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I'm human not god, says Modi in maiden podcast

Diaspora integral part of '47 vision: Prez

President Droupadi Murmu, Odisha Governor Hari Babu Kambhampati, Chief Minister Mohan Charan Majhi, External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar, Union Education Minister Dharmendra Pradhan, Tribal Affairs Minister Jual Oram and

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New Delhi, Jan 10: Prime Minister Narendra Modi, in his maiden podcast, has said he can make mistakes, but will not do anything wrong out of bad intention.

In the podcast hosted by Zerodha co-founder Nikhil Kamath and released Friday, Modi said it has been his life's mantra that he may make mistakes but will not do anything wrong out of bad intentions.

'When I became (Gujarat) chief minister, I said I will not spare any effort to work hard. I will not do anything for myself. And, thirdly, I am human and I can make mistakes. But I will not do anything wrong out of bad intentions. I have made it a mantra of my life. Mistakes are inevitable. I must have made mistakes. I am a human too, not a god."

Modi said he sees his success in how he prepares a team who can deftly handle things, as he asserted that there are many young politicians with potential. He declined to name any.

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a human too, not a god.' When Kamath asked him if he has planned for the time beyond him, training those he has faith in, not for today but after 20-30 years, Modi said, "I can see people with a lot of potential. When I was in Gujarat. I'd say I want to go after preparing (team) for the next 20 years. I am doing it. My success lies in how I prepare my team who will be able to deftly handle things. This is my benchmark

other guests, during a photo-op with the Pravasi Bharatiya Samman recipients at Janata Maidan in Bhubaneswar Friday The goals set towards a developed nation (Viksit Bharat) by 2047 require the active participation of every countryman, including those living abroad. While felicitating 27 NRIs who have excelled in various fields on the concluding day of the threeday long 18th Pravasi Bharati-

ya Divas (PBD) at the Janata Maidan in Bhubaneswar, President Droupadi Murmu said, the Indian diaspora is an integral part of the grand mission

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Bhubaneswar, Jan 10: Noting that the Indian diaspora represents the best of the country and an integral part of the nation, President Droupadi Murmu Friday emphasised their crucial role in achieving the vision of a 'Viksit Bharat by 2047.

Addressing the valedictory session of the PBD here, President Murmu said, "Viksit Bharat is a national mission that requires the proactive and enthusiastic participation of every Indian, including those

living abroad. She asserted that the diaspora's global presence and their achievements place them in a position to significantly contribute to India's development.

"The Indian diaspora represents the best of our country and they have carried with them not just the knowledge and skills acquired in this sacred land, but also the values and ethos that have been the foundation of our civilisation for millennia," she said.

"Whether in the fields of technology, medicine, arts, or entrepreneurship, the Indian diaspora has made a mark that the world acknowledges and respects," she pointed out.

Referring to the convention, the President described it as

TRUMP SENTENCED,

BUT NOT PUNISHED

NODAL MINISTER FOR GLOBAL ODIAS

Chief Minister Mohan Charan Majh Friday announced that the state government will appoint a nodal minister from the Department of Odia Language, Literature and Culture for the non-resident Odias, who want to engage with the state for their projects and investments. He said the world now sees limitless opportunities in Odisha. In short, Odisha is going global, he added.

more than just an event, saying. "It is a platform where ideas converge, collaborations are forged, and the bonds between India and its diaspora are strengthened."

On India's timeless philosophy of 'Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam' (the world is one familv), she said this vision is about creating an ecosystem that balances economic progress with social justice and environmen-

achievements of our Pravasi Bharatiya family, we should also look forward to the future with hope and determination. Together, we can build a 'Viksit Bharat', a nation that stands tall on the global stage and continues to be a beacon of light for the world," she added.

The President also conferred Trinidad & Tobago President Christine Carla Kangaloo and 26 others with the prestigious Pravasi Bharativa Samman.

Murmu said Kangaloo's out standing contributions in leading her nation, with a special focus on women and the Indian diaspora, have set a high benchmark on the world stage. The Trinidad & Tobago President got the award in the public af fairs category.

Other awardees included Ajay Rane (Australia, community service), Marialena Joan Fernandes (Austria, education), Swami Sanyuktanand (Fiji, community service), Saraswati Vidya Niketan (Guyana, community service), Lekh Raj Juneja (Japan, science and technology), Prem Kumar (Kyrgyz Republic, medical science) and Soukthavy Chowdhury (Laos, business). The Pravasi Bharatiya Sam-

man is the highest honour conferred on overseas Indians. The awardees represent the excellence achieved by the Indian diaspora in various fields.

Murmu congratulated all the awardees and appreciated them for working for the society in different fields. She said that their success stories are not just a matter of pride for India, but they also inspire millions across the world to strive for excellence. The valedictory session was also attended by Odisha Governor Hari Babu Kambhampati,

Chief Minister Mohan Charan Majhi, and Union ministers Jual Oram, Dharmendra Pradhan, Kirtivardhan Singh, and Pabitra Margherita.

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Addressing the gathering, External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar said the diaspora has made outstanding contributions to both India and the world in diverse domains based on their immense talent. creativity, dedication, commitment, and perseverance.

"They have left an indelible mark on global society. Their extraordinary achievements have made the country and In dians proud and have strength ened our relationships with oth er people and nations," he said

Stating that India approaches the world with the twin perspectives of "India First" and "Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam", Jaishankar said this is an era of greater inter-dependence, technology flows and talent mobility. **MORE P3 & 8**

Five migrant workers killed in T'gana mishap POST NEWS NETWORK

ADR: Regional parties got

tal stewardship, while contributing to global well-being. "As India celebrates the

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rd, my client couldn't possibly be at the crime scene -his employer makes him work seven days a week

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New York, Jan 10: President-elect Donald Trump was sentenced Friday in his hush money case, but the judge declined to impose any punishment.

The outcome cements Trump's conviction before he returns to power before while freeing him to return to the White House unencumbered by the threat of a jail term or a fine.

Trump's sentence of an unconditional discharge caps a norm-smashing case that saw the former and future president charged with 34 felonies, put on trial for almost two months and convicted by a jury on every

count. Yet, the legal detour - and sordid details aired in court of a plot to bury affair allegations didn't hurt him with voters, who elected him to a second term.

Manhattan Judge Juan M Merchan could have sentenced the 78-year-old Republican to up to four years in prison. Instead, he chose a sentence

that sidestepped constitutional issues by effectively ending the case

Merchan said like when facing any other defendant, he must consider any aggravating factors before imposing a sentence, but the legal protection that Trump will have as president "is a factor that overrides all others".

Malkangiri, Jan 10: Five migrant workers from Odisha were killed and 16 others were injured in an accident in Telangana's Suryapet district Friday.

The deceased Odia workers were identified as Rupu Harijan, 51, Sulu Harijan, 47, and Sunamani Harijan, 61, of Kamata village in Koraput district; and Pratyush Pravat Harijan, 17, of Hatiguda village and Sunil Garada, 37. of Laharikani village in Nabarangpur district.

The accident occurred near Ilapuram in Chivvemla mandal (block) when a private bus carrying the workers rammed into a stationary truck. The bus driver apparently failed to notice the truck parked by the roadside and rammed into it.

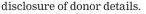
₹200 crore from donations

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New Delhi. Jan 10: Regional political parties declared donations worth over ₹200 crore for the financial year 2022-23 with JMM, JJP, TDP and TMC reporting the highest increase in their incomes from donations, according to an analysis by Association for Democratic Reforms (ADR). The Biju Janata Dal (BJD), however, declared no donations for the year.

The report highlighted the dominance of a few parties in the total donations received. significant delays in submissions to the Election Commission of India (ECI) and gaps in

Seven parties, including **BJD and Jammu and Kashmir National Conference, declared no** donations for 2022-23



Out of 57 regional parties analyzed, only 18 submitted their donation reports to the ECI within the stipulated time. A total of 2,119 donations, declared by 28 regional parties, amounting to ₹216.765 crore were analysed. It is to be noted that people donating more than ₹20,000 are required to reveal their identity.

Seventeen other parties de-



laved their submissions, with delays ranging from two to 164 days. Seven parties, including BJD and Jammu and Kashmir National Conference (JKNC). declared no donations for the year.

The report highlighted significant increases in donations for some parties compared to the previous financial year.

LA blaze: Investigators rule out lightning angle 3 kids among 5 of family wiped out in Meerut

fires in California including the

Oakland Hills fire in 1991, said

the size and scope of the blaze

doesn't change the approach to

Lentini said. "People will fo-

cus on where the fire started,

determine the origin and look

around the origin and deter-

mine the cause.'

This was once a small fire,'

finding out what caused it.

AGENCIES

Los Angeles, Jan 10: While the raging wildfires tearing across Los Angeles in US have claimed the lives of at least 10 people, and destroyed thousands of homes and businesses, investigators are considering an array of possible ignition sources while dismissing the lightning angle to the huge inferno. The investigators will look into the next two most common causes: intentionally set and those sparked by utility lines.

In hilly, upscale Pacific Palisades, home to Hollywood stars like Jamie Lee Curtis and Billy Crystal who lost houses in the fire, officials have placed the origin of the wind-whipped blaze behind a home on Piedra Morada Drive, which sits above a densely wooded arroyo.

While lightning is the most



common source of fires in US, according to the National Fire Protection Association, investigators were able to rule that out quickly. There were no reports of lightning in Palisades area or the terrain around the Eaton fire, which started in east Los Angeles County and has also destroyed hundreds of homes.

John Lentini, owner of Scientific Fire Analysis in Flori-

So far there has been no official indication of arson in either blaze, and utility lines have not yet been identified as a cause either.

Utilities are required to report to the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) when they know of "electric incidents potentially associated with a wildfire," Terrie Prosper, the commission's communications director, said via email. CPUC staff will then investigate to see if there were violations of state law.

The 2017 Thomas Fire, one of the largest fires in state history, was sparked by Southern California Edison power lines that came into contact during high wind, investigators determined. The blaze killed two people and charred more than 440 square miles (1,140 square kilometers), according to the investigation headed by the Ventura County Fire Department. So far no such reports for the current fires have been posted to the CPUC website that tracks such filings.

While lightning, arson and utility lines are the most common causes, debris burning and fireworks are also common causes.

But fires are incited by myriad sources, including accidents. In 2021, a couple's gender reveal stunt started a large fire that torched close to 36 square miles (about 90 square kilometers) of terrain, destroyed five homes and 15 other buildings and claimed the life of a firefighter, Charlie Morton.

The Eaton and Palisades fires were still burning with little to no containment on Thursday. Winds softened, but there was no rain in the forecast as the flames moved through miles of dry landscape.

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Meerut (UP), Jan 10: Five members of a family, including three children aged eight, four and one whose bodies were stuffed in sacks and kept in a bed box, were found killed in their home, police said Friday. Two persons were detained for the sensational murders that rocked this Uttar Pradesh town.

The deceased were identified as Moin alias Moinuddin, 52, his wife Asma, 45, and their daughters Afsah, 8, Aziza, 4, and Adeeba, 1.

Several suspects have also been taken into custody for the killing that came to light Thursday night. The bodies of the parents were wrapped in bedsheets. And all five had deep head injuries and slash marks on their necks.

Senior Superintendent of Police (SSP) Vipin Tada said, "Based on a complaint filed by the relatives of the deceased woman, a case has been regis tered against three named ac cused and some unidentified persons. Two named suspects and several others have been taken into custody for ques tioning."

Police said the bodies of the husband and wife were found wrapped in bedsheets, while those of their three children were stuffed in the storage com partment of a bed at the family's home in the densely populated Suhail Garden neighbourhood in the Lisari Gate police station area. "All pieces of evidence are being gathered, and the case will be solved soon," he said.













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How Danny

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Mumbai: Vijay Mal-

lya is credited with

market in India. Prior to

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his United Breweries brought about, beer was not

among India's favourite beverages. Mallya's success

lay in beating competition at every turn to monopo-

Bollywood star. This is the story of how Danny Denzong-

Danny, born Tshering Phintso Denzongpa in Sikkim

in 1948, began his Bollywood career in 1971 with Zaroorat.

Hindi film industry, including Love Story, Ghatak, Agneepath,

Khuda Gawah, Krantiveer, and China Gate. In 1987, the actor

diversified into the beer business when he founded Yuksom

Breweries in his native state. The company is named after his

hometown. In 2005 he expanded the business, setting up Denzong

Breweries in Odisha. Four years later, he acquired Assam's Rhino

Agencies. According to Yuksom's website, the brand has a production capacity of 6.8 lakh HL per annum. This makes Yuksom the

third-largest Indian beer company, behind only Kingfisher and Ki-

maya. In 2009, the beer market in India was expanding drastically. The

North East was considered the final bastion. Mallya's United Breweries

had cornered almost all of India but had not gained entry into the seven

states of the northeast. The liquor baron had his eyes set on Assam's Rhino

Agencies, a new brewery, for that. However, Danny wanted his Yuksom to

dominate the NE market. MSN reported that on hearing Mallya's takeover

plans, Danny bought Rhino Agencies himself and solidified his position in

the market. UB never did acquire a brewery in the northeast and kept away

pa beat the king of good times at his own game.

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PAMELA OPENS UP ON **EX-HUBBY TOMMY LEE**

Hollywood star Pamela Anderson has said that she has lost touch with her former husband Tommy Lee and wishes they had a better rapport. The Baywatch star had a rocky marriage with Lee from 1995 to 1998 before they divorced after the leak of the couple's sex tape, reports femalefirst.co.uk.

ANGELINA JOLIE LIED ABOUT SINGING SKILLS

Hollywood actress Angelina Jolie lied to director Pablo Larrain about her singing ability because she was so determined to land the main role in Maria Callas biopic Maria.



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ARIES

Today the stars advocate that you concentrate on money matters and how to save some, and in this purpose you will remain engrossed. However, Ganesha advises you not to neglect domestic duties lest you encounter a morose spouse.

TAURUS

You are likely to be mentally alert and watchful today, says Ganesha. Creativity will run through your veins no matter what vou attempt. You mav dabble in performing arts, designing, graphics or special effects. Your charm will play Pied Piper to the opposite gender today

GEMINI You will find yourself caught

in two minds repeatedly, owing to your unpredictable mood swings. This will be the cause of a lot of mental stress. You can reduce your anxiety by talking out your issues with family members and experts. You need to take care of your health today, says Ganesha.



or god news from your friends or relatives. You will enjoy with your family. You will get the affection and co-opeation of family members. Happiness and rapport in domestic life is indicated. Ganesha's grace is upon you.

LEO

You will look to give your house a new appearance by decorating it or undertakng some renovation projects. You will make the best out of waste and produce

some truly marvellous pieces of art for improving the ambience of your nest. You will be able to save up on some money. Laudable, says Ganesha.

VIRGO

Emotions that have been locked in the inner recesses of your heart might just surface today. You may develop an emotional attachment with your material possessions. However, Ganesha says, if you don't find your surroundings conducive, you will feel extremely restless.



There is a very strong possibility of major improvements in your public standing and image today. But it all depends so much upon your personal character, and, therefore, you must guard it zealously, even with your own life.

Those who seek to malign or dent

I HAD NOWHERE **TO GO: NEENA** Mumbai: Neena Gupta's journey

in Mumbai began in the early 1980s, when she made the move from Delhi. In a recent interview, the actor revealed that she never opted for rentals. Instead, she would sell her apartment, add more funds, and invest in her next home. During one beat Mallya at his such transition, Neena had to move in

with her aunt, who asked her to leave in the middle of the night, leaving Neena and her daughter without a place to During a lise the beer market in India. Yet, there was one market where he was beaten fair and square, and that too, by a

conversation in an episode of You-Tube Over the years, he has acted in some of the biggest hits of the chan

nel

Housing.com, Neena shared that she had booked a three-BHK flat in a builder's latest project. Having already sold her current residence and invested the funds in the new prop erty, her finances were temporarily strained. She had to move in with her aunt and uncle during this period. Looking back, Neena shared, "I

shifted to my aunt's house where I had stayed before. I thought I stay there so much of the time and I just come back to my house to sleep. Since Masaba was little then, my aunt used to help in looking after the baby. But one day, she threw

me out in the middle of the night, she kicked me out. I had no money left. There was this one night where I had nowhere to go

by." AGENCIES

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LA BLAZE Nora's narrow escape

Mumbai: Actor Nora Fatehi was caught in the midst of the raging wildfires in Los Angeles, which forced her to evacuate her place at a moment's notice. She admitted to feeling terrified, labelling the catastrophic scenario unfolding in LA as 'craz'.

