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### 5 killed as tanker overturns on tea stall



#### PNN & AGENCIES

Berhampur, August 22: Five people were killed and 12 others injured as a tanker overturned on a roadside tea stall after a head-on collision with a bus in Ganjam district Thursday morning, police said.

The accident took place on the National Highway-59 at Samarjhola near Hinjili, they said. While four people died on the spot, another person succumbed to the injuries while undergoing treatment at a hos-

pital, the police said. The bus was on the way from Bhawanipatna to Berhampur, while the tanker was going towards Aska when the accident happened, they said.

One person travelling on the bus was killed, and the other four deceased were people sitting at the tea stall, the police said. Expressing grief over the incident, Chief Minister Mohan Charan Majhi announced an ex-

gratia of ₹2 lakh each for the next of kin of the deceased. He also announced ₹1 lakh compensation for the seriously

injured persons. Those injured were admitted to the MKCG Medical College and Hospital, officials said. "Five people have died so far," District Collector

Divya Jyoti Parida said. The deceased are yet to be identified, she said.

A police team and firefighters cleared the highway for traf fic. she added.

# Judges, doctors can't go on strike

#### AGENCIES

New Delhi, August 22: The Supreme Court Thursday reiterated its appeal to the doctors protesting over the rape and killing of a Kolkata medic to resume work and directed no coercive action against them.

The court said judges and doctors cannot go on a strike since they deal with matters involving life and liberty.

"Justice and medicine cannot afford to be stopped. Can we (judges) go and sit outside the Supreme Court now?" the bench headed by Chief Justice DY Chandrachud asked.

The court was hearing a suo motu case related to the rape and killing of a post-graduate medic at Kolkata's RG Kar Medical College and Hospital.

As the hearing commenced, a counsel representing the resident doctors of the All India Institute of Medical Sciences (AIIMS) in Nagpur submitted that the protesting doctors are being marked absent and not allowed to sit in exams.



#### AllMS docs call off stir

New Delhi: Resident doctors at AIIMS, Delhi announced Thursday that they were withdrawing their 11-day strike, called to protest against the rape and murder of a medic in Kolkata, following an appeal from the Supreme Court. "We are resuming duties following the Supreme Court's appeal and assurances and intervention in the RG Kar incident and the safety for doctors. We commend the court's action and call for adherence to its directives. Patient care remains our top priority," the Resident Doctors' Association, AIIMS, New Delhi,

The bench said, "We cannot direct the administration to mark them present when they are absent. If they resume duty, we will order a lenient view."

The court requested the protesting doctors to immediately resume their duties so that patients from marginalised sections and other needy people do not suffer.

"An apprehension has been expressed by the doctors that some of them are being proceeded against with respect to protests that happened in the past. We are expecting that in compliance with the assurance given to the court, the doctors will join the duties. Let there be no coercive action against doctors after they come back to work after today's order for any protest that happened before the date of today's order," the bench, also comprising Justices JB Pardiwala and Manoj Misra, said.

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### SIM boxes controlled directly from Dhaka

PNN & AGENCIES

Bhubaneswar, August 22: In a major revelation, Bhubaneswar-Cuttack Police Commissioner Sanieeb Panda Thursday Ranchi were directly controlled from Dhaka in Bangladesh. Panda told reporters that Asadur Zaman, a 30-year-old from Feni in Bangladesh, set up the SIM box operation, with West Bengal's Raju Mandal serving as the local help. Asadur controlled the SIM boxes in Bhubaneswar and Ranchi remotely using smart switches, while the SIM boxes in Cuttack were operated manually, Panda said.

"Asadur ran a software company, ICon Technology, in Dhaka and had previously studied at BGMEA University of Fashion and Technology in Dhaka. Investigation revealed that the racket said the SIM boxes set up here and in rerouted international calls from Pakistan, China, and West Asia to India," Panda added

#### REMEMBRANCE ON FIRST DEATH ANNIVERSARY

said in a post on X.

simultaneously prepare for Operation Lotus

#### **RDC to probe liquor** deaths: Minister

AGENCIES

Bhubaneswar, August 22: The Odisha government would soon order an administrative probe by the RDC into the liquor case in Ganjam district, Excise Minister Prithviraj Harichandan said in the Assembly Thursday.

The state government was committed to demolishing all the illegal country liquor joints, he said.

Harichandan said this after the issue was raised in the Assembly where the Opposition BJD demanded his resignation.

Two persons died, while 13 others are undergoing treatment in a hospital after consuming spurious alcohol in Ganjam. P3

"He operated the smart switch with a local SIM card, which enabled him to keep a track on the illicit activities being operated from Bhubaneswar and Ranchi. The backup data from SIM box setups installed in these two cities is suspected to be with Asadur," he added.

Police said that they have obtained detailed information, including a photograph of Asadur.

A SIM box is a device used by fraudsters to make tonnes of calls through rerouting international telecom gateways. They are also used to evade GPS location tracker to give a slip to law enforcement agencies. They are used for a series of illicit activities including cybercrime, hate speech, extortion, and other illegal activities, posing challenges for law enforcement agencies.

A source in the Commissionerate Police said an additional remand of Mandal for one week will be sought before a local court. "The police have obtained Call Data Record (CDR) of the SIM boxes, operated from Cuttack, Bhubaneswar and Ranchi. The persons who Mandal contacted will soon be bought for interrogation," the source said.

Recently, a special police team from Odisha visited Ranchi and found another SIM box centre operated by Mandal, who was arrested from Bhubaneswar August 16. So far, police have seized 17 SIM boxes from Cuttack, Bhubaneswar, and Ranchi.

Police have also confiscated 678 operational SIM cards, three internet connections, and spare SIM cards.

Panda said that they will seek the Interpol's assistance through the CBI to gather more details about Asadur.

According to police, Asadur's Indian visa is valid until October 24, 2024. He entered India through the integrated check post (ICP) Agartala October 21 2023 and left for Bangladesh December 24, 2023, via ICP, Haridaspur in West Bengal, police said.

### Second largest diamond found

#### ASSOCIATED PRESS

Gaborone, August 22: Botswana says one of the largest diamonds ever found has been unearthed at one of its mines.

The second largest diamond ever found - a huge 2.492-carat stone - has been discovered at the mine owned by Canadian firm Lucara Diamond Corp.

Lucara Diamond Corp said in a statement that it recovered the 'exceptional' rough diamond from its Karowe Mine in western Botswana. Lucara said it was a 'highquality' stone and was found intact. It was located using X-ray technology.

The weight would make it

The 2492-carat diamond PICTURE CREDIT: LUCARA DIAMOND CORP

the largest diamond found into gems, some of which in more than 100 years and the form part of the British second largest ever dug out Crown Jewels. A bigger black diamond of a mine after the Cullinan

was discovered in Brazil in Diamond discovered in South Africa in 1905. The Cullinan the late 1800s, but it was was 3,106 carats and was cut found on the surface and

was believed to have been part of a meteorite.

Botswana is the second biggest producer of diamonds and has unearthed all of the world's biggest stones in recent years.

Before this discovery, the Sewelo diamond, which was found at the Karowe Mine in 2019, was recognised as the second biggest mined diamond in the world at 1,758 carats. It was bought by French fashion house Louis Vuitton for an undisclosed amount.

The 1,111-carat Lesedi La Rona diamond, also from Botswana's Karowe Mine, was bought by a British jeweller for \$53 million in 2017.



### Late Shri Bhagaban Nayak

15.08.1947 TO 23.08.2023

For us you have been the synonym of love and sacrifice. To give and forgive has been your ethos. We were fortunate to be a part of you in this life and we make best efforts to live with your teachings and dignity.

You remain in our hearts forever !

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### leisure



#### **GALLAGHER RAISES FUNDS** FOR NEW ANIMAL HOSPITAL

English singer Liam Gallagher is helping to raise money for the construction of an animal hospital. The 51-yearold previously adopted a street dog called Buttons, and the former Oasis frontman has now lent his support to Tina's Hospital, which is designed to provide medical services and support for over 1,000 dogs. 

#### JENNA ORTEGA: I'M NOT A CRAZY STAR WARS PERSON

Actress Jenna Ortega said that she is not a crazy Star Wars person. Ortega while placing the film on the fourth spot and said: "Here's the thing John Williams obviously one of the best to ever do. I am not a crazy Star Wars person. I am so sorry."



#### FORTUNE **FORECAST**

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> Curl, massage, clip, tweeze, polish, gloss, condition... today, will you attempt to shed your old skin. A dream date may have you in jitters but Ganesha suggests that you take it easy. True relationships

are not sealed by glossy kisses alone!

TAURUS

Your romantic relationship will be working on an overdrive today, says Ganesha. You will discover answers to the finer aspects of your love life. Overall, you will have a refreshingly creative outlook all through the day. It is a favourable day for those who cherish unrequited love, says Ganesha.

#### GEMINI

Today, you are likely to rack your brains to get things done. But your modesty will not do you any good. You will have to show that you are the boss, even if you are not. Your extraordinary brilliance will translate into exceptional performance and will save the day. Never forget that your family is the foundation of your success, says Ganesha.

#### CANCER Ganesha advises you to

watch your back today.

However, he wants to make it clear that you may be at the receiving end of others' actions. Anyway, your cautious and watchful approach will save w rom needless disc

#### LEO

The friends we make go a long way in making us who we are, says Ganesha. Over the years, with your natural instinct to be a social charmer, you have built a fine circle of dedicated friends on whom you can bank with confidence under any circumstance. Today might be a day when you get the opportunity to make use of such friendship

#### VIRGO

Today, your soul mate will ive and demand pleasant surprises, says Ganesha. Your business partners may bring in some good news. Take responsibility of your past mistakes and make plans for the days to come. Do not be shy of the advice of loved ones, as it will help you more than hinder. In the evening, you may spend quality time with your beloved.

#### LIBRA Today, you will be in a mishmash of emotions and feelings. Also, there are chance

# Taapsee's lesson from industry kids

Mumbai: Actress Taapsee Pannu, who opened a production house confessed the one lesson she's learnt from the socalled nepo kids in the industry. "It's a different opinion from

that I've learnt from them is

how to stay together,

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support each other.

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film or a bad film, to stand by this person, that vibe, that's more in a lot of others. One thing that is the industry kids than us outsiders," admitted Taapsee. good about people who have parents or siblings or any other 'Sometimes, deep down inside we'll end up feeling insefamily member in the industry, the so-called nepotism people cure about each other only. It's or the people who they say have more than what the industry come into the industry through kids have. Because, like I said, our nepotism, one really good thing

mindset is framed by competition. But the unity I've seen... that they'll recommend each other or stand by each other or be there for each other," added the ac-

tress.

AGENCIES

other. We're respectful towards

each other, we'll message each

other when we see each other's

films. But whether it's a good



series Mirzapur

#### Mirzapur girl Isha to **Bhubaneswar:** Popular Web star in Odia film fame Isha Talwar will make her

debut in Odia film. Titled Durga, the project is the fifth venture of Anasmish Productions. The makers revealed Isha's character Wednesday with a special video. The film will be released this Dussehra.

The film is produced by Pritam Sahu and directed by Tapas Sargharia. The latter has also written the story. The screenplay is penned by Suresh Patnaik and dialogues by Antaryami Sargharia. The music is composed by Abhijit Maiumdar.

Isha predominantly works in Malayalam and Hindi films, besides appearing in a few Tamil and Telugu films. She started out as a model and appeared in various commercials, and later made her film debut with the 2012 Malayalam film Thattathin

Marayathu. She grabbed attention for her role in Web Series Mirzapur and Saas Bahu and Flamingo.

media influencer, and actress Sana Sultan Khan has opened up about her love for music, revealing that she will soon be making her debut

Mumbai:

Model, social

as a singer. Sana Sana, known for her cute looks and heartfelt shayaris, said, "Music is my to make heartbeat. It has always been a big part of debut as who I am. I've been singing for a long time now, singer and finally, I get to share that part of me with

people. I can't reveal too much just yet, but I promise it's coming very soon, and I'm pouring my heart and soul into it.'

Reflecting on her journey, Sana added, "Singing has always been my dream. It's a way for me to connect with my emotions and with people. I hope that when you hear my music, you feel the love and passion I put into it.'

On the work front, she was last seen in the controversial reality show Bigg BOSS OTT 3. IANS

Bebo reunites with her gang

Mumbai: Actress Kareena Kapoor was reunited with her sister Karisma Kapoor and friends Malaika Arora and Amrita Arora after quite some time. Taking to her Instagram Stories on Wednesday night, Kareena shared a picture. For the get together, Kareena wore a white shirt, denims, heels and also carried a bag. Karisma Kapoor was seen in a black dress and slippers. Malaika Arora opted for a printed white dress and red slippers. Amrita Arora was dressed in a shirt dress and

shoes. All of

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glasses and posed for the camera as Karisma clicked the selfie. Sharing the photo, Kareena wrote, "The gang forever (red heart emoji)." Karisma shared it on her Instagram Stories with a heart gif. Malaika had travelled to France and Australia, and returned recently. Karisma and Kareena took a trip to London last month On the work front.

> Kareena will be seen next in The Buckingham Murders

> > AGENCIES

and will also be seen in

Daavra and Singham Again.

of accumulated feelings finding an outlet. Your capacity for emotional display may take people by surprise. However, you will also enjoy the higher responsibilities reposed on you, predicts Ganesha.

#### **SCORPIO**

While not the Trot, you shall, however, trot on the lines of radicalism today, predicts Ganesha. Learn to think as you would, and always have, but act as others would have you to, advises Ganesha. Be the maverick that you are only with those who are closest and dearest, cautions Ganesha.

#### SAGITTARIUS

Settling for a new, better employment will help you fast-track your career growth. A telephonic interview might ring in a new offer. A lucrative deal with an MNC would serve well. Your dedication and devotion to work will also peak today, says Ganesha.

#### CAPRICORN

It's going to be a day of pleasant surprises. You will try your level best to help people around you, and will find it exceedingly frustrating when the results won't be as expected, says Ganesha. In fact, this may even dampen your spirit and shake your self-confidence. But try and transform your weaknesses into strengths - it will help you develop a more positive approach to life.

#### AOUARIUS

Eat, drink, and make merry. But watch out: don't empty your pockets in one go. Also guard your reputation. A lot depends on your behaviour, and the big daddies may be watching you. You have a lot at stake and there should be no regrets later. Let success be your priority for now, says Ganesha, All else will follow.

#### **PISCES**

You are likely to be grinding vourself under at the workplace today. A turning point will arise in romantic liaisons, though if the evening awaiting you is anything to go by. it is something you should welcome whole heartedly, says Ganesha.



#### **CALVIN AND HOBBES**

PEANUTS







CHECK FOR SOLUTIONS OF THE PUZZLES TOMORROW

#### SUDOKU

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#### **65-YR-OLD MAN DIES IN CLASH**

Berhampur: A 65-year-old man was killed and six others were injured following a clash between families of two brothers in Ganjam district Thursday, police said. The incident took place at New Bankatara under Tarsingi police limits and stemmed from disputes over irrigation in their paddy fields, according to a preliminary inquiry. The deceased was identified as Kabiraj Gouda, Bhanjanagar SDPO Sujit Nayak said. Two of the injured were referred to MKCG Medical College and Hospital, while the others were admitted to the sub-divisional hospital in Bhanjanagar, police said.

## **Hooch tragedy rocks House**

#### No pension plans for journos

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downtown

lacksquarehief Minister Mohan Charan Majhi Thursday said the state Government has no plans to provide allowances or pensions to elderly journalists. He, however, said the health insurance scheme for working journalists will continue. Responding to questions from Congress member Taraprasad Bahinipati and BJD MLA Ranendra Pratap in, Majhi told the House that the renewal of health cards under the abandhu Sambadika Swasthya Bima Yojana for working journalists i under consideration, with the scheme's current validity expiring Augus 31. The previous BJD government in 2018 had launched the health 31. The previous BJD government in 2018 had launched the health insurance scheme for working journalists and their families in the state. The renewal process, which was delayed after the recent change in government, will be completed before the deadline, Majhi said. The CM said while the state government has no plans to offer allowances to elderly journalists, it is considering a proposal from the Odisha Press Academy for a ₹5 crore contributory pension scheme, with a budgetary allocation requested for the 2024-25 fiscal year.

Taraprasad Bahinipati, however,

blamed both the BJD and the BJP

for the wide circulation of

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Minister Mukesh Mahaling re-

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Ganjam district.

#### PNN & AGENCIES

Bhubaneswar, August 22: The spurious liquor tragedy at Chikiti in Ganjam district rocked the Odisha Assembly Thursday with the Opposition BJD demanding the dismissal of Excise Minister Prithiviraj Harichandan over the issue.

Two persons had died and many are still critical after drinking the noxious brew Monday night.

As soon as the House assembled for the Question Hour at 10.30 am, BJD MLAs stormed the well raising slogans demanding the minister's scalp over the issue. They held the BJP government responsible for the deaths

They were soon joined by Congress MLAs who too trooped into the well of the House raising slogans alleging the BJP-led Union government of using Central agencies like ED and CBI for political gains and suppressing the Opposition.

Senior Congress member

cooperate with the business of the House, stating that the government is willing to discuss the issues raised by them. However, the Opposition paid

no heed to Mahaling's appeal and continued raising slogans inside the well of the House.

Sensing the Opposition's mood, the Speaker adjourned the house from 11:50am until 4:00pm without transacting any business.

The Assembly also witnessed ruckus as the Opposition members disrupted the business over their specific demands Tuesday and Wednesday.

The Congress demanded student elections in educational institutions, while the BJD members raised slogans against the government over an incident involving the Governor's son

BJD allegedly assaulting a government official. The BJD DEMANDS also called for the expungement of **MINISTER'S** Mahaling's remark about

**SCALP** arresting Leader of the **Opposition Naveen Patnaik** from the House proceedings, convened at 11:30am, the Tuesday Opposition members again

On Wednesday, the Assembly witnessed chaos with the **Opposition Congress and BJD** members rushing near the podium and raising slogans against the government right from the Question Hour. The Congress members op-

Speaker adjourned the session posed the recent SC verdict on When the House met again at sub-classification of SCs, while 11:45am after the adjournment, the BJD members demanded the Opposition members were RDC probe into the Ganjam seen occupying the well of the liquor tragedy. House and raising slogans

The Opposition did not allow the House to function, forcing the Speaker to adjourn it twice until Parliamentary Affairs 4:00pm, suspending the Question quested the Opposition mem-Hour, Zero Hour, and adjournment motion.

#### Gold deposits found in many dists: Min

Presence of gold deposits has been found in different districts of the state, Steel and Mines Minister Bibhuti Bhusan Jena told the Assembly Thursday. Responding to a question from Congress MLA Taraprasad Bahinipati, Jena said that during a 'general exploration' (G2) for copper ore in Adash-Rampalli area of Deogarh district, the Geological Survey of India (GSI) also found the presence of gold.

Jena said, "The geological survey has confirmed the presence of gold deposits, and the state government is taking steps to auction the block."

