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Outrageous: Allu Arjun arrested

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#### 12 PAGE | ₹5.00 **Bodies of three**

AGENCIES

Bhubaneswar, Dec 13: Odisha Police Friday recovered three unidentified bodies of women in Cuttack and Bolangir districts, an officer said.

near Paramahansa area in Cuttack district, while the bodies of two women were found near a railway track in Bolangir district. Cuttack DCP Jagmohan Meena said a woman's body with deep injury on the face and the neck was found in Paramahansa area. The police have recovered a sharp-edged weapon from near the body, the DCP said. Meena said: "The body had a tattoo mark on the left hand."

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lice recovered the bodies of two unidentified women from near the railway track at Kukuda hada village under Kantabanji block in Bolangir district. The police said that it could also be a murder case.

#### IRREGULAR by MANJUL



Only 'survey a mosque' game is off. ladies and gentlemen. 'Dance in front of a mosque contest' and 'aarti with an Executive' will go on as planned!

# **SC** advises farmers to go Gandhian way

The Supreme Court advising the farmers agitating at border points between Punjab and Haryana to adopt the Gandhian way of protest is significant. Reassuring the farmers, who have a slew of demands including legal guarantee for MSP, that their grievances are being looked into by the SC-appointed high-powered committee, the top court asked them 'not to get violent' and keep protesting in a peaceful way.

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New Delhi, Dec 13: Observing that protesting farmers should adopt the Gandhian way, the Supreme Court Friday ordered immediate medical aid to farmer leader Jagjit Singh Dallewal, whose health is deteriorating for over a fortnight at a Punjab-Haryana border. A bench of Justices Surya Kant and Ujjal Bhuyan directed

the Centre and Punjab govern-

owing to his indefinite fast

ment representatives to immediately meet Dallewal, who has completed over 17 days of fast. "Farmers should not get violent and do peaceful agitation. They should adopt

the Gandhian way of protests because their grievances are being looked into," the bench said after being informed that violent agitations had created problems at both the sites. The court further asked to

provide him with medical help and persuade him to break his indefinite fast saying his life was precious. "It is the bounden duty

and provide adequate immediate medical aid to Dallewal without forcing him to break the fast, unless it is imperative to do so to save his life," the bench said. The top court said it was harsh winters and the agitating farmers at Shambhu and Khanauri borders should not get violent and disrupt highway traffic.

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The SC said a high-powered committee constituted by it, which was stated to be doing a good job, would talk to the protesting farmers and make recommendations to the court which eventually be put to the stakeholders for a decision.

"We should not pass any order, which is very difficult to implement. It is the stakeholders, which will ultimately have to take a decision," it said.

Hyderabad, Dec 13: Dizzying success, arrest and then bail - all in 24 hours. The pendulum swung widely for Telugu superstar Allu Arjun Friday when he grabbed headlines of the most unexpected kind, a

his potboilers. On Thursday, the 42-year-old actor was in Delhi to celebrate

plot line that could rival any of

the massive success of 'Pushpa 2: The Rule,' which is his career's biggest hit and also in the record books as the first Indian film to earn ₹1,000 crore in just six days. The very next day, police were at his Hyderabad home to arrest him in connection with the death of a woman in a stampede during the premiere of the film.

He was taken into custody with tight security and later taken to the police station. As reports spoke of him not being able to finish his breakfast and visuals showed him sipping a cup of coffee with cops all around him, Allu Arjun had much of the nation, particularly his fandom, transfixed.

The action star was sent to jail after a local court remanded him to judicial custody for 14 days. And then granted four-week interim bail by the Telangana High Court a short while later.

## Man held for killing pregnant wife

POST NEWS NETWORK

Rourkela, Dec 13: In a dramatic turn of events, police Friday arrested the husband of a seven-month pregnant woman who was shot dead while trying to resist a suspected robbery attempt at her residence at Bonai in Sundargarh district, Wednesday night. The victim Samyamayee Behera's husband, Deben Behera, and Satya Narayan Behera, an ASI posted in Uditnagar court, have been arrested in connection with

the crime, the police said. Satya Narayan is the brother-inlaw of Deben and was involved with the latter in concealing the weapon used in the crime.

The reason behind the murder is Deben's extramarital affair, the police added.

The incident occurred around 1am when Samyamayee, who resided with Deben in Jhirdapalli under the Tikayatpalli police station, was shot in the left chest by armed assail ants. The attackers then fled with her gold ornaments. She

was declared dead at Bonai Public Health Centre. Deben initially told the po-

lice that he had been asleep in another room when he heard what he described as a loud explosion, similar to a bomb. He claimed to have rushed out and seen one person fleeing

Deben's tearful account, however, was inconsistent with other testimonies, particularly those from Samyamayee's family, which raised suspicion, the police said.



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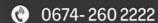








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#### **SHAWN MENDES REVEALS HE CONSIDERED QUITTING MUSIC**

Singer-songwriter Shawn Mendes has revealed that he had aspirations of being a therapist, and he considered quitting music for the same. The singer cancelled his Wonder world tour after just seven shows in 2022 for mental health reasons.

#### **JLO SPARKS RUMOURS WITH 'EXTRA' CLOSENESS TO STAFF**

Jennifer Lopez's latest move has sparked curiosity following her reported split from Ben Affleck. The *Jenny from the Block* singer appears to have surrounded herself with a team of strikingly attractive staffers, raising eyebrows and fueling speculation.





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So, busy bee, you finally realise you've been ignoring your near and dear. And now

it's going to cost you a lot of effort to make it up to them. Dinner at the finest restaurant, a trip to the theatre, shopping at a posh boutique... be ready to splurge,

**TAURUS** 

Your vision today will have a hue of green as you will draw to money like a fly to sweets. Taste the power of money with fortune as the monkey on your back. You may buy a pendant or a necklace today and your haggling skills will save you from being swindled, says Ganesha.

You will spend the day safeguarding sentiments of others and it is in your own interest.
For most part of the day, probably the entire day, you will be away from your family, mostly on a trip for business or leisure purposes. Today, having a successful career will be only thing on your mind.

CANCER

You are a master of deception, and your sugar-coated comments play a pivotal role in your methods. Today, you will be able to smell trouble from a distance, and will know when to take a U-turn. Your methods may not make you very popular with the so-called moral brigade working with you. but you may think that this is the easiest way to the top. Ganesha, however, is not too sure that these tactics will work on a

Ever been surprised at your own abilities? Today you shall be, says Ganesha. With the perfect blend of amicable gestures and lack of inimical actions, you are poised to become the cynosure of all occasions. The day will bring to the fore your flexible nature, moderate views, and your mature mannerisms in a cocktail that is as heady as the best blend. With a mind set on communal harmony, you are assured to have success coming your way today, foresees Ganesha

**VIRGO** 

Children will ring in applauds and praises - in the classroom and off it too! Processing logic and reasoning will improve too. Ganesha asks you to keep calm and enjoy the joy ride, irrespective of anything that

Some days are full of new

ideas. Today is one such day as you radiate diligence and intelligence. Consider it an auspicious moment to begin new business schemes, especially if you happen to be self-employed. Today, you will be able to think at a level higher and clearer than the rest. But, as happens when you focus more on work, it comes at the cost of family time. Maintain a balance, advises Ganesha.

**SCORPIO** 

Dig in deep and keep yourself in the hunt, says Ganesha. Karma matters, but don't give much thought to the outcome. In matters of joint ventures, adopt a wait-and-watch approach today.

**SAGITTARIUS** 

Be ready to receive advice - un asked and unwarranted. Don't overlook it either, as these suggestions can be worthy of consideration. But let the last word rest in your hands and look deep inside for the right verdict.

**CAPRICORN** 

The most intimidating of ventures can prove successful if fortune favours you; you will be fortunate today, says Ganesha. Those of you dealing in stocks and shares can expect a profitable day ahead, but don't forget to give credit to your spouse; it will be their luck working wonders for you.

AQUARIUS

Bursting with new ideas, you want to make the world a better place! You will give your best in a team and will come up with great schemes and solutions. At gatherings and social dos, says Ganesha, you will remain your charming self, impressing people with an amazing social grace.

**PISCES** Home is where the hearth is, in which the troubles you need to deal with today are smouldering, Running away from your problems will simply have you out of breath; it would be wiser to take a stand and find solutions to petty conflicts

without losing your perspective.



Mumbai: Actor Priyanka Chopra, also known as PeeCee among her fans, Dev: My opened up about the power of movies. Earlookalikes were far lier, she was told that 'films with subtitles or more handsome films that are non-English don't travel'

when she was 'seeking work across borders.' Priyanka was bestowed with an honorary award at Red Sea Film Festival held in Jeddah. The award was presented to Priyanka by

The 34-year-old actor, who began his actor Sarah Jessica Parker. Skins Reflecting he was on her cawhelmed reer, she touched' shared heard competition, place in San last month.

Slumdog Millionaire

has been feted with a

British Academy Film Award and nominations for an Academy Award and two Golden Globe Awards told variety.com: "I'm surprised more than five people showed up. I was quite overwhelmed by it and very touched. I also gotta say that I think most of the men who showed up were far more handsome and qualified than I am. I think I would have lost at my own lookalike contest, for sure.

Organisers had previously said they originaly planned a Robert Pattinson lookalike competition but ultimately decided on Dev in order to represent their local Indian community and the Monkey Man star was delighted to be associated with the contest, reports femalefirst.co.uk.

early in her journey, she was told that non-English films wouldn't be able to 'travel' internationally. "When I started working, I was 18 years old. I remember I was told that, I come from an industry that spoke Hindi and Telugu, non-English films. I remember when I was seeking work across borders, I was told that films with subtitles or films that are non-English don't travel. Yet, here we are today,' she said.

"You have been able to create a safe, incredible space for filmmakers and storytellers around the world to come together without the thought of nationality, language and borders. You have been able to bring people together outside of borders, languages to just celebrate

incredible medium of cinema," added Priyanka.



in the streaming series Yeh Kaali Kaali Ankhein, has shared that the show has taught her the beauty of contra-

Mumbai: Actress Aanchal Singh, who essays the role of Purva

The second season of the show was released recently, and it shows her character being kidnapped and struggling to save herself from the kidnappers for a generous duration of

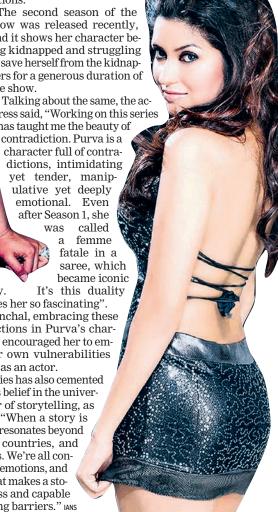
> tress said, "Working on this series has taught me the beauty of contradiction. Purva is a character full of contradictions, intimidating

> > emotional. Even after Season 1, she called femme fatale in a

that makes her so fascinating". For Aanchal, embracing these contradictions in Purva's character also encouraged her to embrace her own vulnerabilities

and sexy.

and fears as an actor. The series has also cemented Aanchal's belief in the universal power of storytelling, as she said, "When a story is honest, it resonates beyond cultures, countries, and languages. We're all connected by emotions, and that's what makes a story timeless and capable of breaking barriers." IANS



When I die, bring my body to my studio. It is quite possible that I may wake up amid their

## Mirroring India through ages with movies

in a book by his daughter, showcases the passion of a filmmaker who left an abiding imprint on Indian cinema.

Raj would have been 100 today. He released his first film in 1948, the year after Independence. And as India evolved through the decades, so did his movies, mirroring the dreams and conflicts of society in shades of black and white that gave way to glossy techni-

maker, the far-see ing en-

trepreneur who started RK Studios with his first film itself and the patriarch of filmdom's 'first family', the lines blur and rearrange into the portrait of the larger than life persona still known as the original showman of Indian cinema.

Raj Kapoor ruled the silver along screen with the two **RAJ KAPOOR@100** other greats Dev

Anand and fellow Peshawari Dilip Kumar. Unlike his colleagues, however, he was not just the actor but also producer and director who made films, spectacles and otherwise, with music that strikes

a chord many decades later.

He only directed 10 movies, some such as Awara and Shree 420 in the gallery of unforgettable classics, others like *Bobby* and *Sangam*  blockbusters and then those debatable hits, including Satyam Shivam Sundaram, Prem Rog and Ram Teri Ganga Maili. His filmography includes An-

daz, Jaagte Raho and Teesri Kasam where Raj the actor shone bright. And all the films had great

songs. member the global Awara Hoon, Jeena Yahan

Marna Yahan, Pyar Hua Iqrar Hua or Hum Tum Kamre Mein Band Ho.

"He was an amazing musician... I suppose it was inborn. He probably got it from my mum who was a singer, not my father... He could play any instrument, whether it was the accordion, tabla, piano, flute or a 'duff'," brother Shashi Kapoor recalled in a documentary.

Bobby, Satyam Shivam Sundaram and Ram Teri Ganga Maili attracted controversy for the often voyeuristic gaze. But Raj Kapoor dismissed it all.

His later films, most notably

ty, we need to get mature. I have always respected women but don't understand why I am accused of exploiting them. Fellini's nude woman is considered Art but when I show a woman's beauty on screen, then it is called exploitation," Ritu Nanda quoted her father as saying

Dadasaheb Phalke award May 2, 1988, Raj Kapoor collapsed in the auditorium after a severe asthma attack and was rushed to hospital. He passed away a month later at 63.

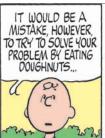
#### **PEANUTS**

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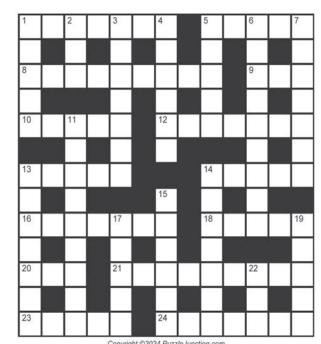




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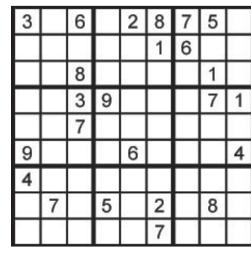
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in the book Raj Kapoor Speaks. While in Delhi to receive the

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FOR A CAUSE: Sanjukta Basa of 'SANGRAM' receives ₹1 lakh Dharitri Climate Grant, for the organisation's dedicated works towards conservation and protection of forests and wildlife, from Dharitri's Senior Sub-Editor Sanghamitra Mohanty at the leading Odia daily's office in Bhubaneswar, Friday, in presence of **Dharitri** and **Orissa POST** Chief Executive Adyasha Satpathy and staffers

## **BJP's Sujeet Kumar elected** to Rajya Sabha unopposed

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Bhubaneswar, Dec 13: BJP candidate Sujeet Kumar was elected unopposed to the Rajya Sabha from Odisha Friday, officials said.