Nora took to Instagram Stories Thursday to post a video sharing her ordeal and give an update about her well-being.

"I'm in LA and the wildfires are crazy. I've never seen anything like this. This is insane. We just got an evacuation order like 5 minutes ago. So, I quickly packed all my stuff and I'm evacuating out of here, out of this area,' Nora shared.

The actor added that she is planning to stay near the airport and try to get a flight out as soon possible.

Nora said, "I'm going to go near the airport and stay there, because I have a flight today and I really hope I can catch it. I hope it doesn't get cancelled because this s**t is scary. I have never experienced this before. I am going to keep you guys updated. Hopefully I can get out in time. And yeah man, I really hope people in LA are safe.'

from production in that market. Yuksom employs largely locals as part of Danny's bid to promote his home state. Sikkim Express reported in 2022 that the breweries in the northeast employ 250 people and contribute as much as 100 crore to the local economy every year. AGENCIES

Once bigger than SRK, this star failed to pay medical bills

Mumbai: Collectively, Shah Rukh, Salman, and Aamir have dominated the box office since the early 90s. But even as their star was ascending, there was another actor who was considered an even brighter prospect than them. Yet, within a few years, his star dwindled so sharply that he was relegated to participating in reality shows, left on the verge of bankruptcy

Rahul Roy debuted in Hindi films in 1990 with the sleeper hit. Aashiqui. He and the film's female lead, Anu Aggarwal, became overnight stars. The film's success catapulted him to household name status. Aashiqui's success was followed by a string of hits starring Rahul - including Pyaar Ka Saaya and Junoon. At this point, the 26-year-old was called the next big thing, ahead of Salman and Aamir. Shah Rukh had just debuted in films and was not even in the same league as the others by then. But this false dawn was not to last.

In the mid-90s, many films that Rahul signed were shelved. He said no to other films that ended up becoming box-office successes. He reportedly rejected Yash Chopra's Darr, which made Shah Rukh a star. At the same time, his films began failing at the box office. After Junoon in 1992, Rahul starred in 15 consecutive flops over the next 9 years. The 2001 release Afsana Dil-

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and was hospitalised. The actor was partially paralysed for a while and needed several expensive medical treatments. In an interview with Bollywood Hungama in 2023, he revealed that he did not even have the money to foot his medical bills and his former co-star Salman

Khan came to his aid. AGENCIES

walon Ka was his last in the lead role. The actor took a break and returned to films in 2006, only to deliver five more flops. By 2010, he had moved to supporting roles and had even participated in the inaugural season of Bigg Boss, But even winning the show did not revive his stardom or popularity

hul Roy suffered a stroke followed by a heart attack

You will get a surprise gift

your reputation will be disappointe says Ganesha.

SCORPIO

Today promises to be an exceptional day for those involved in business. With sheer brilliance, you will steer deals right to your door step, and will display great finesse in negotiations and bartering. Bring out the leader in you and take charge when you introduce new products or market them in business, suggests Ganesha.

SAGITTARIUS

You need to increase your tolerance power as you may have to face criticism from close ones. However, it is not feasible to please everyone around. You may just be happy doing basic favours for your loved ones. Ganesha asks you to be patient.

CAPRICORN

You'll kick start the day in high spirit which will take everyone by surprise. You will shift gears at work so that you can perform more efficiently and productively. Such a change will boost your confidence as you will see the positive results for yourself.

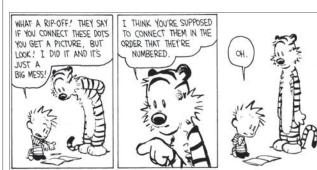
Cooperative and supportive, your colleagues will help you improve your performance at work. Also, your creativity will win you praises from one and all, foretells Ganesha. The day will have a perfect end as you will spend quality time with your friends and family.

PISCES

You are going to be very emotional today. You will be able to express your love to your wife or other loved ones in a very unique and dramatic way. It is not a good day for putting forth marriage or love proposals, and if you do it could be disappointing.

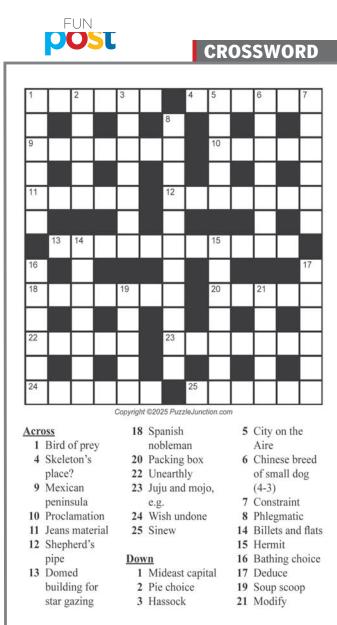
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CHECK FOR SOLUTIONS OF THE PUZZLES TOMORROW

SUDOKU

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CAPTIVATING MOVE

An artiste performs at the Mukteswar Dance Festival in Bhubaneswar, Friday



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Invest in Odisha: CM to Indian diaspora OSRTC bus service

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Bhubaneswar, Jan 10: Inviting the Indian diaspora to invest in Odisha, Chief Minister Mohan Charan Majhi Friday said that he will appoint a nodal minister to liaison with the interested NRIs and Persons of Indian Origin (PIOs).

Majhi made this announcement while addressing the valedictory session of the 18th Pravasi Bharatiya Divas (PBD) convention here in presence of President Droupadi Murmu, who also hails from the state.

"The Pravasis who want to engage with the state for projects, investment and others will be supported and facilitated. I am elated to announce that my government will appoint a nodal minister from the Odia Language, Literature and Culture department for this purpose,' Majhi said.

The Chief Minister said that he seeks the involvement and cooperation of the diaspora in taking the Odia culture and heritage to the world. Majhi held a formal discus-

sion with the Odia diaspora and assured them of support if they want to establish their projects in the state.

"It is a great opportunity for us to meet the diaspora in our state and the government does not want to miss it. Therefore,

Top court opens doors to

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ignated days.

Cognizant's biggest campus soon

Bhubaneswar: Cognizant CEO Ravi Kumar S met Chief Minister Mohan Charan Majhi Friday to discuss the development of the American IT firm's biggest campus in the state, a statement said. At the meeting, Majhi said

the state government would allot land in Bhubaneswar city for development of the Cognizant campus and provide all support, it said.

"Both discussed on developing Cognizant campus in Bhubaneswar as its biggest centre in India," it added. Ravi Kumar S, who is of

ment will provide all support," I appeal to you to come up with projects and the state governhe said.

The PBD convention was held for the first time in Odisha. The Chief Minister said, "With your presence, Odisha looks happier today. Your potential presence has lit the lamps of love and faith like never before."

He described the 18th PBD as a historic event for Bhubaneswar, which was decked up with colourful lights while music and dance programmes were also being held.

Majhi said that the state government also organised events like sea beach festival at Puri. bird festival at Chilika and other programmes.

He urged the diaspora to visit Odisha again. Taking a cue from Prime Minister Narendra Modi's appeal to the diaspora, Majhi said, "I request all of you to please bring at least five of your foreigner friends to pay a visit to India as well as to Odisha to explore art, culture, architectural wonder, spiritual serenity. and intimate hospitality.'

Majhi also congratulated the winners of the Pravasi Bharatiya Samman awards.

He thanked the PM and Ex ternal Affairs Minister S Jaishankar for their support in making the PBD a grand success. He also extended gratitude to President Droupadi Murmu for attending the valedictory session of the PBD.

expands to nine routes

POST NEWS NETWORK

Bhubaneswar, Jan 10: In a significant step towards enhancing public transport infrastructure, Odisha State Road Transport Corporation (OSRTC) launched 13 bus services in nine new routes here Friday.

Commerce and Transport (C&T) Minister Bibhuti Bhusan Jena flagged off the buses through a virtual conference from Kharvela Bhawan here.

The event was attended by several dignitaries, including School and Mass Education Minister Nityananda Gond and Food Supply and Consumer Welfare Minister Krushna Chandra Patra.

C&T principal secretary

City police foils robbery plot; 4 held

Bhubaneswar: The Laxmisagar police nabbed four persons for allegedly planning to commit robbery at a place near Oscar City Market area here, Thursday night. IIC P Shyam Sundar Sahoo said the arrested accused - N Nagesh, 21, L Prabhas, 19, A Bishnu, 22, and Srisant Barik, 18 - are historysheeters who had been booked four times in the past by the Laxmisagar police in connection with criminal offences. They all reside near Old Station Bazaar, within Laxmisagar police station limits. Two iron rods, a screw driver, a knife, two swords, chilli powder packet, and glass bottles have been seized from them, he added. Sahoo said Thursday night a police patrol team was alerted by an informer about the gathering of four miscreants near Jharpada Durga puja ground for plotting a robbery. The police rushed to the spot and apprehended them. A search on their person led to the recovery of the weapons. During questioning, the hoodlums allegedly spilled the beans about their plans to commit robbery near Oscar City. They were then arrested and taken into custody, Sahoo said. They were booked

under Sections 310 (4), and 5 of

court Friday.

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Usha Padhee welcomed the guests and outlined the vision behind the initiative. "The new bus services are aimed at improving regional connectivity and providing affordable and comfortable travel options to the people of Odisha," she said. Among others, transport commissioner Amitav Thakur,

OSRTC CMD Diptesh Pattanaik

and other officers were present on the occasion.

The newly launched services will connect the following routes - Siddha Bhairavi, Ganiya (Kantilo), Kotpad, Joranda and Paralakhemundi with Puri Indravati and Berhampur with Bhubaneswar, Kundura with Cuttack and Berhampur with Rourkela.

CARE Hosp hosts 'CARE Connect'



POST NEWS NETWORK

Bhubaneswar, Jan 10: CARE Hospitals hosted its flagship 'CARE Connect' programme at a City hotel here Friday, bringing together healthcare professionals to share insights on the latest advancements in neurosurgery and recovery stories by the patients.

The event featured testimonials from several individuals who had undergone treatment at CARE Hospitals. The stories highlighted the hospital's patient-centric approach, demonstrating the compassionate care that played a vital role in their recovery journeys. The doctor fraternity from

the hospital also shared recent advancements in cutting-edge technologies in neurosurgery Neuro and Spine surgeon at the hospital, Atmaranjan Dash highlighted the hospital's use of Bi-Portal Endoscopic Spine Surgery, an invasive technique that promotes faster recovery of

patients. "Our focus on minimally invasive procedures is reshap ing patient care by reducing recovery time, while ensuring effective results," Dash added.

Neurosurgeon Susant Das al so shared about recent advance ments in brain surgery and said, "By adopting the latest technologies in neurosurgery, we ensure that patients receive the best care available.'

people for guided tours

Organised by Bhubaneswar New Delhi, Jan 10: Opening its doors for augmenting public engagement and awareness. the Supreme Court has allowed guided tours for people on des-

transformed the Ekamra Utsav into a hub for emerging entrepreneurs, home-based business-



es, and local artisans. 33 stalls are brimming with a diverse array of offerings, ranging from clothes, footwear, and accessories to handcrafted home decor, organic food products, and health-oriented items.

Handicrafts, gifts, rural bazaar items, toys, looms sarees, printed and embroidered clothes, handmade key lockets, photo frames, bags, ornaments, paintings and handlooms are available at various stalls in the fest. It has become a one-stop destination for visitors to discover and support local talent.

What sets the initiative apart is its celebration of Odisha's rich cultural heritage. Each evening is enlivened with live performances by talented local artistes. including singers, dancers, and folk performers. The market also hosts comedy shows, band performances, and musical acts from emerging groups. These lively events have turned the market into a dynamic space where creativity thrives, fostering interaction between performers and the public, and infusing the atmosphere with energy and enthusiasm

Night flea market: A fusion of culture, creativity & commerce

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POST NEWS NETWORK

Bhubaneswar, Jan 10: The Night Flea Market featured at Ekamra Utsav is drawing a large number of visitors and tourists eager to explore the shops, the cultural extravaganza, entertainment nights and live performances.

Development Authority (BDA) on the occasion of Pravasi Bharatiya Dibas, the flea market will remain open from 4pm to 11pm daily until January 16.

The Night Flea Market has

An official said, "Opening of the secured apex court premises will provide a great opportunity to the public to gain inside access to the interiors of the building and admire the majestic structure in its full glory.'

The drive allows people to

put to rest their curiosities on

the court's mystique, and stroll through its majestic corridors

every working Saturday - except the second and the fourth and declared holidays.

A circular issued January 9 by Registrar Mahesh T Patankar (court and building) read, "In pursuance of the directions of the competent authority, the guided tour shall be conducted on every working Saturday, except second and fourth Saturdays and declared holidays in four slots from 10am to 11.30am; 11:30am to 1pm; 2pm to 3.30pm and 3.30pm to 5pm.'

Officials would accost the public during the tour and introduce them to the various sections of historical value.

For conducting the guided tour smoothly, a pre-online booking would be mandatory.

"A visitor can arrange preplanned escorted visits with online booking made in advance," the official said, "and will be accompanied throughout the premises and introduced to parts of historical importance and they will also get a chance to see the courtrooms.

Public members would have a chance to sightsee the grounds which usually takes about an hour and guided through the courtrooms aside from the National Judicial Museum and Archive.

Visitors will have a chance to see the new judges library in SC's administrative building complex where entry is otherwise restricted.

The first such tour happened November 3, 2018, and since then 296 such tours have taken place.

The Supreme Court building was constructed in 1958, with its foundation stone laid by India's first President, Rajendra Prasad in 1954.

Greater Flamingos of Chilika Lake tagged to record migration route



POST NEWS NETWORK

Bhubaneswar, Jan 10: In a first of its kind, Greater Flamingos-migratory bird to Chilika Lake during winters, were tagged recently at Nalabana Bird Sanctuary, with the combined efforts from state Forest department, Chilika WL Division and Wildlife Institute of India (WII), Dehradun.

A star attraction for visitors and bird enthusiast visiting Chilika, Greater Flamingo has a uniquely shaped beak adapted for filter-feeding and long legs for wading in the shallow waters of the water lake.

Every year, in the month of November, these migratory birds arrive for wintering and return to their breeding ground during April-May. However, the exact place from which these flamingos come from has remained unknown. According to previous Bombay Natural History Society studies, Greater Flamingos breed at the Great Rann of Kutch in Gujarat, and likely migrate to Chilika from there. However, possibilities are also there that they might also be arriving from other breeding sites in Asia, Iran and Kazakhstan.

With the support from WII, led by R Suresh Kumar, the team successfully captured and tagged two Greater Flamingos January 8 and 9, coinciding with the 5th National Chilika Bird Festival. A solar-powered GSM-GPS transmitter, weighing 30gm, was installed which will record the location of the birds every 10 minutes.

The device will enable a deeper understanding of fine-scale habitat of Flamingos and will help the department for evidence-based decisions on habitat management and conservation. The initiative marks the beginning of a collaborative project by the Wildlife Wing of state Forest department and the WII for long-term collaboration in monitoring the birds of Chilika Lake.



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TAHIR HUSSAIN MOVES HC

Former AAP councillor Tahir Hussain Friday sought interim bail in the Delhi High Court in a murder case related to the February 2020 riots to fight assembly polls from Mustafabad constituency on a AIMIM ticket



SAVARKAR REMARKS

Rahul appears in court

SHORT TAKES

AMU receives bomb threat mail

Aligarh: Aligarh Muslim University has received an email with the sender threatening "to blow up the campus," police said. The sender claimed to detonate the bomb already planted on the campus and also threatened to mix "pork oil" in the food if he did not get ₹2 lakh, his demand, through UPI. Superintendent of Police (City) Mrigank Shekhar Pathak said all sensitive areas on and around the campus have been going through checks since last evening, when top varsity officials, including the vice chancellor, received the email. Authorities are "not taking any chances" with the threat. Pathak said.

