research report.

The China-Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC), a global infrastructure and investment initiative by Beijing, was launched in 2013. It is thought to be the largest partnership of China's Belt and Road Initiative (BRI). It increased to over \$62 billion over time, and at least \$ 25 billion was invested in cash-strapped Pakistan.

"Out of the total Chinese development finance portfolio of \$ 70.3 billion, committed between 2000 and 2021 in Pakistan, eight per cent was official de-



velopment assistance (grants and highly concessional loans) and 89 per cent was other official sector loans," said a report in The News International, quoting AidData, a US-based research lab.

With \$14.0 billion in finance commitments, 2017 was the top year for Pakistan; following a decline in 2018, the amount increased again in 2019 and 2020, even with the pandemic. With a

Pakistan and China have a long history of economic collaboration, and this year marks 10 years of such ties

China has helped Pakistan through all of its tough economic downturns and crises

than-generous loans coupled with Pakistan's mismanagement have made Pakistan's debt load even higher."

AidData estimates that Pakistan's outstanding public and publicly guaranteed debt to China stands at \$67.22 billion, which is 19.6 per cent of the GDP, and \$ 21.2 billion more than what Pakistan has officially reported to the World Bank's Debtor Reporting System, the media report said.

Quoting Dr Ammar A. Malik, who is a senior research scientist at AidData, the newspaper said, "In terms of the composition of debt from China, since 2018 China has pivoted away from infrastructure lending toward emergency lending in Pakistan, ensuring that the earlier debts taken on by Pakistan for energy, transport, and other CPEC projects can be repaid on time and with interest."

SNIPPETS

Portuguese PM steps down

Lisbon: Portuguese Prime Minister Antonio Costa resigned Tuesday after his government was involved in a widespread corruption probe, sending a shock wave through the normally tranquil politics of the European Union member. The 62-year-old Costa, Portugal's Socialist leader since 2015, asserted his innocence but said in a nationally televised address that "in these circumstances, obviously, I have presented my resignation to the president of the republic." The announcement came hours after police arrested his chief of staff while raiding several public buildings and other properties as part of the probe. The state prosecutor's office said the Supreme Court was examining suspects' "use of the prime minister's name and his involvement" when carrying out allegedly illicit activities. It said the minister of infrastructure, Joao Galamba, and the head of the environmental agency were among those named as suspects.

Court adjourns cipher case hearing

Islamabad: A special court in Pakistan Tuesday adjourned the hearing of the cipher case against jailed former prime minister Imran Khan until November 10 after recording statements of witnesses. Special court judge Abul Hasnat Zulqarnain held the trial hearing in the high-security Adiala Jail in Rawalpindi where the Pakistan-Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI) chairman has been kept since September 26 following his shifting from the Attock jail. According to Khan's party, the trial under a special secret act was conducted within the jail premises.



GST 'one nation one tax' collection is going up every year, every month. GST has brought tax rates down on many items compared to earlier times. Businessmen know that they are not going to be double taxed under GST which was the case earlier. GST collection is increasing because of it
NIRMALA SITHARAMAN | FINANCE MINISTER

CENTRE RELEASES ₹72,961.21CR TO STATES

The Union Government has authorised the release of tax devolution to the tune of ₹72,961.21 crore to state governments for the month of November 2023 just ahead of the festive season. This will enable the state governments to make in-time releases and add to the festivities and celebrations among the people, the Finance Ministry said.



of the day quote

We shall try to work and fight to get a fair deal for the Indian producers and exporters and nobody is complacent about CBAM

PIYUSH GOYAL | COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY MINISTER

There is a huge potential for us to grow in this market (Europe) from our current market share of around 8.5 per cent...It's very difficult for anyone to say how much it will grow (going ahead) but from here it can go only in one direction that growth year on year

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SANTOSH IYER | MD & CEO AT MERCEDES-BENZ INDIA

Fintech can emerge as substitute for traditional banking: RBI's CAFRAL

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Mumbai, Nov 7: India's fintech sector can potentially emerge as a substitute for traditional banking in the near future, said a report by CAFRAL, while stressing the need for a 'quick and nimble' regulation to ensure growth of digitalisation and financial stability.