He explained that preliminary surveys conducted between 1981-83 and 1989-96 in the Gopur-Gajipur area of Keonjhar district had been followed by a joint resurvey by the GSI and the Directorate of Mines and Geology (DoMG) since 2021-22. However, since the quality and quantity of gold deposits in the Gopur-Gajipur area have not yet been estimated, there are currently no proposals for further exploration of this mineral block. Jena said that the staterun OMC is surveying gold deposits in Mankadachuan, Saleikana, and Dimirimunda areas in Keonjhar.

The GSI and DoMG are also conducting preliminary surveys to locate gold mines in Joshipur, Suriaguda, Ruansila, Idelkucha, Maredihi, and Sulaipat (Dhushura hill) in Mayurbhanj district, he added.



**POLITICKLE** by MANJUL

### Sack doc accused of rape, SCB told

A THREE-MEMBER COMMITTEE

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A three-member committee

confirmed the doctor's involve-

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no evidence of conspiracy or

false implication, according to the

#### PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

Bhubaneswar, August 22: The state government Thursday di rected the authorities of SCB Medical College and Hospital (SCBMCH) in Cuttack to rusticate a senior resident doctor, accused of raping two women pa tients.

This decision follows a recommendation from Director of Medical Education and Training (DMET) Santosh Kumar Mishra who led an inquiry into the allegations.

In a letter to the SCB principal, Mishra instructed that the accused doctor be rusticated. 'The principal of the SCB Medical College and Hospital will rusticate the accused doctor," Mishra told PTI.

The doctor, a resident of Bhopal, Madhya Pradesh, was arrested August 13 following a complaint by the two women at Mangalabag police station in Cuttack. The doctor's wife has claimed that her husband was framed.

The alleged rapes took place August 11 when the patients came in for an echocardiogram (ECHO) test.

The Health and Family Welfare department took the incident seriously and formed a probe committee consisting of Dr. Santosh Kumar Mishra (DMET), Dr. Sudhansu Sekhar Mishra (SCBMCH Superintendent), Dr. Roma Rattan (Joint DMET), and the I/c Dean & Principal of SCB Medical College

### Congress workers stage protest before ED office

#### AGENCIES

Bhubaneswar, August 22: As part of a nationwide protest, Odisha Pradesh Congress Committee (OPCC) leaders along with thousands of workers tried to 'gherao' the office of Enforcement Directorate (ED) here over alleged misuse of Central agencies by the BJP-led Union government



**20K LTR ILLICIT LIQUOR** SEIZED, 373 BOOKED

#### POST NEWS NETWORK

Bhubaneswar, August 22: Even as the spurious liquor tragedy at Chikiti in Ganjam district-that left a trail of 2 deaths with 20 more still battling for life - rocked the Odisha Assembly, the State Excise Department Thursday claimed to have seized 20,746



Senior Congress leaders, including AICC Odisha in-charge Ajoy Kumar, Koraput MP Saptagiri Ulaka, Congress Legislature Party leader Ramchandra Kadam, MLA Taraprasad Bahinipati, and former Union Minister Srikant Jena. led the demonstration.

During the protest, Congress workers clashed with police while marching towards the ED office. Police made preventive arrests of several Congress leaders, but released them later.

Kumar accused the Modi government of using the ED for 'extortion' from companies and imprisoning Opposition members. He claimed, "The Modi gov-

ernment has provided money from public sector banks to a specific industrialist, who is using it to acquire our airports.'

Congress MLA Ramesh Jena criticised the BJP government for allegedly trying to undermine Indian democracy through the misuse of Central agencies

like the ED and CBI. Bhubaneswar DCP Prateek Singh said extensive security

arrangements had been made, including the deployment of 12 platoons of force and police officers from neighbouring districts. He noted that police successfully managed the situation,

detaining those who attempted to breach the barricades

In response, BJP spokesperson Manoj Mohapatra argued that the Congress organised the protest to shield its 'corrupt' leaders

facing ED action. He commented, "Many leaders

from the INDIA bloc are either in jail or out on bail, making this protest a self-preservation effort by the Congress.'

litres of illicit country liquor during multiple raids carried across the state during the past two-days.

A senior Excise official said 373 persons were booked under relevant Sections of Excise Act in connection with the cases, while 262 of them have already been forwarded to various courts. The enforcement also led to the seizure of 26 vehicles.

Elaborating further, he said two accused, Tikaram Sahoo and Maheswar Gibela of Balangir district were arrested in connection with the possession of 77 litres of illicit liquor. They had been booked six times in the past by the Excise Department. Similarly, Labani Rout, a native of Kalahandi district was rounded up in connection with manufacturing of spurious alcohol. The department has seized 80 litres of al-

cohol from his possession

In the Capital City too, two men have been arrested for allegedly possessing approximately 550 litres of country-made alcohol, under Tamando police station jurisdiction. "Further probe is underway to nab the owner of unit where the liquor was manufactured," he said.

### Excessive bail is no bail: SC

#### PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

New Delhi, August 22: Excessive bail is no bail, the Supreme Court said Thursday while observing that granting the relief and then imposing onerous conditions is to take away with the left hand, what is given with the right.

The apex court said an order which would protect the person's fundamental right under Article 21 of the Constitution and at the same time guarantee his or her presence, would be reasonable and proportionate.

A bench of Justices BR Gavai and KV Viswanathan delivered its verdict on a plea filed by a man, against whom 13 FIRs have been lodged in several states for various offences including that of cheating.

The petitioner had contended before the apex court that he

was granted bail in these 13 cases and he has fulfilled the bail conditions in two of them. The top court noted the main

plea of the petitioner was that he was not in a position to furnish separate sureties, as directed in the remaining 11 bail orders.

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"The situation today is, in spite of obtaining bail in 13 cases, the petitioner has not been able to furnish sureties," the bench said.

hand, what is given with the right," it said, adding that as to what was excessive would depend on the facts and circumstances of each case. Referring to the case, the bench

said the petitioner was experiencing a "genuine difficulty" in finding multiple sureties.

It observed that sureties were essential to ensure the presence of the accused who has been released on bail.

"At the same time, when the court is faced with the situation where the accused enlarged on bail is unable to find sureties, as ordered, in multiple cases, there is also a need to balance the requirement of furnishing the sureties with his

or her fundamental rights under Article 21 of the Constitution of India," it said.

#### POST NEWS NETWORK

Bhubaneswar, August 22: A sprawling farmhouse, multiple properties in Odisha and Hyderabad are among the ill-gotten riches of Forest Range Officer (Dhenkanal) Bibhudananda Mishra unearthed during searches at several locations, the Vigilance claimed, Thursday.

**Forest Range Officer** 

under Vigilance lens

Following allegation of the officer amassing assets disproportionate to his known sources of income, eight teams of Vigilance comprising seven DSPs, an Assistant Commandant, six Inspectors and six ASIs carried out the searches at eight locations related to Mishra. During searches, a double-storey building at Ratna Bazar in Dhenkanal, a flat at Rasulgarh, two flats in Hyderabad, a 5-acre farmhouse at Athagarh in Cuttack and eight plots of land in posh localities were found belonging to Mishra. Bank and postal deposits worth ₹1.05 crore, ₹5,15,840 cash, including ₹1 lakh concealed in flush tank, 557 gram gold, two diamond necklaces and two four-wheelers were also found in the name of the officer, they said.







### downtown

## **Heavy rainfall likely** for 4 more days: IMD

during the next 48 hours, the

likely to form over North Bay of

Bengal and neighbourhood

dicted heavy rainfall (7 to 11cm)

and thunderstorm with light-

ning at one or two places in

Bargarh, Bolangir, Nuapada,

Jagatsinghpur, Kendrapara,

Keonjhar, Mayurbhanj, Balasore,

Bhadrak, Cuttack, Khurda, Puri,

Jajpur, Sundargarh and

Jharsuguda during the next 24

hours. Bhubaneswar may expe-

rience cloudy sky with one or

two spells of rain or thunder-

shower, the weather agency said.

heavy rainfall accompanied by

thunderstorm and lightning is

likely at one or two places in

Kendrapara, Jagatsinghpur,

Cuttack, Jajpur, Angul and

August 24, heavy to very

around Saturday," it added. The weather agency has pre-

"A cyclonic circulation is also

weather bulletin said.



Capital city may experience cloudy sky with one or two spells of rain or thundershower during the next 24 hours

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#### POST NEWS NETWORK

Bhubaneswar, August 22: A heavy rain with thunderstorms is likely to lash over several parts of the state during the next four days, the India Meteorological Department (IMD) bulletin said Thursday. According to regional Met

centre here, heavy rainfall with lightning will occur in several districts starting Friday.

The low-pressure area over north Bangladesh and neighbourhood is likely to move nearly westwards across West Benga

#### Samanta adviser to NTC of Guinea

#### POST NEWS NETWORK

Bhubaneswar, August 22: Educationist and philanthropist Achyuta Samanta has been appointed as senior adviser to the President of the National Transitional Council (NTC) of Guinea, Dansa Kourouma. The appointment was approved by the cabinet of the NTC of the Republic of Guinea



Dhenkanal, the weather bulletin said.

"Heavy rain and thunderstorm with lightning may also occur at one or two places in Balasore, Bhadrak, Mayurbhanj, Keonjhar, Khurda, Nayagarh, Puri, Sundargarh, Jharsuguda, Sambalpur, Bargarh, Nabarangpur, Koraput, Kalahandi, Rayagada, Gajapati, Ganjam, and Deogarh," it further said.

According to IMD, heavy to very heavy rain and thunderstorm with lightning may continue at one or two places in Sambalpur, Angul, Bargarh, Jharsuguda, Subarnapur and Boudh August 25.

'Thundershowers may also occur at one or two places in Bhadrak, Keonjhar, Jajpur, Kendrapara, Jagatsinghpur, Cuttack, Nayagarh, Mayurbhanj, Balasore, Sundargarh, Kandhamal, Bolangir, Nuapada,Deogarh and Dhenkanal district, the weather agency said.

The Met centre issued the yellow warning for Bhadrak, Keonjhar, Jajpur, Kendrapara, Jagatsinghpur, Cuttack, Nayagarh, Mayurbhanj, Sundargarh, Balasore, Kandhamal, Bolangir, Nuapada and Deogarh, Dhenkanal districts August 26.

### Investiture ceremony held at DPS Kalinga



POST NEWS NETWORK

Bhubaneswar, August 22: Delhi Public School (DPS) Kalinga here held two-day investiture ceremony recently to induct the senior and junior school cabinets for 2024-2025 into the Students' Council.

Capt DK Swain (Retd) graced

trician at SCB Medical College and Hospital, Cuttack was the chief guest for the junior in-

vestiture ceremony. She congratulated the young students for their confidence. Outlining the key factors of leadership qualities, Panda asked them to first become a



DEFT HANDS: An artisan gives finishing touches to a clay idol of Goddess Mangala at Kumbharsahi in Cuttack, Thursday, ahead of Khudurukuni Osha

#### **MUD CRABS SEIZED** FROM BUS; 3 HELD

#### PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

Kendrapara, August 22: Forest personnel Thursday seized around two quintals of live mud crabs, a protected species, from a Kolkatabound bus at Silipur traffic junction on National Highway 53 in Kendrapara, police said.

Three persons were arrested and charged under the Wildlife Protection Act, 1972, and were later remanded to judicial custody for 14 days, police said.

The crabs were subsequently released into Krushnapriyapur creek, according to Nalinikanta Behera, Forest Range Officer of Mahakalapada.

Forest dwellers are permitted to catch crabs for personal consumption but are prohibited from selling or transporting them, he added.

Crabs and fish are key food sources for the more than 1,800 saltwater crocodiles in the national park, and it is illegal for locals to catch crabs in park and sanctuary areas, the forest officer added.

### WSC offers advacourse in precision engineering

#### POST NEWS NETWORK

Bhubaneswar, August 22: With the purpose of meeting growing industry needs, World Skill Center (WSC) has launched a new programme in Precision Engineering under its School of Engineering here recently.

"Precision engineering is a cutting-edge subject which has attractive employment opportunities at national and international markets for professionals. Keeping this in mind, this new course is being implemented at the WSC. State-of-the-art labs are being set up for this course," said Rashmita Panda, CEO of Odisha Skill Development Authority and WSC.

"The unique one-year programme requires one to have completed either a 2-year ITI or 3-year diploma from any polytechnic institute of the state,<sup>3</sup> she said.



Precision Engineering course was introduced along with five other subjects under the School of Engineering at WSC, officials said.

They said that students can prepare themselves in engineering drawing and inspection techniques, CNC turning, CNC milling, 3D CAD/CAM applications, multi-axis programming and machining, CNC sheet metal fabrication and grinding.

"Various advanced diploma training courses are also being conducted at WSC with guidance of the Institute of Technical Education, Singapore, they added.

Notably, every year student exchange and student internship programmes are being organised in Singapore to provide international education and training experience to the meritorious students

### RSC to celebrate 1st National Space Day

#### POST NEWS NETWORK

Bhubaneswar, August 22: In order to commemorate the day when India became the fourth country to land on the moon and the first to reach its southern polar region, Regional Science Centre (RSC) here is going to organise a week-long celebration to mark National Space Dav (NSD). The Chandrayaan-3 mission was successful with the landing of Vikram Lander and deployment of Pragyan Rover on the



The theme for NSD is Touching lives while touching the Moon: India's Space Saga'. The celebration at RSC will include a space science exhibition cosmologist Shibesh Kumar. "The activities will enable the participants to get a deeper, comprehensive understanding of space science and technology," an RSC official said.

Kourouma had previously visited KIIT and KISS in January this year. He was impressed with the wide range of activities carried out by Samanta, including education, health, and social initiatives

Samanta will provide guidance on education, health, and economic development as a honourary adviser for Guinea. Previously. Samanta served as a senior adviser to the government of Manipur.

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#### AFFIDAVIT

I, Mukti Singh, D/o-Paul Singh, resident of Little Flower School Campus, Hindola Kothi, PO-Tulsipur, P.S-Bidanasi, Cuttack, Pin-753008 declare that my name has been wrongly mentioned as Mukti Mary Singh in Passport. Hence declare by this affidavit No.- 3545, dtd-05.08.2024 that now onwards I shall be known as Mukti Singh for all future purposes.

the senior investiture ceremony as chief guest. Speaking on the occasion, Swain narrated the challenges he faced during his service in the Indian Navy even as he encouraged the students to do 'what is right and not just what is easy'

Swarupa Panda, the paedia-

better student as well as a better citizen.

Principal Anuradha Rakshit administered the oath to senior and junior students in the ceremony. Pro Vice Chairperson Mala Mishra and Executive Trustee Sunaina Patro hailed the appointees and wished them good luck.

lunar surface August 23, 2023. To honour this landmark achievement. Prime Minister Narendra Modi announced the date as NSD.

which will provide information about Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) and its Moon Missions including space science research and planetary exploration. A hands-on-workshop on telescope making, with an interactive talk on 'Cosmic Curiosity: Astronomy, Telescopes and Developing Scientific Temper' will be conducted by

The centre will also arrange a large display screen to showcase videos on the evolution of ISRO, the Indian Space Programme and Chandrayaan-3 for the visitors. A quiz contest will also be held to inspire students. teachers and general public about the space technology and its applications.

#### AI researchers: A boon or bane? Centre bans 156 FDC drugs **MARKET WATCH**

**T** n the world of technology, a new innovation has recently captured everyone's attention—AI researchers. Recently, Sakana AI Labs developed a system they call the 'AI Scientist'. This system claims to be ca-

tific discovery, especially in the

field of machine learning.

Remarkably, the cost is only \$15

per paper—equivalent to a re-

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Large language models (LLMs)

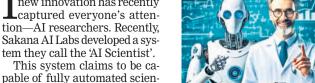
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What is less clear is whether an AI system can produce an interesting scientific paper.

searcher's lunch. But the ques-But is it interesting? tion remains: is this technology The Sakana system tries to address interestingness in two How a computer can 'do sciways. First, it 'scores' new paper ideas for similarity to existing re-A lot of science is done in the search (indexed in the Semantic open, and almost all scientific Scholar repository). knowledge has been written Second, Sakana's system in-

troduces a 'peer-review' step using another LLM to judge the quality and novelty of the generated paper.

AI may be a poor judge of AI output

Feedback is mixed on Sakana AI's output. Some have described

it as producing 'endless scientific slop'. Even the system's own review of its outputs judges the papers weak at best. The question is whether automated scientific papers are valuable

The ability of LLMs to judge the quality of research is also an open question. The research work shows LLMs are not great at judging the risk of bias in medical research studies

AI research may exacerbate existing problems

If AI-generated papers flood the scientific literature, future AI systems may be trained on AI output and undergo model collapse. This means they may become increasingly ineffectual at innovating.

There are already bad actors in science, including 'paper mills' churning out fake papers. This problem will only get worse when a scientific paper can be produced with USD 15 and a vague initial prompt. Agencies

#### PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

New Delhi, August 22: The government has banned 156 widely sold fixed-dose combination (FDC) drugs including antibacterial medicines used for fever, cold, allergies and pain,

saying that they are 'likely to involve risk to human beings".

FDC drugs are those which contain a combination of two or more active pharmaceutical ingredi-

ents in a fixed ratio and are also referred to as 'cocktail' drugs.

According to a gazette notification issued by the Union health ministry August 12, the government has banned 'Aceclofenac 50mg + Paracetamol 125mg tablet'. one of the popular combinations used as pain-relieving medicines manufactured by top pharma companies.

The list also includes

Mefenamic Acid + Paracetamol Injection, Cetirizine HCl + Paracetamol + Phenylephrine HCl, Levocetirizine Phenylephrine HCl Paracetamol, Paracetamol +

Chlorpheniramine Maleate + Phenyl Propanolamine Camylofin and Dihydrochloride 25 mg + Paracetamol 300mg. The Centre also banned

the combination of Paracetamol, Tramadol, Taurine and Caffeine. Tramadol is an opioidhased pain killer. "The Central gov-

ernment is satisfied that the use of the Fixed Dose Combination drug is likely to involve risk to human beings whereas safer alternatives to the said drug are available," the notification said. It said that the matter was examined by an Expert Committee

appointed by the Centre which considered these FDCs as 'irrational'.

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PNN & AGENCIES

Kendrapara, August 22:

Police have cracked the as-

sault and murder case of a 36-

year-old Dalit tractor driver

and arrested six individu-

als, including a man and his

two sons, for their involve-

Superintendent of Police

Siddharth Kataria informed

reporters Thursday that

Mantu Malik, the deceased

driver from Nikirai village,

was pushed by the accused

into the Birupa river from

the Indupur bridge follow-

ment in the crime.