Hindi not national language: R Ashwin

Chennai: Former cricketer R Ashwin has said Hindi was not the country's national language but only an official language. He made these comments while attending the convocation of a private college near here Thursday, where he asked the students in what language they would like him to address them. While a few preferred English and there was overwhelming support when he gave the option of addressing them in Tamil, there seemed to be no takers for Hindi. "Hindi --no response. I thought I will say it (Hindi) is not our national language, but an official language," the former India all-rounder said.

SAMBHAL MOSQUE WELL ROW

Top court orders status quo, issues notice to Centre, ASI

The mosque committee, in a fresh plea, said the Sambhal district administration. was conducting a purported drive to revive old temples and wells in the city

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

New Delhi, Jan 10: Ordering a status quo, the Supreme Court Friday asked the Uttar Pradesh authorities, the Archaeological Survey of India and others not to take steps over a "private well" near the Mughal-era Jama Masjid mosque in Sambhal.

Considering a plea of the management committee of Shahi Jama Masjid, Sambhal, a bench comprising Chief Justice Saniiv Khanna and Justice Saniav Kumar issued notices to the Centre, the director general of the Archaeological Survey of India (ASI), Sambhal district magistrate and other private individuals from the Hindu side led by Hari Shankar Jain. "Issue notice returnable Feb-

ruary 21. In the meanwhile, a status report to be filed by the respondents in two weeks. The respondents shall not give effect to any notice in relation to



the well." the bench ordered. The mosque committee, in a fresh plea, said the Sambhal district administration, was conducting a purported drive to revive old temples and wells in the city with reports indicating at least 32 old unused temples were revived and 19 wells were identified for public use and prayers. "In the list of wells being

sought to be revived by the district administration is also a water well situated in the precincts of the mosque itself," it said. The plea therefore sought a direction to the Sambhal district magistrate to ensure a status quo over the private well located near the mosque entrance besides any future action without the Supreme Court's permission. While a covered half of the

well was said to be inside the mosque, the other half protruded outside on a curved platform. Water from the well, situated at the junction of three narrow lanes leading to the main entrance of the mosque, was being used by the mosque, the plea said. It was argued that the survey led to violence and loss of lives, prompting the urgent intervention of the top court. Senior advocate Huzefa Ahmadi, representing the mosque management committee, referred to the well's historical significance and said, "We have been drawing water from the well since time immemorial.' Ahmadi raised concerns over a notice referring to the site as "Hari Mandir" and plans for starting religious activities there.

Man tries to set self. family on fire in front of Vidhan Bhavan

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

Lucknow, Jan 10: Alleging false case against himself, a man Friday attempted immolation along with his family members in front of Vidhan Bhavan in the state capital, police said.

Raj Kamal Rawat and his family members, who belong to Kanta village in Nigohan of Lucknow district, were saved due to the "alertness" of the police, officials said. According to the police, Rawat attempted immolation with his wife and children but the police stopped them from doing so.

The police said a land dispute occurred between Rawat and one Shahenshah of the same village. Shahenshah was shot outside his house at night in September 2024. In his statement. Shahenshah named Rawat and said he had shot him and his wife was with him, the police said

Based on Shahenshah's statement, Rawat was arrested and sent to jail, according to the police. Arms were al so recovered from him, the police added. According to the police, Rawat came out of jail four days ago and alleged that a false case was filed against him by Shahenshah and others. The police said Rawat alleged that even after coming out of jail, he and his family are being harassed by the rivals

Rawat alleged that he visited Lucknow and attempted immolation along with his family due to the harassment, the police said, adding that the matter is being investigated.



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Pune, Jan 10: A special court in Pune Friday granted bail to Congress leader Rahul Gandhi in a defamation case related to his alleged objectionable remarks on Hindutva ideologue V D Savarkar.

 $The \, MP/MLA \ court \ granted$ bail to the Leader of Opposition in the Lok Sabha on a surety bond of ₹25,000 after he appeared before it through video conferencing, his lawyer said.

Senior Congress leader Mohan Joshi stood as surety for Gandhi (54) before the court presided over by Amol Shinde, judicial magistrate (first class) and special judge for MP/MLA cases. Advocate Milind Pawar, representing Gandhi, said soon after his client appeared before the court, they moved a bail application. The judge allowed the plea and granted bail to the former Congress president on a surety bond of ₹25, 000, he informed. The advocate said the court also granted permanent exemption to the Lok Sabha MP from Rae Bareli

case was filed on a complaint by V D Savarkar's grandnephew Satyaki, who alleged Gandhi had made defamatory remarks against the Hindutva icon at a programme he attended in Lon don in March 2023. Earlier, advocate Sangram

from appearing before it. The

Kolhatkar, representing Satyaki Savarkar, objected to Gandhi's application seeking virtual appearance. There was no provision that allows an accused to appear in court through video conferencing before securing bail, Kolhatkar argued.

The court, however, permit ted Gandhi to attend the proceedings online. Wearing a bot tle green sweater, the Congress MP appeared before the court and stated his name when the judge asked for it. The matter will be next heard February 18

As per the complaint, Gandhi, while speaking at the London event, stated that Savarkar had written in a book that he and five to six of his friends once beat up a Muslim man and he (Savarkar) felt happy.

According to the complaint, the freedom fighter had not written this anywhere and the Congress leader's remarks were aimed at defaming him. At the time, the court had asked the Pune police to in vestigate the allegations and file a report.

The Vishrambaug police, af ter an inquiry, submitted that there was prima facie truth in the complaint.

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MATHURA TEMPLE-MOSQUE DISPUTE Plea against combining multiple lawsuits may be raised later: SC

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

New Delhi, Jan 10: The Supreme Court Friday said a plea challenging the Allahabad High Court order to combine 15 lawsuits by Hindu petitioners in the Mathura Sri Krishna Janmabhoomi-Shahi Idgah Masjid dispute may be raised later.

A bench comprising Chief Justice Sanjiv Khanna and Justice Sanjay Kumar took a prima facie view in favour of the high court decision to consolidate all the lawsuits, saying it favours both sides of the litigation. On January 11 last year, the Allahabad High Court directed that the 15 suits on an application filed by the Hindu plaintiff be consolidated "in interest of iustice'

At the beginning of hear ing Friday, the SC bench said it is seized of an issue related to a 1991 law on places of worship and asked as to why it should intervene on the matter of the consolidation of the lawsuits at the moment. "If required, you can raise the plea later," the CJI told

the lawyer representing the mosque committee. In a related important de-



velopment, the top court, De cember 12, restrained till further directions the courts in the country from entertaining fresh lawsuits and passing any effective interim or final orders in pending ones seeking to reclaim religious places, especially mosques and dargahs.

Sadhus of Niranjani Akhara show their skills during the royal entry procession or 'Chavni Pravesh' for the Mahakumbh 2025 at Sangam in Prayagraj, Uttar Pradesh

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AFFIDAVIT

By virtue of an Affidavit sworn before the Executive Magistrate, Bhubaneswar, I have changed my surname from Biswal to Behera and henceforth I shall be known as Saudamini Behera for all purposes. Sd./- Saudamini Behera

I, Sashi Rath, S/o Birabar Rath, R/o plot No.- C1/30, Banaja Apartment, Unit 6, Ganganagar, Bhubaneswar hereby declare by this affidavit that now onwords I shall be known as Sashi Ranjan Rath for all future purposes.

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

New Delhi. Jan 10: Swamy Shraddananda, jailed for 30 years for killing his wife, has moved the Supreme Court seeking authorities to decide his mercy plea before the President in December, 2023.

When the petition came up for hearing before a bench of Justices B R Gavai and Augustine George Masih Friday, the bench told advocate Varun Thakur, appearing for 84-yearold Shraddananda alias Murali Manohar Mishra, to provide a copy of his plea to the Centre's counsel. It said the plea would be heard next week. Thakur said Shraddananda had spent 30 years in jail without even a

day's parole. In October last year, the apex court refused to entertain Shraddananda's plea seeking a review of the top court's ver-

dict directing him not to be released from prison for the rest of his life.

Shraddananda, whose wife was the grand-daughter of a former dewan of the princely state of Mysore, had sought a review of the July 2008 verdict of a three-judge bench of the apex court. Shakereh, the wife of Shraddananda, was the granddaughter of Sir Mirza Ismail, a former dewan of the erstwhile princely state of Mysore.

The couple married in April. 1986, but Shakereh suddenly disappeared in May 1991, the apex court noted in its July 2008 verdict. It said in March 1994, the central crime branch, Bengaluru, took over the investigation on the "missing" complaint regarding Shakereh and Shraddananda confessed to having killed her. In his fresh plea filed in the apex court, Shraddananda referred to the



After 30 yrs in jail, Swamy Shraddananda moves SC

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The plea referred to the Octoassassination case of former prime minister Rajiv Gandhi ber 23 last year order passed by and said the convicts got parole the apex court on Shraddananand furlough during the incarda's review petition. It said the top court had notceration and were eventually

ed in its order that a Constitution bench held the exercise of

powers by the President under Article 72 and by the Governor under Article 161 were available despite the court imposing a sentence of life up to death as a substitute for death penalty. Articles 72 and 161 of the Constitution deal with the power of the President and the Governor to grant pardons, etc., and to suspend, remit or commute sentences in certain cases.

Shraddananda said he filed a mercy petition before the President in December 2023, which was pending for consideration.

"The petitioner is in jail since 30 years without single day parole or without any remission," the plea said, "and the petitioner was suffering with multiple diseases." It sought a direction to the respondent authorities to decide his mercy petition.

A trial court in 2005 convicted Shraddananda and sentenced him to death following which the Karnataka High Court in September the same year confirmed the conviction and the death sentence.

His appeal against the high court order came up before a two-judge bench of the apex court, which unanimously upheld his conviction but differed on sentencing.

While one of the judges said he should not be released from prison till the end of his life, the other judge said he deserved nothing but death.

The matter then came up before a three-judge bench which delivered its verdict July 22, 2008. "We accordingly substitute the death sentence given to the appellant by the trial court and confirmed by the high court by imprison ment for life and direct that he shall not be released from prison till the rest of his life,' the bench said.

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Rushikulya-Vamsadhara linking in limbo

POST NEWS NETWORK

Berhampur, Jan 10: A long-standing demand to link Vamsadhara river with Rushikulya has resurfaced, with proponents emphasising the benefits of flood control and resolution of drinking water woes across several regions in Ganjam and Gajapati districts. Additionally, the project promises adequate irrigation facilities for agriculture, according to various farmers outfits.

However, Rushikulya river, the lifeline of Ganjam district, has been drying up completely during the summers. Many stakeholders argue for linking Rushikulya with the Mahanadi river to ensure perennial water flow. Despite several demonstrations and agitations advocating for these river-linking projects during the tenures of earlier governments, the proposals remain unimplemented.

Notably, during the 2000 and 2004 elections, the BJD-BJP coalition government had highlighted these projects. At that

Rushikulya river, the lifeline of Stakeholders have also demanded Ganjam district, has been drying linking of Rushikulya with the Mahanadi up completely during the summers i river to ensure perennial water flow

time, Chief Minister Naveen Patnaik, who held the Water Resources portfolio, and Ravi Nanda, then Jeypore MLA and Deputy Minister for Water Resources, had initiated surveys for the Vamsadhara-Rushikulya link. The foundation stone was laid near Gudari in Rayagada district for the project on the bank of

Vamsadhara Two decades later, the project remains stuck at the foundation-laving stage. Reports had been prepared to channel Vamsadhara water to the Padmanadi near Adava in Gajapa-

ti district and subsequently

merge it with Rushikulya in

Ganjam. This was expected to

enhance irrigation facilities

in numerous villages located in the area starting from Sheragada to Hinjili. However, the proposed plan has not materialised

Similarly, during the first coalition government, there was a strong demand to link Rushikulva with the Mahanadi. Former Deputy Speaker Ramachandra Panda led a farmers' movement in Chhatrapur to press for the cause, and then-Minister Mangala Kisan assured the Assembly of the project's execution. Yet, the initiative saw no progress under the previous administration.

Now, with the BJP in power political dynamics have shifted, and the new government has presented an ambitious election manifesto. Experts and stakeholders believe that operationalising the Vamsadhara-Rushikulya linkage would not only control the floodwaters of both rivers but also make Rushikulya a perennial river. Public opinion strongly supports the Rushikulya-Mahanadi linkage as well, which could bring life back to the dwindling Rushikulva river.

10 held for illegal fishing in Gahirmatha sanctuary

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

Kendrapara, Jan 10: Forest officials Friday arrested 10 fishermen and seized their fishing trawl from Gahirmatha Marine Sanctuary in Kendrapara district for illegal fishing, an official said.

The sanctuary, which is wit-



Olive Ridlev sea turtles for mating, is shut for fishing throughout

the year for safety of marine animals.

The Forest department's patrolling unit seized the fishing trawl during a routine patrol along with 1.5 quintals of sea fish, fishing nets and GPS devices, the official said.

According to the official, the fishermen had illegally entered the restricted sanctu ary area, violating provisions of the Wildlife Protection Act, 1972, the Orissa Marine Fishing Regulation Act. 1982, and other marine sanctuary regulations

Hubby among 3 held for woman's murder



Ex-SCS Secy gets 3-year RI

POST NEWS NETWORK

Mohana, Jan 10: Police have solved the murder case of a 32-year-old woman identified as Lakshyahira Nayak aka Lali from Kalema village under Adava police limits in Gajapati district. Three individuals, identified as the victim's husband Dharmendra Nayak, his second wife Purnabasi Nayak, and nephew Karna Nayak, have been arrested in connection with the crime.

Gajapati SP Jatindra Panda informed the media during a press conference that the accused have been arrested and produced in court. The murder is believed to have been motivated by family disputes and Lakshyahira's opposition to

Dharmendra's second marriage Dharmendra had married Lakshyahira Nayak 15 years ago but entered into a second marriage with Purnabasi Nay ak four years back leading to ongoing family tensions. The three accused allegedly con spired to kill Lakshvahira to eliminate her from their lives

The accused carried out the brutal murder January 3. Police recovered Lakshyahira's body January 5 from a stone quarry near a hill. The murder weapon and stones used in the crime were also seized.

Following the arrests, the victim's brother expressed relief and satisfaction over the resolution of the case

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13 Maoists surrender before police **CUO holds international** conference on millets

POST NEWS NETWORK

Koraput, Jan 10: In order to promote the importance of millets as a staple and nutritional food, a three-day international conference on 'Millets as Future Food for Sustainable Planet' was inaugurated at the Central University of Odisha (CUO) at Sunabeda campus in Koraput district Friday.

Organised by the department of Biodiversity and Conservation of Natural Resources, CUO's Vice-Chancellor Chakradhar Tripathi formally inaugurated the international conference. Addressing the event, Tripathi stressed the need for promotion of millet as a staple food. "Millet was an important food of India during 19th century and before, but due to western influence, millet farming was on the back foot. It is time to revive the use of millets, and every Indian should know their benefits," he added.

On the occasion, former ICAR DGP Trilochan Mohapatra was present as the chief guest. Mohapatra, in his speech, said that he is working on the popularity of millets for future food as a member of the central team of millets. After the year 2023 was declared as 'International Year of Millets', both Centre and state governments are trying to

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Malkangiri. Jan 10: In a significant development, 13 Maoists, including those with rewards of ₹13 lakh on their head, have surrendered before police near the Malkangiri border with neighbouring Chhattisgarh, sources said. The surrender was facilitated under Chhattisgarh Police's ongoing Maoist eradication strategy and rehabilitation policy for surrendered ultras. Among those who surrendered, Munna Kakem and Sukhram Hemla had ₹5 lakh rupees on their head each,



while Dev Madkam alias Chandini, Nandu Abalam alias Durgesh, and Bhima Beko had ₹1 lakh rewards each on their head. Additionally, eight other Maoists gave themselves up.

These individuals revealed that the police had set up several camps in different areas and intensified the combing operation leading to the demise of numerous Maoists.

They were motivated to surrender after realising that the Maoists were obstructing the development activities taken up by the government they said.

The police and administration in Chhattisgarh are continuing various developmental initiatives, which contributed to the Maoists' decision to lay down arms. All those who have surrendered have been given a reward of ₹25,000. Furthermore, the police assured them of proper rehabilitation according to government policies, apart from necessary facilities and support.