Reserve Bank Governor Shaktikanta Das Tuesday released the first flagship publication of the Centre for Advanced Financial Research and Learning (CAFRAL) with the title "India Finance Report 2023" (IFR 2023).

CAFRAL, a not-for-profit organisation, was set up in 2011 as an independent body by the RBI to promote research and learning in banking and finance.

The report provides fresh insights into the non-banking financial sector in India that can aid all stakeholders, including regulators and policymakers, in securing a greater understanding of the sector and a wider appreciation of its niche strengths and opportunities.

In his note to the report, RBI Deputy Governor Michael Debabrata Patra said the publication is sensitive to the significant heterogeneity within



The introduction of UPI has provided fintech with a seamless digital infrastructure, accelerating its expansion and creating new possibilities for financial inclusion across the country, the report said

NBFCs, issues in complementarity and competitiveness vis-à-vis the traditional banking sector and the growing synergies between NBFCs and FinTech. The report noted that India is witnessing rapid digitalisation with the implementation of the India Stack. Consequently,

digital lending and in particular FinTech lending has grown rapidly.

The introduction of Unified Payment Interface (UPI) has provided FinTech with a seamless digital infrastructure, accelerating its expansion and creating new possibilities for financial inclusion across the country, it said.

However, the report said regulation of digital lending must be tailored to facilitate growth as well as maintain stability.

"The strong relationship between UPI and fintech lending, especially during COVID-19 is testimony to the potential of digitalization. The fintech sector can potentially emerge as a substitute for traditional banking in the near future," it said.

Day without internet would cost \$43bn globally: Report

INDIA LOST \$184.3 MILLION AS A RESULT OF GOVERNMENT-IMPOSED BLACKOUTS THAT PREVENTED MORE THAN 120 MILLION PEOPLE FROM ACCESSING THE INTERNET

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Marshall Islands, Nauru, and Micronesia would experience the least financial losses if the internet shut down for a day. Specifically, these countries would not lose more than \$50K, the report said.

Russia topped the list of losses in 2022, with an estimated \$21.59 billion in income lost over 7,407 hours of blackouts that affected more than three-quarters of the country's population, according to the report by Top10VPN.

India lost \$184.3 million as a result of government-imposed blackouts that prevented more than 120 million people from accessing the internet.

Iran, Kazakhstan, Myanmar, and Uzbekistan were among the other countries that suffered the biggest losses due to internet outages in 2022.

Overall, internet shutdowns by the government globally cost \$24.6 billion in 2022, up 337 per cent from 2021.

FMCG sector sees 9% growth on rural revival: NielsenIQ

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New Delhi, Nov 7: The FMCG industry in India had an overall 8.6 per cent volume growth in September quarter, helped by higher consumption as the inflationary pressure eased, according to a report by data analytics firm NielsenIQ.

With correction in prices, the FMCG industry logged 9 per cent growth in value terms in July-September(Q3), reducing from the preceding quarters, it added.

When inflation was at a record high, the FMCG industry had a high price-led growth in the last 5-6 quarters, though the volume was under stress. However, the trend has started reversing with the cooling of commodity prices.

Besides, the rural market,



which has been facing a consumption slowdown for the last several quarters, is showing signs of recovery, while the urban market is maintaining a 'stable rate of growth', said the latest NielsenIQ's FMCG Quarterly snapshot.

Smaller-sized packs are having higher offtake in the rural market, while in urban markets average pack sizes turn positive, though there is a continued preference towards larger packs, it added.

"The FMCG industry has witnessed a further reduction in price growth from last quarter and has given a necessary impetus to the spending power of the consumer, this is evident in rural markets in particular where there is an uptick in consumption across categories," said NIQ India Managing Director Satish Pillai.

Overall, factors such as "cooling of inflation in the country fuelled by base effects; a recent decline in unemployment figures, and LPG prices" among others have contributed to the willingness of the consumer to spend, he added.

The consumption growth in FMCG is led by both food and non-food sectors, though food baskets have a higher contribution.

"In Q3 2023, the food sector growth was at a rate of 8.7 per cent compared to the same period last year, up from 8.5 per cent in Q2 2023. Similarly, the non-food sector exhibited growth at a rate of 8.7 per cent in Q3 2023 versus YA, a significant increase from the 5.4 per cent seen in Q2 2023," it said.