Kendrapara

## Wanted for gangrape, Chh'garh man electrocuted in Jharsuguda

tact with a live wire laid by farm-

ers to protect their crops from wild

Kesepali village under Pusour po-

lice station in Chhattisgarh's

Raigarh district, was wanted in a

case of gangrape. Jharsuguda po-

lice Wednesday night informed

about his death to their counterparts

**Raigarh City Superintendent** 

of Police (CSP) Akash Shukla

said Yadav and seven others were

accused of raping a 27-year-old

tribal woman in Pusaur police

station limits of Raigarh August

19 when she was on her way to

visit a local fair after celebrat-

ing Rakshabandhan festival.

in the neighbouring state.

Sanjay Yadav, 18, a resident of

animals, police said Thursday.



**ON THE RUN, ACCUSED** SANJAY YADAV HAD ESCAPED TO SARAIPALI VILLAGE IN JHARSUGUDA DISTRICT AND TAKEN SHELTER IN THE HOUSE OF **HIS RELATIVE THERE** 

#### PNN & AGENCIES

Sambalpur/Raigarh, August 22: An absconding gangrape accused from neighbouring Chhattisgarh died in Odisha after coming in con-

#### Youth sentenced to 10-year RI for sodomising minor

#### POST NEWS NETWORK

Sambalpur, August 22: A special POCSO court here Thursday sentenced a youth to 10 years of **Rigorous Imprisonment (RI)** after convicting him of performing unnatural sex with a 12-year old boy in 2014.

The convict was identified as Sumant Pradhan, 28, in the area. Judge Abhilash Senapati of the special POCSO court also slapped a penalty of ₹50,000 on the convict, apart from the punishment. Similarly, the court also awarded seven years RI and slapped ₹50,000 fine on the convict under Section-4 of POCSO Act.

In default, the convict has to undergo additional six months of RI each and both the sentences will run concurrently, the judge observed while delivering the order.

The judge passed the order after examining the statements of 11 witnesses, police chargesheet and other evidences, Special Public Prosecutor Santosh Panda said.

while another accused, aged 15 years, was detained, he said. Police were on the lookout for Yadav who was absconding. As per the preliminary infor-

Six of the accused were arrested

mation, Yadav escaped to Saraipali village in Jharsuguda district and took shelter in the house of his relative there.

However, he accidentally stepped on a live wire laid in the field by farmers to protect their crops from wild animals and got electrocuted Wednesday, the official said. Jharsuguda police has lodged

an accidental death report and initiated a probe.

Rahul Chauhan (19), Monu Sahu (23), Rahul Khadia (19), Uttam Mirdha (20), Narendra Sidar (23) and Bablu Deharia (19) have been arrested in the gangrape case under sections 70(1) and 351(2) (criminal intimidation) of the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita.

The accused were produced before a local court Wednesday which sent them to judicial custody while the minor accused was sent to a juvenile home, the CSP said. According to police, Chauhan,

one of the accused, was known to the survivor woman.



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hended them, according to

Sanjay Kumar Mallick, the

IIC of Nikirai police station.

Malik had assaulted one Tikili

Jena August 14, prompting

Jena to call his two sons, Banti

and Lituna. The father and his

sons then assaulted Mantu.

Police reported that Mantu

ing a dispute last Thursday. All the arrested individuals are residents of Krishnanagar under the Bari police jurisdiction in Jajpur district. They had been hiding in various locations in Kendrapara, Jajpur, and Khurda districts. The Nikirai police conducted raids at

took him to their village in Krishnanagar, and later dragged him to the middle of the bridge where they pushed him into the Birupa river.

Mantu's body was recovered from the Brahmani river near Jagannathpur under the Pattamundai police jurisdiction, the following day, according to the SP.

All the accused confessed to their crime during interrogation. They were booked under Section 103, 3(5) of the BNS, and produced before the SDJM court in Kendrapara, which remanded them to jail custody.

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#### Hirakud dam opens 6 gates Thursday evening. dam. As part of this move, POST NEWS NETWORK four gates on the left of the

dam and two on the right

were opened Thursday

afternoon. The water level

of the Hirakud dam stood

at 613.33 feet Thursday.

Sambalpur, August 22: Hirakud dam authorities again opened six sluice gates to discharge excess floodwaters from the reservoir, Thursday.

Over 98,905 cusec The move was necesfloodwater was entering into the reservoir sitated after water level increased in the dam folper second while 1,32,043 lowing incessant rainfall cusec was being dison the upstream of the charged by the dam by

**Orientation programme** for new NIT-R students

#### POST NEWS NETWORK

Rourkela, August 22: Marking the beginning of the academic calendar, an orientation programme was held for the first year undergradu-

All the six sluice gates were found discharging 94,530 cusec, 34,110 cusec into the power channel for power production, 2,658 cusec into the Bargarh canal, 400 cusec into the Sasan canal, 61 cusec into Sambalpur canal and seven cusec water into the Hirakud

canal

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According to the case diary, the incident occurred when the minor, accompanied by three of his friends, had gone to pluck mangoes near Luhapanka panchayat office, May 23, 2014. Sumant, who was present there, lured the survivor to the backyard of the panchayat office and forcibly performed unnatural sex with him.

His friends noticed them and ran back to the village to inform the villagers. Villagers rescued the minor and informed his parents. Meanwhile, Sumant managed to escape from the spot taking advantage of the crowd.

The boy narrated his ordeal after his parents arrived. Later. the survivor's mother lodged a complaint against the accused. Police registered a case and launched an investigation. Later, they arrested the accused during probe and produced him in the court.

#### **BJD** wins Kendrapara ZP poll uncontested

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Kendrapara, August 22: BJD's Lilita Das was Thursday elected uncontested to the post of the chairperson of Kendrapara

Zilla Parishad.

gory.

The post of Kendrapara ZP chairperson is reserved for women belonging to the Scheduled Caste cate-

LILITA DAS, CHAIRPERSON

It was lying vacant for the last four months after former ZP chairperson Gitanjali Sethi resigned in April ahead of the Assembly polls. She unsuccessfully contested as a BJP candidate from the Kendrapara Assembly seat.

ate (UG) students at the Bhubaneswar Behera Auditorium on the NIT Rourkela campus here.

The orientation programme was organised in two phases. The first phase was for the students of B Arch, Integrated M Sc and selected B Tech programmes while the second phase catered to students of dual degree programmes and the remaining B Tech departments.

The programme, attended by both students and their parents, was designed to familiarise the newcomers with the institute's various functions, academic regulations, campus environment, departments, faculty members, infrastructure, and other support facilities. The sessions were chaired by Director K Umamaheshwar Rao.

This year, a total of 1,032 students have joined in the first year UG programmes, 468 in MTech programmes, and 188 students in MSc programmes, including 74 international studentss.

Branches like Computer Science, Artificial Intelligence, and Electronics Engineering are among the most preferred specialisations. Additionally, up to 20000 ranks in JEE, more than 250 students have opted for NIT Rourkela, indicating the institute's popular perception. Female students account for 22 per cent of the entire enrolment this year.

#### Workshop organised on Ashwagandha cultivation

Daringbadi: Cultivation of Withania Somnifera or Ashwagandha has caught the fancy of farmers as hundreds of farmers attended a workshop on its cultivation at Simanbadi near here in Kandhamal district. Wednesday. The workshop was organised by a voluntary outfit Jagrat Odisha in support with National Medicinal Plant Board and State Medicinal Plant Board at the community centre of Siba Mandir Sahi in Simanbadi. The programme was presided by the outfit's secretary Umesh Chandra Baral while noted Kabirai (Avurvedic Physician) and environmentalist Jethu Bhoi attended as resource person and provided training to the farmers. Addressing the farmers, Bhoi said that Ashwagandha has the power to treat various ailments of humans and spoke on the methods to identify the plant and its cultivation. He said that the climate of Daringbadi is conducive for its cultivation. Farmers Parame Pradhan, Sandura Pradhan, Amarendra Pradhan and others attended the workshop and learnt about the process of cultivation. Officials of the State Medicinal Plant Board talked about the medicinal qualities in roots, and leaves and how it is helpful in treatment of thyroid problems, anxiety, cholesterol control, sleep apnea, blood pressure control. The outfit's advisor Aishwarya Baral and Satyajit Samal coordinated the programme and distributed Ashwagandha saplings to the farmers.

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Sd./- Executive Engineer, RWS&S Division, Baripa OIPR-25014/11/0002/2425

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otice is hereby given to all concerned that, Damayanti Nayak W/o Dillip Kuma Navak, At/PO - Rengali, PS - Katarbaga, Dist. - Sambalpur has sworn a ffidavit on dt.27.04.2024 and has reported to IIC, Rengali on dt.08.06.2024 regarding loss of original link Regd. Sale Deed No. 494, dt.29.10.2002 of Registering Officer, Rengali and ROR vide Khata No. 497/701 of Mouza Rengali, Tah-Rengali, Dist.- Sambalpur in the name of Laxmibai Agrawa N/o Baijanath Agrawal

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[RULE 8(1) OF SECURITY INTEREST (ENFORCEMENT) RULES - 2002] Whereas, the undersigned being the Authorised Officer of Union Bank of India. Sonepur-1 Branch under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest (Second) Act, 2002 (Act. No. 54 of 2002) and in exercise of powers conferred under section 13(12) read with Rule 3 of the Security interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 issued a Demand Notice calling upon the Borrower/Mortgagor/Guarantor in loan A/c mentioned below to repay the amount mentioned in the notice plus interest thereon within **60 days** from the date of receipt of the said notice. The Borrower having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the Borrower/Mortgagor/Guarantor and the public in general that the undersigned has taken **Possession** of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him/her under Section 13(4) of the said Act read with Rule 8 of the said Rules. The Borrower/Mortgagor/Guarantor in particular and the public in general is hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of the Union Bank of India for an amount mentioned below & interest thereon. The Borrower's attention is invited to provisions of Sub-section (8) of Section 13 of the Act, in provisions of the context of the cont respect of time available, to redeem the secured assets.

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Under Section 13(2) of the Securitisation And Reconstruction of Financial Assets And Enforcement Of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with Rule 3 (1) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002. The undersigned is the Authorised Officer of **Piramal Capital & Housing Finance Limited (PCHFL)** under Securitisation And Reconstruction Of Financial Assets And Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 (the said Act). In exercise of powers conferred under Section 13(12) of the said Act read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement Rules, 2002, the Authorised Officer has issued Demand Notices under Section 13(2) of the said Act, calling upon the following Borrower(s) "said Borrower(s)", to repay the amounts mentioned in the respective Demand Notice(s) issued to them that are also given below. In connection with above, notice is hereby given, once again, to the said Borrower(s) to pay to PCHFL, within 60 days from the publication of this Notice, the amounts indicated herein below, together with further interest as detailed in the said Demand Notice(s), from the date(s) mentioned below till the date of payment and/or realization, payable under the loan agreement read with other documents/writings, if any, executed by the said Borrower(s). As security for due repayment of the loan, the following assets have been mortgaged to PCHFL by the said Borrower(s) respectively.

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Sd/- (Authorised Officer) Piramal Capital & Housing Finance







Date : 23-08-2024 Place: Orissa



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Spirituality is indeed the master key of the Indian mind; the sense of the infinitive is native to it. SRI ALIRORINDO



### Glimmer of Hope

2023 survey conducted by three United Nations agencies in Afghanistan revealed a grim reality: nearly one-fifth of Afghan women had not interacted with anyone outside their immediate families over the previous three months.

This alarming statistic underscores the severe isolation imposed on women in Afghanistan, many of whom are confined to their homes. Forced seclusion has had a profoundly negative impact on the mental health of girls and women across the country; in the same survey, three out of four women described their mental health as "bad" or "very bad." Lack of access to secondary and tertiary education, combined with limited employment opportunities, has led to increases in forced and underage marriages, child labor, and domestic violence, and has fueled a surge in illegal migration as women desperately seek to flee the country.

Moreover, a recent Human Rights Watch report found that the Taliban's restrictions on women's freedom of movement and employment "have gravely impeded women and girls' access to health services," while bans on education "have blocked almost all training of future female health-care workers in the country."

Consequently, an entire generation of Afghan girls is poised to reach adulthood without any professional qualifications or essential skills. According to the UN survey, in January 2023, 90% of women reported having "good" or "full" influence in their households. By November of that year, this number plummeted to 39%, reflecting a dramatic decline in women's agency and self-esteem.

Even as Afghan girls and women are being denied their rights to association, education, and employment, however, there have been several encouraging develop ments. In recent years, community groups in Kabul and across the country have organized trade fairs where women show case their wares to both male and female visitors. These fairs offer more than just the typical handicrafts and tapestries found at similar events across the region; they also feature products from female-owned small businesses and workshops. In Kabul, a growing number of women-led e-commerce initiatives are enabling women to sell their goods online, improving their economic prospects.

Glimmers of hope can be found elsewhere as well. The Bread for Women project is a prime example.Conceived and led

by the Italian NGO NOVE, one of the few international organizations still operating in Afghanistan, this initiative aims to combat hunger and acute poverty by restoring traditional women-owned bakeries in Kabul's peripheral neighborhoods.

NOVE has been navigating Afghanistan's complicated political landscape since 2013. In its pilot stage, the project focused on providing technical and financial support for building or restoring female-owned bakeries, purchasing tandoor ovens, and offering basic training in management and accounting.

Today, the organization supplies three bakeries with essentials such as flour, gas, and firewood. Each bakery employs three women who are paid a monthly salary: a baker, an assistant, and a third employee whose role is to distribute daily naan allotments to poor women and take their fingerprints to confirm receipt (as many are illiterate).

Although only three bakeries have been restored so far, they are more than just places to obtain food. These bakeries have become social hubs, offering the women who visit them a rare opportunity to leave the house, meet peers, exchange advice, share experiences, and even laugh

Many of these women come from Afghanistan's most impoverished and vulnerable communities. Thev are often their famil providers, either because they are widows or live with disabled husbands. With little to no employment opportunities, they carry vouchers entitling them to five naans each day. But this important initiative is about more than just charity: the three bakeries also have paying customers who bring their own dough. While these businesses are not yet self-sustaining, all three bakers seem determined to pursue their craft, leveraging their new found skills and entrepreneurial spirit to improve their lives and contribute to their communities. Though they may seem like a drop in the ocean of female suffering in Afghanistan, such projects represent a promising first step toward mitigating the inhumane treatment of women and girls.

Anna Husarska

In recent years, community groups in Kabul and across the country have organized trade fairs where women showcase their wares to both male and female visitors

## HARRIS' POPULIST AGENDA

The global economic landscape could shift dramatically if the US **Democratic Party's** presidential nominee, Kamala Harris, succeeds in implementing her bold stance on prices and corporate control. This move could send shockwaves across the world, compelling nations like India to reconsider their current economic models-just as they did during the liberalization era when corporate power surged.

It appears the tide is turning, as people worldwide demand freedom from the manipulative tactics that drive up prices. Harris's message is clear: Americans can no longer tolerate skyrocketing costs. Her aggressive, populist economic agenda aims to rein in corporate power and lower the cost of living, potentially setting a new standard for global economic policies.

A 74-year-old Indian blogger after a lavish Indian corporate marriage in July blurted out on X-twitter, "In my 74 years, I have not seen, or even heard of, a more tasteless, egotistical or pretentious wedding than the recent 24X7 televised extravaganza. It is not just about its cost, which is estimated to be anything between Rs 1500 crores to 5000 crores, not including the cost to the government in facilitating a private function as if it was a state event. The ugliness, the perversity and its real portent lie elsewhere.

"It lies in the way money was expended, at a time when the average Indian has never been worse off economically, when inequality and unemployment have reached record heights, when 67 percent of the GST is paid by 50 percent of its poorest citizens, when the top 1 percent control 40 percent of the country's wealth, when 800 million people have to be provided free/subsidized foodgrains to survive". He writes the splendour of

gifts costing over Rs 1 crore and



What Kamala Harris does may just create a flutter, but countries like India, who claim to be the next global leaders, have to trudge more cautiously for safeguarding the poor, farmers and the working class

multi-million-dollar payments to the entertainers are vulgar. "Marie Antoinette at least offered cake to the citizens when there was no bread, her Indian avatars offer only a soap-box serial (spread over eight months), every event of what should be a private affair playing out in full public glare. It is this which offends the sensibilities, not just the scale of expenditure".

Not much different is the weekend speech of Harris. She says, "We know that many Americans don't yet feel that progress in their lives. Costs are still too high and it feels too hard to get ahead." It seems so similar with the echoes of severe price rises and joblessness during the June Lok Sabha elections in India amid rows of mutton, muslim, mandir and mujra, mehngai and berojgari. Yes. Indians and Americans need food, minimum quality of life and freedom from organ ised oppression.

Indians are certainly more concerned because with whatever rank in the world economy, it is nowhere near the US If American economy is not in good shape, Indian's can at best be convalescing, post Covid-19. But stranglehold of the honchos in India is more gripping

than in the US, which has strong anti-trust laws despite the protest from the big. Indian policies suit the big shops more with quite a few trillions being waved off in taxes and other benefits. including tailoring national and stock market policies

Harris instead, despite being the Vice President of USA, empathising with the American people, says, "The bills add up. Food, rent, gas, back-to-school clothes, prescription medication. After that, for many families, there's not much left at the end of the month. As president, I will take on the high costs that matter most to most Americans.<sup>3</sup>

Those words any Indian voter would love to hear from their leaders. It follows a dozen proposals for improving the lives of Americans. Some like 3 million new housing units to the people seemingly have been picked up from Indian political party manifestos. Like India' PM Avas, she proposes to provide up to \$25,000 in down payment support for a million first-time home buvers. An addition is tax incentive for builders, who build affordable rental housing. It could be a welcome scenario for most Indians.

Harris is keen on preventing corporate landlords from using

algorithmic price-setting tools to increase rents by large margins.

Medical costs and health insurance frauds are the worst in the US. Many Indian companies now have emulated it. Medical expenses are increasing in India and the US. Harris promises to eliminate medical debt for millions of Americans, possibly by using federal funds to buy and forgive outstanding debt from health providers. She wants to limit Americans' an nual out-of-pocket spending on prescription drugs to \$2,000. Thousands of kilometres apart the conditions are so similar!

The one difference is that India wants to repeat the US insurance follies and they are trying to change it. Though in some cases like PM Jan Aushadhi, India is doing better in providing generic medicines at low prices. Harris does not have that option and says would cap the out-of-pocket cost of insulin at \$35 per month for all.

And as direct benefit pensions are given to kisans in India, Harris would give a child tax credit that would provide \$6,000 per child to families for the first year of a baby's life. Apparently Indian budgetary novelties introduced as direct benefits or pensions in various ways have fascinated Harris. Each of Harris's proposals, whether in terms of food, medicine, housing or child care is "populist".

Socialism, direct or indirect despite big companies ruling the roost is apparently returning to world politics. What Harris does may just create a flutter, but countries like India, who claim to be the next global leaders, have to trudge more cautiously for safeguarding the poor, farmers and the working class.