Elderly woman travelling on bus collapses, dies

Digapahandi: The lifeless body of an elderly woman was recovered from a passenger bus travelling from Digapahandi to Berhampur Friday. The deceased was identified as Lalita Panigrahi, 78, a resident of Ananta Nagar near the Sheragada block office. Panigrahi was travelling to Berhampur for a medical check-up. Eyewitnesses said, the elderly woman arrived at Digapahandi old bus stand via a minibus from Sheragada. She then boarded a passenger bus heading to Berhampur from Gadasamantarapur village in Digapahandi block. The bus was crowded. Some passengers offered her a seat after noticing she was unwell. However, she collapsed on the seat before the bus departed. Passengers immediately contacted the emergency services and an ambulance arrived promptly. Medical staff

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Balasore. Jan 10: Former secretary of the Haripur Service Co-operative Society (SCS), Manohar Behera, was sentenced to three years of Rigorous Imprisonment (RI) and fined ₹50,000 after being convicted in a corruption case. The Special Vigilance Court in Balasore found Behera guilty of embezzling government funds to the tune of ₹5,50,142, which was intended for the cost of 69 metric tonne of fertilizer.

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The Waiting Game

anipur, which has been dealing with an ongoing crisis for over a year, is waiting for Vineet Joshi, the Chief Secretary of the state, to go to New Delhi, more than ten days after the Centre confirmed his departure. Everyone is wondering who will take charge of the state's administration at such a critical time because of this delay.

While some perceive this as indecisiveness, insiders suggest otherwise. They argue it's part of a larger strategy, especially given the Centre's recent appointments: former Union Home Secretary AK Bhalla as Manipur's Governor and ex-Army Chief General VK Singh as Governor in the neighbouring state. Clearly, the Centre is orchestrating a unique framework to manage the region's challenges.

But regardless of the grand plan, appointing a new Chief Secretary is essential. The process, however, seems to have turned into a complex guessing game. Over the past ten days, several names have surfaced, each sparking speculation. Among the contenders are K. Moses Chalai, whose candidature gained traction after the Naga People's Organisation (NPO) petitioned Union Home Minister Amit Shah for his appointment. This move raises intriguing questions: Is this a straightforward demand, or does it carry a deeper agenda-perhaps sidelining other potential candidates?

Adding to the intrigue is Sriram Taranikanti, currently heading the

Lal Bahadur Shastri National Academy of Administration. As names pile up, the odds for each seem to diminish. What's striking is that all these contenders are currently serving at the Centre.

BABUDOM BYTES Dilip Cherian

further complicating the decision-making process.

Each passing day without a Chief Secretary only deepens the uncertainty-and Manipur can hardly afford that right now.

Transfer, cancel, repeat

Even babu reshuffles seem to carry a whiff of drama when it comes to the political theatre surrounding the Delhi Assembly elections. The recent back-and-forth on IPS officer Manishi Chandra's transfer is a case in point.

Last month, the Union Home Ministry announced Chandra's transfer from his position as Officer on Special Duty (OSD) to the Delhi Police Commissioner to Mizoram. Fast forward two weeks, and a notification last week did a complete 180, cancelling the transfer "with immediate effect." Officially, Chandra stays put in Delhi for now.

According to the grapevine, Delhi Police Commissioner Sanjay Arora wasn't exactly thrilled about losing Chandra during this critical pre-election period. Rumour has it that he stood his ground, refusing to relieve Chandra for Mizoram, and managed to get the decision reversed.

The explanation? Chandra's presence in Delhi was deemed "essential" ahead of the upcoming Assembly elections. But here's where it gets interesting-or perhaps, amusing. Elections in Delhi are hardly a surprise event; they've been on the calendar for months. If Chandra's role was so vital, why was he transferred in the first place? The logic doesn't just stretch thin; it snaps!

Was the transfer a misstep, or was it a calculated move reversed under pressure? Whatever the case, this isn't your run-of-the-mill reshuffle; it's a vivid reminder of how even the smallest bureaucratic decisions can ripple through Delhi's charged political waters.

As the polls approach, every move, whether administrative or political, is being watched like a hawk. And sometimes, the script flips faster than anyone can keep up.

When accountability plays favourites

It seems the Centre has finally decided to shine a spotlight on Kumar Rajeev Ranjan, the Revenue Secretary of Jammu and Kashmir. in connection with the arms license scam. The CBI now has the green light to prosecute him for allegedly issuing arms licenses to the wrong kind of applicants-those who probably shouldn't have been armed to the teeth in the first place.

Back when Ranjan was the Deputy Commissioner of Jammu, he was one of nine IAS officers accused of making the arms license approval process less about merit and more about, well, monetary considerations. Fast forward to now, and the Department of Personnel and Training (DoPT) has granted prosecution sanctions against him. The case is already a hot potato in the High Court of Jammu and Kashmir and Ladakh. But here's the real kicker: the High Court isn't too thrilled with what it calls a "pick-and-choose" approach in deciding who faces the music. On 25 November, the court expressed its discontent, essentially asking, "Why him and not the others?" It's a fair question-and one that many are asking too.

TRUMP, TRADE, TARIFFS

he world economy awaits with dread the arrival of Donald Trump's trade tariffs. Trump clearly loves import duties and has promised to raise them for goods from China, Europe, Mexico, and even Canada. How much havoc this will wreak depends not just on the tariffs' scope and magnitude, but also on the purpose to which they are put.

Economists dislike tariffs for a variety of reasons. Like all barriers to market exchanges, they create inefficiency: they prevent you from selling me something I value more than you do, leaving both of us worse off in principle. Economic theory does recognise that this inefficiency can be offset by gains elsewhere. For example, tariffs can do some good in the presence of infant industries, knowledge spillovers, monopoly power, or national-security concerns.

Even then, economists will argue, tariffs are a very blunt instrument. After all, an import tariff is a specific combination of two different policies: a tax on consumption of the imported good and a production subsidy for its domestic supply, at equal rates. Any economic or non-economic objective can be met more effectively by deploying these policies separately and at customised rates, targeting them at desired outcomes more directly. To economists, tariffs are a pistol aimed at one's own foot.

Trump's view could not be more different. In his imagination, tariffs are like a Swiss Army knife - a tool that can simultaneously fix America's trade deficit, enhance its competitiveness, foster domestic investment and innovation, shore up the middle class, and create jobs at home.

This view is almost certainly fanciful. Tariffs will have highly uneven effects on US

ECONOMY SPECTRUM



It is unclear whether using such threats to change others' behaviour will be effective. China, India, and other large countries are unlikely to be swayed by them, given the risks of appearing weak

manufacturing, benefiting some while hurting those that depend on imported inputs or foreign markets. Even where they boost profits, there is no guarantee this will lead to more investment in new technologies or job creation. Corporations that get richer can choose to distribute the proceeds to their managers and shareholders instead of increasing productive capacity.

If Trump insists on his view, the good news, for the rest of the world at least, is that the economic costs will be borne mainly by Americans. That is another key insight from economics: just as the benefits of opening up to international trade accrue mostly at home, so do the costs inflicted by protectionism. Hence it would be a tragic mistake for other countries to overreact and retaliate with their own tariffs. There is no reason for them to replicate Trump's error and raise the risk of an escalating trade war.

Trump could of course adopt a more limited approach. He has often made a narrower case for tariffs, as a weapon to extract concessions from trade partners. Importantly, this implicit rejection of across-the-board tariffs also seems to reflect the view of his nominee for Treasurv secretary, Scott Bessent.

Before the election, for example, Trump threatened Mexico and Canada with 25% tariffs if they failed to "secure their borders." In principle, such threats do not need to be carried out if other countries comply with Trump's demands.

But it is unclear whether using such threats to change others' behaviour will be effective. China, India, and other large countries are unlikely to be swayed by them, given the risks of appearing weak. In any case, tariffs are a poor threat regardless of whether one views them as a faulty pistol or a Swiss Army knife. On the conventional view, because tariffs are harmful to the domestic economy, they lack credibility as punishment for others. On the alternative Trumpian view, tariffs are inherently desirable, which means they are likely to be used regardless of what trade partners do.

There is a fourth, more realistic conception of tariffs that has been effective in some key instances. Advocates of this perspective view tariffs as a shield behind which other, mainly domestic policies can work more effectively. Traditionally, trade laws have allowed countries to use tariffs to protect vulnerable sectors or regions under specific con-

ditions, effectively supplementing domestic social policy.

An even more significant example is infant-industry protection, which has worked best when it exists alongside other instruments to incentivise domestic firms to innovate and upgrade. Some notable cases include the late-nineteenth-century United States, post-1960s South Korea and Taiwan, and post-1990s China. In each of these cases, industrial policies went far beyond trade protection, and it is unlikely that tariff barriers on their own would have produced the gains each of these economies experienced.

Similarly, green policies often require some trade barriers to make them economically and politically viable, as in the case of the European Union's carbon tariffs and the local-content requirements of the US Inflation Reduction Act. In all these cases, tariffs play a supporting role for other policies that serve a broader purpose, and can be a small price

to pay for the larger benefit. Unfortunately, Trump has not offered a domestic agenda of renewal and economic reconstruction in any of these areas, and his tariffs will likely stand – and fail – on their own. When tariffs are moderate and are used to complement a domestic investment agenda, they need not cause much harm; they can even be useful. When they are indiscriminate and are not supported by purposeful policies at home, they do considerable damage - and more so at home than for trade partners.

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Land of flourishing billionaires

mid growing concern over inflation affecting the common man, subdued investment and disturbing geopolitical situation, the wealth of Indian billionaires surged 42% to over \$905 billion during the last financial year, positioning it as the third largest base behind the US and China. A report by Swiss bank UBS stated that the number of such billionaires more than doubled to 185 in the last decade and their combined wealth rose a whopping 283%. Can this be attributed to the pro-rich economic policies of the government class? Unlike India, billionaires in China saw their net worth erode. And while global billionaire wealth slowed, India remains an exception. Further, financial analysts believe that India could witness an explosion in billionaire entrepreneurs over the next decade due to the policies pursued by the government, thereby contributing to further economic disparity between the rich and the poor. Meanwhile, though the Indian government has vehemently denied the latest World Hunger Report, the country has been ranked 105 out of 127 countries

in the study released by Concern Worldwide, Welthungerhilfe and Institute for International Law of Peace and Armed Conflict. It is indeed tragic that while billionaires

dia Ratings has rightly pointed out that consumption has been affected by factors like adverse weather, stagnant real wages and elevated household lever-

and trade-and-consumption driven scenario does make the economy grow but only to a limited extent and does not strengthen the grassroots. Consumption spending has been very low

amongst the lower tiers of the

population and even among a

section of the middle class due

to lack of income growth and in-

flation. All this has given rise to

a very high degree of inequality

with the wealth and prosperity

of the rich and the upper middle

class growing fast. The clout of

this group has been growing and

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political class has made policies

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It needs to be reiterated that

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es of the economy remain.

and it is distressing that there

is virtually no endeavour to

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Is this about justice, or is it just damage control? Prosecution is a great way to show you mean business, but it loses its shine when it's only selectively applied. If all nine officers were part of this alleged racket, why is Ranjan the only one being put in the crosshairs?

The optics here are troubling. Selective accountability creates the impression of scapegoating rather than systemic reform. Either prosecute everyone involved or be transparent about why some are spared. Otherwise, this so-called fight against corruption is nothing more than a performance. And the audience, well, no one is buying it.

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- Constant kindness can accomplish much. As the sun makes ice melt, kindness causes misunderstanding, mistrust, and hostility to evaporate. ALBERT SCHWEITZER
- When you are discontent, you always want more, more, more. Your desire can never be satisfied. But when you practice contentment, you can say to yourself, 'Oh yes - I already have everything that I really need." DALAI LAMA
- Sunshine is delicious, rain is refreshing, wind braces us up. snow is exhilarating; there is really no such thing as bad weather, only different kinds of good weather. JOHN RUSKIN

THIS DAY IN HISTORY

- 1861: Alabama seceded from the Union, the fourth state to do so in the run-up to the American Civil War.
- 1922: Insulin is used for the first time to treat diabetes. 14-year-old Leonard Thompson was the first person to receive the medication to combat his Type 1 diabetes.
- 1935: Amelia Earhart flies solo from Hawaii to the US mainland. She was the first person to achieve this feat. Her journey took her from Honolulu to Oakland, California
- 1964: US Surgeon General Luther L. Terry announced that cigarette smoking is linked to lung cancer.
- 1985: The first Rock in Rio music festival is held. A whopping 1.5 million people attended, making it the world's largest music festival.



Dhurjati Mukherjee

UNLIKE INDIA BILLIONAIRES IN CHINA SAW THEIR NET WORTH ERODE. AND WHILE GLOBAL **BILLIONAIRE** WEALTH SLOWED, **INDIA REMAINS AN EXCEPTION** are on the rise in a developing economy, the number of people battling hunger is rather large.

Another finding which is no doubt a cause of concern is that the average monthly earnings in rural India fell to ₹8842 in 2023-24 from ₹9107 in 2017-18. However. urban wages showed only a marginal increase from ₹12,847 to ₹13,006, according to the Periodic Labour Force Survey. But if inflation over the period is taken into account, the urban wages have also gone down. Added to this, the savings rate has fallen sharply, hitting a five-year low of 5.2% of GDP in 2024, according to the RBI. With discretionary spending shrinking, consumption patterns have shifted.

The economic disparity, the increase in unemployment and underemployment and the rising inflation may not be a problem for the upper echelons of society. Even the urban middle class, traditionally a driver of consumption, is under significant financial stress due to rising inflationary trends. In-

failed in its crowd management, leading to a tragic incident that claimed the

lives of six people and left over 30 injured. This heart-wrenching tragedy, which

unfolded in a city renowned for its religious significance, could have been pre-

vented had there been proper planning, management and adherence to safety

protocols. There is clear evidence of human failure, raising serious questions

about the efficiency of local police, the negligence of the TTD administration.

What has particularly shocked the Chief Minister is TTD's decision to deviate

from the established practice of providing Vaikuntha Dwara Darshan at Tirum-

ala. Was this change in protocol permissible according to Agama Sastras? Sec-

ondly, why didn't the TTD and the district administration utilise technology to

avoid this preventable disaster? A significant factor contributing to the disaster

was the lack of coordination and the absence of a robust emergency response

mechanism. There were no well-trained personnel, timely medical assistance,

or clearly marked evacuation routes in place. As Tirupati is one of the world's

most visited pilgrimage destinations, it is imperative that the government and

the local bodies regularly review and improve crowd control strategies, especially

age. In analysing the results of the first half of the current fiscal, it has been found that eight of the 24 key consumer-facing sectors faced a volume decline.

Preparations for the forthcoming Budget are underway. and industry associations are listing their recommendations. But nothing is known about the common man as this segment does not have a strong association to put forward its views. Besides, the unorganised labour force goes unrepresented while small peasants can never place their problems before the government. The same is true of tribals and people living in the backward regions.

It is worth mentioning that when economist Thomas Piketty and organisations like Oxfam have been talking about the need to tax the super-rich, India's Chief Economic Adviser spoke against imposing a billionaire tax. His argument that this may stall investment has few takers. Economists have rightly pointed out that a pro-business

as well as that of the rural sector have to be given priority in the upcoming Budget.

Meteoric rise

Sir, Hailing from a tiny village of Mela Kattuvilai in Nagercoil with a humble beginning to become the chairman of ISRO V. Narayanan's meteoric rise in the field of aerospace is a matter of great pride and delight to the people of Tamil Nadu. With the Gaganyaan mission on the horizon and increasing global competition in the space sector, Narayanan's leadership qualities and deep technical knowledge are expected to drive ISRO's strategic vision for the next de cade and steer India towards new milestones His extensive experience and expertise in rocket and spacecraft operations make him a pivotal figure in India's space endeavours and drive the organisation towards new heights, further enhancing India's reputation in the global space community.

Ranganathan Sivakumar, CHENNAI

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DELHI ASSEMBLY ELECTIONS

Freebies dominate poll debate

New Delhi, Jan 10: The political discourse in Delhi is currently being dominated by conversations around "freebies" ahead of the Assembly polls overshadowing other major issues including pollution, law and order, crimes against women and infrastructure.