In food, the growth is primarily driven by products falling under the impulse category like salty snacks, chocolates and confectionery and habit-forming such as biscuits, tea, coffee. Within the non-food categories, this improvement can be attributed to an increase in rural consumption growth, with a growth rate of 6.7 per cent in Q3 2023.

Q2 RESULTS

Power Grid Corp net profit rises

New Delhi: State-owned Power Grid Corp Tuesday posted nearly four per cent rise in its consolidated net profit to ₹3,781.42 crore compared to a year ago mainly on the back of higher revenues. Its consolidated net profit was ₹3,650.29 crore in the quarter ended September last year, according to a BSE filing. Total income increased to ₹11,530.43 crore in the quarter from ₹11,349.44 crore in the same period a year ago. The company's board of directors has approved an interim dividend of ₹4 per equity share worth ₹10 each (at the rate of 40 per cent of the paid-up equity share capital) for the financial year 2023-24. The interim dividend shall be paid December 6, 2023.

Cochin Shipyard profit up 61%

New Delhi: Cochin Shipyard Ltd Tuesday reported 60.93 per cent rise in consolidated profit at ₹181.52 crore for September quarter 2023-24. The company had posted a profit of ₹112.79 crore for the year-ago period, it said in a filing to BSE. Income increased to ₹1,100.40 crore from ₹744.88 crore in the year-ago period. Total expenses were also higher at ₹849.03 crore in the second quarter of the current fiscal as against ₹579.88 crore in the year-ago period. The company's board has approved an interim dividend of ₹8 per share, for 2023-24.

IRCTC clocks 30% jump in net profit

Mumbai: Indian Railway Catering and Tourism Corporation Ltd Tuesday reported a 30.4 per cent jump in net profit to ₹294.67 crore for the July-September quarter of 2023-24, against profit of ₹226 crore in the same quarter of the previous financial year. The higher profit was attributed to an increase in ticket and catering sales. The total revenue of the company touched ₹995.31 crore, rising 23.5 per cent from ₹805.80 crore in the same period last year, according to IRCTC's regulatory filing. Earnings before interest, tax, depreciation and amortization (EBIDTA) for the quarter worked out to ₹366.5 crore which represents an increase of 20.2 per cent. EBIDTA margin was at 36.8 per cent as compared to 37.8 per cent in the same quarter of the previous year.

Markets snap 3 days of rally, settle lower



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Mumbai, Nov 7: Equity benchmark indices snapped three days of rally to settle marginally lower Tuesday amid weak trends in Asian and European markets along with unabated foreign fund outflows.

The 30-share BSE Sensex dipped 16.29 points or 0.03 per cent to settle at 64,942.40. During the day, it declined 320.59 points or 0.49 per cent to 64,638.10.

The Nifty slipped 5.05 points or 0.03 per cent to 19,406.70.

Among the Sensex firms, Bajaj Finance, JSW Steel, Reliance Industries, Mahindra & Mahindra, ITC, Tata Consultancy Services, Wipro, HDFC Bank, Larsen & Toubro and Bharti Airtel were the major laggards.

Sun Pharma, NTPC, State Bank of India, IndusInd Bank and Axis Bank were the major gainers.

In the broader market, the BSE midcap gauge climbed 0.53 per cent and smallcap index advanced 0.38 per cent.

Among the indices, realty declined 1.21 per cent, auto dipped 0.19 per cent, consumer durables (0.08 per cent), metal (0.04 per cent) and teck (0.03 per cent).

Oil & Gas jumped 1.11 per cent, healthcare climbed 1.06 per cent, bankex (0.49 per cent), energy (0.45 per cent) and services (0.22 per cent).

In Asian markets, Seoul, Tokyo, Shanghai and Hong Kong settled in the negative territory.

European markets were trading mostly lower. The US markets ended with marginal gains on Monday. Global oil benchmark Brent crude declined 2.12 per cent to USD 83.37 a barrel.

Foreign Institutional Investors (FIIs) offloaded equities worth ₹549.37 crore Monday, according to exchange data.