Harris has apparently borrowed quite a few of it from the Indian Budget. Now it is India's turn to ensure how it could check the corporates to serve people's interests. The world is changing and India's populism is winning big one's heart. INFA

#### SPECTRUM NATIONAL SPACE DAY

Touching lives while touching the moon

t has been a year since our in-digenously developed Union, China, India, Japan, UAE years to achieve a soft-landing of which is a testimony to its pro-Chandrayaan-3 spacecraft and Israel. created history by successfully soft-landing on the permanently shadowed South Pole region of the Moon. Thus India became the first country in the world in achieving the feat of soft-landing an unmanned spacecraft on the Moon's South Pole. To reminisce about this outstanding achievement, Govt of India has declared August 23 as the

Of particular mention is the

its unmanned spacecraft on the Moon. This is notwithstanding

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The writer, a Polish journalist and political analyst, is a former senior policy adviser at the International Rescue Committee and a former senior political analyst at the International Crisis Group. @ PROJECT SYNDICATE

#### WISDOM CORNER

66	Death is not extinguishing the light; it is only putting out the lamp because the dawn has come.
	RABINDRANATH TAGORE
66	A little nonsense now and then is relished by the wisest men WILLIAM SHAKESPEARE

Only those who will risk going too far can possibly find out how far one can go TS ELIOT

#### THIS DAY IN HISTORY

- **1514:** The Ottomans won a decisive victory over the Safavids of Iran at the Battle of Chāldirān.
- 1926: The Great Lover, motion-picture actor Rudolph Valentino, died suddenly at age 31, prompting widespread public grief from his
- **1939:** Germany and the Soviet Union signed a nonaggression pact dividing eastern Europe into German and Soviet spheres of influ-
- 2000: The first season of the U.S. version of the reality TV game show Survivor ended, with Richard Hatch being pronounced the winner; the hugely popular series was credited with launching the reality TV fad of the early 21st century.
- 2011: After rebel forces captured his compound in Tripoli, Muammar al-Qaddafi's four-decade rule of Libya ended; although his whereabouts were initially unknown, he was discovered two months later in the Libyan city of Surt and killed.



Nikunja Bihari Sahu

**ISRO HAS** DEMONSTRATED **HOW A LOFTY AND GRAND SPACE MISSION COULD BE** ACCOMPLISHED WITH A MINIMAL **AND AFFORDABLE INVESTMENT COST** 

National Space Day. Exploring the Moon, our closest celestial neighbour, has remained a long-cherished goal for humanity ever since the beginning of the Space Race in the Cold War period between the USA and the erstwhile Soviet Union in the nineteen fifties and beyond. While the Soviet Union's Luna series of missions were able to first visit the Moon achieving many remarkable feats like soft-landing, rover manoeuvres and sample collections, the USA, on the other hand, had an even bigger accomplishment by landing its astronauts for the first time on the Moon through its Apollo11 mission in 1969. After the end of the Cold War and the subsequent collapse of the Soviet Union, the Space race has been

emergence of China as a major space power in recent years. China has not only sent a rover to the Moon but also returned lunar samples safely to the Earth through its Chang'e series of missions. It also plans to land astronauts on the Moon by 2030 and build a permanent base there with a long term goal of mining the Moon's resources and for use of its strategic locations for military purposes. China achieved an even greater feat by sending its own astronaut to space in the form of Yang Liwei aboard the Shenzhou-5 spacecraft in 2003. Although we are initially lagging behind China in manned mission programme, our Gaganvaan human spaceflight programme is going to catch up soon for embarking on a flawless journey to space next year.

India's successful lunar exploration was a feat long due for a country of 1.4 billion people and having the advantage of inheriting some of the greatest space legacies of the world like Vikram Sarabhai, Satish Dhawn and U R. Rao. ISRO was set up only in 1969 (a few days later the USA landed its astronauts on the

#### Coalition constraints

joined by several other devel-

oped and developing nations of

Sir, The Central Government has withdrawn the Lateral Entry due to the coalition government's pressure after the Waqf and Broadcasting Bills. The objective was to appoint private-sector expertise to high-level government positions. In previous years, the inclusion of experts in the bureaucracy was referred to as progressive thinking. However, due to the lack of transparency in the selection process, protests erupted. The administration postponed the plan following fierce criticism from opposition parties and concerns from some NDA partners. Clearly, major decisions in the governance system necessitate extensive participation and cooperation. Aside from the hubris of power, substantial interaction with all stakeholders is required to develop policies with long-term consequences. In other words, given the difficulties of coalition politics, the administration should cooperate with the opposition rather than impose its agenda. However, the Modi government, which ruled unfettered for the previous two terms, is now feeling the necessity of the coalition as well as the pressure of the opposition. Abhijit Roy, JAMSHEDPUR

the developing status of our country's economy where other emergency sectors like health, education and agriculture etc are to be prioritised.

However, the recent achievements with Chandrayaan have also some silver linings to be cherished with. India became the first country in the world to soft-land its Vikram lander near the Moon's South Pole and to explore its treasure trove of resources through the rover Pragyan. As it can be remembered, Russia's Luna 25 mission which was launched with a much powerful Soyuz rocket (compared to our own LMV III vehicle) failed a few days before Chandrayan-3's touchdown. Secondly, ISRO has demonstrated how a lofty and grand space mission could be accomplished with a minimal and affordable investment cost compatible for a developing nation like India with the Chandrayaan-3 project costing only 615 crores rupees, less than the production cost of a typical Hollywood movie. Thirdly, the performance of ISRO in all

fact that a number of lady scientists of ISRO were involved in key decision making processes of both the missions testifies the strength of India's women power and the country's diverse intellectual resources. As can be remembered, Dr Kalpana Kalahasti, a lady scientist of ISRO served as the Assistant Director of the Chandrayaan-3 mission contributing many key decisions and technologies leading to the mission's successful flight.

With ISRO's next big achievement the Gaganyaan manned spaceflight mission knocking on the door with the astronauts already been designated and receiving training, we hope that Candrayaan-3's success will inspire our future space missions to soar to a height of success and glory. It will also serve as a catalyst to attract our incredible youth power to pursue careers in space science and applications in line with this year's theme of Touching Lives while touching the Moon : India's Space Saga'.

> The writer is Education **Officer, Regional Science** Centre, Bhopal

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Sir, Fearing that they would definitely lose the Assembly elections in Jammu & Kashmir and Haryana, the BJP has allegedly, with the connivance of the Election Commission, postponed the Assembly polls in Maharashtra, where again they are on a sticky wicket. Knowing well that it would be a death blow for them, if they lose all three Assembly elections at the same time, which might even pave the way for their minority government to crumble like a pack of cards, they have maneuvered to postpone the elections in Maharashtra. The anti-incumbency factor and the return of a resurgent Congress with added vigour as a formidable enemy will make the saffron party bite the dust in the hustings. Furthermore, even if they hold elections to the Maharashtra Assembly after a month or two, the results will not change in their favour. Gone are those days when the BJP was dictating terms to the stake holders of every election with their money and muscle power. Now, it is the turn of the people who have realised that the empty rhetoric of the saffron party is not going to do anything – good for their welfare.

Tharcius S Fernando, CHENNAI

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#### **ATAXI DRIVERS VS CAB AGGREGATORS**

### **Commuters left in lurch**

**TAXI AND AUTO UNIONS BEGIN 2-DAY STRIKE, SAY INADEQUATE COMPENSATION COUPLED WITH AGGREGATORS** LAUNCHING BIKE TAXI **SERVICES HAS HIT THEIR LIVELIHOOD** 

#### PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

New Delhi, August 22: Commuters in Delhi-NCR faced a tough time as taxi and autorickshaw drivers began their two-day strike Thursday demanding better compensation from cab aggregator services.

At some places, cab drivers and autorickshaw drivers were threatened and asked to deboard passengers.

Eighty per cent of autorickshaws and taxis are off the road in the national capital, Delhi Auto Taxi Transport Congress Union (DATTCU) president Kishan Verma claimed and said around 14 unions are participating in the protest.

#### **AGITATED DRIVERS**

Anil Pradhan, a cab driver, de manded a ban on bike taxis that offer services using non-commercial number plates. "The government should step in and ban the commercial plying of vehicles with non-commercial number plates. It is becoming difficult to make ends meet," he said.

Adarsh Tiwari, another cab driver, said, "The companies offer us very less rate for our services. Due to this, we are unable to pay the installments of our vehicles and meet other expenses We are unable to ensure good education for our children and sufficient food for our families.

Delhi Auto Rickshaw Sangh general secretary Rajendra Soni alleged that drivers were being

#### Don't allow use of DJ during festivities, social groups request police

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Latur, August 22: Various so-



Why are we made to take permits and pay taxes

when private vehicles are allowed to ply? We demand that the government impose a ban on bike taxis KISHAN VERMA DATTCU PRESIDENT

threatened. His union is not part of the strike. "Many drivers are not part of

the strike. We have come across instances where drivers are being threatened outside railway stations and bus stops. We demand that the police step up vigil outside these points. It is a matter of commuter safety as well as driver safety," he added.

Rakesh, an autorickshaw driver with a cab aggregator, said he was avoiding accepting rides from railway stations and bus terminals since there was a threat of violence.

"In fact, if I was allotted a ride and the commuter called me, I asked them to pay more than what the fare showed since there was a risk," he added.

Auto and taxi unions gathered at Jantar Mantar to voice their protest.

On incidents of violence, DATTCU president said, there have been some instances in Mahipalpur, Najafgarh, trans-Yamuna area but our union has nothing to do with it.

#### **COMMUTERS COMPLAIN**

People took to social media

to complaint about delay in get-

ting cabs and cancellations. "Spent the last 35 mins trying to get a cab in Noida for Delhi. What's wrong with @Olacabs @Uber\_India@rapidobikeapp,"

X user Prashhush posted. Another X user, Kshitiz Agarwal said, "Is it only me or uber doesn't work anymore now? Couldn't find a uber cab for 30 mins nowadays even at posh localities like south extension, new delhi #uber #ola.

Mansi Pandey, a media professional, said that autorickshaw drivers who are not participating in the strike are being threatened.

"I was travelling from my home to my workplace and took an auto near East of Kailash. At first, it was difficult to find an auto but when I got one, the driver demanded a higher fare. Since I was getting late, I agreed to pay more but when we reached a few metres ahead, around five to 10 people stopped the auto and asked me to step out, saving

there was a strike today. They warned the driver that if he continued to drive, they would damage his auto," she said. Ananya Tiwari, a student,

said she could not find autorickshaws on Uber and Rapido.

"Usually, I get an auto on these apps within two minutes but today, it was difficult to find a ride. The fares that usually hover around ₹100-110 were also higher and I found an autorickshaw only after multiple cancellations and that too at ₹140." she added.

#### **MPSC** postpones preliminary exam PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

Pune, August 22: The MPSC Thursday said that it has postponed the Maharashtra Gazetted Civil Services Combined Preliminary Examination, which was scheduled to be held August 25, amid a protest by aspirants pushing for a date change and making a few more demands.

The recruitment body an nounced the postponement in a post on X

The Maharashtra Public Service Commission (MPSC) said it would announce the new date in the coming days.

Many job-seekers, preparing for the MPSC preliminary exam, have been protesting in Pune since Tuesday night demanding a different date saying it clashed with the Indian Banking Personnel Selection (IBPS) exam for clerical positions.

They also want recruitment to more posts done through this exam.

"In a meeting today, it has been decided to postpone the Maharashtra Gazetted Civil Services Combined Preliminary Examination. The new date of the said exam will be announced soon," MPSC said in the post on X.



#### INDO-ASIAN NEWS SERVICE

Mumbai, August 22: A day after protests were staged against the sexual assault on two fourvear-old minor girls at a school in Maharashtra's Badlapur city, the state government issued a resolution to ensure the safety of students in general, and the girl students in particular, in the schools

According to the government resolution, it will be binding on all schools to install CCTVs within a month for the safety and security of students, teachers and non-teaching staff in the schools and in their vicinity.

If CCTVs are not installed in the schools run by the government and local self-governments, then they will have to initiate action soon. After their installation. the schools will have to periodically check the footage and if found unobjectionable, it will be the responsibility of the headmaster and school management to take further action.

The schools will have to take all the necessary due precautions during the recruitment of non-teaching employees, and they will have to keep a vigil for



those already employed in the schools.

Further, the school management will have to check the background of regular employees or outsourced employees or those on contract, including security personnel, bus drivers, sweepers and helpers.

The schools will have to take character verification reports from the police. It will be mandatory for schools to appoint women employees on a priority basis for students up to six years.

The schools have to install a complaint box and it will have to be examined if it is being used

effectively. The school head master will be held responsible in case of lapses in this regard. The schools will also have to strictly adhere to government

norms with regard to Sakhi Savitri Samiti and Vidyarthi Suraksha Samiti.

Further, the government has established a state-level security review committee headed by the School Education Commissioner. The committee will have six members.

It will also be binding on the school management to immediately report untoward incidents, if any, to the school edu cation officer. In case of any delays, the action will be taken against the school management.

Meanwhile, the leader of opposition in the state council Ambadas Danve led a delegation and met Maharashtra Director General of Police Rashmi Shukla demanding that the accused involved in the Badlapur sexual assault case be severely punished, adding that action should be taken against the police and school management "for showing inordinate delays in doing what is required'

### AAP launches 'Kejriwal Aayenge' campaign

#### PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

New Delhi, August 22: AAP Thursday rolled out its 'Kejriwal Aayenge' campaign in the run up to the assembly polls in Delhi next year as it seeks to form the government in the national capital for a third consecutive term. Hoardings bearing the

'Kejriwal Aayenge' slogan have also been put up across Delhi. Kejriwal is lodged in Tihar

jail in connection with a corruption case linked to the alleged excise policy scam being probed by the Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI).

There is a lot of sentiment among the people of Delhi and the country about Chief Minister



Arvind Kejriwal, said AAP national general secretary (organisation) and Rajya Sabha MP

gerly waiting for Arvind Kejriwal to come out of jail. Ever since Arvind Kejriwal has gone, many

#### The people of Delhi are eagerly waiting for Arvind Kejriwal to come out of jail. Ever since Arvind Kejriwal has gone, many works in Delhi have stopped. The public is confident that all the stalled works in Delhi will be completed and many problems resolved quickly after his release SANDEEP PATHAK | GENERAL SECRETARY, AAP

The public is confident that all the stalled works in Delhi will be completed and many problems resolved quickly after his release," he added.

Pathak said people understood that the BJP government at the Centre put Kejriwal in jail in a "false case" only to stop the work in Delhi and "upset the people". By launching the 'Kejriwal

Aayenge' campaign, AAP wants to convey the message that the upcoming assembly elections will be fought with Kejriwal at the centre and, under his leadership, once again the people of Delhi will form an AAP government by giving a huge majority, he said.

"The people of Delhi love Arvind Kejriwal and have full faith in his staunch honesty," he added.

Kejriwal's former deputy Manish Sisodia was recently granted bail in the excise policy case after 17 months in jail.

#### Delhi computer trainer crosses Tendulkar's Guinness Records

#### PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

New Delhi, August 22: A computer trainer and former JNU employee, Vinod Kumar



Sandeep Pathak. "The people of Delhi are eaworks in Delhi have stopped.

in Latur city of Maharashtra have urged the police not to grant permission for the use of DJ (disc jockey) and high-decibel music systems during the upcoming Ganesh festival.

The initiative, of which several Ganesh mandals, doctors and social activists are part, aims to make Latur city "DJ-free" to curb the harmful effects of excessive noise.

This initiative seeks to reduce noise pollution, particularly loud and disruptive music often played by DJs during processions and festivals, social activist Abhijit Deshmukh said.

"The growing use of DJs and noisy music systems during local processions and celebrations in the city has raised significant concerns. Therefore, a request has been made through submission of an application to the police. urging them not to grant permits for such sound systems," he said



AGITATION AGAINST ADANI: Congress workers protest outside the ED office demanding SEBI chief's resignation and a Joint Parliamentary Committee (JPC) probe into the Adani issue, in Mumbai

### HEALTH HAZARDS Nearly half of Mumbai's bakeries using wood

The study aims to raise awareness and call for prompt action to protect the health of Mumbaikars and the city's environment

#### PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

Mumbai, August 22: An environmental non-profit has raised concerns over the alarming use of wood as fuel in Mumbai's bakeries, warning that it poses serious health risks to citizens and batting for the adoption of cleaner methods to combat air pollution.

The Bombay Environment Action Group (BEAG) surveyed 200 bakeries across the city over six months and found that about 47 per cent of these establishments rely on wood fuel, primarily scrap sourced from furniture stores, for their operations. This practice releases harmful volatile organic compounds (VOCs) and particulate matter (PM2.5) into the air, which leads

to asthma and other diseases, BEAG has said in a report. PM2.5 refers to fine particles

with a diameter of 2.5 micrometres or less. They can enter the lungs and even the blood-

stream. of the surveyed making bakeries emitted them partic 80,381 kg of PM2.5 ularly highlighting the harmful to severity of the human issue health.

As per the study, the Byculla and Mumbai Central areas (E ward) have the highest concentration of bakeries, with 84 establishments. followed by Andheri (K West



ward) with 53, and Mohammed Ali Road (B ward) with 39 breadand-cake units.

The BEAG study also estimated that 72 of the surveyed bakeries emitted 80,381 kg of PM2.5, highlighting the severity of the issue.

Electricity is the second most common fuel source, used by 28 per cent of the bakeries, while about 21 per cent depend on a combination of liquified petroleum gas (LPG) and electricity, the report said.

The environmental NGO said the study aims to raise awareness and call for prompt action to protect the health of Mumbaikars health and the city's environment.

It has advocated a phased transition of Mumbai bakeries to cleaner fuels, suggesting costbenefit analyses and financial incentives for the owners to lessen the environmental impact.

BEAG said it has submitted its report to the Brihanmumbai Municipal Corporation (BMC) and Maharashtra Pollution Control Board (MPCB), urging the authorities to take immediate action.

Collaboration between government bodies, bakery owners, and stakeholders is crucial for a successful transition, it emphasised.

Chaudhary, has surpassed cricket legend Sachin Tendulkar's record of 19 Guinness World Records.

Chaudhary, a resident of Delhi's Kirari Suleman Nagar village, has carved a niche for himself by establishing 20 Guinness World Records in the field of typing.

From fastest typing blindfolded, typing with a mouth stick, to fastest time to type the alphabet with the nose, the 43vear-old has set several records and registered his name in the Guinness Book of World Records. His latest record was set in typing backward blindfolded in record five seconds.

Driven by his admiration for Tendulkar, Chaudhary wishes to receive his 20th

Guinness World Record cer tificate from his idol.

"I grew up watching Sachin Tendulkar play and always wanted to make my country proud like him. My dream is to receive the 20th Guinness World Record from the hands of my idol Sachin Tendulkar. He has been my inspiration since childhood and I wanted to surpass his illustrious benchmark," Chaudhary told PTI.

Tendulkar, regarded as one of the greatest cricketers of all time, holds 19 Guinness World Records titles under his name, according to the Guinness official website.