Earlier today, Aam Aadmi Party supremo Arvind Kejriwal promised financial assistance to Residential Welfare Associations to hire security guards when the party returns to power in the national capital.

The ruling Aam Aadmi Party (AAP), under former Delhi Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal, is leading the charge with its campaigns like "Revdi Par Charcha", emphasising its free electricity, water, healthcare, education, and public transport initiatives for women. It has also announced new schemes. including the Mukhya Mantri Mahila Samman Yojana, promising Rs 2,100 monthly for women, and the Sanjeevani Yojana, ensuring free healthcare for senior citizens in both government and private hospitals.

Congress has countered with its 'Pyaari Didi Yojana', offering Rs 2,500 monthly for women, alongside the 'Jeevan Raksha Yojana', which promises insurance coverage of up



to Rs 25 lakh. Meanwhile, the BJP is likely to unveil its manifesto soon, with anticipated schemes such as 300 units of free electricity for households and Rs 2,500 monthly allowances for women.

Even Prime Minister Narendra Modi, who termed these free schemes as 'free ki revdi' once, had to reassure the people of Delhi that the BJP would continue all the welfare

ued. But I have come to assure

schemes if voted to power. "Facing defeat, these AAP-Del da people are perplexed. They are scaring Delhiites that if the BJP comes to power, this or that scheme will be discontin-

The elections for the 70-member **Delhi Assembly are** scheduled February 5 and results will be announced after the

counting of votes **February 8**

hiites that under BJP rule, no scheme will be stopped, but those involved in corruption in these schemes will be weeded out. Modi said, urging the people to

vote for a "double-engine" BJP government both at the Centre and in Delhi.

With such announcements grabbing the voters' attention, critical issues like pollution, especially the smog that chokes Delhi every winter, remain largely unaddressed. Many residents have raised concerns over the lack of concrete action plans to combat air pollution, which continues to pose a severe health risk to Delhiites.

Delhiites also experienced water shortages throughout the city due to high levels of ammonia in the Yamuna River with water treatment plants unable

to treat the water. Many people lost their lives during the rainy season in the national capital due to potholes on the roads and open sewers. The drowning of three UPSC aspirants in Delhi's Rajinder Nagar coaching centre due to poor drainage and lack of desilting sparked outrage among the residents over the lack of facilities for the residents. The national capital also

faced many law and order issues, with shootouts taking place at multiple locations due to the alleged involvement of various gangs said to be active in the city. Additionally, there has been a rise in crimes against women.

While the promises of free welfare schemes attract many voters, some argue that addressing these systemic core issues is vital for the city's long-term growth. Reacting to the freebies in the polls, Bhartiya Liberal Party president Munish Kumar Raizada told PTI, "Kejriwal is an utter failure in terms of governance in last 10 years. He has encouraged the culture of freebies while paralyzing governance and policy-making at the same time."

The elections for the 70-member Delhi Assembly are scheduled February 5. Results will be announced after the counting of votes February 8.

Kerala's Kappad, Chal beaches get global Blue Flag certification

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

Thiruvananthapuram, Jan 10: Kerala's famed Kappad and Chal beaches in Kozhikode and Kannur districts, respectively, have been bestowed with the coveted Blue Flag certification by Denmark-based Foundation for Environmental Education (FEE) for meeting stringent environmental and safety standards, the state government said Thursday.

Tourism Minister PA Mohamed Riyas said the Blue Flag status not only enhances the global appeal of these beaches but also firms up Kerala's reputation as a leading sustainable tourism destination.

Noting it as a 'milestone', Riyas said Kerala continues to set a global benchmark in preserv-

PETA's innovative solution for elephant conservation



Animal rights organisation offers life-like mechanical elephant to Kerala mosque

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Malappuram (Kerala), Jan 10: An animal rights organisation has sent a letter to the authorities of a mosque in this north Kerala district, offering

to donate an innovative, lifelike mechanical elephant for use in religious ceremonies. People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals (PETA) India made the offer following a recent incident during the religious processions at a ceremony held at the mosque near Tirur, where an agitated

elephant attacked and injured at least 24 devotees. This offer aims to "prioritise both community safety and compassionate celebrations."

PETA India stated that it initiated a compassionate movement to replace live elephants in temples at the beginning of 2023, resulting in the adoption of at least 12 mechanical elephants in temples across South India.

Of these, PETA India donated seven life-size mechanical elephants to temples in Kerala and Karnataka in recognition of their decision to refrain from owning or hiring live elephants.

"These mechanical elephants are now used to conduct ceremonies at their temples in a safe and cruelty-free manner. helping real elephants stay with their families in the jungle," it said. In the letter, PETA India Sethree metres tall, weigh 800 kilograms, and are made from rubber, fibre, metal, mesh, foan

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nior Advocacy Officer Farhat Ul Ain said, "Elephants are wild animals and inherently unpredictable, especially in large, noisy crowds. Anything can trigger an elephant, which can make them attack.

Farhat added. "Such attacks underscore the urgency to embrace options such as me chanical elephants, ornate palanguins, and chariots that preserve the cultural grandeur of processions while sparing animals and humans from harm.

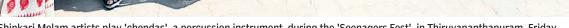
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A mechanical elephant looks feels, and can be used like a real elephant. It can shake its head, move its ears and eves, swish its tail. lift its trunk, and even spray water, it said.

It can be climbed upon, and a seat can be affixed to its back. The elephant is operated by simply plugging it in and can be taken through the streets for rituals and processions Mounted on a wheelbase, it can be moved and pushed around easily, the statement added.







Shinkari Melam artists play 'chendas', a percussion instrument, during the 'Seenagers Fest', in Thiruvananthapuram, Friday

Tributes pour in for singer P Jayachandran

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Thrissur (Kerala), Jan 10: Tributes from the music and film fraternity poured in for singer P Jayachandran who died Thursday.

The singer's body was brought to his residence at Poonkunnam this morning, where a lot of people including prominent film, music, and political personalities paid their last respects

Renowned lyricist and music director Sreekumaran Thampi, Revenue Minister K Rajan, Forest Minister A K Saseendran, veteran Kathakali artist Kalamandalam Gopi, lyricist Rafeeq Ahmed, Congress leader V M Sudheeran and other notable personalities were among those who offered their tributes to the departed singer.

"A great chapter in history is coming to a close. Ours was not just a bond between two filmmakers but a



relationship between two brothers,' Sreekumaran Thampi said. Actor Mohanlal described the legendary singer as an elder brother. "My beloved Jayettan has passed away. Jayettan, whose songs exuded eternal youth and resonated across generations, was like an elder brother to me," Mohanlal wrote on Facebook.

Actor Mammootty shared a photo of the singer on Facebook, paying tribute with the message, "Heartfelt respects to the beloved 'Bhava Gayakan' (emotional singer).'

Singer KS Chithra expressed her grief, saying, "Deeply saddened to

hear about Javettan's sudden demise.' Actor Javaram wrote on FB. "I was fortunate to act with that voice. Farewell to the beloved 'Bhava Gayakan'." The singer's body will be kept at the Sangeetha Nataka Akademi, Regional Theatre for public homage before being taken back to the

residence in Poonkunnam. Higher Education Minister R Bindu, film directors Balachandra Menon, Sathyan Anthikadu and others paid last respects here. The body will be shifted to the ancestral home in Chendamangalam. Ernakulam district Saturday at 8 am. The funeral is scheduled for 3.30 pm, according to sources.

Jayachandran, affectionately called 'Bhava Gavakan' for his soulful renditions that beautifully expressed emotions such as love, longing, and devotion, passed away Thursday evening at a private medical college here.

ing its picturesque landscape while promoting and implementing eco-friendly initiatives to provide a unique experience for tourists.

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No.E-671 : The Superintendent, MKCG Medical College Hospital Berhampur 760004, Dist. Ganjam, Odisha invites sealed tenders in the prescribed Proform from the Registered and reputed Manufacturers. Authorized Suppliers, Dealer tockiest and Wholesaler for "Supply of Consumable & Disposable Items" for M.K.C.G Medical College Hospital, Berhampur, The tenderer should submit the tender in two Bids (i) Technical Bid and (ii) Price Bid. The Technical bid sha contain (1) Tender Cost, (2) List of bided items, (3) valid PAN CARD, (4) Valid GSTN Certificate as per the Govt. Rule, (5) Valid Drug Licenses issued by the Competitive Authority, by all the parties i.e. firm, manufacturer & Suppliers (6) Valid ISI, ISO, GMP Certificate, (7) Valid manufacturing License an Authorization Certificate in prescribed format & (8) E-mail ID & Contact No The Price bid should be submitted as per Proforma enclosed. The intendin enderers should submit their tenders separately in two sealed covers dul superscribed as Technical Bid for "Supply of Consumable & Disposable Items with address & Price Bid for "Supply of Consumable & Disposable Items" with address putting in a single sealed cover.

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No. C-1456:- The Municipal Commissioner on behalf of Municipal Corporation Sambalpur invites tenders in Single Cover System. Bid documents consisting of specification the Schedule of Quantities and the set of terms and conditions of contract and other necessary documents can be seen in the Govt. Website .e. https://tendersodisha.gov.in

- Number of Civil works: 18 (Two) numbers
- Estimated Costs: 40.81 lakhs & 1.17 lakhs
- Period of Completion: As per NIT
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No.C-1438 : With reference to the RFP Notice No. 84 dated 07.01.2025 on "Preparation of Comprehensive Drainage Master Plan and Detailed Project Report for Drainage System of Anandput Municipality Area

The following existing condition of RFP is amended as follow :

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The Executive Officer.

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Sub: Financial Proposal for Preparation of Comprehensive Drainage Master Plan and Detailed Project Report for Drainage System of Anandapur Municipality Area

the undersigned, offer to provide the consulting services for Preparation of Comprehensive Drainage Master Plan and Detailed Project Report for Drainage System of Anandapur Municipality Area Date in accordance with your RFP No.

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New Delhi, Jan 10: The Delhi High Court Friday asked the city government to file a comprehensive report concerning the steps taken by the authorities against use of child labour as well as rescue and rehabilitation of such children.

A bench of Acting Chief Justice Vibhu Bakhru and Justice Tushar Rao Gedela sought district-wise information on these issues in the report which has to be affirmed by the Delhi chief secretary.

"The respondent (Government of National Capital Territory of Delhi) will file a status report clearly indicating how many meetings of task force were held district-wise; action plan have been made for conducting rescue operation district-wise; steps taken for rehabilitation of rescued children." "Let a comprehensive report be filed, affirmed by the personal affidavit of the chief secretary of Delhi," the bench ordered. "There has to be some accountability district wise," remarked the court.

The court also asked the Delhi Police to file a status report concerning its probe into an FIR alleging assault and molestation of volunteers who had participated in a raid to rescue child labourers.

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Women-led development priority of Centre: EAM



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Bhubaneswar, Jan 10: External Affairs Minister (EAM) S Jaishankar Friday said that women-led development is the priority of the Centre, and it has also been incorporated into India's foreign policy.

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Jaishankar said this while chairing a plenary session on 'Diaspora Divas: Celebrating Women's Leadership and Influence – Nari Shakti' held on the concluding day of 18th Pravasi Bharatiya Divas convention here.

He said, "India cannot become a developed nation until we are able to deal with traditional. historical and societal attitudes. If India is to become a modern, industrial and tech-centric society, we cannot neglect the role of 50 per cent of the talent.'

'Women-led development

has been the priority of the Central government. It has also been incorporated into our foreign policy," Jaishankar said without elaborating.

Giving due respect to women's skills, the government is committed to ensuring their nutrition, health and education by reducing social disparities, he said. As significant steps towards women empowerment by the Centre, maternity leave was extended to 26 weeks, loans were provided to 3 crore women entrepreneurs under the MUDRA scheme, and 32 lakh bank accounts were opened under the Sukanya Samriddhi Yojana, the minister said, adding that women's participation in higher education increased

28 per cent. He also said that under the Pradhan Mantri Ujjwala Yojana. over 10 crore smoke-free

kitchens have been provided. and 72 per cent of the beneficiaries under the Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana are women.

Praising women expatriates, who have created their unique identity in various fields, Jaishankar said that their achievements could be inspirational for all.

Notable participants included Shullette Cox from Jamaica's Promotions Corporation. Purnima Sagar from PT Infotech Solutions in Indonesia. and Sudha Majithia, a key entrepreneur in Tanzania.

The participants shared their experiences and insights, highlighting the significant role of women in shaping India's global presence and empowerment narrative.

Dr Ritu Karidhal of ISRO, known as the 'Rocket Woman of India', moderated the panel discussion

Bhubaneswar, Jan 10: The rich art, craft, culture and heritage of Odisha were showcased at the three-day 18th Pravasi Bharativa Divas (PBD) convention in which Indian diaspora from 24 countries participated.

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The Odisha Exhibition Hall at the convention centre featured thematic displays centred around Jagannath culture, festivals such as 'Manabasa Gurubar' and 'Dola Purnima', as well as the state's timeless maritime tradition.

The exhibition also highlighted various aspects of Odia culture, including classical and folk dances, traditional crafts, and festivals.

It also featured a narrative of Odisha's history, including the Kalinga War, the Paika Rebellion, and the state's journey towards becoming a separate entity in 1936.

Photographs of events such as Rath Yatra and Suna Besha and the iconic Konark Wheel further emphasised the state's cultural richness



Guests get a peek into state's culture & history

The exhibition has beautifully captured Odisha's ultural essence, winning the hearts of all. It is a com nendable effort to highlight Odisha's glorious heritage and promote it globally HARMENDRA PRADHAN

The pavilion also displayed significant artefacts, including Pipli's Chandua, Pattachitra, Sambalpuri sarees, traditional handlooms, as well as Odisha's tribal heritage, local crafts, and

music. One of the highlights was a digital representation of the



ancient maritime trade routes of the 'Sadhabas', which drew considerable attention. Additionally, a digital quiz

section on the state's history, festivals, and tourism destinations provided an engaging experience for visitors.

A comprehensive digital encyclopaedia on Odisha, pro vided by Odia Language, Literature and Culture department offered in-depth knowledge to all visitors. Union Education Minister Dharmendra Prad han also visited the exhibition and praised its outstanding representation of Odisha's rich traditions. Pradhan said, "The exhibition has beautifully cap tured Odisha's cultural essence winning the hearts of all. It is a commendable effort to highlight Odisha's glorious heritage and promote it globally."

He emphasised that the exhi bition not only promotes Odisha's art and culture but also ensures its global recognition, enhancing pride in the state's unique heritage.





Unique Ramayana exhibition mesmerises overseas Indians

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Bhubaneswar, Jan 10: Vishwaroop Ram, one of the exhibitions at the 18th Pravasi Bharatiya Divas (PBD) convention here, has mesmerised the Indian diaspora with its unique presentation of the Ramayana.

Titled 'Universal Legacy of Ramayana', the exhibition showcases the epic through traditional and contemporary art forms. The display features idols of Lord Ram, Laxman, and Devi Sita, along with a life-size piñata of Ravan brought from Mexico. The collection includes nearly 150 artefacts, including 66 Indian exhibits such as paintings, puppets, masks, and multimedia installations, as well as 80 artefacts from 17 countries.

The exhibition, inaugurated by Prime Minister Narendra Modi Thursday, also features 16 Ramayana masks, postcards, posters, and a painting catalogue from Thailand. From Sri Lanka, the display includes the Ravanhattha, a traditional



musical instrument linked to Ravan.

Puppets and paintings depicting scenes from the Ramayana have been brought from Indonesia, while Nepal, Canada, and New Zealand have contributed 19 postal stamps featuring Ramayana themes. The exhibition also showcases idols of Ram and Hanuman from Fiji, along with Ramayana texts in Persian (from Iran), Arabic (from Kuwait). Russian (from Rus-

sia), Chinese (from China), and Mongolian (from Mongolia). The exhibition also features masks and puppets from Cambodia, shadow puppets from Singapore, Ravan headgear from Trinidad and Tobago, and books and shadow puppets from Malaysia.

According to officials, the Ramayana has cultural, religious, and artistic connections in 22 countries, which are represented through local interpretations displayed on a large LED screen. Some of the countries where the epic has significant influence include Thailand, Russia, Mexico, Canada, Mongolia, New Zealand, China, Malaysia, Trinidad and Tobago, and Cambodia.