BIZ BUZZ

Statiq unveils fast EV charging station at Nexus Esplanade

Bhubaneswar: Statiq, India's foremost EV charging network, has launched its Fast EV charging station at Nexus Esplanade in Bhubaneswar. This strategic move underscores Statiq's commitment to revolutionize the EV charging landscape in India and solidify its position as the nation's largest EV charging network. Situated at Nexus Esplanade - Basement B1, this state-of-the-art charging station is outfitted with two 60 kw EV chargers. This dynamic infrastructure caters to a wide array of four-wheelers with diverse EV technologies. Akshit Bansal, co-founder and CEO of Statiq, expressed his enthusiasm about this milestone achievement, stating, "The inauguration of our charging station at Nexus Esplanade marks a significant stride towards our mission of making sustainable transportation accessible to all Indians. We are driven by the belief that accessible and efficient charging infrastructure is pivotal in encouraging the widespread adoption of electric vehicles. By strategically placing our stations in high-traffic areas like Nexus Esplanade, we aim to make charging as seamless and commonplace as refuelling a traditional vehicle. We are proud to offer a cutting-edge charging solution that aligns with the government's energy transition policy. This station exemplifies our dedication to creating a greener, cleaner future for our nation." Parth Pratim Nayak, Centre Director of Nexus Esplanade, echoed this sentiment, affirming, "We are delighted to collaborate with Statiq to introduce this advanced EV charging station at Nexus Esplanade. We understand the crucial role electric vehicles play in reducing carbon emissions and environmental impact. By offering EV charging facilities, we aim to provide our customers with a seamless and sustainable transportation option, contributing to the city's sustainable development goals. This partnership aligns perfectly with our commitment to delivering an exceptional experience to our visitors. We are confident that this venture will inspire and empower our patrons to embrace electric vehicles as a viable and responsible mode of transportation."



New Zonal Head of UCO Bank

Bhubaneswar: Chinmaya Kumar Sahoo, Deputy General Manager, has joined as the new Zonal Head of Bhubaneswar Zone. Prior to this, he was working as Zonal Manager of Lucknow Zonal Office. Sahoo had joined UCO Bank in 2006 and worked in various parts of Odisha, West Bengal, Himachal Pradesh, Madhya Pradesh, Gujarat, Maharashtra and Uttar Pradesh and successfully accomplished his responsibilities. While he is having more than 13 years experience at branch level, he has also worked at Head Office and Zonal Office of the Bank. During his tenure as Zonal Manager, he is likely to focus in large credit, medium credit, agriculture loan, retail loan, MSME loan and CASA.

Award for Jindal Stainless' woman crane operator

New Delhi/Kalinganagar: The Indian Steel Association (ISA) Tuesday conferred its 'Wings of Steel' award to Jindal Stainless' first woman overhead crane operator, Minu Mohanta under the 'Gender and Diversity' category. Steel Secretary, Nagendra Nath Sinha, presented her the award for "perseverance and steely resolve" in overcoming challenging circumstances and for being an inspiration for many. Mohanta was born to a mason father, married at the age of 14 and widowed at 25. She was also conferred the Jury's Special Award for showing determination and resilience in the face of adversity at the 4th edition of the ISA's Steel Conclave held in New Delhi. Mohanta, started working as a stone crusher in a quarry for six years before joining Jindal Stainless - India's largest stainless steel manufacturer - as part of its housekeeping team for the steel melting shop in 2011. Driven by her inquisitiveness and a desire to learn machine operation, she quickly adapted to managing engine-powered cleaning vehicles. She took inspiration from her supervisor and fellow women colleagues and expressed her interest in tackling one of the most demanding plant operations, the management of overhead cranes within the plant, which was traditionally dominated by men. On receiving the award, Mohanta said, "This is a big day for me... I just want to say that there is no alternative for women but to be brave. I am thankful for the opportunity I have been given at Jindal Stainless and I am committed to creating an army of women who choose courage over fear." Managing Director, Jindal Stainless, Abhyuday Jindal, said, "It fills me with immense pride that ISA has identified the resilience and courage that Minu exhibits. Hers is a story of enormous strength and unparalleled dedication towards her work. At Jindal Stainless, we aim to encourage more women to sign up for such challenging tasks, defy conventional norms and serve as shining example of inspiration for others."