Kumar was a BJD MP. But he quit the party and gave up his membership of the Rajya Sabha in September to join the BJP, forcing the byelection to the seat. The BJP nominated him for the byelection, which he won unopposed. "I will work with full dedication for the people of Kalahandi district and the state. I have the experience in Rajya Sabha," he told reporters after being handed the certificate of election at the Odisha Assembly.

In July, Kumar's colleague Mamata Mohanta had done the same by giving up her Rajya Sabha membership as a BJD MP to join the BJP, and then returned to the House after a byelection.

With the election of Kumar,



will work with full dedication for the people of Kalahandi district and the state. I have the experience in Rajya Sabha SUJEET KUMAR

BJP's strength in the Upper House from Odisha increased to three. The third MP is Railway, Information and Broadcasting and Electronics and IT Minister Ashwini Vaishnaw

The Opposition BJD holds seven Rajya Sabha seats from

# Stay away from corruption, Majhi asks new govt recruits

Chief Minister hands over appointment letters to 376 new recruits to Health & Family Welfare and Higher Education departments at a Nijukti Mela in Bhubaneswar

POST NEWS NETWORK

Bhubaneswar, Dec 13: Chief Minister Mohan Charan Majhi Friday asked newly recruited government employees to remain dedicated to their work and refrain from making money through corrupt practices.

The chief minister said this while addressing a 'Nijukti Mela' (appointment fair) where as many as 376 people were appointed in the Health & Family Welfare and Higher Education Departments.

"Remain committed to duty and don't give into corruption," Majhi said, adding that the state government has now brought new legislation to ensure complete transparency in the recruitment process to different government jobs. He cautioned the employees involved in corrupt practices.

Of the 376 new appointments, 85 persons were recruited as homoeopathic doctors and 239 radiographers in the Health and Family Welfare Department, while 52 others got appointments as lecturers in the Higher Education Department.

Noting that the state was lagging in the health service



Pharmacy officers will soon be appointed in government hospitals, says the CM

3 more 50-bed integrated AYUSH hospitals are being set up in Dhenkanal, Berhampur and Balasore: CM

sector, the chief minister said the recently published health ranking by NITI Aayog indicated that Odisha was placed in the third position from the bottom of the list of 28 states.

"Odisha has got only 40.19 out of 100 marks in the health service sector. But earlier it was widely advertised in the name of global health services. This situation has to change now," the chief minister said.

"We have to keep at least 60 marks in the Health Ranking. We have to be among the top ten best service-providing states in the country," he said.

He also said the state government has been working to develop both infrastructure and trained human resources, which are needed to improve the health services sector.

Medical colleges and hospitals will be established in all the districts of the state in the next five years, he said.

Along with this, the state will implement Ayushman Bharat Yojana and the 'Gopabandhu Jan Arogya Yojana'. He said the BJP government during the first six months of its rule, has filled up more than 20,000 posts in the government.

Majhi said along with the appointment of the homoeopathic doctors and radiographers, pharmacy officers will soon be appointed in government

He said that three more 50bed integrated AYUSH hospitals are being set up in Dhenk-

anal, Berhampur and Balasore. He called upon newly recruited lecturers to guide and ensure that the youths of Odisha remain dedicated to

## 'Govt committed to encouraging children in field of science'

Bhubaneswar, Dec 13: Chief Minister Mohan Charan Majhi Friday said his government is committed to encouraging children in the field of science from an early age.

Majhi made the statement after felicitating winners of the Young Astronomer Talent Search (YATS) 2024-25 at Pathani Samanta Planetarium here.

'Our government is commit-

ted to taking necessary steps from the school level itself to develop scientific thinking among the youth and encourage them," he said.

Majhi said Samanta's research in the field of astronomy and space science is a source of inspiration for the whole world.

Science and Technology (S&T) Minister Krushna Chandra Patra congratulated the students and encouraged them to continue striving for

excellence. "We are proud of the hard work of our scientists, and I encourage all children to achieve greater heights in science," he added.

YATS, organised by Tata Steel in collaboration with Pathani Samanta Planetarium, witnessed the participation of over 71,000 students from across the state. 30 students emerged winners, it was learnt.

Steel-Kalinganagar vice-president (operations) Rajiv Kumar said, "For nearly two decades, YATS has nurtured scientific curiosity, inspiring students to explore astronomy and pursue careers in science.

Celebrating the achievements of the Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO), the 18th edition of YATS was themed 'Will Space be Your Next Travel Destination?'

The winners will have the opportunity to visit an ISRO

#### Youth gets 20-year jail for raping minor

Bhubaneswar A POCSO court here Friday sentenced a youth to 20 after convicting him for raping a minor girl under Nachuni police station in Khurda district in April this year. The court also slapped a penalty of ₹10,000 on the convict. Failure to pay the fine an additional Special public (SPP) Subrat Priyadarshi said the convict, Kartik Biswal alias Mangi, 22 and the victim are from the same village. On April 15, Kartik, who was on a motorcycle, spotted the girl alone at a local market. Later,

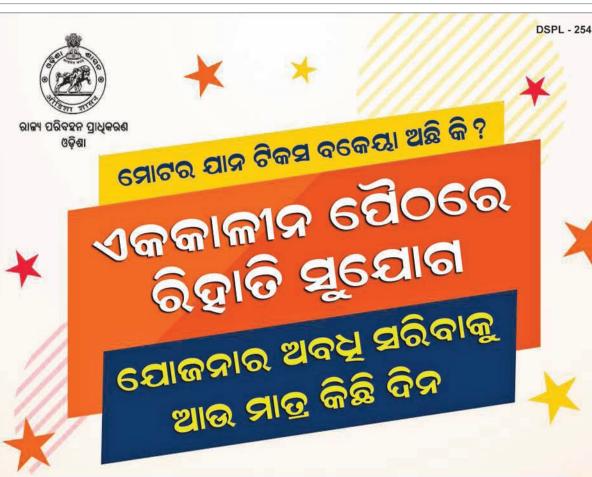
he approached the girl and convinced her to drop her at home. However Kartik took her to an isolated place where assaulted her till the next day before dropping residence. narrated her ordeal before her parents who lodged a complaint with Nachuni police April 16. The cops then launched a probe and apprehended Kartik. The cour convicted Kartik under Sections 363, 366 (A), 376 (3) of IPC, along with Section 4 and 6

of Protection of

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## Adopt tech-based probe process, DGP tells cops



Cuttack, Dec 13: Noting that there have been changes in the pattern of crimes in the state. director general of police (DGP) Yogesh Bahadur Khurania Friday called upon police officials to adopt technology-based and scientific investigation process for success.

Khurania made the remarks at the 69th State Police Duty

He said the prime responsibility of the police is detection and prevention of crime, and that should be the focus of all officers in the state. "There is a need to change the investigation process as there have been changes in the crime patterns," the DGP said. He said Odisha Police has already adopted certain technology-based investi-

gations and achieved success.

It has also been successful in tackling the Maoist menace, the top police officer said.

The DGP also advised police personnel to be abreast with new laws.

"There should be efforts to improve the technical skills of police personnel. Through the police duty meet this time, we will try to find out the technical skills they have acquired,' Khurania said.

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## BJP's post on Naveen, Pandian sparks row

Bhubaneswar, Dec 13: A controversy erupted over the state BJP sharing on X a "derogatory" image of BJD president and former chief minister Naveen Patnaik and his former aide VK Pandian, blaming them for the potato crisis in the state.

BJP, on the other hand, said criticism is a part of politics and should be accepted by all.

BJD MPs Friday took to X to draw the attention of Prime Minister Narendra Modi. Union Home Minister Amit Shah and Nadda to the post.

Odisha BJP's X handle, in the controversial post Thursday said, "They (BJD goyt) had started potato mission in Odisha with a cost of ₹267 crore from 2015, but Naveen has brought potato crisis in Odisha by swallowing the entire amount."

BJD MPs Sasmit Patra, Sulata Deo and Manas Mangaraj were among those who took to X to protest the post.

BJD national spokesperson and MP Sasmit Patra wrote, 'Respected @BJP4India President Shri @JPNadda Ji, attached is a shocking social media post on official X handle of @BJP4Odisha which depicts former Hon'ble CM of Odisha and @bid odisha President Shri @Naveen\_Odisha Ji in an extremely derogatory, malicious, spiteful and disparaging manner.

"He is the same person who

ACTO, 2 others held

for ₹4 crore fraud

Bhubaneswar, Dec 13: Vig-

ilance officials have arrested

an assistant commercial tax

officer (ACTO) and two other

persons on charge of financial

fraud of over ₹4 crore, officials

The anti-corruption wing

officials of Odisha Police ar-

rested the three people after getting prima facie evidence

of their involvement in the alleged misappropriation of government money by officials of

commercial tax (CT) and goods and services tax (GST), Bhubaneswar by abusing their official power for refund of VAT

and disbursement of a sum of

vealed that Satyaki Pattanaik

and Deeptikanta Choudhury in

connivance with officials of CT

& GST, Bhubaneswar have siphoned off ₹4,03,09,723 by filing

forged and fabricated appeal on

behalf of a firm," the Vigilance

tampered with financial in-

struments and entertained stat-

utory forms containing forged

signatures and seals submitted

The officials had allegedly

said in a statement.

"During enquiry, it was re-

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

said Friday.

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such undignified photo has been allowed to be carried on all official handles of BJP. Real believers in Odia Asmita would not let it pass as just another frivolous incident. I hope good sense prevails and the Party leadership does not condone such irresponsible acts attacking personal dignity of a statesman. @JPNadda," he added. However, the Odisha BJP

**Criticism is part of politics and one should** accept this. BJD, in an official press conference in its state headquarters Sankha Bhavan, had dubbed former **Leader of Opposition and senior BJP** leader and MLA Jayanarayan Mishra

ANIL BISWAL | BJP SPOKESPERSON

so graciously attended the swearing-in of the BJP Govt in Odisha, the Tallest Leader of Odisha who is loved by 4.5 crore people of Odisha and beyond. Is his X post. this the way your party treats a "Decency statesman, a Tall Leader, a Man who was cited as an epitome of leadership by the highest leadership of your Union Government and the Party? We strongly condemn this malicious and derogatory post by @BJP4Odisha in the strongest of words.

AmitShah," he added. Two other Rajya Sabha MPs - Manas Mangaraj and Sulata Deo - along with BJD state spokesperson Lelin Mohanty also made similar posts on the

Bhubaneswar, Dec 13: The All

Odisha Contractors' Welfare Asso-

ciation (AOCWA), in association

with All Odisha Contractors' As-

sociation (AOCA), Friday raised

concerns over the challenges faced

by contractors engaged in the con-

struction sector and urged the

state government to sort them out.

WA president J Patra empha-

Speaking to the media, AOC-

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Simply put, it's shameful. @

PMOIndia@narendramodi @

social media handles.

Patnaik's political advisor Santrupt Misra raised the issue of Odia Asmita (pride) in

in democracy makes it worthwhile. Official handles of political parties (particularly the one that claims to be the largest Party in the world) must distinguish between lampooning and criticising policy and performance,' he said.

"Shri Naveen Patnaik was the elected Chief Minister of Odisha for 24 years. He has been an icon of grace and dignity both in and out of power. People love him and adore him for his personal demeanour. It is sad and reprehensible that

sised the obstacles faced by lo-

cal contractors due to outdated

policies, delayed payments and

limited opportunities. He urged

the government to take imme-

diate steps to create a fair and

transparent contracting ecosys-

tem that prioritises Odia con-

tractors while ensuring timely

The association urged the

government to prioritise in-

digenous products and Odia

execution of projects.

termed the BJD's response as a "panic reaction".

'Criticism is part of politics and one should accept this. BJD, in an official press conference in its state headquarters Sankha Bhavan, had dubbed former Leader of Opposition and senior BJP leader and MLA Jayanarayan Mishra as insane," BJP spokesperson Anil Biswal told PTI.

Asked whether morphing Patnaik's picture in a "disrespectful manner" was acceptable, Biswal said, "The previous government headed by Patnaik had wasted over ₹250 crore in the potato mission. Is it wrong to raise questions on the BJD government's failure?

contractors for infrastructure

projects to boost local industry,

create jobs and ensure sustain-

able development. It also said

that proper land acquisition

processes must be followed. while inclusion of site photo-

graphs, land schedules, and

title documents in tender doc-

The association also placed

several other demands before

uments must be ensured.

the government.

## Contractors urge govt to address challenges

Bhubaneswar, Dec 13: In view of the country's commitment to achieve the long-term development goals set by the United Nations by 2023, the three-tier Panchayati Raj institutions have played an important role in keeping with the call for rural development work, Minister of Panchayati Raj and Drinking Water Rabi Narayan Naik said Friday.

Panchayati Raj Minister

Rabi Narayan Naik

felicitates National

Pachayat awardees

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Mayuri at Kala Vikash Kendra in Silver City Friday

Speaking at a special programme at State Institute for Rural Development and Panchavati Rai here. Naik said Panchayati Raj institutions of the state like gram pan-New Delhi recently.

chayats, panchayat samitis and zilla parishads continue to perform effectively at the national level, which is a matter of pride and glory for Odisha.

SCINTILLATING SHOW: Artistes perform Odissi during Maa Cuttack Chandi Festival-2024 organised by Nrutya

PRIs play key role in rural devpt

On the occasion, the minister felicitated the officers and members of the Panchayati Raj department who received the National Panchavat Award from President Droupadi Murmu in

He termed the honours as an inspiration for the entire state and expressed his opinion that it is the foundation of a devel oped Odisha.

Felicitating the winners, Naik said that the entire state is proud of their efforts. "This will give a boost to the enthusiasm of other institutions of the three-tier Panchavati Rai system." he added.



FIREFIGHTING DEMO: Fire Services personnel conduct a mock drill on AG office premises in Bhubaneswar Friday

## BMC survey to improve citizens' living conditions

Bhubaneswar. Dec 13: The Bhubaneswar Municipal Corporation (BMC) has launched a citizen survey, as part of the Quality of Life Initiative, to enhance living standards in the Capital City.

The survey conducted by the civic body, in collaboration with the United Nations Human Settlements Programme (UN-Habitat), is aimed at gathering valuable insights directly from the residents of the city, a BMC release said. The findings of this survey will guide BMC and UN-Habitat in identifying focus areas and implementing data-driven, people-centric solutions, it added. The survey aims at understanding the living experiences, challenges, and priorities of people in the City to create actionable strategies that align with their needs and aspirations.