During his address at the convention Thursday, Modi recalled his visit to Laos last October where he had witnessed the Lao version of the Ramayana. Known as Phalak Phalam or Phra Lak Phra Ram, the performance left a lasting impression on him.

Sharing his thoughts on X, Modi wrote, "I saw a part of the Lao Ramayana, highlighting the victory of Prabhu Shri Ram over Ravan. It is heartening to see the people here remain in touch with the Ramavan. May the blessings of Prabhu Shri Ram always remain upon us!"

PBD exhibitions open for public Jan 11, 12

Bhubaneswar: The exhibition put up at the Pravasi Bharatiya Divas convention here would remain open for the public January 11 and 12. Chief Secretary Mano Ahuja said here Friday. Addressing media persons after the valedictory session of the conclave, Ahuja said, "The chief minister has decided that the exhibition would continue for two more days and we hope that many more citizens of Bhubaneswar including students from schools and colleges will visit it.' The three-day Pravasi Bharatiya Divas convention that began at Janata Maidan here January 8 came to an end with the valedictory address by President Droupadi Murmu Friday. Apart from different sessions and meetings with the diaspora, mesmerizing cultural performances showcasing art forms from the state were held on these three days. The convention has four exhibition halls including Vishwaroop Ram - the Universal Legacy of Ramayana, Diaspora's Contribution to Technology and Viksit Bharat, Spread and Evolution of Indian diaspora and Heritage and Culture of Odisha. The entry of public was restricted to the venue during the three days for the visit of VVIPs like the President, PM, Cabinet Ministers and other dignitaries and their security, said AK Chatteriee, Secretary (CPV & OIA). During the conference, the chief secretary said that the state government would consider setting up a special cell or a nodal officer to deal with the issues faced by NRIs from Odisha. "We have a special cell to look after the army personne as they are away from home. For the NRIs, we will submit a proposal to the chief minister and take a decision immediately

Srimandir favourite destination for NRIs

PNN & AGENCIES

Bhubaneswar, Jan 10: Srimandir in Puri has turned out to be a major tourist destination for members of the Indian diaspora who participated at the 18th Pravasi Bharatiya Divas (PBD) convention here.

According to Tourism department officials, the 28 tourist destinations identified in four districts - Puri, Khurda (Bhubaneswar), Cuttack and Jajpur - for the PBD event witnessed a footfall of 3,400 NRIs during the first two days (January 8 and 9) of the convention.

'Of them, 2,300 visited the 12th century Srimandir and nearby designations like Sun Temple in Konark and Raghurajpur," said a department official who is taking care of the NRI tourists.

Meenika Guness, a Hindu NRI from Mauritius, said she felt blessed after visiting Srimandir for the first time.

"We have been staying in Mauritius for the last four generations. I got an opportunity to visit India to attend the PBD event. So, I came here and got the opportunity to visit the Jagannath temple. It is a very



sacred place. It is like a dream come true for me as I usually visit Hindu temples in Mauritius," she said.

Babulal Kanojia, an NRI businessman based in Oman, said he visited the Srimandir Thursday. "It was a wonderful time for me. My visit to Odisha has become successful with that," he said.

Ritwik, an NRI settled in Kuwait, has planned to visit the Sun Temple and Srimandir during his stay in Odisha.

Special arrangements have been made at the tourist destinations including the Srimandir for smooth visit of the international guests, he said.

Apart from Srimandir, the guests also visited the Blue Flag Beach and spent some time at the beach festival, and kite festival underway in the Holy Town of Puri. Similar ar rangements have also been made at the Sun Temple.

Other facilities such as de ployment of guides, security personnel, help desks and souvenir shops have been arranged for the overseas guests, said the official, who didn't wish to be named.

Members of the diaspora are visiting places of tourist interest through packages offered by the Tourism department or on their own arrangements.









so that the grievances of the Pravasi Odias

who are outside can be addressed properly

by a nodal officer." Ahuia said.











If two crore people of Delhi are hurt, I am hurt. After the AAP government is formed in Delhi. **Resident Welfare Associations** (RWAs) will receive government funds to appoint security guards ARVIND KEJRIWAL AAP SUPREMO

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DECOMPOSED BODY OF WOMAN FOUND IN FRIDGE

The decomposed body of a woman was found inside a refrigerator in a house in Madhya Pradesh's Dewas city Friday, following which a former tenant was taken into custody for questioning, police officials said



SHORT TAKES

TMC suspends Santanu Sen

Kolkata: The ruling TMC Friday suspended its former Rajya Sabha MP Santanu Sen and ex-MLA Arabul Islam for alleged "anti-party activities", the party's state vice-president Jayprakash Majumdar said. Sen, a doctor by profession and seen as a lovalist of TMC national general secretary Abhishek Banerjee, had criticised the police for its investigation into the rape and murder of the medic at the RG Kar Medical College and Hospital

Couple, son killed over property dispute

Surajpur: A couple and their 31-year-old son were killed by a group of persons over a property dispute in Chhattisgarh's Surajpur district Friday, police said. The incident took place in Jagannathpur village under Khadgawa police chowki when the deceased, identified as Mange Ram Toppo (60), his wife Basanti (53) and their son Naresh were working in the field, an official said.

NIA chargesheets man in Bihar

New Delhi: The National Investigation Agency (NIA) Friday chargesheeted a Biharnative for allegedly being part of conspiracy by Pakistan-based Lashkar-e-Taiba (LeT) outfit to carry out terror acts in India.

Badal's resignation accepted by SAD

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Chandigarh, Jan 10: The Shiromani Akali Dal (SAD) working committee Friday accepted Sukhbir Singh Badal's resignation as party chief, days after the Akal Takht Jathedar asked it to implement the religious body's December 2 edict as soon as possible.

With the acceptance of his resignation paving the way for the election of a new party chief, the working committee also announced to start a new membership drive January 20 and hold the election for the post of new president March 1. Akal Takht Jathedar Giani Raghbir Singh January 6 had asked SAD to implement the edict at the earliest while referring to the direction of accepting the resignation of Badal as party chief. While pronouncing religious punishment for Badal and other leaders December 2 last year for the "mistakes" committed by SAD and its government in Punjab from 2007 to 2017, the Akal Takht had also directed SAD's working committee to accept the resignation of Badal as party chief and other leaders.

Though Badal underwent religious punishment, the working committee did not accept his resignation, which he had tendered in November last year. Speaking to reporters after his resignation was accepted Friday, Badal thanked party workers and leaders for their support. "Five years back, the SAD delegate session gave me the big responsibility of serving the Akali Dal. In the last five years, I did whatever I



could do for the party. I thank workers and leaders who supported me. "Now five years have passed. When I was to go to the Akal Takht Sahib, I had made up my mind to go as a humble Sikh. But it (my r esignation) was not accepted due to some reasons. The working committee should start a new membership drive and thereafter, a new president can be elected," he said. Badal had tendered his resignation as the party chief November 16 last year but the party's working committee did not accept his resignation then, appealing him to reconsider his resignation otherwise the entire committee would resign en masse. He had requested that his resignation should be accepted, said Cheema, "At his request, the working committee accepted his resignation," said Cheema, announcing to commence the party's new membership drive from January 20 which will continue till February 20. SAD working president Balwinder Singh Bhundar has been authorised to take major decisions for the party during the membership drive and elections, Cheema said.

dropped out of their courses between November 5 and November 18, 2024, to register for the Joint Entrance Examination (JEE)-Advanced. A bench of Justices B R Gavai and Augustine George Masih passed the order while hearing the pleas against bringing down from three to two, the

attempts given to JEE-Advanced aspirants. The apex court noted the joint admission board (JAB), entrusted to conduct the JEE-Advanced exam, had issued a press release November 5 last year which said students who appeared for the class 12 examination in academic years 2023, 2024 and 2025 would be eligible to appear for the JEE-Advanced.

New Delhi, Jan 10: The Supreme

Court Friday allowed petitioners, who

The bench further said November

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SC allows dropout students to register JEE advanced 2025 IEE Main 2025



18, 2024, another press release was issued restricting the eligibility to only two academic years -- 2024 and 2025. "If the students, acting on the said representation (of November 5), have dropped from their course with an understanding that they would be entitled to appear for JEE examination. the withdrawal of the promise November 18, 2024 cannot be permitted to act to their detriment," the bench held.

Without observing on the merits of JAB's decision, the top court said students who dropped out between November 5 and November 18, 2024 would be permitted to register for the test. The top court was hearing two petitions, including one filed by 22 aspirants challenging the reduction in the number of attempts available to aspirants for JEE-Advanced 2025 from three to two. During the hearing, the counsel appearing for the petitioners said on account of the promise made in the November 5 2024 press release, they dropped out of colleges to pursue the test conducted for admission to the IITs. "This is very important because one of the primary considerations in giving three attempts instead of two was to ensure that there was less stress

on students," the counsel said.

ESSION Zonal Office : Star House, 1/1D, Jayadev Vihar, [Rule-8(1)] of security Inter Nayapalli, Bhubaneswar-751015

Whereas the undersigned being the Authorised Officer of Bank of India under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act,2002 and in exercise of powers conferred under section 13(12) read with rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 issued Demand Notice calling upon the Borrower / Co-Borrower in the Ioan Account given below to repay the amount mentioned in the Notice plus interest & expenses thereon within 60 days from the date of the said Notic

Bank of India

The Borrower/Co-Borrower having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the Borrower/Co-Borrower and the Public in general that the undersigned has taken **possession** of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him/her under subsection (4) of section 13 of Act read with Rule 8 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002. The Borrower / Co-Borrower in particular and the public in general are hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of the Bank of India, Bhubaneswar SME Branch for an amount mentioned below with interest & other expenses thereon, less the amount repaid after the date of the said Notice

The Borrower/Co-Borrower's attention is invited to provisions of Sub-Section (8) of Section 13 of the Act, in respect of time vailable to redeem the Secured Assets

BHUBANESWAR SME BRANCH Name & Address of Borrower / Co-Borrower	Liabilities due as per Notice	Date of Demand Notice/Date of Possession	Description of the Immovable Property				
Borrower: Mr Sarbajit Maharana, S/o: Kanhu Charan Maharana, Co-Borrower: Mrs Ullash Maharana, W/o: Kanhu	Rs.73,28,248/- + interest, & expenses thereon	01.11.2024 / 08.01.2025	Equitable Mortgage of residential flat owned By Mr Sarbajit Maharana at Flat No. 102, 1st Floor, Block A (3BHK) having super built up area 1445 Sqft., Plinth Area: 1175 Sqft the				
Charan Maharana, both are address at Flat No.102, Block A, Lingaraj Residency, Old Town, Bhubaneswar- 751002.	"Lingaraj Residency",	Mouza: Kapila Prasa	st in the land area Ac.0.024.24 dcml in named and style of d, Unit No.23, Tahasil/DSRO: Bhubaneswar, PS.: Bhubaneswar, barcel of the property within the Tahasil/SRO Bhubaneswar .				
Place : Bhubaneswar, Date : 10.01.2025 Authorised Officer, Bank of India							