WeWork, once most valuable US startup, succumbs to bankruptcy

THE MOVE REPRESENTS AN ADMISSION BY SOFTBANK, THAT OWNS ABOUT 60% OF WEWORK, THAT THE COMPANY CANNOT SURVIVE UNLESS IT RENEGOTIATES ITS PRICELY LEASES IN BANKRUPTCY

REUTERS

San Francisco, Nov 7: WeWork, the SoftBank Group-backed startup whose meteoric rise and fall reshaped the office sector globally, sought US bankruptcy protection Monday after its bets on companies using more of its office-sharing space soured.

The move represents an admission by SoftBank, the Japanese technology group that owns about 60% of WeWork and has invested billions of dollars in its turnaround, that the company cannot survive unless it

renegotiates its pricey leases in bankruptcy.

A WeWork spokesperson said about 92% of the company's lenders had agreed to convert their secured debt into equity under a restructuring support agreement, wiping out about \$3 billion of debt.

The company, which also intends to file recognition proceedings in Canada, said it expected to have the financial liquidity to continue business normally and that its locations outside of the US and Canada, as well as its franchisees around



the world, were not affected by these proceedings.

WeWork had office space avail-

able at 777 locations worldwide as of the end of June.

SoftBank said it believed

WeWork's restructuring support agreement was the appropriate action for the company to reorganize its business and emerge from Chapter 11 proceedings.

"SoftBank will continue to act in the best long-term interests of our investors," the Japanese company said in a statement.

WeWork shares have fallen about 98.5% so far this year.

Profitability has remained elusive, as WeWork grapples with expensive leases and corporate clients cancelling because of a trend toward employees working from home. Paying for space consumed 74% of WeWork's revenue in the second quarter of 2023, the last time it reported financial results.

In a filing with the New Jersey bankruptcy court, WeWork listed assets of \$15.06 billion and liabilities of \$18.66 billion as of June 30.

"WeWork could use provisions of the US bankruptcy code to rid itself of onerous leases," law firm Cadwalader, Wickersham & Taft LLP said in a note to landlords on its website in August. Some landlords are bracing for a significant impact.

"As part of today's filing, WeWork is requesting the ability to reject the leases of certain locations, which are largely nonoperational, and all affected members have received advanced notice," the company said in a statement.

Under its founder Adam Neumann, WeWork grew to be the most valuable US startup worth \$47 billion. It attracted investments from blue-chip investors, including SoftBank and venture capital firm Benchmark, as well as the backing of major Wall Street Banks, including JPMorgan Chase.

MAD MAX MAGIC

'ONE-LEGGED GLENN' PUTS UP 'BIG SHOW' TO TAKE AUSTRALIA INTO WORLD CUP SEMIS



PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

Mumbai, Nov 7: Batting on one leg, Glenn Maxwell used his bat like a butcher's blade and produced an astonishing double century to singlehandedly lift Australia into another World Cup semifinal with a three-wicket win over Afghanistan here Tuesday.

Chasing a target of 292, everyone at the Wankhede Stadium rubbed their eyes in disbelief as Australia slumped to 91/7 in 18.3 overs and staring at an annihilation.

But Maxwell had other ideas. With some slice of luck, he launched into an over-eager Afghan attack, smashing an unbeaten 201 (128b, 21x4, 10x6) to end the game in 46.5 overs.

With 12 points and a match left, Australia joined India (16 points) and South Africa (12 points) in the last four stage while 11 incredibly talented Afghanistan cricketers, who had almost ensured that their fairy tale story don't reach its epilogue, found themselves on the wrong side of the result.

History will judge if the knock at Wankhede, in terms of match situation, could be termed the greatest in ODI cricket. Who knows, it could act as the perfect fuel for Australia to win their sixth World Cup.

Batting on one leg after suffering from cramps, Maxwell just used his strong core and stable base to practice range-hitting as Hashmatullah Shahidi's bowlers erred tactically, feeding him with length

balls on slot which allowed him to just plonk his front-foot and use his brute strength to let them all land into the Wankhede stands.

There was practically no footwork required and Afghanistan bowlers didn't alter the length for ones as Maxwell was an example of what stand and deliver means.

The decision to keep Rashid Khan's last spell for the back-



end also backfired as Maxwell had skipper Pat Cummins for company, who channelled his 'inner Cheteshwar Pujara' (12 n o in 68 balls) in their record-breaking 202-run stand for the eighth wicket.