The survey consists of 16 questions covering domains like housing, health & wellbeing, basic services & mobility, environment, economy, social cohesion & governance. The questions are subjective in nature, allowing the participants to express their views

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Rainfall

Fog/mist in the morning

and mainly clear sky

## Winter Hiking in Debrigarh to explore nature

ARINDAM GANGULY, OP

Sambalpur/Bhubaneswar, **Dec 13:** In a bid to educate and involve people practically with the beauty and richness of nature, a month-long Winter Hiking Programme is being organised by Debrigarh Wildlife Sanctuary

Started December 2, the nature trail would include identification of butterflies, snakes, animals, birds and trees of Debrigarh. The hikers will also identify stars and constellations from the islands of Hirakud Wetland

Altogether 70 hikers from across the country, including Odisha, are undertaking the trail and are divided into five groups. "The programme has two night campings and three day hikings of 16 km upto an altitude of 400 to 500 metres," said



divisional forest officer (DFO) of Hirakud Wildlife Division Anshu Pragyan Das.

Birds like mynas, hoopoes, bulbuls, cuckoos, hornbills,



orions, doves, quails, and painted & common partridges which are visible commonly on forest roads of Debrigarh are

identified by avid naturalist of

Debrigarh Piyush Bhue. Bhabesh Sahu, an expert invitee for identification of snakes, also guides the hikers in preventing snakebites while moving in Jungle is crucial. Snakes like pythons, cobras, kraits, sand boas and others are commonly seen in the forest and wetland areas.

According to sources, almost every hiking team has seen herds of bison and other herbivores grazing near leopards and bears, without being disturbed by the predators. Debrigarh is home to colourful butterflies like painted jezebel. common rose, banded peacock, common lime and commander. Once back home, the hikers can identify these butterflies in their backyards, they added.

Night camping for stargazing experience is scheduled at Cattle Island with zero trash. Bio-toilets are being used there as an eco-friendly measure. Stargazing experts of India Hikes and Debrigarh are jointly guiding the hikers for identifying stars visible from Hirakud Wetland. The open sky spanning over 1,000 sqkm (353 sqkm Debrigarh Sanctuary & 700 sqkm Hirakud Wetland) provides ample scope for stargazing, without any light pollution.

Constellations like Saptarshi Mandal (Ursa Major), Ursa Minor, Orion, Milky Way and other celestial bodies are clearly visible from Cattle Island.

The hikers are mostly from Delhi, Karnataka, Tamil Nadu, West Bengal and Odisha. The first hiking group explored Debrigarh December 2, followed by other groups December 9, 13, 20 and 26.

"The objective of combining different natural elements is to educate and develop positive attitude of people towards nature by involving them practically,' said Das.

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# Zeenat scare in J'khand 2 get life term for minor's gangrape, murder bid

**Tigress on the prowl** forces school closure amid curfew-like situation in villages of the neighbouring state

PNN & AGENCIES

Baripada/Jamshedpur. Dec 13: A curfew-like situation has gripped several villages in the Chakulia block of East Singhbhum (Jamshedpur) district over the past four to five days due to fear of tigress

The tigress, after straying into Jharkhand territory from Simlipal Tiger Reserve (STR) in Mayurbhanj district, has been spotted in the Chiyabandi forest in the neighbouring state, but efforts to capture her have so far been unsuc-

According to the Forest department, Zeenat is reportedly hungry, raising

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Sundargarh, Dec 13: A

tall statue of Mahatma

Gandhi, once surrounded

by a scenic garden at Kirei

Bypass Square, welcomed

visitors from Jharsuguda

to Sundargarh. The spot,

a peaceful retreat offering

a breath of fresh air amid

the dust from coal-laden

trucks, was enjoyed by lo-

in a state of utter neglect.

The dilapidated statue is

covered in coal dust, bird

droppings, and grime,

and is hidden among over-

grown bushes. The garden,

once lush with flowers and

medicinal plants, is now a

dumping ground filled with

garbage, weeds, and broken

tiles. The condition of the

much sought-after spot

highlights the administra-

tion's disregard for what

was once a beautiful space.

The statue was erected

in 2007 by Kaushal Ferro

Metals (Pvt) Ltd (KFM)

and inaugurated on Gandhi

Javanti by the then Collec-

tor Krishan Kumar. KFM

took responsibility for the

construction, beautifica-

tion, and maintenance of

the garden as part of its

Corporate Social Respon-

sibility (CSR) initiative.

The company installed

floodlights, planted flora,

**FM** varsity signs

**MoU with Cll** 

University (FMU) Friday

Balasore: The Fakir Mohan

entered into a Memorandum of

Understanding (MoU) with the

Confederation of Indian Indus-

try (CII), marking a significant

The ceremony was held under the chairmanship of honourable Vice-Chancellor Prof.

Santosh Kumar Tripathy and

attended by guests, including

Behera, and Heads/Coordina

tors of all departments of the

varsity. The programme was

Kumar Parhi, Coordinator of

COO of FMU-TBI, and Pankaj

Kumar Agarwal, Young India (Yi) Chapter Chair, Balasore,

India, who represented CII in the MoU signing ceremony. The MoU highlights a partner

ship that aims to bridge the gap between academia and

industry, focusing on skill enhancement, leadership

munity service initiatives. It

enables FMU students and faculty to engage in diverse programmes organised by CII, particularly through its Yi Yuva platform. The key objectives include enrolling and engaging FMU students in CII Yi Yuva activities, emphasis-

ing leadership and skill-building, facilitating FMU's

participation in national and chapter-level Yi events, fostering broader exposure and networking and promoting joint projects and initiatives focused on self-development,

community service, and

nation-building.

development, and com-

coordinated by Prof. Pankaj

FMU-TBI, Sunendu Navak,

and his team from Young

Registrar Kukumina Das,

PG Chairman Prof. Bhaskar

step towards fostering academic-industry collaboration.

cals and travellers alike.



concerns that she could attack humans if given an opportunity.

The Ghatsila subdivision administration has imposed prohibitory orders in Chiyabandi, Pandrasali, Dhadika, and Kharbandha villages, restricting the movement of people in the area since December 11 to ensure public safety.

Schools in Chiyabandi have been closed, while parents in neighbouring villages are refraining from sending their wards to school out of fear. Panic

Gandhi statue in dilapidated

state in Sundargarh district

and added a high-mast light

with the Municipal Council

and Western Odisha Devel-

opment Council (WODC)

support to ensure the area

The site became a popu-

lar spot for locals, youth,

families, and visitors from

nearby areas. People would

stop there to enjoy the

fresh air, take pictures, or

unwind, particularly on

holidays. Gandhi Jayanti,

Independence Day, and Re-

public Day were regularly

marked with celebrations

at the site, attended by

public officials, students,

In 2017-18, the district

administration withdrew

KFM's maintenance rights

for the statue and garden.

with plans for renovations

and better upkeep. Howev-

er, once the administration

took over, the site fell into

disrepair. No renovations

were carried out, and the

garden slowly deteriorated.

Plants died, tiles and paver

blocks broke at places, wa-

and residents.

was well-lit at night.

has spread across a 20 km radius in the area.

In an attempt to capture the tigress, the Forest department tied a buffalo in the Chiyabandi forest Wednesday as bait. Early Thursday morning, Zeenat attacked the buffalo, but efforts to sedate her using tranquiliser darts failed when the shot missed its mark, allowing her to retreat into the forest.

Zeenat, along with another tigress, Jamuna, was relocated to STR from Maharashtra's Tadoba-Andhari

ter jets and lights stopped

working or were stolen, and

weeds overtook the flower

The area soon became

a place for littering, with

local residents and truck

drivers using it to discard

waste, urinate, and drink

alcohol. Reports of immor-

al activities also surfaced.

people of Sundargarh start-

ed blaming KFM for the

poor condition, despite the fact that the company no lon-

ger had responsibility for it.

Complaints were directed at

KFM, urging them to reno-

vate the site, but without

permission from the admin-

istration, KFM is unable to

act. Meanwhile, the district

administration has shown

no interest in restoring the

site, leading to growing re-

hi memorial and garden

now lie in a neglected, di-

lapidated state, a stark con-

trast to the vibrant space it

The once-beautiful Gand-

sentment among locals.

As the site deteriorated.

Tiger Reserve (TATR) in October-November. After spending 10 days in a soft enclosure, Zeenat was released into Simlipal North's core area November 24.

However, she ventured out of the reserve Monday night, crossing approximately 35km to reach Jharkhand's Chiyabandi forest via Gudabanda, Chakulia Nayagram, and Rajabasa.

The tigress is being tracked using a radio collar and GPS. A team of 20 Forest personnel has been deployed to monitor her movements, and discussions are going on between the Jharkhand and Odisha governments to strategise her safe capture and return to Simlipal.

STR Field Director Prakash Chand Gogineni confirmed that concerted efforts are going on to bring Zeenat back to her habitat. The Forest departments of both states are working collaboratively to ensure her safety and mitigate risks to local communities

## **Ganjam police** raid country liquor units;

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A total of 20 people were arrested and nearly 2 lakh litres of country liquor along with raw materials, breweries, cooking utensils, plastic drums, and oth er items were destroyed

during the operation.

Police also seized around 135 liquor cooking utensils, 402 plastic drums, liquor barrels and pouches, 13 gunny bags of mahua flowers. five water pump sets, two pistols, and two

# 20 arrested

The raid was carried out in several villages under Badapalli panchayat at 5am Friday morning by a team comprising two additional SPs, 20 IICs, and 15 pla-

toons of police force.

motorcycles.

Berhampur, Dec 13: Special POCSO Court of Judge Pranati Pattnaik Friday sentenced two youths to life imprisonment after convicting them in a case of gangrape and attempted murder of a minor girl in

The judge also imposed a fine of ₹35,000 on each of the convicts, identified as Ruturaj Behera, 33, and Hemant Behera, 31, residents of Golanthara police station area. In default, they have to undergo an additional oneyear jail term each, the judge ordered. The court also directed the District Legal Services Authori-



ty (DLSA) to provide ₹15 lakh compensation to the victim.

According to the case diary, the incident took place January 28 in 2021, when the victim, a nineyear-old girl, was playing with her brother on the village road. The two ried, lured the girl into a house with the promise of chocolates, where they took turns to rape the girl. Hearing her cries, her brother raised an alarm, attracting the attention of the villagers.

In order to silence the girl, the accused slit her throat and hit her head with a stone before fleeing. However, villagers managed to catch them. The unconscious girl was rescued and taken to MK-CG Medical College and Hospital here.

Police reached the scene and arrested the duo after the villagers handed them over. The victim's family filed a complaint at the police station, leading to the registration of a case (27/21). A stone found at the crime scene was seized by the police. The accused were subsequently re-

manded to court. After receiving treatment at MKCG, the victim was transferred to SCB Medical College and Hos pital at Cuttack due to the severity of her injuries The victim has been left incapacitated after losing eyesight and hearing abil ity completely.

The judge delivered the verdict after examining the testimonies of 25 witnesses and police chargesheet, said Public Prosecutor Narayana



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#### Public Prosecutor Pankaj Kumar Das said. A case was registered under IPC section 376 (rape). The verdict was based on the statement of the victim, her medical report and the statements of nine witnesses.

7 yrs in jail for woman's rape

Baripada: A man was sentenced to seven years in jail by

a court in Mayurbhanj district Friday for raping a 30-year

Sessions Court in Rairangour also imposed a fine of ₹5.000

old woman. Judge V Sujata of Additional District and

on the convict. The woman was returning home from a

2020, when the 40-year-old man offered her a lift. He

weekly market in the Bisoyi police station area June 11,

eventually took her to a forest and raped her, Additional

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1.	557677610000821	Sasadhar Prusty, S/o- Khirod Prusty, At: Ambura, PO: Belarpur, Dist.: Kendrapara.	14.860	13.718	₹61,000.00			
Ţ	BANK OF INDIA, CHANDANPUR BRANCH, CHANDANPUR BAZAR, CHANDANPUR, PURI-752012, MOB.: 7020771271							
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2.	516477610002607	2607 Sita Raut, W/o- Jagannatha Rout, At: Arolpatana, Chandanpur, Puri-752012 13.900 ₹57,053.00						
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1.	510977610000430	Shailabala Das, W/o- Prasant Kumar Das, Namatara, Charpada, Kendrapara, Odisha, PIN-755016	14.940	12.690	₹50,948.56			
2.	510977610000098	Dasarath Behera, S/o- Mayadhar Behera, At: Bangore, Chhotagadi, Dist.: Jajpur, Odisha, PIN-755016	21.575	21.400	₹83,727.33			
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BANK OF INDIA, AYATANA BRANCH, AT/PO: AYATAN, PS: RAJKANIKA, DIST.: KENDRAPARA, ODISHA, PIN-754220, MOB.: 9776844803								
1.	510877610000553	Suresh Chandra Mohanty, S/o- Srinivas Mohanty, At: Jayakund, PO: Katana, PS: Rajkanika, Kendrapara, Odisha, PIN-754220	22.250	18.910	₹81,583.00			
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Whosoever has courage can give courage to others, just as the flame of the candle can light up another.

THE MOTHER



**BABUDOM** 

## SEBI's Dilemma

EBI is no stranger to turbulence, but the latest row might signal deeper cracks within its ranks. The appointment of Shikha Gupta, a former taxation head at Hindustan Unilever Ltd (HUL), as Executive Director (ED) has reportedly ruffled feathers among SEBI's employees. Their contention? A deep-seated belief that such positions should go to internal candidates, not external hires parachuting in.

This discontent comes amid a swirling controversy surrounding SEBI Chairperson Madhabi Puri Buch, already under scrutiny following allegations tied to the Hindenburg report. Adding fuel to the fire is Gupta's rumored connection to Buch—her husband's longstanding association with HUL raises questions about impartiality. While the optics aren't ideal, is the uproar entirely justified?

Critics argue that external appointments, though unsettling, can bring fresh perspectives. Shikha Gupta's corporate experience could potentially inject SEBI with innovative approaches, especially in navigating taxation complexities. Yet, this optimism is overshadowed by SEBI's internal dynamics. Its employees appear to view this as another instance of sidelining its own talent—a sentiment exacerbated by memories of Pramod Rao's appointment from ICICI Bank in 2022, which triggered similar dissent.

The larger issue here is the perceived erosion of SEBI's autonomy. When top roles are filled with outsiders, particularly those linked to private sector powerhouses, it's easy for whispers of cronyism to gain traction. For SEBI to maintain its credibility, it must address this trust deficit. Transparent hiring practices and robust communication

with its internal teams would go a long way in quelling such

Ultimately, the question SE-

**BYTES** BI faces isn't just about Gup-Dilip Cherian ta's appointment—it's about whether the regulator is doing

enough to balance internal aspirations with the need for external expertise. Getting that balance right is critical for its future.