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(A (Overseas Bank Govt. of India Undertaking)	E-AUCTION SALE NOTICE	SI. No.	Reserve Price	EMD	Demand Notice Amount	Presession	Date of Inspection of Property Documents	Date & Time for Submission of request letter of participation, KYC documents & Proof of EMD to Authorised Officer / Service Provider	With Unlimited 10 Minutes Auto Extension if	EMD Deposit Account & IFSC
PIN-760011, E-mail: berhampurlaw@iobnet.co.in E-Auction Sale Notice for Sale of Movable & Immovable Assets under the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with proviso to Rule 8 (6) & 9 (1) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002. Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower (s) and Guarantor (s) that the below described immovable/ movable property mortgaged/charged to the Secured Creditor, the constructive/physical/symbolic possession of which has been taken by the Authorized Officer of the Bank / Secured Creditor, will be sold on "As is where is", "As is what is" and "Whatever there is" basis on the date as mentioned in the table herein below, for recovery of its dues due to the Bank / Secured Creditor from the respective borrower (s) and guarantor (s). The reserve price and the earnest money deposit will be as mentioned in the table below against the respective properties. St. BRANCH NAME / Name & Address of		1.	₹26,20,000/-	₹2,62,000/-	thereon (Less Recovery if any)	31.01.2023 (By N.P on 10.03.2023) / 13.06.2023			28.01.2025 11.00A.M. to 3.00P.M.	EMD A/c No.: 23950113035001 & IFSC Code: IOBA 0002395	
		2.	₹19,84,000/-	N N N	₹ 13,83,490/- + Interest, Cost & expenses thereon (Less Recovery if any)	(N.P. on 22.01.2022)	Upto 27.01.2025	Upto 27.01.2025 (4.00 PM)	28.01.2025 11.00A.M. to 3.00P.M.	EMD A/c No.: 22180113035001 & IFSC Code: IOBA 0002218	
 No. Borrower(s) / Guarantor(s) / Mortgagor(s) 1. BARAPALI BRANCH, PH.: 9245800581 / Borrower/Guarantor/Mortgagor: Mr. Surendra Sahu, S/o.: Mr. Ranjit Sahu, Desetikites Ville Metacelle Do Leversuei 	of Mr. Surendra Sahu, situated at Rangatikira, Vill.: Phula	ing Khata No.: 350, Plot No.: lecimal recorded in the name apali, PO.: Kusanpuri, Barpali-	3.	₹16,95,000/-		₹ 10,06,115/- + Interest, Cost & expenses thereon (Less Recovery if any)		Upto 27.01.2025	Upto 27.01.2025 (4.00 PM)	28.01.2025 11.00A.M. to 3.00P.M.	EMD A/c No.: 22180113035001 & IFSC Code: IOBA 0002218
Rangatikira, Vill: Phulapali, PO.: Kusanpuri, Barpali - 768029 768029, Dist.: Bargarh, Bounded by East: Mr. Loknath Sahu, West: Road, North: Loknath Sahu and South: By Road 2. <u>ASIKA BRANCH, PH.:9110274801 /</u> Borrower: M/s. J.K. Enterprises, Prop.: Mr. Manoj Kumar Bisoyi, S/o.: Mr. Biswanath Bisoyi, At: Karnoli, PO.: Khandadeuli, Dist.: Ganjam, Pin- 761111, Odisha / Guarantor/ Mortgagor: All that part and parcel of vacant Land situated at Mouza: Sunambo, NAC/Tahasil/SRO: Asika, Dist.: Ganjam-761110, Odisha, in Khata No.: 218 Ka/533, Plot No.: 519/1121/1236, measuring an Area: Ac.0.039 Dec., recorded in the name of Mr. Jitendra Kumar Bisoyi, Bounded		4.	₹59,87,000/-	₹5,98,700/-	₹ 34,35,220/- + Interest, Cost & expenses thereon (Less Recovery if any)	06.06.2022 & 23.06.2022 / 23.09.2022	Upto 27.01.2025	Upto 27.01.2025 (4.00 PM)	28.01.2025 11.00A.M. to 3.00P.M.	EMD A/c No.: 22180113035001 & IFSC Code: IOBA 0002218	
Mr. Jitendra Kumar Bisoyi, S/o.: Mr. Trinath P.O.:Khandadeuli, Dist: Ganjam, PIN- 76111 3. ASIKA BRANCH, PH.:9110274801 / All that pa Borrower: Shri Basanta Kumar extent an	Bisoyi, At: Karnoli, I1, Odisha by North: Land relating to Plot No.: 116, Sri Sanjaya Kumar Swain, West: Land re art and parcel of Land & Building at old Khata No.: 716/135, Plo Area: Ac.0.130 Dec. situated under Mouza: Kamagada of S	, South: Road, East: Land of elating to Plot No.: 119 ot No.: 3923/7217 & 3924 to an .R.O: Asika of Ganiam District	5.	₹8,65,000/-	₹86,500/-	₹ 16,85,827/- + Interest, Cost & expenses thereon (Less Recovery if any)	1	Upto 27.01.2025	Upto 27.01.2025 (4.00 PM)	28.01.2025 11.00A.M. to 3.00P.M.	EMD A/c No.: 06890113035001 & IFSC Code: IOBA 0000689
Samal, At: Kamagada, P.S: Asika, Standing in the name of Sri Basanta Kumar Samal, Bounded by East: Land of Maya Mahapatro, West: Dist.: Ganjam, PIN- 761115, Odisha, Land of Jhadeswar Mahadev, North: Village Road, South: Land of Jhadeswar Mahadev I. ASIKA BRANCH, PH.:9110274801 / House site Property situated at Mouza: Kharia, PS./Tahasil/SRO: Aska, Dist.: Ganjam- 5095/6991, 5088, an extent of measuring Area: Ac.0.158 Dec., Ac.0.025 Dec., Acka-Berhampur Main Road, Aska, Ganjam- 761111 / Borrower/Mortgagor: Mr. Susanta		6.	₹25,79,000/-	₹2,57,900/-	₹ 43,81,430/- as on 14.07.2023 + Interest, Cost & expenses thereon (Less Recovery if any)	29.04.2023 / 14.07.2023	Upto 27.01.2025	Upto 27.01.2025 (4.00 PM)	28.01.2025 11.00A.M. to 3.00P.M.	EMD A/c No.: 06360113035001 & IFSC Code: IOBA 0000636	
Kumar Nahak, S/o.: Mr. Bhobani Nahak, / Ghatakuri, PO.: Kharia, Dist.: Ganjam, Pir 761111 5. LANJIGARH BRANCH, PH.:7354889139 / Borrower: Shri Baiesh Kumar Padhan	At: North: Road, South: Land of Sahadeb Jena, Basudeb 1 - East: Land of Sri Gobinda Biswal & Bahadur Biswal, Ramnath Biswal. that part and parcel of land and building situated at Plot No. ent an Area: Ac.0.13 Dec. at Mouza: Niali of Lanigarh in K	Jena & Hadubandhu Swain, West: Self Land & Land of .: 705, Khata No.: 88/77 to an (alahandi District in the name	7.	₹10,25,000/-	₹1,02,500/-	₹ 25,60,016/- as on12.04.2017 + Interest, Cost & expenses thereon (Less Recovery if any)	12.04.2017 / 02.02.2018	Upto 27.01.2025	Upto 27.01.2025 (4.00 PM)	28.01.2025 11.00A.M. to 3.00P.M.	EMD A/c No.: 06910113035001 & IFSC Code: IOBA0000691
At: Niali, PO.: Gopinathpur, P.S: Lanjigarh, Dist.: Kalahandi, PIN- 766020 of Shri Rajesh Kumar Padhan, Bounded by North: Sankha Padhan, East: Dutia Padhan, Lanjigarh, Dist.: Kalahandi, PIN- 766020 BEGUNIAPADA BRANCH, PH.: 7978415833 / Borrower: M/s. Swapneswar Agency, Prop.: Sri Mrutyuniaya Satapathy / Mortgagor/Guarantor: Smt All that part and parcel of Homestead land and single storied building situated at Plot No.: 218, Khata No.: 381, an extent of measuring in Area: Ac.0.040 Dec., Mouza: Khandianai, Tahasil: Kodala, Dist.: Ganjam, recorded		8.	₹72,00,000/-	₹7,20,000/-	₹9,43,950/-		Upto 27.01.2025	Upto 27.01.2025 (4.00 PM)	28.01.2025 11.00A.M. to 3.00P.M.	EMD A/c No.: 06910113035001 & IFSC Code: IOBA 0000691	
Both are At: Birajagannathpur, PO./P.S.: Begi Ganjam,Odisha- 761031 7. STEEL TOWNSHIP BRANCH, PH.: 7903356489 / (1) A Plot	EL TOWNSHIP BRANCH, (1) All the part and parcel of Land and Building admeasuring of Area: Ac.0.10 Dec., bearing		9.	₹7,94,000/-		₹ 9,40,069.85 as on 31.03.2024 + Interest, Cost & expenses thereon (Less Recovery if any)		Upto 27.01.2025	Upto 27.01.2025 (4.00 PM)	28.01.2025 11.00A.M. to 3.00P.M.	EMD A/c No.: 04070113035001 & IFSC Code: IOBA 0000407
 Enterprises, represented by its Proprietor.: Smt Mamta Samasi, C/o: Majendra Samasi, Qrs. No. H/125, Sector-15, Rourkela-769003, Dist.: Sundargarh 8. CHURCH ROAD BRANCH PH.: 7008236575 / Borrower/Mortgagor: Sri Rabindra Nath Padhy, S/o:: Late Laxmi Narayan Padhy, Bank Colony, 6th Lane, Near Radio Sundargarh, Odisha standing in the name of Smt Mamta Samasi, Bounded by North: Road, South: Plot No.: 345/P, East: Plot No.: 345/P, West: Plot No.: 344, (2) Plant & Machinery and other Miscellaneous Fixed Assets and Stocks situated at 345/P, Kissam: Goda-II, under Khata No.: 47 of Mouza: Bhumijtola, P.S.: Bisra, Tahasil: Panposh (now Bisra), Sub Registry & Sub Division: Panposh at Udit Nagar, Dist.: Sundargarh, Odisha All that part and parcel of land and residential building situated over Plot No.: 35/P, Survey No.: 386/P, 391/P, 390/P, 385/P, under Khata No.: 133(P), 174(P), 175(P) an extended of Total area measuring in acre 0.042(1837 Sqft) decimal at Mouza: Rajendrapur, 6th lane, Bank Colony, 6th Lane, Near Radio 			TERMS & CONDITIONS: (1) The property (ies) will be sold by e-Auction through the Bank's approved service provider https://baanknet.com/eauction-psb/bidder-registration under the supervision of the Authorised Officer of the Bank. (2) E-Auction Bid Document containing online e-auction bid form, Declaration, details Terms and Conditions of online auction sale are available at the web portal https://baanknet.com/eauction-psb/bidder-registration. (3) Intending bidders shall hold a valid email address and should register their names / accounts by login to the website of the aforesaid service provider. They will be provided with user ID and password by the aforesaid service provider which should be used in the e-auction proceedings. (4) Bids in the prescribed formats shall be submitted "online" Through the portal https://baanknet.com/eauction-psb/bidder-registration or Bank's Mail ID : 2006ro@iobnet.co.in & 2006law@iobnet.co.in along with the evidence for deposit of EMD (UTR number) & self attested scanned copy of KYC documents including Photo, voter ID Card/Driving License/Passport, PAN Card/AADHAAR Card & address proof to the service provider / Authorised Officer respective branches on or before the date mentioned above for submission of bid. (5) The EMD and other deposits shall be								
Station, Berhampur - 760001 Road, North: Land under Survey No.: 385 and 391, South: 30 feet wide Road. 9. KAVISURYA NAGAR BRANCH, PH.: 9994453613 / Borrower: Shri Pramod Kumar Senapati, S/o: Sri Debraj Senapati / Guarantor/Mortgagor: Smt. Keshari Senapati, W/o: Sri Debraj Senapati, Both are Residents At/P.O.: Sialia, Kavisurya Nagar, Dist.: Ganjam All the part and parcel of Land and Building admeasuring of Area: Ac.0.018dec., bearing Plot No.: 2255 of Khata No.: 591 under Sialia Mouza (Kavi Surya Nagar) within the limits Kavisurya Nagar Tahasil of Dist.: Ganjam, standing in the name of Smt. Keshari Senapati, W/o: Debraj Senapati, Bounded by North: Self back side, South: Main Road, East: House of Kuni Senapati, West: House of Kama Mohanty			Deposit (EMD) to be transferred/depostied by bidders in his/her/their own wallet provided by PSB Alliance (BAANKNET.com) on its e-auction site https://baanknet.com/eauction-psb/bidder-registration by means of UPI / Net Banking / NEFT / RTGS for the bid.								
their offer in multiple of the amount mentioned below in clause No.19 "Bid Increment Amount" for each property. In case bid is placed in the last 10 minutes of the closing time will automatically get extended for 5 minutes. (8) The poperty shall be sold to the successful bidder. The successful bidder (purchaser) as declared by the Authorized Officer shall deposit 25% of the sale price (inclusive of the EMD) immediately on the same day and not later than the next working day. The balance ore the property by the purchaser and the property will be resold, (9) The Sale Certificate will be issued only in the name of the purchaser(s) only, after payment of the entire sale price amount and other taxes /charges, if any, (10) The purchaser shall bear the charges / fee payable property will be resold, (9) The Sale Certificate will be issued only in the name of the purchaser(s) only, after payment of the entire sale price amount and other taxes /charges, if any, (10) The purchaser shall bear the charges / fee payable property will be resold, (9) The Sale Certificate will be resold, (9) The Authorised Officer/ Bank has the absoluter right to accept or reject any bid or postpone or cancel the sale as the case may be without assigning any reason whosever, (12) The Authorised Officer/ Bank has the absoluter right is being sold on "As is where is" "As is what is" and "Whatever there is" basis. The Bank has disclosed only the known encumbrances, statutory liability, if any, sale be bene by the purchaser and the Bank assumes no responsibility in this regard. (14) Sare escured creditor, (15) EMD of unsuccessful bidders will be returned horugh EFT/KET/KTRG to the bank account details provided by them in the bid form and intimated via their e-mail ID on the closure of the E-auction alge price within the stigulated period will result in divertisement does not constitute any will or postpone or concel the sale as the case may any torany third party claims/rights/dues. (17) In compliance with be deducted and paid under the PAN Number											





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Los Angeles, Jan 10: Fire-

fighters reported some prog-

ress fighting the wildfires that

have charred hillsides, homes

and streets in Los Angeles

County, but the strong winds

that fanned the flames were ex-

pected to pick up again Friday,

day he expected the death toll

swept through. Brick chimneys

worsening conditions.

REUTERS

to grow.

conference.



No conditions are required for this, (only) a mutual desire and political will to conduct a dialogue and resolve existing problems through dialogue is required. We see that Mr Trump also declares his readiness to resolve problems through dialogue, we welcome this VLADIMIR PUTIN | PRESIDENT, RUSSIA

LANKAN PREZ DISSANAYAKE TO VISIT BEIJING NEXT WEEK

China Friday termed the upcoming three-day visit of Anura Kumara Dissanayake as significant as the Sri Lankan president seeks to balance ties with Beijing weeks after his India visit. Dissanayake will pay a state visit to China from January 14 to 17 at the invitation of Chinese President Xi Jinping, Chinese Foreign Ministry spokesperson Hua Chunying announced here Friday





BLAZE FIREFIGHTERS SEE PROGRESS

The fires, engulfing iconic Los Angeles neighbourhoods and tearing through the Hollywood Hills, have so far killed 10 people and destroyed nearly 10,000 structures

a Russian group tasked with influencing Polish elections through disinformation and stoking instability KRZYSZTOF GAWKOWSKI

Poland has

identified

DEPUTY PM, POLAND

I think we can exclude that the **United States in** the coming years will try to use force to annex territory that interests it

GIORGIA MELONI | PRIME MINISTER, ITALY



have to somehow deliver the gas to us. We are able to push something through the southern flow (route through Turkey), but so far we have storage, Slovak consumption is secured

ROBERT FICO PRIME MINISTER, SLOVAK

SHORT TAKES

PIA resumes ops in Europe

Islamabad: Pakistan's national flag carrier Friday resumed its operations in Europe with the maiden flight to Paris, ending a more than four-year ban by the European Union's aviation agency over safety standards Pakistan International Airlines' authorisation to operate in Europe was suspended in June 2020 over concerns about the ability of Pakistani authorities and its Civil Aviation Authority to ensure compliance with international aviation standards following the crash of its plane after a failed attempt to land in Karachi. The first flight after the ban's suspension took off from Islamabad International Airport (IIAP) at 12:10 pm, utilising a Boeing 777 (AP-BGK) aircraft. The flight carried 330 passengers and 14 crew members. The inaugural flight, PK-749, was waved off by Aviation Minister Khawaja Asif, PIA CEO Air Vice Marshal Amir Hayat and other senior

The fires, engulfing iconic Los Angeles neighbourhoods and tearing through the Hollywood Hills, have so far killed 10 people and destroyed nearly 10.000 structures. Los Angeles County Sheriff fire officials said. Robert Luna said late Thurs-

loomed over charred waste and burnt-out vehicles.

'We are alive. That's all that "It looks like an atomic bomb dropped in these areas. I don't matters." private security guard Bilal Tukhi said while expect good news, and we're not looking forward to those standing watch outside his emnumbers," Luna told a press ployer's damaged home, saying the scene reminded him of his Some Pacific Palisades resnative, war-torn Afghanistan. idents ventured back to areas As of early Friday, five fires were still burning. where a wall of fire had already

The Palisades Fire between

Santa Monica and Malibu on the city's western flank and the Eaton Fire in the east near Pasadena already rank as the most destructive in Los Angeles history

They have consumed more than 34,000 acres (13,750 hectares) - or some 53 square miles and turned entire neighborhoods to ash

The Palisades Fire is now

6% controlled, while the Eaton Fire still blazed out of control, according to the Department of Forestry and Fire Protection.

The skies buzzed with aircraft dropping water and fire retardant on the flaming hills.

KENNETH FIRE 35% CONTROLLED

One rapidly growing blaze that broke out Thursday near Calabasas, one of the wealthiest cities in the US and home to numerous celebrities and gated communities, was 35% under control by early Friday.

The so-called Kenneth Fire had expanded to 960 acres (388 hectares) in a matter of hours. The Hurst Fire was 37% contained, while the Lidia Fire. the smallest of the five, was 75% contained.

DEFENCE SPENDING TARGET NATO will not be going Trump's way

Trump says NATO members should spend 5% of GDP on defence That call won't fly for alliance members

at June summit

heed Donald Trump's proposal for a massive hike in defence spending but will likely agree to go beyond its current target, according to officials and analvsts

The US president-elect declared Tuesday members of the military alliance should spend 5% of gross domestic product (GDP) on defence - a huge increase from the current 2% goal and a level that no NATO country, including the United States, currently reaches.

Trump's comments - at a press conference that also generated a blizzard of headlines on Greenland, Canada and Panama - were a reminder of his focus on NATO spending during his first term and his threats not to protect allies that fail to meet the target.

Officials from NATO countries said they agreed defence spending needs to rise further but did not endorse the 5% figure, which analysts said would be politically and economically impossible for almost all members. It would require hundreds of billions of dollars in extra funding.

However, a new target is likely to be agreed at a NATO summit in The Hague in June,

if there are any suspicions. Italy, with defence spend ing at around 1.5% of GDP, is among eight NATO members that do not meet the current target. which borders Poland, Ukraine, is the NATO member that spends the highest share

of GDP on defence - 4.12% last year, alliance estimates show It is followed by Estonia with 3.43% and the United States with 3.38% NATO estimated the com-

bined defence spending of its members at \$1.474 trillion in 2024 - around \$968 billion from the United States and \$507 billion from European nations and Canada. The overall average is about 2.71% of NATO GDP.

The key open questions are

Some expect NATO's 32 mem-

bers to agree, after much wran-

gling, to a target of around 3%

of GDP. But even that would be

a stretch for many, who barely

meet or fall short of the 2% goal

now - a decade after it was set

will discover them because we

ask about the sources of money

If they attempt to do so, we

Thousands protest outside **Romanian top court**

BUCHAREST: Thousands of flag-waving Romanians protested outside parliament Friday against the annulment of presidential

Japan slaps new sanctions on Russia

ASSOCIATED PRESS

Tokyo, Jan 10: Japan's Cabinet Friday approved additional sanctions against Russia over its war on Ukraine, including freezing the assets of dozens of individuals and groups and banning exports to dozens of organisations in Russia and several other countries that have allegedly helped it

evade sanctions. Chief Cabinet Secretary Yoshimasa Hayashi said Friday's approval of the additional sanctions shows Japan's commitment to efforts by the Group of Seven leading industrialised nations to strengthen sanctions against Russia for its invasion

of Ukraine. Japan has imposed several previous rounds of sanctions. and the latest step comes after Prime Minister Shigeru Ishiba reaffirmed the country's policy at an online G7 summit in mid-December fol-

Maduro sworn in for third term as US raises reward for capture

REUTERS

Venezuela, Jan 10: Venezuelan President Nicolas Maduro, whose nearly 12 years in office have been marked by deep economic and social crisis, was sworn in for a third term Friday, despite a six-month-long election dispute, international calls for him to stand aside and an increase in the US reward offered for his capture.