Once known as the 'Big Show', a demeaning term used to describe a young Maxwell's early days of inconsistency, the cricket world Tuesday witnessed what the coinage meant.

He was in unbearable pain, needing extended medical timeouts even as Afghanistan coach Jonathan Trott looked agitated standing on the boundary line.

Maxwell got up and played a reverse slog sweep off pacer Azmatullah Omarzai, 20 metres into the stands in the third man region.

The more intense the pain, the more brutal the assault as his final couple of sixes were less of slog and more of swatting a fly out of his presence with disdain. He didn't celebrate his hundred but had his arms raised once the win was achieved as he could smile through pain.

Earlier, buoyed by Sachin Tendulkar's encouraging words on the eve of the match, 21-year-old Ibrahim Zadran (129 n o, 143b,

201 Glenn Maxwell's unbeaten knock became the highest score by a batter coming at No.6 or lower in ODIs as he surpassed Indian great Kapil Dev's 175 not out against Zimbabwe in 1983 World Cup

202 The unbeaten partnership between Maxwell and Pat Cummins became the highest for the eighth wicket or lower in ODIs, surpassing the previous best of unbeaten 138 between Andrew Hall and Justin Kemp for the eighth wicket against India in 2006

8x4, 3x6) etched his name in Afghanistan's cricket history by scoring the country's first ever World Cup hundred that propelled them to a respectable 291/5.

Zadran anchored the innings as Afghanistan scored 64 in last five overs against five-time champions in a do-or-die game as far as their maiden semifinal appearance is concerned. He also became the first batter from his nation to score a ton against Australia.

Vindicating his captain's call at the toss to bat first, Zadran's unhurried knock showcased his high-class temperament, fitness as well as calibre as he batted for the entirety of the Afghanistan innings, taking them to a fighting total on a

batting-friendly pitch. Zadran made the highest score for any Afghanistan batter in World Cup tournaments since their maiden appearance two editions ago, surpassing Samiullah Shinwari's 96 against Scotland at Dunedin in the 2015 edition. Towards the end, Rashid Khan, who perhaps did not bowl at all during the lead-up to this contest, hammered a brisk 35 not out off 18 balls (2x4s, 3x6s).

BRIEF SCORES

Afghanistan 291/5 (Ibrahim Zadran 129 n o, Rashid Khan 35 n o, Rahmat Shah 30; Josh Hazlewood 2/39) lost to Australia 293/7 (Glenn Maxwell 201 n o, Mitchell Marsh 24; Rashid Khan 2/44, Naveen-ul-Haq 2/47, Azmatullah Omarzai 2/52) by 3 wickets.

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AFC CUP FOOTBALL

Odisha FC come from behind to seal 3-2 win

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Male (Maldives), Nov 7: Indian Super League (ISL) side Odisha FC came back from a two-goal deficit to defeat Maziya Sports & Recreation of Maldives 3-2 in a Group D away match of the AFC Cup here Tuesday.

The win kept the Bhubaneswar-based club's hopes of advancing to the Inter-Zone semifinals of the AFC Cup (the continent's second tier club competition) alive while the defeat leaves Maziya on the ropes.

Maziya took the lead in the second minute, following a fine team move with Aisam dribbling his way into the Odisha box before laying off for Naiz Hassan, who scored with a simple finish.

Odisha, who defeated Maziya 6-1 in the home fixture, came close to scoring in the seventh minute when Lalthathanga Khawlhing burst into the area before setting up Cy Goddard, who sent his shot wide. Odisha's Roy Krishna then saw his effort blocked in the 12th minute.

The Indian side, however, suf-

fered another jolt in the 25th minute when they conceded a penalty following Mourtada Fall's tackle on Vojislav Balabanovic, who coolly converted from the spot.

Maziya dominated the rest of the half and came close to scoring again in the 42nd minute when Balabanovic set up Hamza Mohamed, whose shot forced a save from Odisha keeper Amrinder Singh.

Odisha came back fighting in the second half. They reduced the margin in the 65th minute off a corner kick with Mourtada Fall nodding home Ahmed Jahouh cross.

The goal spurred Odisha further as they levelled the tie in the 72nd minute with Jahouh sending a fine cross for Diego Mauricio to head home from inside the six-yard-box. Odisha completed the comeback in the 85th minute with Krishna netting the winning goal.