#### Leadership transition in RBI

As the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) prepares for a leadership transition, all eyes are on Revenue Secretary Sanjay Malhotra, who has been appointed as the new RBI Governor for a three-year term starting Wednesday. His appointment comes as the financial world speculates on the future of the outgoing Governor, Shaktikanta Das, whose extended tenure concluded with the recent monetary policy announcement.

Das, a veteran babu with an uncanny ability to sidestep contentious queries, has kept everyone guessing about his plans. Even as whispers of a behind-the-scenes campaign for an extension swirl—fueled by rumours of his visit to a Chennai hospital added to the prolonged

Das' tenure has been pivotal, marked by stability and a steady hand during turbulent times. Appointed after the unexpected exit of Urjit Patel in 2018, Das steered the RBI through the pandemic-induced economic upheaval. His administration delivered bold monetary measures, including the latest CRR cut, which is expected to infuse Rs 1.16 lakh crore into the banking system.

Yet, the government's choice of Das—and now Malhotra—signals a clear preference for seasoned administrators over candidates selected solely on performance metrics. While Das' leadership underscored continuity and control, it also spotlighted a shift away from independent-minded central banking.

As Malhotra steps into this high-stakes role, the financial community will keenly watch how he balances the RBI's autonomy with the government's expectations. The baton has been passed, but the challenges of inflation, growth, and global financial headwinds remain as pressing as ever.

#### **CBI's changing approach**

The Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) is getting a makeover or at least, that's the idea behind the new rules the government has notified. The aim? To bring in more diversity at the Superintendent of Police (SP) level by opening up the doors to professionals from outside the Indian Police Service (IPS).

Until now, only 15 of the 75 SP-level deputation posts could be filled by officers from non-police backgrounds. That number has now been bumped up to 18. It may not seem like a seismic shift, but in bureaucracy-speak, even small tweaks signal intent.

The new rules allow half the SP posts in CBI to be filled through deputation and the rest through promotions. And it's not just the IPS officers in the mix anymore. The expanded pool includes members of All India Services, Central Police Organizations, organized Group 'A' services of the Central Government, and even state and Union Territory police organizations.

This shift isn't just about filling seats but equipping the CBI to handle complex financial crimes and multidisciplinary investigations better. Financial shenanigans today often demand expertise beyond traditional policing—think forensic auditing, financial analysis, and cybercrime tracking. Having onboard officers with such skill sets is a step in the right direction.

That said, the four-year cap on deputation tenure remains intact. While it ensures a constant inflow of fresh talent, it also means the clock is ticking for these specialists to make an impact.

This move reflects a slow acknowledgement that crime-solving in the 21st century needs more than just a badge and a baton. It needs minds that think differently-and now, the CBI seems ready to embrace that change.

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#### WISDOM CORNER

Truth, like gold, is to be obtained not by its growth, but by washing away from it all that is not gold.

What people think in their heart gets out, no matter how much they try to hide it.

It is a melancholy truth that even great men have their poor

#### THIS DAY IN HISTORY

- 1503: French astrologer and physician Nostradamus, the most widely read seer of the Renaissance, was born.
- 1799: George Washington, the first president of the United States of America, died at age 67.
- 1911: One of the greatest figures in the history of polar exploration was Norwegian explorer Roald Amundsen, who left Norway for Antarctica in June 1910 and became the first person to reach the South Pole.

#### FOCUS CLIMATE CHANGE

# COP29 & WOMEN

(COP29) focused on finance, but it fell short in more ways than one. The contentious negotiations representatives from several developing countries walked out in protest – defied the odds to produce a commitment-the "Baku Climate Unity Pact" – from developed economies to deliver \$300 billion in climate funding annually to their poorer counterparts by 2035. That is triple the target agreed upon in 2009 (and reached, for the first time, in 2022), but it is nowhere near the estimated \$1.3 trillion in annual financing that developing economies will need over this period. Although

the agreement represents

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Change Conference

progress, we must recognize it as merely a starting point. But insufficient financing is only part of the problem. The reality is that as world leaders clashed in Baku amid unprecedented international tensions, the true battle being waged was for the future of climate finance and women's role in it. Women and children are 14 times more likely to die in climate-related disasters than men, and women comprise 80% of those displaced by extreme weather. These disparities are not incidental but are rooted in systemic inequalities. Yet the so-called New Collective Quantified Goal on climate finance includes just one reference to women and girls: in paragraph 26, it "urges parties and other relevant actors to promote the inclusion and extension of benefits to vulnerable communities and groups in climate finance efforts, includ-

Women and girls' greater vulnerability to climate change reflects systemic inequality of access to education, economic opportunities, and decision-making power. These differences are also apparent at climate-related forums. While this year's COP was heralded as the most gen-

ing women and girls.'



To transform COP29's promises into reality, we need clear international guidelines for gender integration, backed by allocated budgets, measurable targets, and participatory approaches to ensure effective, transparent, and accountable climate finance

der-balanced in terms of registrations, women accounted for just 35% of delegates (up from 34% at COP28).

Climate initiatives that explicitly include women have been shown to produce better outcomes for entire communities. Moreover, women are already leading some of the most innovative and effective climate initiatives globally, in areas ranging from sustainable agriculture to renewable-energy deployment.

The conclusion should be obvious: the potential for gender-responsive climate finance to unlock more efficient pathways for decarbonisation, adaptation, and resilience makes it a strategic necessity. And yet for every \$100 of climate finance deployed globally, only 20 cents goes toward supporting women, and only 0.01% of climate finance addresses both climate action and women's rights.

Even so, COP29 was not a total loss for women and girls. The enhanced Lima work program on gender was extended for another decade, though without additional funding for the UN Framework Convention on Climate Change (UN-FCCC) secretariat to support implementation. In addition, the 27 gender-specific provisions in the final "Presidency text on gender and climate change" emphasized the vital role of women's full, meaningful, and equal participation in climate action and the critical importance of incorporating gender considerations into all policymaking domains. The "gender action plan" that countries agreed to develop for adoption at COP30 provides a framework for progress.

Despite these commitments, COP29 fell short in addressing critical intersectional issues such as the links between gender equality, peace-building, and climate action. Similarly, calls to address gender gaps in skills - such as STEM (science, technology, engineering, and mathematics) training to access green jobs – and the care economy as part of climate action failed to make it into the final document. While the text encouraged gender-responsive climate finance and simplified access for grassroots women's organizations and Indigenous communities, it lacked the structural push necessary to ensure implementation at scale.

To transform COP29's promises into reality, we need clear international guidelines for gender integration, backed by allocated budgets, measurable targets, and participatory approaches to ensure effective, transparent, and accountable climate finance. High priority should be given to financing local initiatives, particularly in informal settlements, where women often lead climate-resilience efforts. Robust tracking systems - which monitor not only how much money is pledged, but also where it goes and who it benefits - are essential.

Of course, international action alone cannot close the gender gap in climate action; national policy frameworks are also vital. And here, too, women continue to be sidelined. According to the latest analysis from the UNFCCC, 82% of countries mention gender in their nationally determined contributions (NDCs), but fewer than 26% include meaningful gender considerations in their long-term strategies and investments. As countries prepare their updated NDCs to be submitted this February and assessed at COP30 in November - they must take care to incorporate gender-specific programs and policies.

We do not know whether the international environment will be any less tense when countries gather in Brazil for COP30. But we do know that the failure to pursue meaningful climate action would carry astronomical costs, as the proliferation of deadly climate disasters results in lost lives and trillions of dollars in lost output. We also know that if the fight against climate change is to succeed, it must be as inclusive as it is transformative. That is why COP30 offers us a unique opportunity to reflect on our priorities and align gender equality with the Paris climate agreement and the Sustainable Development Goals.

Director of GWL Voices and Co-Chair of the Debt Relief for a Green and Inclusive Recovery Project. ©PROJECT SYNDICATE

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#### SPECTRUM RAILWAYS

María Fernanda

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## Extortion in the name of dynamic fare



Shivaji Sarkar

**DETAILED STATEMENT OF THE DEPARTMENT REVEALS THAT INDIAN RAILWAYS DO NOT GIVE A PAISA AS SUBSIDY** 

nome debate or discussions never end. So are the rail subsidies that, rail knows, have never been offered. But now someone in Parliament surprisingly says that railways subsidises 46 per cent fares of all classes.

None has challenged the fallacious statement and the person has got uninterrupted publicity. Some connoisseurs on the social sites have, however, stated that never since the inception rail has given a paisa as subsidy. Railways subsist itself and it does not get a paisa from the government. There is no scope for a subsidy.

Why should one make such an unsubstantiated statement on the floor of the house? At least the person could have seen various details present on various books, files and sites. This is not the first time that such claim is made. In 2019 too it was said that Rs 35000 were rail subsidies. It was later refuted.

Presenting the 2019-20 Interim Budget, Piyush Goyal

said that capital expenditure is pegged at Rs 64,587 core, a mere rise of Rs 15,687 crore over Suresh Prabhu's figures. It means even after the merger of the Rail Budget with the Union Budget, the Railways is paying for all of it, which only means that the Centre does not have to bear the cost of investment in railways. The subsidy is a myth.

Why are the people being implored to give up and for whom? The railways misstatement also has a cost. This calls for transparency and a national debate. The CAG noted that about Rs 14,000 crore surplus known in the 2018-19 budget is incorrect.

The Railways has a system of cross-subsidy. Often it is said that passenger earnings are not enough, so freight earnings are used to subsidise it. This is happening since 1950s proving that except for the bureaucratic jargon there is no loss. So, why 1300 stations being demolished and for whose benefit? Why is this extra expenditure?

No one stated about the ex-

tortion in the name of dynamic fare (DF) that has jacked up basic fares many times. The railways are silent on how much extra it earned for rendering no service by inflating fares and subsuming full fares on waitlisted tickets, causing inhuman troubles to the genuine passengers

No Nirmala Sitharaman or Vaishnav stated that in the budget. It gives astounding figures of fare collection, certainly due to DF.

Bereft of media attention or scrutiny, the regime could bask immediately in the glow of a "massive" increase in outlay without delivering anything substantial at all. This tested model was applied to the railway finances

Undoubtedly, there is no subsidy at any level. But railways launched well-planned propaganda on its tickets and other instruments cajoling the people to give up "subsidy", which is not there. It causes severe loss to senior citizens.

In monetary terms neither the railways nor the govern-

ment is having any loss but it is silent about the extra earnings from DF and harassment to the travellers. Why should not railway refund unconfirmed waitlisted ticket fare with a minimum interest rate?

According to Vaishnaw. the Railways have actually borrowed less than what was provisioned for. But he is shy of admitting that there is no subsidy by railways or the government.

Incidentally, the Indian Railway Finance Corporation (IRFC) will abstain from borrowings, for the second consecutive year in FY 2025. In FY2024, the organisation did not raise funds, while in FY23 it raised over Rs 30,000 crore, as per the Budget documents. This shows that rail finances are in good health.

The detailed statements reveal the reality. The railway services are becoming deficient with higher DF but also higher actual savings. Let us admit, Indian Railways do not give a paisa as subsidy.

TO THE EDITOR

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Gukesh's David game

Sir, Gukesh Dommaraju from Tamil Nadu has done India proud and his state even more by becoming the youngest to win the World Chess Championship at an age of 18. He has broken the decades-long record of Garry Kasparov, who annexed the world championship at the age of 22. The path of his victory against the formidable opponent Ding Liren, the reigning champion, was not a bed of roses but full of tense moments till Ding resigned from the 14th deciding match crestfallen. Finally, Gukesh, the Indian David, outclassed the mighty Chinese Dragon. No doubt, the humble and unassuming Gukesh has become a great inspiration to all our young chess players. Rest assured that more and more of our chess players are going to add golden pages in the history book of Indian chess with their sterling performance, following the footsteps of Gukesh and our other grandmasters. It is also heartening to learn that TN Chief Minister MK Stalin has announced a cash prize of Rs 5 crores to Gukesh, the new world chess champion... Tharcius S. Fernando, CHENNAI

Respecting rights

Sir, Nelson Mandela had said that to deny individuals their human rights is to challenge their very humanity adding as long as poverty, injustice and gross inequality persist in our world, no one can truly rest. Governments of the world are duty-bound to secure the fundamental right of every individual, although it does not always happen that way. The right to equality and freedom from discrimination, the right to life, right to liberty, and the right to personal security are some basic universal human rights. The right to privacy, right to believe in and choose a religion, and freedom of opinion are others. Race, colour, religion, sex, language, leanings, and origin—none should come in the way of people fully enjoying their rights. When interference becomes a routine, inequality becomes the rule, much to the detriment of citizens. Perhaps poverty is the greatest challenge to human rights and needs to be tackled as an obligation. That should happen fast because a right delayed is a right denied. Denial of rights can be akin to a social death sentence for an individual.

Ganapathi Bhat, AKOLA



## TWO STATES





## Villagers on mission to 'Govt can't turn blind eye to public inconvenience' kill Maoists in Jharkhand

As many as 10 Maoists have been killed in the last 10 days



Chaibasa, Dec 13: A violent campaign led by villagers against extremists, Maoists, and illegal traders has intensified in the Gudri, Tebo, Goilkera, Sonua, and Anandpur areas of Jharkhand's West Singhbhum district.

Armed with traditional weapons such as bows, arrows, spears, and axes, thousands of villagers are pa-

trolling the forested region, covering around 40 kms, and are reportedly holding 'Jan Adalats (people's courts)' to capture and execute

According to reports, as many as 10 people have been killed in the last 10 days. However, West Singhbhum Superintendent of Police (SP), Ashutosh Shekhar, said that no dead body has been recovered

yet by them despite an extensive search for the remains.

"There is information about killportedly executed on the spot.

ed two youths from Odisha who had come to Goilkera in Chaibasa Wednesday. Sheikh Shahid Ali and Sheikh Nazir, both residents of Rairangpur, Odisha, were reported missing Tuesday. Their families have raised concerns, fearing they may have been killed after being mistaken for cattle smugglers. They have written to the SPs of Mayurbhanj and Chaibasa seeking

### **HISTORIC MOVEMENT**

### Birhor tribe unites against child marriage in J'khand

belonging to the Birhor tribe, a particularly vulnerable tribal group in Jharkhand, have joined a movement against child marriage in Giridih for the first time, according to an organisation working in the field of protection of children's rights.

Birhor people are forest-dependent, belong to a semi-nomadic tribal community and are economically and socially much behind others.