#### **OFFICE OF THE** No.C-470 MUNICIPAL COUNCIL. BHADRAK Bhadrak, Pin-756100, Tel. No. : 06784-251519 E-mail : eobdkmunicipality@gmail.com No. 4020 Date : 21.08.2024 EXPRESSION OF INTEREST (EOI) 1. The Executive Officer, Bhadrak Municipa The Executive Officer, Bhadrax Municipality interiors to assertant the section price of certain items such as supplying, Installing (including civil work) & commissioning of FRP Child play Equipment, Water Fountains and other Decorative items in different locations of Bhadrak Municipality as described in Exercise of Interest in the section of the sect the marke

detail at Annexure-1 for Procurement and as such invites Expression of Interest in sealed covers from the intending reputed registered firms / suppliers / manufact The Eol must accompany attested copies of valid PAN card, GISTIN/GST

registration certificate, registration certificate of the bidders from co thority/authorized dealership certificate.

3. The Eol, complete in all respect shall be submitted to the Executive Officer Bhadrak Municipality clearly superscribing on an envelope "EOI for Supplying Installing (including civil work) & commissioning of FRP Child play Equipment Water Fountains and other Decorative items in different locations of Bhadral cipality" through Registered post/Speed post only on or before 12.00 Noon of dt.4.9.2024. It is the responsibility of interested party alone to ensure that its Eol is elivered at the prescribed address by the stated deadline. The Municipality shall no be held responsible for any dealy in delivery or loss of the EoI document(s) during ansit of any type.

The EoIs will be opend on dtd.4.9.2024 at 12.30 PM in the office of the undersigned before the tender committee of the Municipality in presence of the bidders or their authorized representatives who wish to attend. If the office happen to be closed on the last date of receipt or opening of the EoIs as specified, then the Eols will be received / opened on the next working day at the same time and venue inless otherwise notified.

5. The bidder should quote the rates both in figures and in words in the appropriate lumns for the items in the schedule of item appended to this notice at Annexure-1 If there is a difference between the rate quoted in figures and in words the rate utoed in words shall be taken as correct The rate offered should be inclusive of all taxes excluding GST (Rate/Amount

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We want the truth to come out. The state government and the state health department are trying to hide the truth. The state health department and **R G Kar Hospital authorities** tried to destroy evidence (of the crime) DILIP GHOSH | BJP LEADER

#### **47.928 FOREIGNERS DETECTED IN 43 YEARS: ASSAM GOVT**

"Let us first go through the

polls, then we will look into those

things," Abdullah said. "No doors

share arrangement, he sought pa-

When questioned on the seat-

"Everything will come out be-

Abdullah also refused to an-

The former Union minister

said he was very happy that the

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The Assam government Thursday said over 47,900 foreigners have been detected in the state from 1971 to 2014, out of which more than 43 per cent are Hindus. In a written reply to a query by AGP MLA Ponakan Baruah, Chief Minister Himanta Biswa Sarma said the Foreigners Tribunal (FT) has declared 47,928 people as foreigners between 1971 and 2014



### 'Alliance with Cong final on all 90 seats' of the uote

Those who feel there is politics behind the Badlapur protest are either abnormal or protectors of the culprits

UDDHAV THACKERAY SHIV SENA (UBT) CHIEF

Electricity is a basic amenity and the public can't be deprived of it. It's also in the concurrent list. The

smart metres are charging exorbitant amounts and poor people are suffering. The subject needs urgent attention DEBABRATA SAIKIA LOP, ASSAM

Highest number of farmer suicides are taking place in the Beed district where Shivraj Singh Chouhan visited

yesterday. But none of the leaders, including Chouhan, uttered a word about it. The central and state governments only pretend to be sensitive

AMBADAS DANVE | LOP, MAHARASHTRA

#### SHORT TAKES

#### 7 killed after bus falls into gorge

Leh: Seven people were killed and 22 more injured when a bus skidded off the road and fell into a 200-feet-deep gorge in Ladakh's Leh district, officials said. The bus, taking staff members of a school to a wedding function, fell into the gorge in the Durbuk area, Leh Deputy Commissioner Santosh Sukhadeve told PTI. The official said personnel of the district administration and police admitted the injured to a local hospital, where they were given first aid.

#### Five killed in road accident

Ara(Bihar): At least five people, including two women and a child, were killed and three others critically injured when the jeep in which they

**THE THREE-PHASE ELECTIONS TO THE 90-MEMBER JAMMU AND KASHMIR ASSEMBLY WILL BE HELD SEPTEMBER 18, SEPTEMBER 25 AND OCTOBER 1** 

#### PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

Srinagar, August 22: An alliance with the Congress is final on all 90 Assembly seats in Jammu and Kashmir, National **Conference** president Faroog Adbullah said Thursday.

The announcement came after Leader of Opposition in the Lok Sabha Rahul Gandhi and Congress president Mallikarjun Kharge called on the National

Conference leadership at Abdullah's residence. "We had a good meeting, in a cordial atmosphere. The alliance is on track and, God willing, it will run smoothly. The alliance is final. It will be signed this evening and the alliance is on all 90 seats," Abdullah told reporters.

The three-phase elections to the 90-member Jammu and Kashmir Assembly will be held September 18, September 25 and October 1. The results will be declared nessed bad days and we hope it

**BADLAPUR SEXUAL ASSAULT** 



October 4 Abdullah further said, 'CPI(M)'s (MY) Tarigami is also

with us. I hope our people are with us too and that we win with a huge majority to improve the lives of the people. Asked about Gandhi's

assurance earlier in J&K the day that it was the ASSEMBLY priority of the Congress and the **POLLS** INDIA bloc to restore statehood to Jammu and Kashmir, Abdullah expressed hope that full state-

hood with all powers would be restored. "Statehood is very important for all of us. This has been promised to us. This state has wit-

will be restored with its full powers. For that, we stand together with the INDIA bloc," he said. Questioned if the two parties had agreed to any common min-

imum programme, the National Conference president said there was no question of a common minimum pro

gramme. "Our common programme is to fight the elections to defeat the divisive forces that exist in

the country," he said. The former chief minister of the erstwhile state also did not rule out the presence of the Mehbooba Mufti-led People's Democratic Party in a pre- or post-poll alliance.

### 2026 ASSEMBLY POLLS **Actor-politician Vijay**

The two-coloured flag with maroon on top and bottom, has vellow in the middle with a motif of two fighting tuskers on either side of the Vaagai flower.

The "vaagai" flower is also known as the Albizia lebbeck. The word "vaagai" means "victory" in Tamil.

The unveiling of the flag and also the official launch of the party anthem heralds a new chapter in Tamil Nadu politics marked by the entry of the Tamizhaga Vetri Kazhagam (TVK), which is gearing up to face the 2026 Assembly elections in the state.

### **MISSING AIRCRAFT** Indian Navy recovers body of missing pilots

A 19-member team of the Indian Navy, which was brought in from

Visakhapatnam, was continuing the search for

the missing aircraft, though it was affected by

inclement weather

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Jamshedpur. August 22: The bodies of the trainee pilot and his instructor who were on board the two-seater aircraft that went missing after taking off from Jharkhand's Jamshedpur were found in the Chandil dam on Thursday, officials said.

The trainer aircraft, a Cessna 152, went missing after taking off from the Sonari aerodrome Tuesday morning, following which a mega search operation was launched in the nearby areas, including the reservoir of the dam, they said.

While the body of trainee pilot Shubhrodeep Dutta, a resident of Adityapur, was found in the morning, that of pilot-in-command Captain Jeet Satru Anand who hailed from Patna was found later in the day, they added.

A 19-member team of the Indian Navy, which was brought in from Visakhapatnam, was continuing the search for the missing aircraft, though it was affected by inclement weather, officials said.

The Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA) has started an investigation along with the Aircraft Accident Investigation Bureau (AAIB), Directorate of Flying Training (DFT) and Directorate of Airworthiness (DAW) into the incident, they said.

Alchemist Aviation, which owned and operated the aircraft registered as VT-TAJ, in a statement said it was too early to comment about the reasons for the crash.

"The aircraft had 80 litres of fuel in it with an endurance of 4 hours 30 minutes, and the flying time was scheduled to be 1 hour," it said, adding that the plane lost contact with the Jamshedpur Air Traffic Control Tower (ATC) around 11.10 am Tuesday.

#### **Opposition questions Waqf Bill provisions**

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New Delhi, August 22: The Joint Committee of Parliament on the Waqf (Amendment) Bill held its marathon first meeting Thursday amid objections by Opposition MPs over a host of provisions as the Union minority affairs ministry made a presentation in the proposed law.

Sources said BJP members in the meeting lauded the proposed amendments, including the provisions which seek to empower women.

There were occasional heated exchanges during the meeting\_ but members from various parties sat for several hours, recording their views on the provisions of the Bill, offering suggestions and seeking clarifications. In his brief comments to reporters, Committee Chairperson Jagdambika Pal described the meeting, which went on for over six hours with a lunch break, as "fruitful".



were travelling hit a road divider in Bihar's Bhojpur district in the early hours of Thursday, police said. The jeep hit the road divider on the Ara-Buxar road near Bibiganj bridge, under the jurisdiction of Gajrajganj police station, they said. Family members of the deceased have been informed and bodies have been sent for the post-mortem examination, it added.

#### **Bomb threat scare** on AI flight a hoax

Thiruvananthapuram: A bomb threat message in the washroom of an AI flight from Mumbai that resulted in a full emergency being declared at the Thiruvananthapuram airport here Thursday turned out to be a hoax according to the police. A senior officer of the Thiruvananthapuram city police said the threat was a hoax. The police also said that no explosive was found on the aircraft after an intensive search carried out by security agencies.

#### 50 injured after bus overturns

Pilibhit (UP): At least 50 people were injured when their bus overturned after the driver fell asleep and lost control of the vehicle on the Sitargani National Highway in the early hours of Thursday. officials said. The accident happened around 1 am. The private bus, carrying 70 passengers, was on its way to Jalandhar from Bahraich. Station House Officer (SHO) Braiveer Singh said. "Among the injured, eight passengers suffered serious iniuries and have been hospitalised. The remaining were discharged after being administered first aid," Singh said.

who failed to report the crime to maintained by the Badlapur pothe police promptly. There can be no compromise

on the safety and security of children, particularly girls, said a division bench of Justices Revati Mohite Dere and Prithviraj Chavan.

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solutely shocking.

Mumbai, August 22: The Bombay

High Court Thursday expressed

outrage over the police's handling

of the case related to sexual assault

of two kindergarten girls at a

school in Badlapur near Mumbai,

while describing the crime as "ab-

Taking suo motu (on its own)

cognizance of the case which

has triggered widespread

protests, the high court lashed

out at the local police for the

delay in the registration of a

First Information Report (FIR),

and also the school authorities

A male attendant allegedly sexually assaulted two kindergarten girls, aged around 4, in the school's washroom August 12 and 13.

The FIR was, however, registered August 16, and the accused was arrested the following day, according to police documents presented in court.

"Unless there is a strong public outburst, the machinery won't move." the court remarked.

The sexual assault of the two girls was "not only heinous, but

lice, a copy of the FIR, and other papers related to the case.

one and all," it added.

It was not at all "happy" with the manner in which the Badlapur police handled the

also shocks the conscience of

Investigation Team (SIT) formed

to probe the case to submit

August 27 the original case diary

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case, the judges remarked. "Such serious matters where girls as young as three and four years old have been sexually assaulted....how can the police take it so lightly," the court questioned. "If schools are not a safe place,

what is a child supposed to do? What did a three and four-yearold child do? This is absolutely shocking," the court said. The bench directed the po-

lice to ensure that all support was given to the victims and their families, adding that the victims should not be victimised further.



Though Vijay announced the launch of his political outfit in February, he chose not to contest the 2024 Lok Sabha elections nor did it support any party during the polls.

While unveiling the TVK flag, the top actor took a pledge along with his party workers.

content creators' economy, which has huge potential to generate employment, Union Information and Broadcasting Minister Ashwini Vaishnaw said Thursday but cautioned against the creation of addictive content.

New Delhi, August 22: The

encouraging the

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Vaishnaw launched 25 Challenges covering a range of disciplines such as animation, filmmaking, gaming, music, and visual arts as part of the 'Create in India Challenge' ahead of the World Audio Visual and Entertainment Summit (WAVES), scheduled to be held in November in Goa.

"We also have to ensure that we do not do anything that harms society. We have to guard ourselves against content that is

He said the creators' economy had immense potential and emerged as a wonderful tool to showcase India's rich cultural heritage, way of life, yoga, traditional medicine system, and diversity in cuisines.

addictive. In this regard, every-

body -- government, industry,

society -- has equal responsibil-

ity." Vaishnaw said.

"The government of India is leaving no stone unturned to encourage this economy and, therefore, we need to ensure the talent and skill development and availability of necessary infrastructure in this sector," he said.

Information and Broadcasting Secretary Sanjay Jaju, Additional Secretary Neerja Shekhar, FICCI Director General Jyoti Vij, CII National Committee on Media & Entertainment Vice Chairman Biren Ghose were among those who attended the event.

IIT-BHU, will handle day-to-day

operations, project development

and knowledge dissemination.

has already cleared four key proj-

ects under the SLCR initiative.

Among them is the development

of a Decision Support System

(DSS) for water management

aimed at analysing basin water

dynamics through advanced hy-

drological models and data an-

alytics. This project, expected to

last two to three years, will fa-

cilitate real-time monitoring and

scenario simulations to support

holistic planning and effective

Another vital project focuses on

the characterisation of emerg-

ing pollutants in the Varuna River.

Over the next 18 months, ad-

vanced analytical techniques will

be employed to identify and quan-

tify contaminants, creating a com-

prehensive fingerprint library

for water quality monitoring and

proposing effective remediation

strategies, the statement said.

water management.

The Joint Steering Committee



It was one of the longest meet ings held by a parliamentary panel in recent times, a member claimed. The next meeting will be held August 30, and the panel is likely to hear views of various state Waqf bodies, sources said. There was a view among the members across various parties, some of them said that the minority affairs ministry was not "adequately prepared" to address the queries raised in the meeting, and the presentation made was not up to scratch.

BJP allv Lok Janshakti Partv (Ram Vilas) said the Muslim community's concerns should be addressed and called for wider consultations, they said, adding that the Telugu Desam Party (TDP) also pitched for holding broad deliberations. The members who attended the meeting included the BJP's Sanjay Jaiswal, Aparajita Sarangi, Tejasvi Surya, Dilip Saikia and Gulam Ali; Congress party's Gourav Gogoi and Naseer Hussain; TMC's Kalyan Banerjee, YSR Congress' V Vijaysai Reddy, AAP's Sanjay Singh, AIMIM's Asaduddin Owaisi, A Raja of the DMK, LJP's Arun Bharti and TDP's Lavu Srikrishna Devaravalu.

Several Opposition members questioned various clauses of the bill and their rationale, including the move to empower district collectors in deciding on the ownership of a disputed property, and to have non-Muslim members on Waqf boards.

The committee will discuss the Bill threadbare and also the concerns over it, Pal had said ahead of the meeting, addingthat voices of different stakeholders would be heard.

#### India, Denmark launch Smart Laboratory on Clean Rivers establishment of NMCG and

The SLCR project is designed to rejuvenate the Varuna river, leveraging cutting-edge technology and international expertise

#### PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

New Delhi, August 22: In a bid to sustainable river management, a Smart Laboratory on Clean Rivers (SLCR) has been developed at IIT-BHU to rejuvenate small rivers through innovative and sustainable approaches, the Jal Shakti ministry said.

This initiative, part of the Green Strategic Partnership between India and Denmark, aims to rejuvenate small rivers through innovative and sustainable approaches, the ministry said in an official statement.

The SLCR project is designed to rejuvenate the Varuna River, leveraging cutting-edge technology and international expertise.

With an initial funding of ₹16.80 crore from Ministry of Jal Shakti and an additional grant of ₹5 crore from Denmark, the project aims to create a collaborative platform for government bodies, academic institutions and local communities to develop and implement solutions for clean river water.

A hybrid lab model will be established at IIT-BHU, coupled with an on-field living lab at the Varuna River. This model will allow for real-world testing and scaling of solutions aimed at improving river health, the statement said.

The SLCR's institutional framework includes a robust appraisal mechanism to ensure excellence and diligence in project execution.

The Indo-Danish Joint Steering Committee (JSC), the highest authority within the SLCR, will provide strategic guidance and review the project's progress. Additionally, a Project Review Committee (PRC), comprising



With an initial funding of ₹16.80 crore from Ministry of Jal Shakti and an additional grant of ₹5 crore from Denmark, the project aims to create a collaborative platform for government bodies, academic institutions and local communities to develop and implement solutions for clean river water

members from the National Mission on Clean Ganga (NMCG), Central Water Commission (CWC), Central Ground Water Board (CGWB), IIT-BHU and Denmark's Urban Sector Counsellor, will oversee quality control at the project level.

Coordination efforts will be managed by the Multi-Stakeholder Working Group (MSWG), chaired by the district magistrate of Varanasi and cochaired by representatives from NMCG and IIT-BHU

The SLCR Secretariat, a joint

















There is a proposal (to hike) water prices for eight to nine years. We have to expand (supplies), save and increase the level of underground water. Population is increasing DK SHIVAKUMAR | DEPUTY CM, KARNATAKA

#### **MODI TO GIVE CERTIFICATES TO** 11 LAKH 'LAKHPATI DIDIS' AUG 25

Prime Minister Narendra Modi will award certificates to 11 lakh new 'Lakhpati Didis' August 25 and hold an interaction with them, Union Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan said Thursday. The prime minister will honour the women who have achieved an annual income of ₹1 lakh or more, as they have pull their families out of poverty





Technology upgrade is a must. We need to develop our own systems, our own infrastructure

Towards this goal, the first EV battery testing facility will be opened in my home state

PRALHAD JOSHI UNION MINISTER

The Congress party will question the BJP about these (Adani) scam not only in Lok Sabha and Rajya Sabha, but also in all the states from the House

to the road and all the scams will be exposed before the public GOVIND SINGH DOTASRA CONG PRESIDENT,

Delhi has been turned into a living hell because an artificial financial crisis has been created in Delhi Jal Board, This cannot be allowed to go on

RAJASTHAN

ATISHI MARLENA WATER MINISTER, DELH





21 lawyers, led by former Congressman KapilSibal, are representing the Bengal Govt, which stands accused of 'abuse of power'. Imagine: on the one side is an average middle class family living in the suburbs of Kolkata, whose daughter dreamt of becoming a doctor and serving the people, and on the other hand is a coalition of the corrupt and powerful. It is an unequal battle. But the people of West Bengal will triumph, no matter what 

#### SHORT TAKES

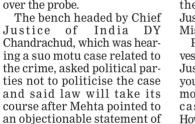
**THE BENCH HEADED BY CHIEF JUSTICE OF INDIA DY CHANDRACHUD ASKS POLITICAL PARTIES NOT TO POLITICISE THE CASE** 

#### PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

New Delhi, August 22: A tough talking Supreme Court Thursday tore into the Kolkata police over the delay in registering the unnatural death of the woman doctor, who was raped and killed at the RG Kar Hospital, calling it "extremely disturbing", and questioned the sequence of events and the timing of its procedural formalities.