Odisha face one of the Indian powerhouses Mohun Bagan November 27 in Kolkata, while Maziya meet Bangladesh's Bashundhara Kings on the same day in Dhaka.



DEADLY DUO: Goal scorers Diego Mauricio (L) and Roy Krishna celebrate the latter's goal against Maziya Sports & Recreation

Swiatek claims WTA Finals title, No.1 rank



NIGHT TO REMEMBER: Iga Swiatek smiles in delight as she holds the WTA Finals trophy posing with the celebration cake, which indicates her World No.1 ranking, Monday

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Cancun (Mexico), Nov 7: Right after relinquishing the No.1 ranking two months ago, Iga Swiatek couldn't help but worry about trying to regain it. "It's hard not to think about stuff like that," she explained.

And then Swiatek realized it was better to set that sort of thing aside and, instead, simply focus on playing her best tennis — and her best is better than anyone else's at the moment. Swiatek earned her first WTA Finals title and clinched the year-end No.1 ranking by overwhelming Jessica Pegula 6-1, 6-0 Monday in the latest in a series of dominant performances.

Swiatek, a 22-year-old from Poland, is now the youngest WTA Finals champion since Petra Kvitova was 21 in 2011. Swiatek went 5-0 at the tour's season-closing championship, winning all 10 sets she played and ceding a total of just 20 games.

That's the fewest by the winner at the event for the top eight women in tennis since the round-robin format returned in 2003.

Swiatek extended her winning streak to 11 matches and improved to 68-11 in 2023 with six trophies, including her fourth career Grand Slam title at the French Open in June.

This victory allows Swiatek to return to No.1, a spot she held from April 2022 until this September, when Aryna Sabalenka overtook her after the US Open.

Pegula, a 29-year-old American, hadn't dropped a set entering Monday. By beating No.1 Sabalenka and No.4 Elena Rybakina in the group stage, eliminating her doubles partner, No.3 Coco Gauff, in the semifinals and taking on No.2 Swiatek, Pegula became the first woman to face each of the top four players in the world at one event since the start of the WTA rankings in 1975.

But Pegula's nine-match winning streak was stopped emphatically by Swiatek. Swiatek finished with more winners, 9-6, and far fewer unforced errors, 23-6. She broke Pegula five times while only facing one break point herself — and it came as Swiatek served for the match in the last game.

When it ended, Swiatek dropped to her back, then sat up and yelled. Some spectators waved red-and-white Polish flags. During the trophy presentation, fans showered her with chants of "Iga!"

Laura Siegemund of Germany and Vera Zvonareva of Russia won the doubles title by beating Nicole Melichar-Martinez of the US and Ellen Perez of Australia 6-4, 6-4.

Jackson hat-trick ends Spurs' unbeaten run

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London, Nov 7: Tottenham's players lost their heads and the remaining unbeaten record in the English Premier League. A late hat-trick by Nicolas Jackson sealed a 4-1 victory for Chelsea in a chaotic London derby Monday featuring two red cards — to Spurs defenders Cristian Romero and Destiny Udogie — five disallowed goals and a maverick tactical approach by Spurs manager Ange Postecoglou in his unlikely bid to survive with nine men.

Jackson broke the resistance of Tottenham with his three goals from the 75th minute, settling a frantic game that defied logic at times as hosts survived for a while despite playing a high defensive line following the sending-offs of Romero in the 33rd and Udogie in the 55th.

Dejan Kulusevski gave the hosts a flying start by scoring off a deflected shot in the sixth minute, only for the derby to turn fiery amid a blaze of wild challenges and crazy incidents.

Compound archery mixed team in semis

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Bangkok, Nov 7: The Indian duo of Priyansh and Aditi Swami stand one win away from securing a medal by entering the semifinal of compound mixed team event at the Asian Archery Championships here Tuesday. They defeated Bita Ashghzadeh Oskouei and Mohammadsaleh Palizban 158-151 in a lopsided contest.

There was, however, disappointment for the recurve mixed pair of Dhiraj Bommadevara and Ankita Bhajan Kaur, who squandered a 4-2 lead to go down in the tie-breaker by one-point. In the individual recurve section, four archers remained in medal fray.