Children's rights protection body Just Rights for Children Alliance (JRC) said, "Something different happened in Jharkhand's Giridih dis-

trict. For the first time, hundreds of people from the Birhor community joined a movement for a social cause. In the dimming light of dusk, people from the community came out of their dwellings to gather against child marriage, a rampant practice among the community.

This was the first time that community members were made aware of the consequences and legalities of child marriage and how to prevent the same, the organisation claimed.

Standing under the glow of burning candles, youth, children, women, and elders took a collective pledge to work towards ending child marriage, it said.

ings in the forested areas. A campaign is underway to recover the bodies. Until we retrieve them, we cannot confirm these incidents officially," he said. The situation has escalated to the point where villagers have imposed an undeclared curfew, barring outsiders from entering the area. Anyone caught with a mobile phone or suspected of illegal activities is re-

Villagers allegedly apprehend-

#### **GOVERNMENT OF ODISHA** OFFICE OF THE SUPERINTENDING ENGINEER (SP. M.I. DIVISION GANJAM NO-1, BERHAMPUR ODISHA INTEGRATED IRRIGATION PROJECT FOR CLIMATE

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Name of Work		:	Modernisation works of Mino ects under OIIPCRA in Ganja	

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1	Cost of Bid Document	Ī	Free of Cost
1	Time for Completion	:	As per DTCN
1	Date of Pre-Bid Meeting	ŀ	On Dt.30.12.2024 11.30 Hrs.
	Availability of Bid		From 16.12.2024 at 10.00 Hours to 15.01.2025 Upto 15.00 Hours in the E-Procurement website (https://www.tendersodisha.gov.in)
1	Last date & time of receipt of bid	:	Upto 15.01.2025, 15.00 Hrs. through online
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1	Date of Opening of technical bids	:	On Dt.16.01.2024 At 15.30 Hours onwards
	Date of Opening of financial bid	:	To be intimated online after off-line evaluation of Technical Bid
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Date: 14.12.2024 M.I. Divn. Ganjam-I, Berhampur

### **PANCHAMASALI PROTEST**

to the Suvarna Vidhana Soudha in Belagavi. The chief minister said the government has no problem with the Panchamasali community demanding reservation under 2A category and agitating, but the protest should be peaceful. He appealed that no one should take the law into their own hands.

"If anyone takes the law into their hands and causes trouble to people, then the government will not turn a blind eye," Siddaramaiah told report-

The Panchamasali community is demanding their including under 2A, the category, which enjoys 15 per cent reservation in education institutions and government jobs. Presently the community is under 3B category which gets five per cent reservation.

The chief minister underlined that the law is equal for everyone, be it Swami or anyone else.

Stating that everyone is free to put forth a demand, he said the govern ment will act according to the Constitution. Regarding the Opposition's allegation that the police pelted stones at the people of the Panchamasali com munity during the siege of Suvarna Soudha, Siddaramaiah said that he would show photos of the agitators throwing stones and pushing the bar-



Vijayapura (Karnataka), Dec 13:

Karnataka Chief Minister Siddara-

maiah Tuesday defended the lathi

charge by police on the Panchamasali

agitators, saying that the government

cannot turn a blind eye if someone

takes law into their hands and causes

men were injured when the demon-

stration by a section of people from

the Panchamasali community turned

violent, compelling police to resort

to lathi charge in Belagavi Tuesday.

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The Panchamasali agitators led

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Gold Loan A/C No.: GL30425822, GL31621073, GL33549046, GL33415863, GL33369032, GL31062481, GL28499372,

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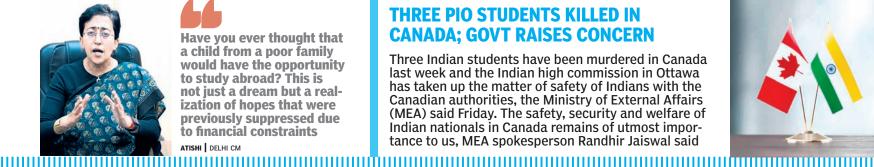
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#### THREE PIO STUDENTS KILLED IN **CANADA; GOVT RAISES CONCERN**

Three Indian students have been murdered in Canada last week and the Indian high commission in Ottawa has taken up the matter of safety of Indians with the Canadian authorities, the Ministry of External Affairs (MEA) said Friday. The safety, security and welfare of Indian nationals in Canada remains of utmost importance to us, MEA spokesperson Randhir Jaiswal said



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government has been issuing orders to close them many times. Despite this, open borewells are commonly found in villages ASHOK GEHLOT | EX RAJASTHAN CM

#### SHORT **TAKES**

#### Severed human head found in garbage

Kolkata: A severed human head, suspected of that of a woman aged between 35 and 40, was recovered from a garbage dump in Kolkata's Tollygunge area Friday morning, police said. Local people spotted a plastic bag containing the body part in a vat on Graham Road under Golf Green police station area early this morning, they said. Senior police officers of the South Suburban Division, along with personnel from local police stations, rushed to the spot and started an investigation.

#### **Neighbour held for** raping 12-yr-old girl

Ballia (UP): A 30-year-old for allegedly raping a minor girl in his neighbourhood, police said. The accused had lured the 12-year-old girl to his home on some pretext in the Kotwali area Thursday evening where he raped her, a senior officer said. "On the complaint of the girl's mother, an FIR was lodged and Sandeep Pandey was arrested Friday," Ballia Superintendent of Police Vikrant Veer said.

#### TN continues to reel under rain

Chennai: Rain continued to batter several districts across Tamil Nadu Friday and the Thamirabarani river was in spate due to continuous downpour in the southern districts. Tamil Nadu Chief Minister M K Stalin called up the collectors of Tirunelveli, Tenkasi, and Thoothukudi districts and enquired with them about the damage caused by the rain and the steps being taken to ensure people's safety.

#### 2 Bangladeshi immigrants held

New Delhi: Delhi Police have apprehended two illegal Bangladeshi immigrants and identified over 1,000 others, an official said Friday. Deputy Commissioner of Police (southeast) Ravi Kumar Singh said, "We have identified more than 1,000 people during our drive and apprehended two men from Kalindi Kunj and Hazrat Nizzamuddin area.' The city police launched a drive for the identification of illegal Bangladeshi immigrants residing in Delhi Wednesday, a day after the LG Secretariat ordered a crackdown on such persons.

#### **DAY OF DIFFERING VERDICTS IN BENGAL**

## **Rape-murder invites** death sentence for one, bail for others



Kolkata, Dec 13: On a day when a key suspect of the evidence tampering case in the rape-murder of the RG Kar hospital medic walked on account of the CBI's failure to file a timely chargesheet, the West Bengal Police secured capital punishment for a convict of a similar crime on a minor and life imprisonment for his accomplice.

This was the second such

success of the state police inside a week, after it secured death sentence for a 19-year-old man for raping and murdering a 10-year-old school student in Joynagar's Kultali in South 24 Parganas district December 6. Conviction and sentencing of the Farakka and Kultali cases were completed in about two months, leading Chief Minister Mamata Baneriee to laud the achievements of both police and justice system in the state for wrapping up air-tight investigations, and delivering speedy justice to the victims' kin by awarding harshest punishments to the guilty.

In a sharp distinction, though, the Sealdah court in Kolkata Friday granted bail to former officer-in-charge of Tala police station Abhijit Mondal and RG Kar hospital ex-principal Sandip Ghosh in evidence tampering charges of the on-duty medic's rape and murder after the CBI, which is investigating the case on a Calcutta High Court order, couldn't file chargesheet against them within the mandatory 90-day

period, a lawyer representing Ghosh said. While Mondal was accused of alleged delay in filing of FIR in the case, Ghosh was charged with tampering of

Mondal's lawyer told reporters outside the court that he will walk out of the correctional home where he is incarcerated on judicial remand. Ghosh, who is on judicial remand in another case of alleged financial irregularities at RG Kar hospital, will, however, remain behind bars despite being granted bail in the rape-murder case.

The failure to file the chargesheet has led certain sections to question whether the agency ever had solid grounds to arrest the accused and detain them behind bars for nearly four months, like it has been claiming before courts so far. The central probe agency, though, has filed a chargesheet against the prime accused, Sanjay Roy, in the rape-mur-

Adding to the angst of the parents of the RG Kar hospital victim. Friday's developments led them to state they were heartbroken with the two key suspects in the case getting bail, and that it seemed like the "system" was failing them.

The rape and murder of the on-duty doctor shocked the state, leading to never-seen-before protests across West Bengal. Both the Kultali and Farakka crimes were committed at a time when unprecedented agitations were rocking the state in protest against the RG Kar hospital incident.

#### Bomb hoax once again haunts Delhi schools

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New Delhi, Dec 13: Around 30 schools in Delhi received bomb threats over e-mail in the early hours of Friday, triggering a multi-agency search of their premises, officials said.

Nothing suspicious was found in any of the schools after the searches, they added. The latest threats come close on the heels of at least 44 schools receiving similar e-mails December 9

Police had declared those threats as hoaxes. The Special Cell of the Delhi Police has registered a case of criminal

intimidation and conspiracy but it is yet to get any lead on the culprits. Reacting to the development, former Delhi chief minister Arvind Kejriwal pointed out that it was the second such instance within a week and wondered how these bomb threats would affect the children.

A Delhi Fire Services official said, "We received calls (regarding the threat e-mails) from the Bhatnagar International School in Paschim Vihar (4:21 am), Cambridge School in Sriniwaspuri (6:23 am) and DPS Amar Colony in East of Kailash (6:35 am)."

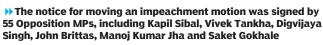
## New Delhi, Dec 13: Members

of several Opposition parties Friday moved a notice in the Rajya Sabha for the impeachment of Allahabad High Court Judge Shekhar Kumar Yadav over his alleged controversial remarks at a recent event,

The notice for moving an impeachment motion was signed by 55 Opposition MPs, including Kapil Sibal, Vivek Tankha, Digvijaya Singh, John Brittas, Manoj Kumar Jha and Saket Gokhale. The MPs met the Rajya Sabha secretary general and handed over the notice for impeachment, the sources said.

The notice for the motion was moved under the Judges (Inquiry) Act, 1968, and Article 218 of the Constitution, seeking initiation of proceedings for impeachment of Justice Yadav. The notice mentioned that the speech/lecture **ALLAHABAD HC JUDGE'S IMPEACHMENT** 





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delivered by Justice Yadav in an event organised by the Vishva Hindu Parishad (VHP) prima facie showed that he "engaged in hate speech and incitement to communal dis-

harmony in violation of the Constitution of India"

It also mentioned that the judge prima facie showed that he targeted minorities and displayed bias and preju-

Opposition submits notice in RS: Sources dice against them. It went on to further state that the judge showed that Justice Yaday entered into public debate or expressed his views in public on political matters relating to a uniform civil code, in violation of the Restatement of Values of Judicial Life, 1997 At a VHP function December 8, Justice Yadav said the main aim of a uniform civil code was to promote social harmony, gender equality and secularism.

A day later, videos of the judge speaking on provocative issues, including the law working according to the majority, were circulated widely on social media, prompting strong reactions from sever al quarters, including Oppo sition leaders. The Supreme Court Tuesday took note of news reports over the purport ed controversial statements of Justice Yaday function and sought details from Allahabad High Court on the issue.



A flock of seagulls, near the causeway of Tapi River in Surat, Gujarat

## B'lore police summon Atul's wife

The 34-year-old techie ended his life Monday in Bangalore, alleging harassment at the hands of his estranged wife and her family

Jaunpur (UP), Dec 13: As part of its probe into the suicide of engineer Atul Subhash, the Bangalore City Police Friday issued a summons to his wife Nikita Singhania and asked her to appear before it within three days.

The 34-year-old techie ended his life Monday in Bengaluru, alleging harassment at the hands of his estranged wife and her family.

A four-member Bangalore-City Police team led by sub-inspector Sanjeet Kumar arrived at Singhania's residence in the Khowa Mandi area in this Uttar Pradesh district around 11 am and pasted the notice for her summons.

According to Circle Officer (City) Ayush Srivastava, the Bengaluru City Police notice said, "Nikita Singhania to ap-



pear before the investigating officer at Marathahalli police station. Bangalore, within three days for interrogation regarding the circumstances surrounding the death of her husband, Atul Subhash.'

The notice, addressed solely to Singhania, did not mention other accused family members, including her mother Nisha

TECHIE SUICIDE Singhania, uncle Sushil Singhania and brother Anurag Singhania despite their names being in the FIR. At the time the notice was pasted, the main door of the house was locked and no family members were present.

> The Bengaluru City Police team arrived in Jaunpur late Thursday. After meeting Superintendent of Police Ajay Pal Sharma, the team proceeded to the city police station for further action.

The team planned to visit the civil court in Jaunpur to gather information about cases previously filed by Singhania, Srivastava said.

Subhash, a 34-year-old engineer, died by suicide in Bengaluru December 9, allegedly due to harassment by his estranged wife and her family. A case of abetment to suicide has been filed against Singhania and her family members.

#### Maharashtra cabinet expansion Dec 15

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Mumbai, Dec 13: The cabinet expansion of the BJP-led Ma harashtra government would take place December 15 with the new ministers taking the oath of office at a ceremony in Nagpur, official sources

said Friday A senior BJP leader told PTI that 30-32 ministers are likely to take oath. The week-long winter session of the state legislature is slated to begin in Nagpur, Maha rashtra's second capital, from De cember 16. Devendra Fadnavis took oath as Chief Minister with Shiv Sena leader Eknath Shinde and NCP chief Ajit Pawar as his deputies at a grand ceremony in Mumbai December 5. The coun cil of ministers in Maharashtra can have a maximum of 43 members including the chief minister. Meanwhile, state BJP chief Chandrashekhar Bawankule Friday met deputy CMs Shinde and Ajit Pawar separately to finalise cabinet formation.

## 'Judging women based on clothes shows misogynistic prejudice'

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Kochi, Dec 13: The Kerala High Court has held that judging women on the basis of their clothes or expecting them to be sad on getting divorce are indications of a "misogynistic prejudice" and "reinforce a very skewed gender stereotype".

The observation by a bench of Justices Devan Ramachandran and M B Snehalatha divorce and had an account on a dating app.