Making an impassioned appeal to the protesting doctors across the country, the apex court also asked then to get back to work, saying "justice and medicine" cannot be stopped and moreover, it was issuing all the necessary directions to ensure their safety. It further directed no coercive action against them. The strong reprimand of the

Kolkata police by the top court in which a three-judge bench highlighted its "lapses" in its probe came even as Solicitor General Tushar Mehta, appearing for the CBI, said there was an attempt to cover up the case by the local police as the crime scene was "altered" by the time the federal agency took over the probe.



G Padmanabhan gets

Vigyan Ratna Puraskar





a West Bengal minister. Expressing surprise that the postmortem of the victim was conducted August 9 between 6.10 pm to 7.10 pm before the registration of case as unnatural death, the top court pulled up the Kolkata police over "unex-

plained" delay of 14 hours in lodging of the FIR in the case. 'How was it that the postmortem was conducted at 6.10 pm August 9 and yet the unnatural death information is sent to Tala police station at 11.30 pm August 9. This is extremely disturbing,' the bench, also comprising

Justice JB Pardiwala and Manoj Misra, said. Pointing out the laxity in investigation by the Kolkata Police, Justice Pardiwala said, "When you start performing the postmortem, it means that it is a case of unnatural death. However, case of unnatural death

The team of scientists

and engineers who

worked on the

Chandrayaan-3 mission

were honoured with the

was registered at 11.30 pm August 9 after post-mortem and the FIR is recorded at 11.45 pm.

"The entire procedure followed by your state is something which I have not come across in the 30 years of my (professional) life," Justice Pardiwala said.

The top court also quizzed West Bengal government over the role of Dr Sandip Ghosh, former principal of RG Kar Medical College and Hospital, who has come under the scanner in the aftermath of the ghastly crime.

"Procedure is a separate issue, but the point remains. What is the reason the FIR is lodged almost 14 hours after the discoverv of the body. The most important thing is that the principal of the college should have come straightaway to the college and directed the filing of the FIR.

#### Delhi Police busts Al Qaeda terror module

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

New Delhi, August 22: The Delhi Police Thursday claimed to have busted an Al Qaeda terror module after arresting of 11 people and detaining three others from Jharkhand, Rajasthan and Uttar Pradesh.

After receiving intelligence

## Top court directs chief secys to ensure safety of doctors

The Supreme Court passed a slew of directions Thursday while hearing a suo-motu case related to the rape and killing of a post-graduate medic at the state-run RG Kar Medical College and Hospital in Kolkata.

A bench headed by Chief Justice DY Chandrachud perused a status report filed by the Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) and an affidavit submitted by the West Bengal government.

Here are some of the directions given by the apex court in the matter:

SC directs the secretary in the Union health ministry to engage with the chief secretaries and directors general of police to ensure that the states and Union territories put in place certain basic minimum requirements for safety measures for doctors.

SC save the exercise of holding meetings should be completed within a week from Thursday.

SC says state governments shall take remedial and appropriate action given the exigencies of the situation within two weeks thereafter. SC directs the National Task

Force (NTF) to listen to the rep-

tal) that she was not well. When they reached the hospital, they were told that she had committed suicide..... Fortunately, the colleagues of the deceased insisted for videography. This suggests that they were suspecting a coverup," Mehta submitted.

Sibal opposed Mehta's submissions, saying everything was videographed and claimed noth-

resentatives of diverse stakeholders on the safety of healthcare professionals, including doctors.

SC says the views of the stakeholders, including interns, residents, senior residents, doctors and nurses, as well as of the para-medical staff would be taken into account by the NTF. SC directs the secretary in the health ministry to launch a web portal on the ministry's website on which the doctors' associations and other stakeholders may submit their sug-

gestions. SC says peaceful protests should not be disturbed or disrupted and the State shall not take any precipitate action against the protesters.

SC clarifies that it has not injuncted the West Bengal government from exercising such lawful powers as are entrusted with it in terms of the law.

SC asks the protesting doctors to resume work and says in the meantime, no coercive step shall be taken against them. SC says pending the submission of the NTF report, all states and Union territories shall be alert to any apprehended viola-

tions or breaches of safety in medical establishments.

> ing was altered at the crime scene.

He contended that the Kolkata Police followed the procedure scrupulously and the CBI's status report only attempts to muddy the waters.

Sibal said the CBI must inform the court what progress it has made in the case in the last one week.



#### ITBP gets cadre officer as ADG

New Delhi: Sanjeev Raina, a 1987-batch ITBP officer, has been appointed Additional Director General (ADG) in the India-China LAC guarding force, only the second time when a non-IPS officer has been elevated to this post in the force. An order issued by the Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA) Wednesday said Raina, serving as an Inspector General (IG) at the force's central sector headquartered in Bhopal, is being elevated to the ADG rank apart from another officer, IG Jaspal Singh, for the panel year 2024.

#### Nabha jailbreak planner extradited

Chandigarh: The mastermind behind the 2016 Nabha jailbreak Ramanjit Singh has been extradited by authorities in Hong Kong, officials said Thursday. Singh, also known as Romi, was being flown to India by a Puniab Police team and expected to reach late afternoon, they said. The officials said Romi was the key conspirator in the Nabha jailbreak incident in which six hardcore criminals, including two terrorists. managed to escape.

#### Narcotics worth over ₹1.4cr seized

Deoria/Bahraich: Drugs worth nearly ₹1.4 crore have been seized in two separate operations in Uttar Pradesh's Deoria and Bahraich districts, police said Thursday. In Deoria district, the Bhalluani police arrested two people and seized narcotics worth over ₹1 crore, an official said.

-- on noted biochemist and former director of the Bangalorebased Indian Institute of Science Govindrajan Padmanabhan.

New Delhi, August 22:

President Droupadi Murmu

Thursday conferred the first-

ever Vigyan Ratna Puraskar

- India's top most science award

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

At an award ceremony in the Ganatantra Mandapam of Rashtrapati Bhawan, the President also conferred 13 Vigyan Shri Puraskar, 18 Vigyan Yuva-Shanti Swarup Bhatnagar Prizes and one Vigyan Team award, marking the first investiture ceremony for science awards.

The team of scientists and engineers who worked on the Chandrayaan-3 mission were honoured with the Vigyan Team award, which was received by project director of the mission P Veeramuthuvel. All the awardees received a medal and a citation for their outstanding achievements in their respective fields. Annapurni Subramaniam,

director of Bengaluru-based Indian Institute of Astrophysics; Anandharamakrishnan C, diVigyan Team award

rector of Thiruvananthapurambased National Institute of Interdisciplinary Science and Technology; Avesh Kumar Tyagi, director of the chemistry group at the Bhabha Atomic Research Institute; Prof Syed Wajih Ahmad Naqvi of Lucknow-based CSIR-National **Botanical Research Institute** were among the 13 recipients of the Vigvan Shri awards.

Biologist Umesh Varshney from Bangalore-based Indian Institute of Science; Prof Jayant Bhalchandra Udgaonkar of the Pune-base Indian Institute of Science Education and Research; Prof Bhim Singh, Emeritus Professor of IIT-Delhi; Sanjay Behari, director of the Sree Chitra Tirunal Institute of Medical Sciences and Technology; Prof Adimurthi Adi of IIT-Kanpur, Rahul Mukherjee of IIM-Kolkata also received the Vigyan Shri awards.

inputs, an operation was conducted along with the police forces of the states, officials said.

Six people were arrested from Bhiwadi in Rajasthan while they were undergoing training to handle weapons, according to a police officer.

They have been identified as Hasan Ansari, Enamul Ansari, Altaf Ansari, Arshad Khan, Umar Farroq and Shahbaz Ansari, all natives of Jharkhand. They were staving in Rajasthan for the past few days, the officer said.

Following they were held, five more people were arrested from Ranchi in Jharkhand. They have been identified as Dr Ishtiyaq Ahmed, Motiur, Rizwan, Mufti Rahmatullah and Faizan. he added.

"The module, as per current state of operations, was being led by one Dr. Ishtiyaq of Ranchi (Jharkhand), and it was aspiring to declare 'khilafat' and execute serious terrorist activities within the country," a Delhi Police statement said.

### 12 die as heavy rain lashes Tripura

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

Agartala, August 22: At least 12 people died and two others went missing in Tripura following heavy rainfall in the past few days, a senior official said.

Who was he in touch with? What

was the purpose? the bench asked

senior advocate Kapil Sibal, ap-

pearing for the West Bengal gov-

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At the outset, Mehta said the

Investigation(CBI) entered the

probe on the fifth day after the

fifth day. Before that, whatever

was collected by the local police

was given to us. The investiga-

tion itself was a challenge be-

cause the scene of offence was

altered. The FIR was registered

only after the (victim's) crema-

tim were informed by the deputy

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college, the bench noted.

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Central

crime.

As many as 65,400 people have taken shelter at 450 relief camps in the state as their houses were damaged due to the downpour, he said.

The water level of rivers is above the danger mark in Dhalai, Khowai, South Tripura, West Tripura, North Tripura and Unakoti districts, said Brijesh Pandev, Secretary, **Revenue** Department.

"So far, 12 people have lost lives and two persons are missing. Preliminary reports suggest extensive damage to physical infrastructure and agriculture crops along with damage to houses and livestock. The actual figures will be known after a field assessment is conducted," he said at a press conference.

Around 17 lakh people have been affected in the northeastern state, the official said. Pandey said landslides were

reported from 2,032 places, out of which 1,789 have been cleared, while restoration work is underway at the other spots. 'Erosion to roads occurred

at 1,952 locations," he said. He said the Centre has pro-

vided two helicopters for airlifting stranded people in Gomati and South Tripura districts.

### 10-year risk of developing heart disease in adults: ICMR

AMONG THE STUDY GROUP. ABOUT 85 PER CENT WERE AT A VERY LOW-TO-LOW CHANCE OF DEVELOPING CARDIOVASCULAR DISEASES, WHILE ABOUT 14.5 PER CENT AND ONE PER CENT WERE AT A MODERATE AND HIGH-TO-VERY HIGH CHANCE OF DEVELOPING THESE CONDITIONS

#### PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

New Delhi, August 22: An ICMR-led study, which estimated risk of adults in India developing heart disease over a 10-year period, found that those unemployed were at a significantly higher risk, followed by those having high blood sugar levels. Researchers analysed nearly

4,500 adults aged 40-69 years, about half of whom were younger (40-49 years old). Data was collected using surveys and questionnaires, including those developed by the World Health

Organisation (WHO), such as for gauging one's physical activity levels.

Among the study group, about 85 per cent were at a very low-tolow chance of developing cardiovascular diseases, while about 14.5 per cent and one per cent were at a moderate and high-tovery high chance of developing these conditions, respectively, they found.

Twice as many men as women had a higher than 10 per cent risk of developing heart disease over 10 years, the researchers, including those from the Indian



Council of Medical Research (ICMR) - National Centre for Disease Informatics and Research, Bangalore, found. A very low-to-low chance

meant less than 10 per cent risk of experiencing heart-related diseases, while moderate and high-to-very high chance indicated 10-20 per cent and over 20

per cent likelihood, respectively, according to the study published in the Indian Journal of Medical Research.

Among the participants having high blood sugar levels, women had an 85 per cent increased risk of getting heart conditions over 10 years, while men were at a 77 per cent higher risk, the researchers estimated.

They also said that among the participants who were obese, women and men had a 71 per cent and a 55 per cent higher chance of developing heart conditions, respectively, compared to those who were not obese.

The researchers also found that the participants living in urban areas were at a higher risk of heart diseases, with 17.5 per cent having more than 10 per cent risk, compared to 13.8 per cent of those living in rural places. About two-thirds of the study group was from rural backgrounds.

Further, urban women participants had an 86 per cent higher probability of having el-rural women participants, the authors said.











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It's the honour of my life to accept vour nomination for vice president of the United States TIM WALZ VICE PRESIDENT NOMINEE, US

#### **BIGGEST HANUMAN STATUE**

A 90-foot-tall bronze idol of Lord Hanuman, unveiled near Houston, has become the latest landmark in Texas and it is the tallest Hanuman statue outside India



British tech tycoon's

Italy, August 22: The body of

body retrieved

REUTERS

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The ongoing conflicts in Ukraine and West Asia are a matter of deep concern for all of us. India firmly believes

that no problem can be solved in the battlefield NARENDRA MODI PM, INDIA

Another settlement in the Kursk region is now under Ukrainian control. and we have replenished the exchange fund

VOLODYMYR ZELENSKYY PRESIDENT, UKRAINE



#### SHORT TAKES

#### Khan's party puts off power show

Islamabad: The Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf party Thursday postponed its planned rally in the capital here until next month on the direction of its founder and jailed former premier Imran Khan after the government refused to permit the demonstration. Party leader Azam Swati said while talking to the media outside the Adiala Jail Rawalpindi where he along with party leader Gohar Khan met Khan. "The rally has been rescheduled and now will be held September 8 as directed by Imran Khan," Swati made the announcement, adding that the government also agreed to the new date.

#### 29 mariners rescued in Red Sea attacks

Dubai: A French destroyer rescued 29 mariners from an repeated attack in the Red Sea, officials said Thursday while also destroying a bombcarrying drone boat in the area. The Sounion is now at anchor in the Red Sea and no longer drifting, the European Union's Operation Aspides said. However, it wasn't clear if the vessel was still ablaze. The vessel had been staffed by a crew of Filipinos and Russians.

## Indians ignored by UK varsities

### Visa figures reveal Indian students being put off applying to UK universities

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

London, August 22: Indians may continue to top the tally of student visa grants but they are beginning to show signs of being put off applying to UK universities amid greater migration curbs, the latest Home Office statistics revealed Thursday.

The Home Office data for the past year until June 2024 shows a 23 per cent fall in Indian students coming to the UK for higher studies, even as they continue to represent the largest group granted leave to remain on the Graduate Route visa which allows foreign students to work in Britain for two years after their degree This fall in Indian student

numbers is the first indication of the impact of tighter curbs on the right of most student visa holders to bring along dependent family members, which came into effect earlier this year.

"There were 110,006 sponsored study visa grants to main ap-



plicants who were Indian nationals in the year ending June 2024 (25 per cent of the total), 32,687 fewer than the previous year," the Home Office statistics reveal. "Most of the increase in for-

eign students between 2019 and 2023 were from Indian and Nigerian nationals, but numbers for these nationalities have fallen in the latest year (by 23 per cent and 46 per cent respectively)," it notes.

The India-UK Young Professionals Scheme, which involves a two-way flow of young graduates to live and work in either country for up to two years, brought in 2,234 Indian

nationals since the first ballot was held in February last year, well below the annual 3.000 visa cap. "In the year ending June 2024, Indian nationals represented the largest group of students

granted leave to remain on the Graduate Route (67,529), repreIn the year ending June 2024, Indian nationals represented the largest group of students granted leave to remain on the Graduate Route

senting almost half (46 per cent) of grants of Graduate Route extensions to main applicants,' the data reveals.

However, a gradual decline in student numbers will cause concern among UK universities as they struggle through financial pressures and rely on the much higher fees paid by overseas students.

The National Indian Students and Alumni Union (NISAU) UK fears a review launched into the Graduate Route visa last year, which concluded only in May to confirm it would not be abandoned, put many Indians off applying

"It is critical that we ensure

that the chaos and uncertainty that the review of the Graduate Route had led to is now fully put to rest. NISAU has engaged with millions of students in India to spread the message that the UK remains a warm and welcoming destination for Indian students," said NISAU UK chair Sanam Arora.

Meanwhile, Indians continued to top the travel charts for the past year, with 25 per cent of UK Visitor Visas granted followed by Chinese nationals accounting for 24 per cent.

The data reveals "The number of grants for 'Health and Care Worker' main applicants fell by 81 per cent to 6,564 grants between April and June 2024, compared with the same period in 2023 when there were 35,470 grants. "The number of grants to

main applicants on other routes in the 'Worker' category (which includes 'Skilled Worker' visas) has increased by 79 per cent since 2021, but in the latest year has fallen by 3 per cent."

British tech magnate Mike Lynch was retrieved Thursday from the wreck of his family yacht that sank earlier this week off the coast of Sicily during a violent storm, a source close to the rescue operation said. Lynch's 18-year-old daughter

Hannah is still unaccounted for, the source said. The bodies of the other four people who vanished when the boat went down were recovered from the yacht Wednesday. The British-flagged Bayesian, a 56-metre-long superyacht carrying 22 passengers and crew, was anchored off the port of Porticello, near Palermo. when it disappeared beneath the waves in a matter of minutes after the bad weather struck.

Lynch, 59, was one of the UK's best-known tech entrepreneurs and had invited friends to join him on the yacht to celebrate his recent acquittal in a major US fraud trial. Besides Lynch and his daughter, the other people who failed to escape from the boat were Judy and Jonathan Bloomer. a non-executive chair of Morgan Stanley International; and Clifford Chance lawyer Chris Morvillo and his wife, Neda Morvillo.

### Thai logs 1st case of mpox variant

**SECOND OUTSIDE OF AFRICA** 

A case of the variant was confirmed last week in Sweden and linked to a growing outbreak in Africa

#### REUTERS

Bangkok, August 22: Thailand Thursday confirmed an mpox case reported this week was the clade 1b strain of the virus, the second confirmed case of the variant outside of Africa.

The case is a 66-year-old European man who had arrived in Thailand last week from an un-



specified African country where the disease was spreading. 'The test results confirm that

he is infected with the Clade 1b strain of monkeypox, which is the first case diagnosed in Thailand, but this man is likely infected from an endemic country," Thongchai Keeratihattayakorn, directorgeneral of the Department of Disease Control, told Reuters. He said no other local infections had been detected through contact tracing. Clade 1b has triggered global concern due to the ease with which it spreads though routine close contact.

A case of the variant was confirmed last week in Sweden and linked to a growing outbreak in Africa, the first sign of its spread outside the continent.

World Health The Organization declared the recent outbreak of the disease a public health emergency of international concern after the new variant was identified.



Protesters clash with security officers as they attempt to storm Indonesia's parliament during a protest against controversial changes to election laws that could further enhance the political influence of outgoing President Joko Widodo, in Jakarta, Indonesia, Thursday

### Rajnath lands in Washington on 4-day visit

#### SNIPPETS In a first, Taliban appoints envoy to UAE

THE DEFENCE MINISTER WILL CHAIR A HIGH-LEVEL ROUNDTABLE MEETING WITH THE

Islamabad: Afghanistan's Taliban-led foreign ministry said it has appointed its first accredited

#### Former ISI chief's close aide flees

Lahore: A close aide of Pakistan's former ISI chief Lt General (Retd) Faiz Hameed, who has been in the Pakistan Army's custody on corruption and other changes, has fled the country to evade arrest, according to a media report. Mohsin Habib Warriach, who is said to have managed major business deals for General Hameed in Pakistan and abroad, has reportedly fled to the UK, Samaa TV reported. Several military officers and some civilians have been taken into custody in connection with the alleged links with Hameed.