Army duo of Tarundeep Rai and Dhiraj advanced into the pre-quarterfinals. In women's recurve, Bhajan Kaur and Tisha Punia also made the last-16.



DESPERATE LOOKS: Spurs goalie Guglielmo Vicario looks haplessly as Nicolas Jackson strikes into an empty net for his hat-trick, Monday

Amidst all the madness, Cole Palmer equalised from the spot after Romero conceded a penalty — and earned a fourth red card in 2 1/2 years at Tottenham — for a dangerous lunge on Argentina teammate Enzo Fernandez. And when Udogie collected a second yellow card, Tottenham faced

an uphill battle to preserve their undefeated start to the season.

Chelsea initially failed to get past Tottenham's brave but possibly naive high line but did so eventually to devastating effect. Jackson's final two goals came deep into stoppage time to clinch a memorable win for visiting

I'm in bonus period: Chhetri on career plans

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New Delhi, Nov 7: By his own admission, Indian football talisman Sunil Chhetri is in the "bonus period" of his illustrious career but he has not set any retirement date. One thing is, however, certain that the 39-year-old Chhetri will not be playing in 2026 when the football World Cup happens.

"I'm just happy that I'm here. This is the bonus period, I'm just enjoying it, I don't know when it's going to end. I just want to enjoy it," Chhetri said ahead of India's 2026 World Cup second round qualifiers matches later this month.

"Because I'm 39, I don't have long-term targets as far as me being on the pitch is concerned. I think about the next three months, and then the next three months, and then we see how it goes," he was quoted as saying by fifa.Com.



India have been drawn in Group A along with Qatar, Kuwait and Afghanistan. They play Kuwait in an away match November 16 before taking on Qatar in Bhubaneswar November 21.

The group winners and runners-up from each of the nine groups advance to the third round of the 2026 World Cup qualifiers. The 18 teams will be divided into three groups of six

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manager Mauricio Pochettino on his return to the club he coached from 2014-19 and led to a Champions League final. Postecoglou had no regrets regarding his tactics while his team were down to nine men, saying: "It is just who we are. It is who we are and who we will be for as long as I am here. If we go down to five men, we will have a crack."

It left Manchester City, the defending champion, a point clear of second-placed Spurs after an 11th round of games that saw Liverpool and Arsenal, the other teams in the top four, also fail to win.

The first half, in particular, was mayhem. Aside from the two goals and the red card to Romero, there were four disallowed goals, game-ending injuries to Spurs lads James Maddison and Micky van de Ven, yellow cards to Postecoglou for complaining and Udogie for a flying two-footed lunge, a free-for-all sparked by a scuffle between Chelsea's Levi Colwill and Tottenham's Pape Sarr; and 12 minutes of stoppage time.

India eves reclaim best-ever 6th spot

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New Delhi, Nov 7: The Indian women's hockey team have reclaimed their best-ever sixth place ranking in the world following their stupendous show in the just-concluded Asian Champions Trophy and the Hangzhou Asian Games. India are now placed sixth ahead of England with 2368.83 rating points.

India were placed eighth before the Asian Games but the bronze medal at the continental showpiece and the title triumph at Asian Champions Trophy in Ranchi has catapulted the side back to their best-ever world ranking, last achieved during the FIH Pro League in June last year.

The Netherlands continued to be ranked No.1 with 3422.40 points, followed by Australia in second place with 2817.73 points and Argentina at third with 2766.90 points. The other two teams ranked above India are Belgium at fourth with 2608.77 points and Germany at fifth with 2573.72 points.

that playing at the global showpiece may be beyond him.

"When I dream, I dream more as an Indian, more as a fan. Me being there in any capacity, it doesn't matter, because I know I'll be a fan. I'll be watching every game that India plays and rooting for my country.

"Right now, I feel really good physically. I can see that I do contribute to the team, both for my country and my club. As long as I'm enjoying it, I will be here. I don't know how many days, how many months, how many years that will be. The day I stop enjoying, and the day I can't contribute, I will be done."

Chhetri has played for India 143 times since making his debut in 2005 and has scored 93 goals, the most by an Indian. He is currently the third most prolific scorer in international football among active players, behind Cristiano Ronaldo and Lionel Messi.