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der roles and patriarchy have trickled down into societies and guides our thoughts and actions"

'We unfortunately continue to follow and perpetuate such unconsciously, which surely warrants continuous education and close introspection," It said. The bench further said that in the "heteronormative context, being feminine is construed as synonymous to being autonomy and scrutinize their choices; and they are supposed to adhere to certain standards, including their choice of clothes and appearances. "Such unwritten norms perpetuate ca sual sexism and strengthen the glass ceiling for women, with control being considered exclusive to men.' Referring to the Family

Court's reasons for granting custody to the father, the High Court said that the lower court found the mother to be a person of loose morals as the husband alleged that she wore revealing dresses and had posted her pic-

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#### SC GRANTS CONDITIONAL **FUTURE BAIL TO PARTHA**

In an innovative approach, the Supreme Court Friday granted conditional future bail to former West Bengal minister Partha Chatterjee, who has been in jail in connection with a money-laundering case related to the alleged cash-for-jobs scam in the state, and expedited the trial



## 101 farmers to resume march today

Chandigarh, Dec 13: Samyukta Kisan Morcha leader Rakesh Tikait Friday met Punjab farmer leader Jagjit Singh Dallewal, whose fast-unto-death entered the eighteenth day, at Khanauri border and called for unity of farmers' groups for a "joint fight".

Tikait was accompanied by SKM leader Harinder Singh Lakhowal. Meanwhile, a group of 101 farmers under the banner of Samyukta Kisan Morcha (Non-Political) and Kisan Mazdoor Morcha, would make another attempt to march on foot December 14 to Delhi from the Shambhu border in the afternoon, farmer leader Sarwan Singh Pandher told reporters at the Shambhu protest site.

At Khanauri, Tikait, who is also Bharatiya Kisan Union's spokesperson, said, "Dallewal ji is our big leader and we are worried about his health, are worried". "We are worried about his health...the government should take cognizance.. It does not seem that Dallewal will take back his fast-unto-

Prayagraj (UP), Dec 13: The

Maha Kumbh 2025 a "mahayag-

ya of unity" which would take

the country's cultural and spir-

itual identity to new heights,

Prime Minister Narendra Mo-

di said Friday, emphasising the

event's role in promoting social

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the prime minister said the dif-

ferences of castes and sects dis-

appear at the event. The prime

minister inaugurated 167 key

Addressing a public meeting



death till the time the government does not hold talks and meets their demands," he said.

When asked should all outfits, which formed the SKM during the agitation against now repealed farm laws, not join hands to fight the battle for farmers' rights effectively, Tikait said, "we have formed a committee which will communicate with the groups". A strategy will be devised on the future course of action, he said.

Tikait said the Centre will have to be shown the might of farmers and for this Delhi will not have to be surrounded at the borders like in the previous

development projects worth

₹5,500 crore. The projects also

included Sah'AI'yak Chatbot --

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Modi said the city of

Prayagraj, which hosts the

Maha Kumbh every 12 years, is

not just a geographical location,

the Maha Kumbh.

agitation against now repealed farm laws, but by surrounding the national capital from the KMP (Kundli-Manesar-Palwal expressway).

He was asked that the government will agree to farmers' demands only when all farmers outfits join hands.

In reply, Tikait said, "The agitation (against now repealed farm laws) ran for 13 months at Delhi's borders... the government once again needs 4 lakh tractors.

Replying to a question, he alleged that the Centre has a policy that farmers' outfits should get divided to suit their agenda.

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ence of the Ganga, Yamuna, and

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role in uniting people from all

walks of life. "The Maha Kumbh

is a mahayagya of unity," Modi

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cultural and spiritual identity

"In the last Kumbh, I had the

#### **DELHI COURT SENDS NARESH BALYAN TO** JUDICIAL CUSTODY

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New Delhi, Dec 13: A Delhi court Friday sent AAP's Uttam Nagar MLA Naresh Balyan to judicial custody till January 9 in a case related to alleged organised crimes while denying police his further remand and said that he could not be 'compelled" to cooperate in the probe.

Dismissing Delhi Police's application seeking Balyan's further custody for 10 days in the case lodged under the stringent Maharashtra Control of Organised Crime Act (MCOCA), Special Judge Kaveri Baweja said the ground stated by the probe agency did not justify any further extension. The judge noted that police sought the extension of Balyan's police custody remand stating that he did not cooperate during his custodial remand granted earlier and did not reply to queries during interrogation. Balyan was arrested in the organised crime case December 4. A court earlier granted him bail in an extortion case.

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scious.

## 8 held for raping woman in Assam

Guwahati: Eight people were arrested Friday for allegedly raping a woman on a temple premises in Assam's Guwahati, police said. The arrests were made after a purported video of the incident in Gorchuk area was found circulating among locals, a senior police officer said. While seven of the accused were apprehended initially, the eighth person was arrested later in the day. Guwahati Police Commissioner Diganta Barah said the video of the alleged gang rape was received from a newsperson early Friday. "Based on information received and thorough analysis of the video, police teams immediately conducted raids at various locations under the jurisdiction of Gorchuk and Jalukbari police stations, and seven people identified in the video were arrested," Barah said.

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Gold Loan A/C No. : GGL30721191, GL31941816, GL29948680, GL30569454, GL32505614, GL30914685, GL30533636 GL32458338, GL32415556, GL30516331, GL30430541, GL32355005, GL31191767, GL30403820, GL23977319, GL29114335, GL29971951, GL34218725, GL30739597, GL32642524, GL31962839, GL30602347, GL32527998, GL32472960, GL32442503, GL30521652, GL30451091, GL31520970, GL32291474, GL30422285, GL24281680, GL29126479, GL29983687.

Branch Name: JAIPATNA-KALAHANDI SOHO GL - Taluka - Jaipatna
Gold Loan A/C No. : GL30742831, GL30755545, GL30735115, GL30637112, GL30565039, GL30519016, GL30505097,
GL30505307, GL30454167, GL31204072, GL32618765, GL30763341, GL30659982, GL30522265, GL31290175, GL31381514, GL30838376, GL33895562, GL34028328, GL33660906, GL32618646, GL31538441, GL30802942, GL31204073.

Branch Name: JUNAGARH-JUNAGARH GL - Taluka - Junagarh
Gold Loan A/C No. : GL30743421, GL32676302, GL34078216, GL30720598, GL23364767, GL33625988, GL33521727,

GL32532914, GL32459600, GL30519735, GL30471780, GL34310345, GL329653373, GL29416670, GL30881619 GL30762058, GL32554384, GL32475123, GL30522961, GL30486165, GL34318370, GL32193832, GL29427093, GL30905223

Branch Name: KESINGA-KESINGA GL - Taluka - Kesinga
Gold Loan A/C No. : GL30743677, GL25023638, GL32708213, GL32431205, GL30520146, GL30504637, GL30492379,
GL23831604, GL30435277, GL32294785, GL33496921, GL33187245, GL33187526, GL32620782, GL32445045, GL31716499,

GL30522839, GL33329967, GL30513628, GL333330377, GL30514279, GL29223906. Gold Loan A/C No.: GL29174709, GL30748666, GL30750130, GL30692226, GL30703013, GL30696584, GL30633659

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Branch Name: BORIGUMMA-BORIGUMMA SOHO GL, Taluka - Borigumma

Gold Loan A/C No.: GL32647340, GL30733182, GL30734811, GL32618970 GL30698629, GL30642268, GL30547135, GL32460782, GL30532017, GL30517724 GL30506392, GL32351273, GL30445654, GL32333307, GL34310577, GL33493649 GI 31398447 GI 31361682 GI 31149159 GI 32914662 GI 30157162 GI 30742081 GL30717435, GL30660573, GL30566328, GL32475122, GL30546785, GL30522048 GI 30672849 GI 30691805 GI 34318594 GI 33515112 GI 32926208

Branch Name: JEYPORE-BELL ROAD GL, Taluka - Jeypur Gold Loan A/C No.: GL30742826 GL30746150 GL30747995 GL32559068

GL32569800, GL27094780, GL30578741, GL30553129, GL32480768, GL32493788 GI 32489563 GI 28834470 GI 32435999 GI 24782947 GI 32391811 GI 30503982 GL30437277, GL25696348, GL25726181, GL23250012, GL30497623, GL32931647 GI 32244737 GI 32243389 GI 29738906 GI 30719732 GI 29595760 GI 26437383 GL33257167, GL32902364, GL31281620, GL31259124, GL31216192, GL31182220 GL31055056, GL32812324, GL31007786, GL27790530, GL32730384, GL32685305 GL30838797, GL32244996, GL30227953, GL27698368, GL29433940, GL26251063 GL30200819, GL26059888, GL28173910, GL28443771, GL28716075, GL27029369 GL30762126, GL30762394, GL30762124, GL32582996, GL32586494, GL30601266 GL30566263, GL32502227, GL32501640, GL32444855, GL32385761, GL30512867 GL27797373, GL27797643, GL30958505, GL32317313, GL31184523, GL31026274 GL32959654, GL32258864, GL32258763, GL29748810, GL29614865, GL33179384 GL32923775, GL31273935, GL31225892, GL31198554, GL31071994, GL32831734 GL31008794, GL32694466, GL32258309, GL27720071, GL26281496, GL28696054 GL30213303, GL26072893, GL28183959, GL28728035, GL27047967

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Branch Name: CHANDIKHOL-CHANDIKHOL GL, Taluka - Darpan

Gold Loan A/C No.: GL30746652, GL30669890, GL30519554, GL30474108, GL30409992, GL29720537, GL33497436, GL33418130, GL29562182, GL30747355, GL33257047, GL31286372, GL33194972, GL29287499, GL32997811, GL30762387, GL30523221, GL30422844, GL29747878, GL33435330, GL29572306, GL30762500, GL31294103, GL29297560. Branch Name: JAJPUR-JAJPUR ROAD JENA COMPLEX, Taluka - Jajpur Road

Gold Loan A/C No.: GL24885086 GL32961516 GL30704331 GL30677193 GL23500486 GL30664057 GL32562199 GL32575938, GL32570725, GL30641531, GL30651794, GL23391336, GL30652429, GL30644233, GL30621324, GL30591822, GL30584250, GL30583300, GL32537393, GL32515327, GL30556080, GL32456725, GL30523936, GL33215652, GL30507461, GL30497367 GL23829659 GL30495947 GL32401447 GL30457921 GL30490727 GL30474683 GL30468515 GL33720007 GL30444186, GL30441369, GL31719836, GL32330765, GL23249493, GL31035707, GL32292064, GL32277725, GL32220166, GL34305409, GL34294813, GL32178338, GL29696125, GL29721466, GL31567432, GL31573464, GL31486716, GL29628813, GL29562322, GL33071232, GL30716882, GL30687729, GL33907328, GL27872485, GL28021557, GL30682451, GL34201646, GL30661000, GL30661737, GL30727996, GL30660656, GL30631256, GL33884836, GL31155029, GL30603214, GL30602359, GL30601877, GL32551920, GL30565757, GL32470395, GL30545175, GL33237300, GL30513152, GL30514223, GL29518403, GL32556335, GL30514566, GL32404327, GL30487267, GL30514137, GL30483808, GL30485992, GL31395590, GL31725760, GL32338195, GL25547901, GL32694565, GL26102373, GL33924845, GL27587539, GL32289396, GL31044169, GL32309344, GL32280816, GL32225941, GL34317649, GL34316038, GL32195176, GL29709575, GL29749070, GL31580796, GL31578399, GL31490196. GL29572320.

Branch Name: JAJPUR-MANGALPUR SOHO GL, Taluka - Jajpur

Gold Loan A/C No.: GL33454725, GL30702730, GL32599449, GL30608221, GL30562462, GL30531745, GL33834402, GL30539033, GL30465600, GL30474594, GL30458935, GL30437165, GL30416006, GL31684322, GL29573849, GL29209537, GL30310020, GL32269738, GL31809165, GL31697806, GL29364076, GL30719013, GL30630508, GL30485588, GL30424894, GL29586369, GL29230911, GL30325022, GL29382290

Branch Name: JAJPUR-TOWN GL. Taluka - Jaipur Gold Loan A/C No.: GL23530338, GL26555135, GL30724562, GL23444235, GL30689774, GL30689473, GL23984129,

GL30674887, GL30634867, GL30635129, GL23397503, GL30607809, GL30572953, GL32534932, GL30587876, GL32244514, GL30551420, GL30563226, GL30554020, GL30525790, GL30525576, GL30515986, GL30561564, GL32839464, GL30494459, GL27405197, GL30430500, GL29305913, GL22791258, GL22707778, GL33309765, GL29220287, GL32002985, GL29104375, GL29039454, GL28683082, GL31747444, GL23954484, GL27698557, GL27251522, GL31267107, GL31149963, GL22223201 GL30671812, GL26534444, GL30505821, GL30506720, GL27487340, GL25747628, GL26876302, GL27375054, GL28689070, GL26917893, GL27372414, GL27617010, GL32965791, GL30728344, GL30718621, GL30885230, GL30206000, GL30630428, GL30566899, GL30568163, GL30566480, GL30544332, GL30522739, GL29227843, GL32015189, GL29108281, GL29051371, GL27692531, GL27720644, GL27278367, GL32703524, GL26547533, GL32726020, GL30513018, GL30513081, GL27982214, GL25772719. GL26895486, GL27395038.

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Branch Name: BALASORE-JANUGANJ GL, Taluka - Balasore

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Gold Loan A/C No.: GL24710832, GL30497074, GL30465839, GL32566409, GL31640529, GL32467613, GL26395341, GL26203886, GL23515440, GL24972168, GL24315084, GL23616042, GL27238105, GL32589027, GL30514644, GL30485399, GL32475394, GL26422976, GL32420652, GL26228959, GL29973145, GL27974430, GL27943819, GL27248682.

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GL32492716, GL30488161, GL30196733, Branch Name: JALESWAR-BADABAZAR GL, Taluka - Jaleswar

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Gold Loan A/C No.: GL30465433, GL32354809, GL31941809, GL30153104, GL30024871, GL29980189, GL27588650, GL29550819, GL30485409, GL32365650, GL31963594, GL30162334, GL30027187, GL29987966, GL27615469, GL29570974.

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#### **MOLDOVA FACES ENERGY CRISIS**

Moldova's parliament Friday voted in favour of imposing a state of emergency in the energy sector over fears that Russia could leave the European Union candidate country without sufficient natural gas supplies this winter



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#### **SHORT TAKES**

#### Indian origin trader jailed for tax fraud

London: A British hedge fund trader of Indian heritage has been sentenced to 12 years in prison by authorities in Denmark after being found guilty of a tax fraud amounting to over GBP 1 billion. Sanjay Shah, 54, was handed the maximum prison sentence for an economic crime by a district court in Glostrup this week. The Danish prosecution said in a statement that the court found it proven that Shah was the mastermind behind a complex setup in which 190 American pension companies and 24 Malaysian companies entered into agreements to purchase Danish listed shares at times when the shares were traded with the right to

#### SL Parl Speaker to step down

Colombo: Sri Lanka's Parliament Speaker Asoka Ranwala announced his resignation Friday following days of speculation about him falsifying his educational qualifications. "In recent days, a problem with my educational qualifications has been raised in society. I have not made any false statements about my educational qualifications," Ranwala said in a statement. Asserting that he currently does not possess any documents to prove his qualifications, Ranwala said that it would also not be possible for him to obtain these from the relevant institutions. "However, in order to stop the inconvenience caused to the government and the people who had placed trust in the government, I have decided to resign from the post of Speaker," he said.