#### Gunmen kill 10 in Nigeria

Abuja: Gunmen in Nigeria killed at least 10 farmers Wednesday in an attack on a village in the northern Niger state, residents said. Armed gangs, known locally as bandits, have frequently raided communities in northwest Nigeria, kidnapping residents, farmers, students and motorists for ransom Residents told Reuters Thursday that the gunmen had attacked some farmers in Allawa community of Shiroro local government area in Niger late the previous day.

#### US DEFENCE INDUSTRY ON THE ONGOING AND FUTURE DEFENCE COLLABORATIONS

#### INDO-ASIAN NEWS SERVICE

Washington, August 22: Defence Minister Rajnath Singh arrived in Washington Thursday evening on a four-day visit to the United States at the invitation of the US Secretary of Defence Lloyd Austin.

During the visit, Defence Minister Singh will hold a bilateral meeting with his US counterpart and also meet the US National Security Advisor Jake Sullivan.

"The visit comes in the backdrop of the growing momentum in India-US relations and defence engagements at multiple levels. The visit is expected to further deepen and broaden the India-US Comprehensive Global Strategic Partnership," the Ministry of Defence stated before Singh's departure.

The Defence Minister will

also chair a high-level roundtable meeting with the US defence industry on the ongoing and future defence collaborations.

He is scheduled to interact with the Indian community later Thursday, US time.

India and the United States have hailed progress on bilateral defence initiatives following the fifth annual India-US 2+2 Ministerial Dialogue in November 2023. Washington has committed

support for India's military modernization, initiatives to drive forward the US-India Roadmap for Defence Industrial Cooperation, strengthening maritime domain awareness in the Indian Ocean Region, and India's support for the rule of law in the Arabian Sea and adjacent waterways.

At the same time, the India-US Defence Acceleration Ecosystem



(INDUS-X) continues to facilitate joint defence technology innovation and co-production of advanced defence technology between the windustries of the two countries

Sullivan visited India in June this year as both countries took next steps in strategic technology and defence cooperation during the third term of the NDA government led by Prime Minister Narendra Modi.

New Delhi and Washington have had regular discussions and high-level visits on a range of strategic, regional, and bilateral issues, including the Initiative on Critical and Emerging Technologies (iCET).

Both countries have acknowledged that the iCET, launched by PM Modi and US President Joe Biden in January 2023, will play a defining role in deepening the strategic partnership between the two countries.



ambassador to the United Arab Emirates, the second country to accept an envoy at that level after China. The UAE foreign ministry did not immediately respond to a request for comment. The Taliban's government has not been officially recognised by any foreign capital and only Beijing has formally accepted the credentials of an ambassador. The Taliban have also sent envoys to

several countries including neighbouring Pakistan to head missions as 'chargé d'affaires". The Taliban-run foreign ministry said in a statement late Wednesday that Mawlawi Badreddin Haqqani had been nominated as its ambassador and presented his credentials to the UAE's foreign ministry's assistant undersecretary for protocol affairs.

#### Brazil to restrict entry to some Asian nationals

Sao Paulo: Brazil will begin imposing restrictions on the entry of some foreigners from Asia who use the country as a launching point to migrate to the United States and Canada, the justice ministry's press office said Wednesday. More than 70% of requests for refuge at the airport come from people with either Indian, Nepalese or Vietnamese nationalities, an official document says. The African nations of Somalia, Cameroon, Ghana and Ethiopia



are among the remaining 30% of refuge seekers. The move, which starts Monday, will affect migrants from Asian countries who require visas to remain in Brazil. It does not apply to people from Asian countries currently exempt from visas to Brazil. US citizens and many European nationals also do not require visas for Brazil.

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### Chinese scientists use lunar soil to produce water

**USING THE NEW METHOD, ONE TONNE OF LUNAR SOIL WILL BE ABLE TO PRODUCE ABOUT 51-76 KG OF** WATER OR THE DAILY **DRINKING WATER** CONSUMPTION **OF 50 PEOPLE** 

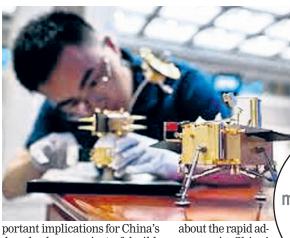
REUTERS

Beijing, August 22: Chinese scientists have discovered a 'brand-new method" of producing large quantities of water using lunar soil brought back from a 2020 expedition, state broadcaster CCTV reported

Thursday. In 2020, China's Chang'e-5 mission marked the first time humans retrieved lunar samples in 44 years. Researchers from the state-run Chinese Academy of Sciences discovered that the minerals in this 'moon soil' contain large amounts of hydrogen, which reacts with other elements when heated to very high temperatures, producing water

vapour, CCTV reported. "After three years of in-depth research and repeated verification, a brand-new method of using lunar soil to produce large amounts of water was discovered, which is expected to provide important design basis for the construction of future lunar scientific research stations and space stations," said CCTV.

The discovery could have im-



decades-long project of building a permanent lunar outpost amid a US-China race to find and mine the moon's resources. NASA head Bill Nelson has repeatedly raised the alarm vances in China's space programme and the possibility of Beijing dominating the

most resource-rich locations on the moon.

Using the new method, one tonne of lunar soil will be able to produce about 51-76 kg of water, equivalent to more than a hundred 500ml bottles of water, or the daily drinking water consumption of 50 people, the state broadcaster said.

China hopes that recent and future lunar expe-In ditions will set the foundations to 2020, China's build Chang'e-5 mission International Lunar Research marked the first time Station (ILRS), humans retrieved an initiative it is co-leading lunar samples in with Russia. China's space 44 years agency has set 2035

as the date by when a "basic station" on the moon's south pole will be built, with a moon-orbiting space station added by 2045.

The announcement of the discovery comes at a time when Chinese scientists are already conducting experiments on lunar samples brought back in June by the Chang'e-6 mission.

While the Chang'e-5 mission brought back samples from the near side of the moon. Chang'e-6 retrieved lunar soil from the far side of the moon, which perpetually faces away from the Earth.

The importance of lunar water goes beyond making permanent human presence viable. NASA's Nelson told NPR in May that water found on the moon could be used to create hydrogen rocket fuel which could fuel furtherspace exploration to Mars and other destinations.









## business





SWAMINATHAN J | DEPUTY GOVERNOR, RBI

#### **DABUR'S FIRST PLANT IN SOUTH INDIA**

The Tamil Nadu government Thursday said home and personal care products maker Dabur India will set up a ₹400 crore manufacturing plant in the state's Villupuram district, marking the FMCG company's maiden foray into the South



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The bilateral trade between the two regions

stood at \$100 billion

in 2022 and there is a

### FSSAI orders milk sellers to remove A1, A2 claims

A1 AND A2 MILK DIFFER IN THEIR BETA-CASEIN PROTEIN COMPOSITION. WHICH VARIES BASED ON COW BREED

need to target doubling this to \$200 billion by 2030

SUNIL BARTHWAL COMMERCE SECRETARY

There is no science behind this, it's just a gut feeling that maybe by the time we reach 50 per cent penetration in the luxury (electric) space, we need that support (lower GST) and thereafter it is driven by itself

BALBIR SINGH DHILLON HEAD, AUDI INDIA



we want to have the best of the world, and we are not against online at all

PIYUSH GOYAL UNION COMMERCE MINISTER

#### SHORT TAKES

#### Bio-ethylene plant: **GAIL. Petron ink pact**

New Delhi: State-owned gas utility GAIL (India) Ltd Thursday said it has signed an agreement with US biofuel producer Petron Scientech Inc to jointly explore setting up of a 500 kilo tonne per annum bio-ethylene plant in India. The memorandum of understanding provides for the two firms looking at setting up the plant based on bioethano in a 50:50 joint venture, GAIL said in a statement. While GAIL is India's largest natural gas transportation and marketing company, Petron specializes in setting up biomass and grain processing biorefinery projects to produce ethanol, bio-ethylene, biochemicals (ethylene oxide / mono ethylene glycol,

Methanol) and various bio-fuel projects worldwide. 

#### BSE, NSE impose **₹10.73L fine on HZL**

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New Delhi, August 22: Food safety regulator FSSAI Thursday directed food businesses, including e-commerce players, to remove claims of 'A1' and 'A2' types of milk and milk products from packaging, calling such labelling misleading.

The Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (FSSAI) said these claims do not conform with the Food Safety and Standards Act, 2006.

In its latest order, FSSAI said it had examined the issue and found that A1 and A2 differentiation is linked to the structure of beta-casein protein in milk.

#### A1 and A2 is the category developed by

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CHAIRMAN, PARAG MILK FOODS

However, current FSSAI regulations do not recognize this differentiation. "FBOs are instructed to re-

move such claims from their products," the regulator said, referring to food business operators. E-commerce platforms were also told to remove these claims from products and web-



sites immediately. Companies have been given

labels, with no further extensions to be granted. A1 and A2 milk differ in their six months to exhaust pre-printed

"A1 and A2 is the category developed by marketing gimmick. It's essential that we eliminate misleading claims that can misinform consumers," he said in

A1 or A2 milk product category never existed and globally also this trend is fading away, he said, and added that the FSSAI's clarification supports this broader understanding.

#### **RBI allows e-mandate** for auto-replenishment of FASTag, NCMC

#### PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

Mumbai, August 22: The Reserve Bank Thursday modified its e-mandate framework and allowed auto-replenishment of FASTag and National Common Mobility Card (NCMC).

The current e-mandate frame work requires a pre-debit notification at least a 24-hours before the actual debit from the customer's account.

In June, the RBI announced that auto-replenishment of balances in FASTag and NCMC, which are recurring in nature but without any fixed periodicity, would be facilitated under the emandate framework.

"It has been decided to include auto-replenishment of FASTag and NCMC, as and when the balance falls below a threshold set by the customer, under the emandate framework," the RBI said in a circular.

ESIC adds 21.67L

members in June

New Delhi, August 22:

Employees' State Insurance

Corporation (ESIC) has added

21.67 lakh new workers under its

ESI scheme in June 2024, which

is about 7 per cent higher as com-

pared to the year-ago period,

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#### FinMin sees 6.5-7% growth **Biz activity extends** robust growth streak

Bangalore, August 22: India's business activity extended its robust growth streak in August as a stronger services industry offset a slight slowing in manufacturing expansion, according to a survey that indicated price pressures also were easing.

REUTERS

Those findings suggest India will hold on to its title of fastestgrowing major economy over coming quarters despite expectations of a slowdown in the global economy.

HSBC's flash India Composite Purchasing Managers' Index, compiled by S&P Global, dipped slightly to 60.5 in July from last month's final reading of 60.7, in

line with a Reuters poll forecast. August marked over three years of expansion, the longest such run since June 2013. The 50-level separates growth from contraction.

"India's flash composite PMI slipped slightly in August, though it remained significantly higher than the historical average," noted Pranjul Bhandari, chief India economist at HSBC.

"Although new order growth for the manufacturing sector slowed to the weakest since February, the pace of expansion remained sharp, indicating continued strong demand and favourable market conditions." The flash services PMI index

rose to 60.4 this month from 60.3 in July, while a preliminary manufacturing PMI showed strong growth,

ACCORDING TO THE MONTHLY ECONOMIC REVIEW FOR JULY. THE INDIAN ECONOMY HAS SUSTAINED ITS MOMENTUM IN THE FIRST FOUR MONTHS OF FY25

#### PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

New Delhi, August 22: India's economic momentum remains intact despite a somewhat erratic monsoon, and real GDP growth of 6.5-7 per cent projected in the Economic Survey seems appropriate, a finance ministry report said Thursday. According to the Monthly

Economic Review for July, the Indian economy has sustained its momentum in the first four months of FY25.

Goods and Services Tax collections in the first four months of FY25 underwent a level shift pushed up by the widening of the tax base and heightened economic activity, the report released by the finance ministry said.

Gross GST collections for July 2024 maintained their momentum, achieving their secondhighest level since May 2023. The total gross GST revenue rose by 10.3 per cent year-onyear (YoY), bringing the total for FY25 (April to July) to ₹7.4



July, lowest since September 2019

GST revenue rose by 10.3% YoY, bringing total for FY25 to ₹7.4L-cr

#### lakh crore.

This increase in GST collections also highlights robust compliance and expansion of GST coverage across various economic activities. The upward level shift is reflected in the average monthly GST collections rising from ₹1.68 lakh crore in FY24 to ₹1.85 lakh crore in FY25.

### Indices extend gains

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"The resilience of domestic activity is also reflected in the strong performance of the manufacturing and services sector purchasing managers' indices. The manufacturing growth has been driven by expansion in demand conditions, a rise in new

On the fiscal front, it said, the

At the same time, it said capital expenditure is maintained at high levels, supporting the fledgling private investment cvcle.

Retail inflation decreased to 3.5 per cent in July 2024, the lowest since September 2019, driven by moderation in food inflation, it said, adding that steady progress in the southwest monsoon has supported kharif sowing.

the reservoir bodes well for the current kharif and upcoming rabi crop production and this will further aid in reducing food inflation in the coming months, it said.

beta-casein protein composition,

which varies based on cow breed.

compliance with this directive.

Welcoming the order, Parag Milk

Foods Chairman Devendra Shah

said the FSSAI order is a step in

the right direction.

a separate statement.

The regulator emphasized strict

'On balance, India's economic momentum remains intact. Despite a somewhat erratic monsoon, reservoirs have been replenished. Manufacturing and services sectors are expanding. according to the Purchasing Managers' indices," it said.

Tax collections, especially indirect taxes, which reflect transactions, are growing healthily, and so is bank credit, it said.

"Inflation is moderating, and exports of both goods and services are doing better than they did last year. Stock markets are holding on to their levels. Foreign direct investment is looking up as gross inflows are rising," it said.

As of now, it said, the projection of real GDP growth of 6.5-7.0 per cent for FY25, made in the Economic Survey for 2023-24, seems appropriate.

#### showed the latest payroll data. The ESIC had added 20.27 lakh new members in June 2023, a labour ministry statement said. Of the total 21.67 lakh emplovees added during the month, 10.58 lakh workers accounting for around 49 per cent of the total

registrations belong to the age group of up to 25 years, it said. Also, the net enrolment of female

members was 4.32 lakh in June 2024. Besides, a total of 55 transgender employees got registered under the ESI scheme in June 2024.

As many as 13,483 new establishments were brought under the social security ambit of the ESI scheme in June 2024.

#### Jas Motors bags GOLD award, 5-star distinction by HMSI

Sambalpur: Jas Motors, a leading name in the automobile industry, has achieved a significant milestone by being awarded the prestigious GOLD Award and the distinction



Mumbai, August 22:



export orders and growth in output prices," it said. Union Budget FY25 has laid out

a glide path of fiscal consolidation. Supported by strong revenue collection, discipline in revenue expenditure, and robust economic performance, the fiscal deficit is projected to decline.

Replenishing water levels in

**New Deihi:** Vedanta group firm Hindustan Zinc Ltd (HZL) Thursday said BSE and NSE have imposed a fine of ₹5.37 lakh each on the company for non-compliance with Sebi regulation relating to number of independent directors on board. The company said it is making constant efforts and follow-ups are being made with the mines ministry to meet the compliance requirements. "The company has received a notice issued by BSE and NSE dated August 21, 2024. levving fine for noncompliance with Regulation 17(1) of the SEBI Listing Regulations, w.r.t the Composition of Board of Directors relating to number of independent directors," it said in a filing.

albeit slightly weaker than last month. It declined to 57.9 from 58.1.

Although growth in overall demand slowed to a three-month low in August, it remained robust. However, exports expanded at the slowest rate since April, indicating weak global demand.

Overall input costs increased at their weakest pace since February and output prices rose at a slower rate compared to last month. Even so, prices charged on

manufactured goods surged at the fastest in nearly 11 years. India's retail inflation fell in

July to a near five-year low, largely due to a high-base effect, suggesting the slower pace of price rises was temporary and the Reserve Bank of India needs to be cautious.

Benchmark BSE Sensex rose by 147 points to settle above 81,000 level while Nifty closed above 24,800 following buying in commodity, telecom and consumer stocks amid a firm trend in global markets.

Rising for the third straight day, the 30-share BSE Sensex rose by 147.89 points or 0.18 per cent to close at 81,053.19, registering gains for the third day in a row. During the day, it climbed 331.15 points to hit an intra-day high of 81,236.45.

Extending gains to a sixth session in a row, the NSE Nifty went up by 41.30 points or 0.17 per cent to end at a two-week high of 24.811.50

Bharti Airtel was the biggest gainer in the Sensex pack, rising 1.63 per cent, followed by Tata Steel, ICICI Bank, Titan, Asian Paints and Ultratech Cements. On the other hand, M&M, NTPC, Tata Motors, TCS and PowerGrid were the major losers.

'The domestic market witnessed modest gains owing to the positive global sentiments. Particularly, the recent signs of weakness in the US non-farm payroll data have strengthened the case for potential interest rate cuts in September," Vinod Nair, Head of Research at Geojit Financial Services said.

year 2023-2024. This accolade was conferred by Honda Motorcycle & Scooter India (HMSI) for achieving the highest quality benchmarks, a feat accomplished by less than 0.5% of dealers across India. Out of approximately 2,000 dealers in India, only 13 have been classified as 5-star dealers, making this achievement both rare and commendable. The selection process for this honour is exhaustive, based on over 300

parameters, underscoring the dealership's commitment to excellence. This recognition is particularly significant as it highlights the achievements of a dealership from Western Odisha, specifically Sambalpur. With over 20 years of experience in the automobile business, Jas Motors has established an impeccable reputation for providing best-in-class service and after-sales satisfaction. This latest honor adds to a series of accolades for the dealership, which also received the prestigious FADA Annual Award for the Best Digital Initiative across all two-wheelers, three-wheelers, and four-wheelers dealerships in India. This award was presented at a high-profile gathering of dealers and OEMs in Mumbai recently, where Jas Motors also received the Times Dealer of the Year 2024 award. Speaking on this achievement, Promoter and CEO Shamsher Singh Hura attributed the success to the tireless efforts of every member of the team. "Our team's dedication and hard work have brought laurels to our company, and this recognition is a testament to their commitment to excellence," said Hura. Jas Motors currently operates dealerships and branches in Ainthapali and Charbati and plans to expand further with two new branches in Khetrajpur and Burla. These expansions aim to bring Jas Motors closer to customers, providing world-class facilities and ensuring the highest levels of customer satisfaction.