#### Over 340 terrorists killed this yr in Pak

Islamabad: At least 341 terrorists were killed by the security agencies in various actions across the country during the first ten months of this vear, the Parliament was told Friday. Also, at least 1.566 terrorism incidents occurred in the 10 months. with highest 948 in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa followed by 532 in Balochistan, leading to a total of 924 deaths. The Interior Ministry shared the details with the National Assembly in response to a question by lawmaker Hameed Hussain of Mailis Wahdat-i-Muslimeen party of Shiite Muslims, who had sought details of actions to improve the law and order in the country.

# Russia targets Ukraine's embattled power grid

Kyiv, Dec 13: Russia hammered Ukrainian energy facilities in a massive aerial attack Friday that President Volodymyr Zelenskiy said was one of the largest vet on the ailing grid and evidence of why Kyiv needed more Western support before any peace with Russia.

Russia's 12th major assault on the energy system this year damaged power facilities in several Ukrainian regions and forced authorities to impose even longer electricity cuts for millions of civilians, the national grid operator said.

With winter temperatures currently around -6 degrees Celsius, the strikes increase pressure on Ukraine at an unpredictable moment with Donald Trump set to return to the White House next month. vowing to end the war quickly.

"This is (Russian President Vladimir) Putin's plan for 'peace' - to destroy everything. This is how he wants 'negotiations' – terrorising millions of people," Zelenskiy said on X.

"A strong reaction from the world is needed: a massive strike - a massive reaction. This is the only way to stop terror," Zelenskyy said.

Russia launched 93 missiles including one manufactured in North Korea, and nearly 200 drones during the attack, Zelenskiy said. Air defences intercepted 81 of the missiles, including 11 shot down by F-16 fighter jets, he added.

The full extent of the damage was hard to assess. After repeated Russian attacks, officials reveal little detailed in-



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Western response, more aid formation about the state of the

network. Six unspecified energy facili-

ties were damaged in the western region of Lviv that borders Poland, officials said.

An industry source told Reuters the attack had targeted power substations and that there had been more strikes on gas infrastructure than in past assaults. Unspecified equipment at thermal power plants sustained serious damage, according to DTEK, Ukraine's biggest private power provider, which has been battered by the strikes since Russia's February 2022 invasion.

Officials said they had imposed additional power cuts due to the attack. In the region outside Kviv. the power cuts were scheduled to last for 11 hours, up from eight hours before the attack. Around a half of power company Yasno's 3.5 million consumers were without power Friday, their CEO said.

#### 'CYNICAL' ATTACK

"As Ukrainians wake to the coldest day of the winter so far, the enemy tries to break our spirit with this cynical terrorist attack," DTEK's CEO Maxim Timchenko said.

Moscow described its assault as retaliation for Ukraine using US-supplied ATACMS missiles to attack a Russian military airfield this week.

The Russian Defence Ministry said air- and sea-based longrange precision weapons and drones had been used against "critical facilities of Ukraine's fuel and energy infrastructure that support the military-industrial complex"

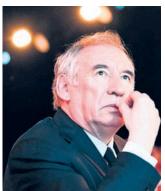
Russia says it does not target civilian infrastructure, but that it sees the power system as a military target.

# France's Macron names centrist ally Bayrou as PM

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Paris, Dec 13: French President Emmanuel Macron Friday named centrist ally Francois Bayrou as prime minister in an effort to address the country's deep political crisis, after a historic parliamentary vote ousted the previous government last week.

Bayrou, 73, a crucial partner in Macron's centrist alliance. has been a well-known figure in French politics for decades. His political experience is seen as key in efforts to restore stability as no single party holds a majority at the National As-



Macron's office said in a statement that Bayrou "has been charged with forming a new government."

Former Prime Minister Michel Barnier resigned last week following a no-confidence vote prompted by budget disputes in the National Assembly, leaving France without a functioning government. Macron in an address to the nation vowed to remain in office until his term ends in 2027.

Bayrou is expected to hold talks with political leaders from various parties in the coming days in order to choose new ministers.

# Trump's tariffs spook Dragon

Beijing, Dec 13: As Donald Trump steps up his tariff threats against China, Beijing is moving to beat the next US president to the punch with its own restrictions and get Washington to the negotiating table ahead of a full-blown trade war. analysts say

Armed with the lessons of the last trade war during Trump's first term, China is seeking to amass bargaining chips to kick off talks with a new US administration on contentious aspects of bilateral ties, including trade and investment, and science and technology. It is also concerned about the harmful effects of additional tariffs on its already fragile economy.

This week, China launched a probe into US chip giant Nvidia (NVDA.O), opens new tab over what it claimed were suspected antitrust violations, which follows its ban on US-bound exports of rare minerals.

'We have to look at this as the opening bid in what will likely ultimately turn into a negotiation with the US rather than just an imposition of tariffs and everyone walks away,' HSBC's Chief Asia Economist Fred Neumann said. China is better prepared to deal

with almost any tariffs, short of an "Armageddon announcement" of a 60% tariff on all Chinese goods, said George Magnus, research associate at Oxford University's China Centre. The world's second-largest economy now globally domi-

nates sectors such as electric vehicles and green energy, and has less need for the Boeing jets and large gasoline-fuelled cars it bought back in 2017, having



Beijing amassing bargaining chips learnt from first trade war

Chinese economy vulnerable despite global dominance in some

← Any trade war will still hurt China more than US, analysts say

found substitutes such as Airbus airplanes and its own Comac C919.

But China is far from self-sufficient.

A new trade war with the world's biggest economy would still hurt China more, analysts say, as Washington can levy ever-larger import duties on its goods and further rip China

from its supply chains. China still needs to import strategic materials from the US such as advanced microchips and other high-tech equipment and counts on US consumers to buy its goods, given an increasingly pessimistic global trade outlook and weak domestic consumer demand.

The agreement, which en ables scientific collaboration between the two countries, lapsed in August and negotia tions over its renewal are unlikely to be completed before Trump's Jan 20 inauguration.

#### **PAK MAY 9 VIOLENCE**

## SC allows army courts to announce verdicts



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Islamabad, Dec 13: Pakistan's Supreme Court Friday gave conditional permission to military courts to announce reserved verdicts in cases of 85 civilians allegedly involved in the violent protests of May 9 last year.

A seven-member bench led by Justice Aminuddin Khan was hearing the intra-court appeals (ICA) against last year's judgment of a five-member bench that favoured criminal courts over military courts for the trials of these civilians.

Passing an order at the end of Friday's hearing, Justice Khan

specified that the verdicts of the military courts would be subject to its final decision on the appeals against the October 23, 2023 ruling.

In its order, the court ruled that suspects who can be accorded concessions in their sentences "should be given so and released", but the "suspects who cannot be released should be moved to jails once their sentence has been pronounced."

The case is about more than 100 suspects who were handed over to the military authorities for trial for their alleged involvement in the attacks on army installations during the protest May 9, 2023, against the arrest of former prime minister Imran Khan.

In Friday's order, Justice Khan stated that the right to challenge military courts' decisions in high courts would remain suspended till the case in the apex court was decided upon.



Children ride a chain carousel at the Red Square Christmas Fair with the Spasskaya tower of the Kremlin in the background in Moscow, Russia, Thursday

## When Homo sapiens interbred with Neanderthals

REUTERS

Washington, Dec 13: Neanderthals went extinct roughly 39,000 years ago, but in some sense these close cousins of our species are not gone. Their legacy lives on in the genomes of most people on Earth, thanks to interbreeding between Homo sapiens and Neanderthals.

New research is providing the most precise estimate to date of when this mixing occurred - with the height of the interaction around 47,000 years ago - and showing how Neanderthal components have shaped the human genome in functions such as skin pigmentation, immune response and metabolism.

One group of scientists examined genomes from three



female and three male Homo sapiens individuals who lived around 45,000 years ago based on bones found in a cave at the German town of Ranis. and one genome from a woman from about the same time

whose skull was found in a cave at Zlaty kun mountain in the Czech Republic. The study, published in the journal Nature and involving the oldest Homo sapiens DNA ever sequenced, gave a date range for the mixing of about 49,000 to 45,000 years ago.

A second group of researchers examined the genomes of 300 present-day and ancient Homo sapiens individuals, including 59 who lived between 2,000 and 45,000 years ago. The study, published in the journal Science, gave a date range of the mixing of about 50,500 to 43,500 years ago.

The scientists described the interbreeding, found to have been more recent than previous estimates, as a single extended period of gene flow lasting for numerous generations.

It is difficult to know the nature of the interaction between Homo sapiens and Neanderthals based on genome data beyond being able to say they mixed and had children together.

# Cold War-era N-bunker network

Switzerland plans revamp of

REUTERS

Switzerland, Dec 13: Switzerland wants to update its network of ageing nuclear shelters, which are increasingly seen as an asset at a time of greater global uncertainty, notably since Russia's invasion of Ukraine.

Thanks to a 1963 law, Switzerland is already ahead of neighbours like Germany. Each of its 9 million residents, including foreigners and refugees, is guaranteed a spot in a bunker to protect them from bombs and nuclear radiation.

"In the coming years, the (Swiss) Confederation wants to remove some of the exceptions to the current rules and update some of the older shel-



ters," Louis-Henri Delarageaz civil protection commander for the Vaud canton, told Reuters

The government launched consultations in October to ensure Swiss "resilience in the event of armed conflict" and plans a 220 million Swiss franc (\$250 million) upgrade of old structures.

"It doesn't mean we're preparing for a conflict - that's not the message - but we have a network of shelters and we need to maintain them and make sure they're functional."

# Business



and all of them participated in **Anti-Privatization** Day protest observed today SHAILENDRA DUBEY

CHAIRMAN, ALL INDIA POWER ENGINEERS FEDERATION

#### **EPFO SUBSCRIBERS MAY SOON WITHDRAW MONEY VIA ATMS**

Members of the retirement fund body EPFO may soon be able to withdraw their provident fund (PF) money directly from ATMs after the settlement. Currently, subscribers of the Employees' Provident Fund Organisation (EPFO) have to wait for 7-10 days for the settlement of their claims online



# Big Swiss blow for India

Switzerland suspends most favoured nation status to India

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New Delhi, Dec 13: The Swiss government has suspended the most favoured nation status (MFN) clause in the Double Taxation Avoidance Agreement (DTAA) between India and Switzerland, potentially impacting Swiss investments in India and leading to higher taxes on Indian companies operating in the European nation.



According to a December 11 statement by the Swiss finance department, the move follows the Supreme Court of India

last year ruling that the MFN clause doesn't automatically trigger when a country joins the OECD if the Indian govern-

lead to increased tax liabilities for

**Indian entities operating in** Switzerland, highlighting the complexities of navigating international tax treaties in an evolving global landscape

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ment signed a tax treaty with that country before it joined the organization.

India signed tax treaties with Colombia and Lithuania that provided tax rates on certain types of income that were lower than the rates it provided to OECD countries. The two countries later joined OECD. Switzerland in 2021 interpret-

ed that Colombia and Lithuania joining the OECD meant a 5 per cent rate for dividends would apply to the India-Switzerland tax treaty under the MFN clause, rather than 10 per cent as outlined in the agreement.

But post suspension of the MFN status, Switzerland will from January 1, 2025, levy a 10 per cent tax on dividends due to Indian tax residents who claim refunds for Swiss withholding tax and for Swiss tax residents who claim foreign tax credits.

## PV despatches rise 4%

Demand sustains post

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

New Delhi, Dec 13: Passenger vehicle dispatches from companies to dealerships rose 4 per cent year on year to 3,47,522 units in November with demand momentum sustaining post festive period in October, industry body SIAM said Friday.

The overall passenger vehicle dispatches stood at 3,33,833 units in November last year.

Market leader Maruti Suzuki India dispatched 1,41,312 units to its dealers last month, an increase of 5 per cent as compared with 1,34,158 units in November last year.

Hyundai Motor India dispatches declined to 48,246 units



last month as against 49.45 units in the year-ago period.

Mahindra & Mahindra sales stood at 46,222 units last month as compared with 39,981 units in November last year, a growth of 16 per cent

"The demand momentum which was seen in October during the festive period has continued in November for the industry as a whole, although two-wheel er and three-wheeler segments witnessed minor de-growth in November 2024," SIAM Director General Rajesh Menon said.

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and/or auction center with same terms and conditions. The unauctioned gold

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level fails, the same will be re auctioned on 24.12.2024 at the specified district

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## Benchmarks stage strong comeback

On the weekly front, the BSE benchmark jumped 623.07 points or 0.76%, and the Nifty climbed 90.5 points or 0.36%

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Mumbai, Dec 13: Benchmark stock indices Sensex and Nifty rebounded sharply by about 1 per cent Friday, propelled by bargain hunting in telecommunication, tech and consumer durable stocks amid encouraging domestic inflation data.

After falling 1,207.14 points in morning trade, the 30-share BSE benchmark Sensex recovered all the lost ground later and jumped 843.16 points or 1.04 per cent to settle at 82,133.12. During the day, it surged 923.96 points or 1.13 per cent to 82,213.92

The NSE Nifty climbed 219.60 points or 0.89 per cent to settle at 24,768.30 after falling 367.9 points in intra-day trade.

"The domestic market smartly recovered from the day's low and moved out of the consolidation path led by index heavyweights. A gradual easing in food inflation and a price hike by FMCG



cent correction in valuation, supported the sector to outperform. Currently, the market is anticipating a revival in consumer spending, driven by the festive season and yearend holidays, adding to the sentiments. Additionally, the expectation of an increase in US spending is propelling the IT sector," Vinod Nair, Head of Research, Geojit Financial Services, said.

Among the 30-share Sensex blue-chip pack, Bharti Airtel, ITC, Kotak Mahindra Bank, Hindustan Unilever, Titan, UltraTech Cement, HCL Technologies, and Power Grid were the biggest gainers. On the other hand, Tata Steel, IndusInd Bank, JSW Steel and Bajaj Finserv were the laggards.

Foreign Institutional Investors (FIIs) offloaded equities worth ₹3,560.01 crore Thursday, according to exchange data.

The BSE gauge declined 236.18 points or 0.29 per cent to settle at 81,289.96 Thursday. The Nifty dropped 93.10 points companies, along with a re- or 0.38 per cent to 24,548.70.

#### **SNIPPETS**

#### Forex reserves drop by \$3.23 bn to \$654.85 billion

Mumbai: India's forex reserves dropped by \$3.235 billion to \$654.857 billion for the week ended December 6, the RBI said Friday. In the previous reporting week, the reserves had increased by \$1.51 billion to \$658.091 billion, ending a multi-week decline in the overall kitty. The forex reserves had increased to an all-time high of \$704.885 billion in end-September. For the week ended December 6, foreign currency assets, a major component of the re-serves, decreased by \$3.228 billion to \$565.623 billion, the data released Friday showed. Gold reserves decreased by \$43 million to \$66.936 billion during the week, the RBI said. India's reserve position with the IMF was also up by \$12 million to \$4.266 billion in the reporting week, the

#### **Provident fund dues:** SpiceJet clears ₹160cr

New Delhi: SpiceJet Friday said it has cleared all employee provident fund dues worth ₹160.07 crore that were pending for over two years. The low-cost carrier, which has been facing multiple headwinds, recently raised ₹3,000 crore, following which it has been clearing statutory, GST (Goods and Services Tax) and other dues spanning over two years, have been cleared, the airline said in a release. According to the release, since October, SpiceJet has been utilising its internal cash flows to meet its statutory obligations, including provident fund and TDS (Tax Deduction at Source) payments, the release said. The lessors and other creditors.

#### Unfair trade practices: CCPA notice to 17 direct selling firms

New Delhi: Consumer protection regulator CCPA Friday said it has issued notices to 17 direct selling firms, including Oriflame India, for alleged unfair trade practices and violations of consumer protection rules. The notices have been served on companies such as Vihaan Direct Selling India, Triptales Pvt Ltd, Oriens Global Marketing, Zennesa Wellness, and others for alleged service deficiencies and non-compliance with the Consumer Protection (Direct Selling) Rules, 2021. An official statement revealed that 13 of these cases are under investigation, while replies from three companies are still awaited. The action comes in response to concerns about deceptive practices in the direct selling industry. The ministry warned that some fraudulent entities are misusing the direct selling model to promote



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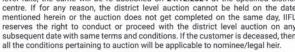
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LIVED FOR THIS MOMENT: GUKESH

Youngest world chess champion presented with the trophy

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

Singapore, Dec 13: His eyes were expectedly burning after a sleepless night but the adrenaline kept D Gukesh going as he smiled through a plethora of engagements, including signing hundreds of autographs, before finally getting his hands on the World Chess Championship trophy a day after becoming its youngest owner.

The 18-year-old Chennai-lad got the better of defending champion Ding Liren of China here Thursday for the historic triumph that made him the 18th overall and only the second Indian after Viswanathan Anand to win the crown that came with a whooping prize of USD 1.3 million.

The morning after began with getting a glimpse of the trophy, which he refused to touch as he wanted to wait till the closing ceremony in the evening. He finally held it after it was presented to him by FIDE (International Chess Federation) president Arkady Dvorkovich.

In his introduction, the FIDE presenters spoke of Gukesh's 'brilliant poise' and, 'performance for the ages' that he delivered against an older and more experienced rival.

"I mean this moment, it feels like I have lived it a million times. Every morning when I woke up, this moment was the reason I woke up. To hold this trophy and this reality means more than anything else in my life," the

graceful teenager said in his acceptance speech after being presented with his gold medal and the trophy.

Before that, Gukesh sat down to meet and greet a seemingly never-ending stream of fans, both the young and old, even toddlers. Those who lined up included not just the Indian diaspora but also local Singaporeans, carrying chess boards which became priceless memorabilia after Gukesh scribbled his name on them.

Gukesh reiterated his gratitude towards his opponent for challenging him, his parents for being there for him, his team, the host country, the many new fans he acquired over the course of past three weeks and the almighty. "When I couldn't see the solution, God was the only one who could pull me through and show me the way," he said.

The financial windfall also continued with Tamil Nadu chief minister MK Stalin announcing a cash prize of Rs 5 crore for the lanky teen, who is based in Chennai and was shaped by city's now famous 'Velammal Vidyalaya' and the 'Westbridge-Anand Chess Academy'.

Paddy Upton, the renowned mental conditioning coach who worked with Gukesh, said the 'incredible self-awareness' of the 18-year-old Indian Grandmaster powered him to a historic World Chess Championship title.

"I think the most fascinat-



**FIDE WORLD** 

India celebrates Gukesh's crown

Congratulations pour in from all quarters as youngest chess champion lays hands on the trophy

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

New Delhi, Dec 13: The nation celebrated Gukesh's feat with pomp after he became the world chess champion Thursday. People from all walks of life took to social media to congratulate him. Gukesh is the second Indian after the great Viswanathan Anand to clinch the title which the latter held five times in his career.

President Droupadi Murmu was one of the first to laud Gukesh. She said India 'immensely proud' of Gukesh's achievement. "Heartiest con-

gratulations

Gukesh for becoming the youngest player to win the **GARRY KASPAROV** 

world chess championship. He has done India immensely proud. His victory stamps the authority of India as a chess powerhouse. Well done Gukesh! On behalf of every Indian, I wish you sustained glory in the future," the President said on 'X'.

Champion javelin thrower Neeraj Chopra, the country's first and only track and field Olympic gold medallist, wrote on 'X', "Congratulations, Gukesh! The best in the world and the youngest to ever do it. India is proud."

Cricket legend Sachin Tendulkar said with his win, Gukesh has 'opened a world of

endless possibilities'. "In a game of 64 squares,

you've opened a world of endless possibilities. Congratulations. DGukesh, on be-

**Gukesh impressively** coming the 18th surmounted every World Champion obstacle and opponent at just 18! Followin his path, especially ing in Vishy's footconsidering his age, steps, you're now and nothing more can guiding the next be asked wave of Indian chess prodigies,

India's first individual Olympic gold medallist Abhinav Bindra said Gukesh has inspired a generation to 'dream big' with his stunning achievement. "Wishing you even greater success ahead!" Bindra tweeted.

Tendulkar posted



In a game of 64 squares, you've opened a world of endless possibilities. Congratulations, @DGukesh, on becoming the 18th World Champion at just 18! Following in Vishy's footsteps, you're now guiding the next wave

#### **Indian national arrested** on match-fixing charges

COLOMBO: Prem Thakkur, the Indian owner of Lanka T10 Super League team Galle Marvels, has been arrested by police here on match-fixing charges, according to a report. Thakkur was arrested Thursday, a day after the tournament began. and was produced before a local court, according to ES-PNcricinfo. The report said that Thakkur, an Indian national, had been arrested by the Sri Lanka Sports Police Unit under the 2019 Prevention of Offences Relating to Sports Act. He was arrested at a hotel in Kandy, where the Lanka T10 tournament

#### Rahane's T20 re-invention

BANGALORE: Ajinkya Rahane continued his T20 re-invention with a brutal 98 that carried Mumbai to a six-wicket victory over Baroda and into the final of the Syed Mushtaq Ali Trophy here Friday. Mumbai bowlers chipped away at regular intervals as Baroda were restricted to 158 for seven, and Rahane's blistering knock off 56 balls (11x4, 5x6) took his team to 164 for four in 17.2 overs in the first semifinal. Mumbai will face the winner of the second semifinal between Delhi and Madhya Pradesh in the final

China jails ex-football star BEIJING: The former coach of the Chinese men's national soccer team has received a 20-vear-prison sentence for bribery, Chinese state media reported Friday. Liu Tie, who once played in the English Premier League as a midfielder for Everton, was found guilty of "leveraging his positions" as head coach of the national football and national selection team to receive bribes of more than 50 million yuan (about \$7 million), by a court in the city of Xianning in the central Hubei province. Liu coached the Chinese men's team between January 2020 and December 2021. He was also charged with taking bribes between 2015 to 2019, when he worked for local football clubs. His sentencing is the latest in a series of high-profile corruption cases involving Chinese football.

## Shubman promises Make or break game for India better batting show

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

Brisbane, Dec 13: Shubman Gill admitted that the fall of wickets at the other end affected his game in the Adelaide Test but expressed confidence that the Indian batting group would deliver a stronger first innings effort in what is now effectively a three-match series.

Gill didn't play the first Test due to a finger injury but looked good in his brief innings of 31 and 28 during the pink ball Test at Adelaide.

As a batting group, we are looking to post a big total first up. That's been the key discussion and every batter has his own game plan," Gill said in the pre-match press conference here Friday. India had scored 150 and 180 in the first innings at Perth and Adelaide respec-

Gill said that he wouldn't curb his natural game although he did get edgy seeing wickets tumble at the other end. "I still have the freedom as a batter. One of the challenges is whether you can play the game you want to play, irrespective of what's happening at the other end and irrespective of scorecard. I faltered in the first innings because of what



out, his ability to rec-

ognise his thoughts

and manage his mind was

outstanding," Upton added.

happened at the other end and I take that upon myself," Gill

India have had at least six scores of 150 or less in recent times and Gill admitted that the piece of stat isn't lost upon the batting group. He said it is now a three-match series for his side.

"Adelaide Test, we didn't do well but the series is still 1-1. We will treat it as a three-match Test series and if we win this one, we will have advantage going into Melbourne and Sydney," Gill stated.

Gill was nostalgic as he walked into the Gabba for the first time since the 2021 Test where he was the top-scorer in the run-chase with a fine 91 that catapulted him into stardom. "Walking into the stadium after 2021 with the team, definitely it felt very nostalgic," Gill said.

#### FEISTY GABBA PITCH TO WELCOME INDIANS AS PAT CUMMINS WARNS OF 'SHORT' STUFF 'spicy' Gabba pitch. With the we'll give it a shot at some point (in the third Test)," he added.

Brisbane, Dec 13: The Gabba here is not a place for the faint hearted. It was Australia's fortress, used to disseminate and subjugate visiting teams, till India arrived in 2021. Rishabh Pant's heroics gave India a historic triumph and a second series win over the hosts in Australia, Prior to that, India's only good show at the Gabba had been in 2003 when Sourav Ganguly-led India had drawn a Test. India will be bubbling with optimism when they take the field for the third Test of the series against Australia here Saturday.

It will also be a 'test' for many... especially India's own Rohit Sharma and Virat Kohli. Call it what you may, the fast and bouncy pitch at the Gabba will be a make or break test for them. The onus lies on both of them to play substantial knocks to put the team in a good position.

Australian skipper Pat Cummins has already warned the Indians to be ready for some short stuff on what can be called a

series locked at 1-1, Brisbane could well decide the course of the rubber and whether Rohit's men would continue to be the master of their fate in the ongoing World Test Championship.

"Yeah, potentially (we will use the short ball). It worked out in the Adelaide Test. It's always in the back of your mind as a bit of a plan B." Cummins told the media in his pre-match press meet Friday. "If it's something really uncomfortable for the Indians, you're likely to take a look at it. It worked in

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Cummins also informed that Josh Hazlewood is fit and he will replace Scott Boland in the playing XI. Hazlewood's return certainly bodes well for the hosts. For India, the biggest hope remains in Aus tralia's batting vulnerability

which can lead to an implosion

if a certain Travis Head doesn't

decide to be the marauder. In bowling, India have Jas prit Bumrah, who has made every other bowler in the series look pedestrian in his comparison. He definitely needs more support at the

other end but more than that he needs runs from the likes of Rohit and Kohli as a psychological cushion while breezing in to unleash

his thunderbolts. India's biggest issue has been terrible first innings batting during the past one year in both home and away fixtures with six totals of 150 or less during the period. And Rohit and Kohli's first innings average in the 2024-25 season reads a rather poor 6.88 and 10 re-

## Indian pair miss semis spot

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

Hangzhou, Dec 13: Indian women's doubles pair of Treesa Jolly and Gayatri Gopichand missed out on a semifinal spot at the BWF World Tour Finals after losing to Japan's Nami Matsuyama and Chiharu Shida in straight games in their third and final group A match here Treesa and Gayatri, who won

their maiden BWF Super 300 title at Syed Modi International in Lucknow recently, lost 17-21 13-21 to their world number 4 opponents in 49 minutes.

It was the fourth defeat for the Indian pair against the Paris Olympics bronze medallists Japanese rivals in five meetings. World number 13 Treesa and Gayatri, the only Indians to have qualified for the prestigious season-ending



secure a spot in the knockout

stage of the tournament. On Wednesday, the Indians had narrowly lost to world No.1 pair Liu Sheng Shu and Tan Ning of China in their opening group match before stunning

the Malaysian duo of Pearly Tan and Thinaah Muralitharan in their second match to keep their hopes alive.

But the Japanese pair proved too hot to handle for the Indian duo, who staved level with Matsuyama and Shida till 5-5.

## Hojlund's brace secures Mán U comeback win

ASSOCIATED PRESS

London, Dec 13: Rasmus Hooff the bench and Manchester United rallied to beat Viktoria Plzen 2-1 in the Europa League.

The Denmark striker netted in the 88th minute after collecting Bruno Fernandes' pass off a free kick to seal the victory and put United into the top eight of the standings. Hojlund replaced Marcus Rashford in the 56th and scored an equalizer six minutes later after Amad Diallo's shot was deflected by goalkeeper Martin Jedlicka into his path for an easy finish.

The 21-year-old Hojlund also scored twice in the previous round, when United beat Norwegian team Bodø/Glimt 3-2, and has five goals in his six appearances in the second-tier competition.



"It feels good to have scored two goals but I am more happy with the win," Hojlund said. "My instructions? Go out there and score two goals! Just to use my qualities, run the channels and be assertive in front of goal."

United had come off two straight losses in the English Premier League, 2-0 away to Arsenal, and 3-2 at Old Trafford to Nottingham Forest that left the club 13th and eight points adrift of the top four as progress looked slow under new coach Ruben Amorim.

#### Odisha Masters: Sathish, **Tanvi enter semifinals**

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

DREAMIL

Cuttack, Dec 13: Defending champion Sathish Kumar Karunakaran moved closer to another Super 100 title after reaching the men's singles semifinals of the Odisha Masters here Friday.

The 23-year-old from Chennai who won his maiden Super 100 title here last year and added a second crown at the Guwahati Masters last week, defeated com patriot Ayush Shetty, a bronze medallist at the 2023 World Junior Championships, 21-18, 12-21 21-9 in a thrilling quarterfinal. In women's singles, Tanvi Sharma will face Shriyanshi Valishetty in an all-Indian semifinal. Tan vi defeated compatriot Anmol Kharb 25-23, 21-16, while Shri yanshi triumphed 13-21, 21-10, 21 14 over Hong Kong's third-seeded Lo Sin Yan Happy

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