#### India imports record Russian oil Nokia plans first cellular network on moon

**RUSSIAN CRUDE MADE UP A RECORD 44% OF INDIA'S OVERALL IMPORTS LAST MONTH** 

#### REUTERS

New Delhi, August 22: India overtook China as the world's biggest importer of Russian oil in July as Chinese refiners bought less because of lower profit margins from producing fuels, a comparison of import data showed

Russian crude made up a record 44% of India's overall imports last month, rising to a record 2.07 million barrels per day (bpd), 4.2% higher than in June and 12% more than a year ago, data on Indian shipments from trade and industry sources showed

That surpassed China's July oil imports from Russia of 1.76 million bpd via pipelines and shipments, based on Chinese customs data.

Indian refiners have been gorging on Russian oil sold at discounts after Western nations



imposed sanctions against Moscow and curtailed their energy purchases in response to Russia's invasion of Ukraine.

"India's requirement for Russian oil is going to go up as long as there are no further tightening of sanctions," an Indian refining source said.

India's trade with Russia has increased since Russia began

its war against Ukraine in February 2022 mainly because of oil and fertiliser imports, a move helping to keep a lid on global prices and controlling inflation.

India's rising purchases are changing the flow of Russian ESPO Blend crude from traditional Chinese buyers to South Asia. ESPO imports to India jumped in July to 188,000 bpd as larger Suezmax vessels were used, according to the data.

Refiners in northeast China are typically the biggest ESPO buyers because of their close proximity, but their demand has fallen because of tepid fuel demand.

Iraq continued to be the second-largest oil supplier to India last month, followed by Saudi Arabia and the United Arab Emirates.

India's crude purchases from the Middle East rose 4% in July, pushing up the region's share in India's overall mix to 40% from 38% in June, the data showed.

#### PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

New Delhi, August 22: Nokia has joined hands with Axiom Space to integrate advanced 4G/LTE communication capabilities into the next-generation spacesuits that will be used for the Artemis III mission, NASA's ambitious plans to land humans at the south pole of the moon.

The Artemis-III mission is likely to be launched in 2026 and Nokia plans to build the first cellular network on the moon, which would be in-built in the space suits used by astronauts.

Nokia and Axiom Space will incorporate high-speed cellular-network capabilities in the Axiom Extravehicular Mobility Unit (AxEMU), supporting HD video, telemetry data and voice transmission over multiple kilometers on the Moon, a company statement said.

This advancement will en-



The firm plans to integrate mobile network capabilities in Axiom's spacesuits for human mission to moon

Adding high-speed the Moon will serve as a vital bridge linking astronauts to Earth. facilitating crucial data exchange, and enabling high-definition video communication over long distances

RUSSELL RALSTON | EXECUTIVE VP, AXIOM SPACE

able Artemis III crew members to capture real-time video and

We are taking advantage of 4G/LTE network capability on the same standards-based technologies that connect billions of devices on Earth every day, while bringing new innovation and technologies to bear on the specific challenges encountered in space

> THIERRY E KLEIN PRESIDENT OF BELL LABS SOLUTIONS RESEARCH, NOKIA

communicate with mission controllers on Earth while

they explore the lunar surface, it said.

An Indian astronaut, trained for ISRO's Gaganyaan project, is scheduled to fly to the International Space Station next year as part of a NASA Axiom Space – Ax-4.

Nokia plans to deploy the cellular network on the Moon as part of Intuitive Machines' IM-2 mission, which is scheduled to be delivered to the launch site later this year.

During that mission. Nokia aims to demonstrate that cellular connectivity can facilitate crucial communications during future lunar or Mars missions.

Lunar Surface The Communications System (LSCS), pioneered by Nokia Bell Labs' research and innovation, will be deployed during IM-2 and will be further adapted for use in the AxEMU spacesuit.







#### SHORT TAKES **Cash-strapped Barca** losing key footballers

Barcelona: If trying to compete with Real Madrid and newly arrived Kylian Mbappé wasn't daunting enough, now Hansi Flick's Barcelona squad are being thinned out by departures. Barcelona look set to lose both Ilkay Gundogan and Vitor Roque in the coming days - or even hours - with both players reportedly close to exits. Gundogan appears set on returning to Manchester City a vear after the midfielder left the serial winners to start a new chapter in Spain. Roque is also reportedly close to leaving on loan for Real Betis, although Portugal's Sporting have made inquiries. The young Brazilian forward cost Barcelona a 30-million-euro (USD

33-million) transfer last summer. 

#### Sathish goes down

Yokohama: Indian shuttler Sathish Kumar Karunakaran fought hard before going down in three games to Thailand's Kantaphon Wangcharoen in the second round of the Japan Open Super 750 badminton tournament here Thursday. The 23-year-old Indian squandered an opening game advantage to go down 21-18, 18-21, 8-21 against the World No. 40 Thai in a match that lasted 70 minutes. With the defeat of Sathish, the Indian challenge ended in the tournament.

#### Venues announced

London: The Indian men's cricket team will start their next cycle of World Test Championships with a five-Test series against England with the opening game scheduled at the seamer-friendly Headingley, June 20, 2025. The England and Wales Cricket Board (ECB) has strategically kept matches at venues where England's swing bowlers will enjoy distinct advantage. The second Test will be held at Edgbaston in Birmingham July 2-6. The third Test will be played at Lord's July 10-14, while Old Trafford in Manchester will host the fourth Test July 23-27. The tour concludes with the final Test at the Oval, July 31-August 4.

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**CR7's new feat** Dubai: One of the greatest footballers of all time. Cristiano Ronaldo has taken a new step in his career by launching Wednesday his YouTube channel 'UR Cristiano'. Within the first couple of hours of announcing the launch. Ronaldo shattered a 'world record' as he became the first man to hit one million subscribers in the fastest time on the platform's history. Not just that, within 24 hours, the subscriber count of Ronaldo's account hit 10 million, another world record. Ronaldo is among the most followed personalities across social media platforms. He has 112.5 million followers on 'X' (formerly Twitter) and 636 million on Instagram. "The wait is over. My @YouTube channel is finally here! SIUUUbscribe and join me on this new journey," Ronaldo posted Wednesday.

## Luck needed to succeed: Dravid

#### Former head coach reflects on loss in ODI World Cup final and victory in T20 WC

#### AGENCIES

Mumbai, August 22: The legendary Rahul Dravid acknowledged that sometimes a little bit of luck can heavily impact the outcome of big matches, citing India's heart-breaking defeat in the ODI World Cup final to Australia and his side's sensational triumph from a precarious position against South Africa in the T20 World Cup final.

'I've had time to reflect on the ODI final and the T20 final. I've had time to reflect on a lot of things we've done. You do realise sometimes you have to do the process, you have to do everything right, irrespective of the result," Dravid, who was chosen for 'Life Time Achievement' honour during the Ceat Cricket Rating Awards, said.

"Sometimes at the end of the day, you need a little bit of luck. (Against South Africa in T20WC final)... 30 balls to go, 30 runs to go. (It was about) incredible execution, incredible calmness by Rohit," the former Indian coach stated.

Dravid then recalled how India were close to dismissing Travis Head in the ODI World Cup final but the opener rode on his tremendous luck to come up with a match-winning century.

"(On) 19th November... I remember whatever it was, we beat Head's bat 15 times – he didn't touch a single ball. You know, things may not go your way sometimes, but you have to stick to the process," the articulate Dravid circled back to sticking to the basics.

Dravid also praised India's



Former India head coach Rahul Dravid poses with the 'Lifetime Achievement Award' trophy

bench strength and the ability to churn out high-quality cricketers consistently. He said the next generation of players has successfully carried forward the legacy of the 'Fab Five' (Dravid, Sachin Tendulkar, Sourav Ganguly, VVS Laxman and Virender Sehwag).

"I left in 2011-2012. These players have been able to carry the legacy forward. If you just look at the success that we've had over the last 12 years in all the three formats, the time that after we left, it's been absolutely phenomenal," Dravid stated. "India have more or less been in the

OFC unveil new kit Bronze-winning hockey

#### Players honoured

Mumbai: India captain Rohit Sharma was named the 'Men's International Cricketer of the Year', while former head coach Rahul Dravid was conferred with the 'Lifetime Achievement Award' at the Ceat Cricket Rating Awards 2023-24 here Wednesday evening. Batting mainstay Virat Kohli was named the 'Men's ODI Batter of the Year' while Mohammed Shami, the highest wicket-taker during the 2023 ODI World Cup with 24 scalps, was named the 'ODI Bowler of the Year'. Yashasvi Jaiswal, who raked up 712 runs against England during the five-Test series earlier this year, was named the 'Men's Test Batter of the Year', while R Ashwin was named the 'Men's Test Bowler of the Year'.

#### top two rankings all the formats," Dravid added.

Dravid said while Indian cricketers now are fearless and confident, they also have worldclass infrastructure to back their skill sets. "A lot of them are really fearless. The confidence of a young Indian, and I don't mean just cricketers, that's just great. It just gladdens your heart so much," he pointed out.

"Also one must realise the infrastructure and opportunities available to the young cricketers. They have the best of fa cilities and great support and these two factors have increased their confidence. They think of themselves as the best and that has helped them tremendously," Dravid signed off.

### Amit gets hero's welcome at native village Saunamara <sup>E</sup>



Hockey star Amit Rohidas poses with his family members upon his arrival in Saunamara village, Thursday OP PHOTO

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Rourkela, August 22: Ace defender of the Indian men's hockey team Amit Rohidas was Thursday accorded a rousing reception on reaching his native village Saunamara in Sundargarh district. He was given a traditional tribal welcome meant for a hero. It was not only the villagers of Saunamara who flocked to meet Rohidas, but virtually all the residents of Balishankara block who gath-

ered to see their hero. Rohidas stated that winning the bronze at Paris was an incredible moment. "It was indeed an unforgettable moment for me and all my teammates. Two bronzes in tandem. The only regret is we could not change the colour of the medal, which we were determined to do. Anyways, bronze is not a bad option,' Rohidas stated.

The defender rued missing out on the semifinal against Germany due to a red card in the England game. "Not playing the semifinal will certainly haunt me. But I forgot everything when we defeated England with 10

We were determined to change the colour of the medal this time, but bad luck it did not happen. Anyways bronze is not a bad achievement AMIT ROHIDAS

players. You must remember that at one point we were down to nine men for two minutes as one player was shown the green card," he added. Rohidas stated that the entire

squad was overwhelmed at the reception they got Wednesday in Bhubaneswar. "We will never forget the way we were welcomed. I am personally thankful to the Chief Minister (Mohan Charan Maihi) for awarding me ₹4 crore. And I will never forget the reception that I received today in Saunamara," informed Rohidas. Rohidas' mother Golapi shed

tears of joy when the player placed the bronze medal around her neck. "I am at a loss for words... I am very happy for him," Golapi said. "He has made us proud with his deeds. As a mom, this is indeed a memorable moment for me." she added.

#### Police protection – removed: Vinesh

#### PAGENCIES

New Delhi, August 22: Vinesh Phogat and Sakshi Malik have claimed that the Delhi police have revoked the security cover of female wrestlers set to testify in the sexual harassment case against former Wrestling Federation of India (WFI) president Brij Bhushan Sharan Singh.

Vinesh and Sakshi on 'X' tagged the Delhi police, the Delhi Commission for Women, and the National Commission for Women. They raised concerns about the safety of the women wrestlers who are key witnesses in the case. They wrote, "Delhi police have withdrawn the security of the women wrestlers who are going to testify against Brij Bhushan in the court." Vinesh, who recently returned from the Paris Olympics, had earlier said that her fight against the WFI would continue and hoped that 'truth will prevail'. Later in the day, a Delhi court directed the police to immediately reinstate the security of a female wrestler who has accused Brij Bhushan of sexual harassment. Additional Chief Judicial Magistrate Priyanka Rajpoot passed the interim order, noting that the wrestler has to appear before the court Friday to get her statement recorded.



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were present at the unveiling Bhubaneswar, August 22: ceremony. They shared their

Bhubaneswar, August 22: Former Odisha Chief Minister Thursday some members of the won a second consecutive bronze in Paris earlier this month. India came from a goal

Patnaik, whose earlier government had been a key promoter of Indian hockey and



### players felicitated by Patnaik

#### OST NEWS NETWORK

Naveen Patnaik felicitated Indian men's hockey team that medal at the Olympic Games down to beat Spain 2-1 and win the bronze medal at the Paris Olympics.

#### Sussex leave Pujara

London: Former India batter Cheteshwar Pujara will not return to Sussex for next year's County Championship after the English club side opted to relieve him to retain the services of Australian Daniel Hughes. The left-handed Hughes will be available for all Championship and T20 Vitality Blast matches next season. Pujara returned to Sussex for the third successive time in 2024. He played the first seven Championship matches before Hughes' arrival. "Taking over from Cheteshwar is not an easy task, but Dan has fitted in brilliantly and we are all delighted he will be back for the whole of next season," Sussex coach Paul Farbrace said on the club's website.

#### Akash stuns Subrat

Bhubaneswar: Akash Mohapatra pulled off a huge upset beating current state champion and second seed Subrat Das at the Green Baize Classic All Odisha Open Snooker Championships-2024 here Thursday. In the guarterfinals, Akash completely dominated the show and trounced Subrat 4-0. In the three other guarterfinals played on the day, Siddharth Sen trounced Ashit Choudhury 4-0, Rakesh R Pradhan defeated Kunal Agrawal 4-1 and Nishant Biswal edged out Chirag Arora 4-3 in a thriller. Chirag was 3-0 up in the match, but Nishant won four frames in a row to ultimately emerge victorious in a nail-biting encounter.

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Odisha FC (OFC) kicked off the 2024-25 season with a new kit launch at a hotel here Thursday. The season's new kit this year is inspired by the vibrant culture and rich handloom tradition of Odisha. The kit for the home games has been designed by Carlos, Nishka and Amrinder while for matches that OFC will play away, the kit has been designed by Roy, Kiran and Niraj

the club stated in a release. The kits for the 2024-25 season represent the diversity of Odisha's cultural heritage. The design also honours the classical dance form, Odissi, highlighting the state's cultural richness through its patterns and motifs.

Key figures from Odisha FC, including president Raj Athwal, Odisha FC men's team head coach Sergio Lobera and women's

goals for the upcoming season, with Athwal discussing the club's commitment to youth development and grassroots football. Lobera and Chettri on the other hand spoke about how the men's and women's team are preparing for the upcoming tournaments, including the ISL.

Players from both the men's and women's teams showcased the new jerseys for the upcoming season.

Meanwhile as part of their preparations, OFC will participate in the Bhausaheb Bandodkar Memorial Trophy in Goa. The tournament begins August 25 with OFC facing Club Deportive, a team from Argentina. They will face Chennaiyin FC

(August 28), followed by their third match against Churchill Brothers (August 31).

been sponsoring the national men's and women's teams since 2018, hoped for a top podium finish in the 2028 Los Angeles Games.

"Many congratulations from my side to you all. I hope next time you will bring gold,' Patnaik said while addressing the players. "We are all proud of your achievements for the nation," Patnaik added.

Later in a post on 'X' Patnaik said, "Immense pleasure meeting the victorious Indian hockey team after winning the coveted bronze medal in Paris Olympics 2024. Hockey is not just a sport, it is a way of life in Odisha. We always share a special bond with this beautiful game. May the team continue their winning momentum and bring more glory for



Players of the Indian team gifted Thursday the national jersey to former Odisha CM Naveen Patnaik PTI PHOTO

the nation and the state."

The players in attendance were Sumit, Lalit Kumar Upadhyay, Abhishek and Sanjay. Also present was Hockey India president Dilip Tirkey.

Sumit thanked Patnaik for supporting hockey when the sport needed it the most. "I would like to thank Naveen Patnaik sir from the bottom of my heart, especially from Hockey India and from the entire team for his immense support towards hockey. There was no sponsor in hockey but he came forward and gave such a massive sponsorship for hockey," he said.

Lalit said the former Odisha CM came in as a saviour for the sport. "First of all I would like to say that Hon'ble Naveen Patnaik sir's role in hockey is of a hero and the most important thing is that whatever he has done for hockey is unimaginable. He held hockey's hand when no one was there. Sir played a very important role in making Odisha the sports capital of India. We thank him for that," Lalit stated.

The court was hearing applications filed by senior advocate Rebecca John for three wrestlers, who claimed that their security was withdrawn Wednesday night.

### Archana trades TT for studies after Paris

#### PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

New Delhi, August 22: Archana Kamath will dearly miss donning the Indian jersey, but the table tennis player is determined to serve the country in a 'different way' in future, helping to shape its public policies as an economist.

Days after recording India's only success in the quarterfinal loss to Germany in the recent Paris Olympics, the 24-year-old from Bangalore has re-entered student life in the USA where she is studying for a Masters degree in Public Policy at the University of Michigan.

Archana's decision to move away from table tennis has been quite emotional. But she has equally enjoyed studying since school where she was a topper, securing 98.7 and 97 per cent in her Xth and XIIth exams.

Now, she is pursuing her second Masters degree in Michigan,



having already completed her post graduation in International Relations. Archana now wants to return to India after two years and serve the nation, probably as an economist

Her role models range from well-known economist Sanjeev Sanyal to the likes Carlos Alcaraz and Rafael Nadal whom she met at the Games Village in Paris. Speaking to this agency from

Ann Arbor in Michigan, the paddler explained her decision to leave the elite sport right after the Olympics. She categorically stated that 'she is not in it' for a better financial future as she has been taken care of by her emplovers Indian Oil, OGQ and the government.

"I have always liked studying, as much as table tennis. I had inquired about this course in Michigan last year as well but then we qualified for the Paris Olympics as a team for the first time and I wanted to focus on

If I have retired from competitive table tennis, it is only and only because of my passion for academics

#### ARCHANA KAMATH

that," Archana said.

'Now that the Olympics are done, I want to study more and come back to India after two years and serve the people in a different capacity. My decision has nothing to do with financial returns," Archana added.

Archana however, hopes to continue playing table tennis in the USA. "The best thing about the Olympics was being with seniors like Sharath Kamal and Manika Batra. The environment was so good. I also got to meet Novak Djokovic, Rafael Nadal and Carlos Alcaraz. I made memories for life there. stated Archana.

## U-17 women wrestlers win 3 golds in Worlds

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Amman (Jordan), August 21: Indian women wrestlers Aditi Kumari, Neha and Pulkit became the under-17 world champions Thursday in their respective categories, stamping their class in the prestigious Cadets event, here.

Aditi who took part in the first bout of the day emerged champion in the 43kg segment, blanking Maria Louiza Gkika of Greece 7-0 in the title clash.

In the 57kg category final, Neha overpowered Japan's So Tsuitsui as she stood out with her double-leg attacks. Neha hardly gave a chance to her rival in the gold medal bout. In the 65kg final, Pulkit faced

Daria Frolova, who was competing as a neutral athlete, and won 6-3. Pulkit was leading 5-0 but



Aditi Kumari

conceded a push out point and a caution late in the bout that allowed Frolova to gain three ২ points. Frolova made a desperate attempt to get the winning move but Pulkit defended well in the final 20 seconds to claim the title.

India also won two bronze medals in Greco Roman style <del>(</del> with Ronak Dahiya and Sainath Pardhi ending on the podium.

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