Maduro, president since 2013, was declared the winner of July's election by both Venezuela's electoral authority and top court, though detailed tallies confirming his victory have never been published.

Venezuela's Opposition says ballot box-level tallies show a



landslide win for its former candidate Edmundo Gonzalez, who is recognized as president-elect by several countries including the United States. International election observers said the vote was not democratic.

The months since the election have seen Gonzalez's flight to Spain in September, his ally Maria Corina Machado going into hiding in Venezuela, and the detentions of high-profile Opposition figures and protesters. In the latest in a series of punitive steps, the outgoing Biden administration increased its reward for information leading to the arrest or conviction of Maduro on drug trafficking charges to \$25 million, from a previous \$15 million.

It also issued a \$25 million reward for Interior Minister Diosdado Cabello and a \$15 million reward for Defense Minister Vladimir Padrino, as well as new sanctions against eight other officials including the head of state oil company PDVSA Hector Obregon.

The US indicted Maduro and others on narcotics and corruption charges, among others, in 2020. Maduro has rejected the accusations

Winds dropped Thursday from the gusts of up to 100 miles per hour (160 kph) seen earlier in the week, allowing crucial support from the air for firefighters on the ground.

But some are ready to raise goal beyond current 2% Trump has said US von't protect allies that don't meet targets Some see new goal of around 3% to be agreed

REUTERS

spurred by fears that Russia may attack a NATO country Brussels, Jan 10: NATO won't after Ukraine and by Trump's exhortations, officials said. what that new target will be and whether it will be enough to satisfy Trump

SK's presidential security chief resigns

official

Seoul: South Korea's acting leader Friday accepted the resignation of the chief of the presidential security service. Park Jong-joon, as he faced police questioning over how his forces blocked law enforcement efforts to detain impeached President Yoon Suk Yeol last week. The acting leader, Deputy Prime Minister Choi Sang-mok, also expressed regret over the clashes between law enforcement officials and the presidential security service over the attempts to detain Yoon and called for lawmakers to reach a bipartisan agreement to launch an independent investigation.

Militants attack residences of min

> Karachi: Armed militants attacked the residences of a senior minister and a deputy commissioner and stormed a police checkpost in Pakistan's restive Balochistan province, police said. A senior police official said armed militants attacked the residence of Balochistan Minister for Finance and Mineral Resources Mir Shoaib Nosherwani with a hand grenade in his native town of Kharan late Thursday night. "The armed men came on motorcycles and drove away after hurling the hand grenade," he said. No casualty has been reported in the incident, he said. In a similar incident, the militants attacked the residence of the Kalat deputy commissioner with a hand grenade Thursday night, injuring one police constable on duty at the gate.

lowing Russia's increased cooperation with North Korea and use of third countries in evading sanctions.

According to a joint statement by Japan's foreign. trade and finance ministries, 11 individuals, 29 organisations and three banks from Russia, as well as a North Korean trading company executive and a Georgian bank that allegedly helped evade sanctions, were added to an asset freeze list.

The Cabinet approved total export bans on 22 Russian organisations, including ones related to the military, as well as technology and machinery makers.



This undated photo released by the private security firm Ambrey shows the oil tanker Sounion burning in the Red Sea

elections, where an obscure far-right candidate had been the front-runner amid claims of Russian interference. The Constitutional Court last month scrapped the November 24 ballot results which handed a first-round victory to 62-year-old Calin Georgescu after allegations that Russia was trying to sway the vote in the EU and NATO member nation bordering Ukraine. Georgescu shot to prominence overnight on TikTok, drawing a European Union probe of the social media platform. He has called the vote annulment a "formalised coup d'etat". Protesters Friday rallied outside the parliament building, which also houses the Constitutional Court, carrying Romanian flags and chanting "We voted, you stole from us" and "Give us back the second round".

BIGGEST **'RETURNS FLIGHTS'**

The Home Office said its asylum processing is helping clear the backlog by redeploying 1,000 staff to work on immigration enforcement, which has helped ramp up the deportations

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

London, Jan 10: The UK government has claimed to have exceeded its target of deporting illegal migrants to countries of their origin, hitting the highest rate of removals since 2018 leading to 16,400 people with no right to be in the UK being removed.

Home Office figures released Thursday claim enforced returns were up 24 per cent compared to the same 12 months prior, including the removal of 2,580 foreign criminals marking a 23 per cent increase on last year.

The government said "bespoke charter flights" have removed immigration offenders to countries around the world, including four of the biggest "returns flights" in the UK's history carrying more than 800 people.

Individuals removed since the July 2024 election are said to include criminals convicted of drug offences, theft, rape and murder.

'This government was elected on a promise of change and within just six months we have redeployed resources for a scheme that returned just four volunteers and instead worked to remove 16,400 people with no right to be here," said Prime Minister Keir Starmer.



"Our message to those wanting to come here illegally is clear - you are wasting your money putting your trust in these vile gangs and will be returned swiftly. No more gimmicks. This government is delivering for working people as we restore order to the asylum system through our Plan for Change," he said.

UK claims highest deportations of illegal migrants

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"This government inherited a broken asylum and immigration system. We are taking swift action to increase enforcement and returns of those with no right to be here," said Home Secretary Yvette Cooper.

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"We will continue our crack down on illegal working and make progress with clearing the asylum backlog. We have now exceeded our pledge to get returns to the highest level in half a decade. Our priority is to ensure the rules are respected and enforced," she said.

The minister also pointed to new legislation to disrupt criminal smuggling networks, working through the Border Security Command to combat criminal gangs behind people smuggling. It comes as the government also announced the introduction of a new sanctions regime designed to prevent. combat, deter and disrupt irregular migration, with a "worldfirst regime" to target individuals and entities enabling dangerous migrant journeys by disrupting the gangs' finances.

Starmer visited the City of London Police this week to witness first-hand how law enforcement is leveraging public-private partnerships to stop criminals benefitting from dirty money.

The Home Office said in addition to its returns target, illegal working visits and action against exploitative employers has "soared" with 32 per cent more visits and 29 per cent more arrests compared to the same period last year, as part of a crackdown on "dodgy" car washes, nail bars and construc tion sites.

"Biometric kits and body worn cameras will be rolled out to frontline Immigration Enforcement teams throughout 2025 to boost arrests and prose cutions," the Home Office said.

















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SUNDARARAMAN RAMAMURTHY CEO, BSE

SPICEJET TO FLY GROUNDED JETS

Domestic carrier SpiceJet Friday announced plans to bring back into operations 10 of its grounded aircraft, including four Boeing B737 Max, by mid-April. The airline said it has added 10 planes to its fleet since October 2024 -- three grounded aircraft that were brought back into service and seven inducted on lease



of the day

My belief is that without India becoming a global champion in sunrise

sectors, we would not be able to achieve the target of becoming a developed nation by 2047, we will never be able to become a \$32 trillion economy AMITABH KANT | G20 SHERPA

A ...balance that we are going to have to get right is between corporate debt

and government debt. and exactly what that takes in terms of both fiscal adjustment and in terms of the liquidity in the corporate debt market. These are issues that we have been exploring at Niti (Aayog)

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We. over a period of time. need to reduce the taxes. We need to reduce our

tariffs so that our manufacturers can become competitive. We have a large base and we should be manufacturing for the world - SUNIL VACHANI PRESIDENT, CEAMA

SHORT TAKES

Vodafone exits Indus Towers

New Delhi: British telecom firm Vodafone has sold its entire stake in Indus Towers for ₹2,800 crore, the telecom infrastructure firm said Friday. Vodafone has sold 7.92 crore or 3 per cent stake in Indus Towers and used ₹890 crore from the proceeds to clear lenders dues, the company said in a regulatory filing. "Vodafone Group Plc announces that it has successfully completed the placing of its remaining 79.2 million shares in Indus Towers Limited ("Indus") representing 3.0 per cent of Indus' outstanding share

UN pegs India GDP growth at 6.6%

INDIAN ECONOMY GREW BY 6.8% IN 2024 AND IS FORECAST TO EXPAND BY 6.6% IN 2025. THE INDIAN ECONOMY IS PROJECTED TO RETURN TO THE 6.8% GROWTH IN 2026

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

United Nations, Jan 10: The Indian economy is projected to expand by 6.6 per cent in 2025, primarily supported by robust private consumption and investment, according to a United Nations report. The report titled 'the UN

World Economic Situation and Prospects 2025' was released here Wednesday. It also said that the near-

term outlook for South Asia is expected to remain robust, with growth projected at 5.7 per cent in 2025 and 6.0 per cent in 2026, "driven by strong performance in India as well as economic recovery in a few other economies", including Bhutan, Nepal and Sri Lanka "The economy of India, the

largest in the (South Asia) region, is forecast to expand by 6.6 per cent in 2025, primarily supported by robust private consumption and investment. Additionally, capital expenditure on infrastructure development is expected to have strong multiplier effects on growth in the coming years," the report said.

It added that strong export growth in services and certain goods categories, particularly pharmaceuticals and electronics, will bolster economic activity for India. On the supply side, expansion in the manufacturing and services sectors

throughout the forecast period. favourable Meanwhile. monsoon rains in 2024 have improved the summer-sowing areas for all major crops, boosting agricultural output expectations for 2025.

will keep driving the economy

Investment growth has remained particularly strong in East Asia and South Asia.



Consumer price inflation in India is forecast to decelerate from an estimated 4.8% in 2024 to 4.3% in 2025, staying within the 2-6% medium-term target range set by RBI

partly driven by domestic and foreign investments in new supply chains, particularly in India, Indonesia, and Vietnam, the report said.

In India, the public sector continues to play a pivotal role in funding large-scale infrastructure projects, physical and digital connectivity, and social infrastructure, including improvements in sanitation and water supply. Strong investment growth is expected to continue through 2025.

Consumer price inflation in India is forecast to decelerate from an estimated 4.8 per cent in 2024 to 4.3 per cent in 2025, staying within the 2-6 per cent medium-term target range set by the central bank. While decreasing energy prices have contributed to the ongoing decline, adverse weather conditions have kept prices of vegetables, cereals, and other staples elevated in 2024, resulting in spikes in the country's headline inflation in

June and September. It said that several developing economies, including China, India, and Mexico, have maintained robust investment growth, while African nations have faced limited public investment due to high debt servicing burdens, and Western Asia has experienced low investment growth amid subdued oil revenues

Global growth unchanged Global economic growth is forecast at 2.8 per cent in 2025 and 2.9 per cent in 2026, largely unchanged from the rate of 2.8 per cent recorded in 2023 and estimated for 2024

The positive but moderately slower growth projected for the two largest economies- China and the United States of America-will likely be complemented by mild recovery in the European Union, Japan, and the United Kingdom and strong performance in several large developing economies, notably India and Indonesia, it said.

China is facing the prospect of gradual economic moderation, with growth estimated at 4.9 per cent in 2024 and projected at 4.8 per cent in 2025. Public sector investments and strong export performance are partly

offset by subdued consumption growth and lingering weakness in the property sector.

Among developing countries robust momentum in India and modest growth acceleration in Africa, Western Asia, and Latin America and the Caribbean will offset a slight moderation of growth in China.

The report noted that weaker external demand, persistent debt challenges, and social unrest and political turmoil in some economies may undermine the outlook for the South Asian region.

"However, risks to the outlook are tilted to the downside owing to the possible escalation of geopolitical tensions, deceleration in external demand. ongoing debt challenges, and social unrest. In addition, as the region is highly vulnerable to the impact of climate hazards, extreme weather events pose a significant risk," it said.

It said that the labour market situation in developing countries remains challenging, with significant variations in the outlook driven by differing economic conditions and policy responses. Some economies have exhibited resilience, it said adding that employment indicators in India have remained robust.

In India, employment indicators have remained strong throughout 2024, with labour force participation near record highs, the report said, citing the Reserve Bank of India data.

Urban unemployment stood at 6.6 per cent during this period—virtually unchanged from the rate of 6.7 per cent recorded in 2023. Although there has been progress in female labour market participation in the country, substantial gender gaps remain.

THREE DAYS OF MARKET CRASH Investors' wealth erodes by ₹12L-cr

Sensex, Nifty extend losses into 3rd session on surging crude prices, FII outflows



IN THREE

DAYS, BSE

SENSEX

ANKED 820.2

POINTS OR

1.04%

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

New Delhi, Jan 10: Investors wealth tumbled ₹12 lakh crore in three days of market slump due to uninterrupted foreign fund outflows and concerns over quarterly earnings.

Also, rising crude oil pric es and a strengthening dollar index added to investors' pessimism.

On Friday, the 30-share BSE benchmark declined 241.30 BENCHMAR points or 0.31 per cent to settle at 77,378.91. During the day, the benchmark gyrated 820.15 points between the day's high of 77,919.70 and low of 77.099.55.

The NSE Nifty dropped 95 points or 0.40 per cent to 23.431.50.

The market capitalisation of BSE-listed firms diminished by ₹12.07.314.99 crore to ₹4,29,67,835.05 crore (\$5 trillion) in the three days.

From the 30-share blue-chip pack Friday, IndusInd Bank, NTPC, UltraTech Cement, State Bank of India. Sun Pharma. Ax-

is Bank, Tata Steel and Power Grid were among the major laggards. Tata Consultancy Services

jumped nearly 6 per cent after the IT services company report ed an 11.95 per cent surge in the December quarter net profit to ₹12.380 crore.

Tech Mahindra, HCL Tech, Infosys and Bajaj Finserv were the other big gainers.

Foreign Institutional Investors (FIIs) offloaded equities worth ₹7,170.87 crore Thursday, ac cording to exchange data. The BSE smallcap gauge dropped 2.40 per cent and midcap index declined 2.13 per cent

Among BSE sectoral indices power tanked 3.07 per cent, utilities (2.86 per cent), realty (2.64 per cent), industrials (2.08 per cent), commodities (2.05 per cent) and consumer durables (1.98 per cent). BSE Focused IT jumped 3.17 per cent, IT (2.65 per cent) and teck (2.24 per cent) were the biggest gainers.

As many as 3,167 stocks declined while 827 advanced and 84 remained unchanged on the BSE.

SNAG IN SYSTEM Government extends monthly GST return, REUTERS payment deadline

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

New Delhi, Jan 10: The government Friday extended the deadline for filing monthly GST sales return form GSTR-1 and GST payment by 2 days after taxpayers reported technical glitches in the GSTN system.

Lenders clamour for durable liquidity infusion from RBI

BANKING SYSTEM LIQUIDITY REMAINS IN DEFICIT SINCE MIDDLE OF DECEMBER

Mumbai, Jan 10: Indian lenders have asked the central bank to infuse durable liquidity into the banking system in the wake of the significant dip in a key measure of liquidity, six trea-

market borrowing. RUPEE CONCERNS

Bankers said they raised concerns about the unhedged exposures of companies following the rupee's recent quick decline, and highlighted the

₹ breaches 86-mark

he rupee declined 18 paise to breach the 86-mark against the US dollar for the first time Friday as it failed to resist pressure from a stronger American currency and huge outflow of foreign funds. The local unit settled at 86.04 against the US currency. Surging crude oil prices overseas and negative sentiment in domestic equity markets also weighed down on the Indian currency. forex traders said. At the interbank foreign exchange, the rupee opened at 85.88, hit the intra-day peak of 85.85 before breaching the 86-mark to settle at the lowest-ever level of 86.04 against the greenback, 18 paise lower from its previous close. Meanwhile, the dollar index. which gauges the greenback's strength against a basket of six currencies, was trading 0.01 per cent higher at 109.01. The 10-year US bond yields also rose to its April 2024 level at 4.69 per cent.

capital through an accelerated book build offering on 5 December 2024," the filing said. The company held 3 per cent stake through its indirect wholly-owned subsidiaries, Omega Telecom Holdings Pvt Ltd and Usha Martin Telematics Limited.

IREDA net profit rises 27% in Q3

New Delhi: State-owned Indian Renewable Energy **Development Agency Ltd** (IREDA) has posted nearly 27 per cent growth in its net profit at ₹425.37 crore in December quarter, mainly on the back of higher revenues. Revenue from operations grew 35.57 per cent to ₹1,698.99 crore in the latest December quarter compared to ₹1,253.20 crore in the third quarter of FY24, the company said in a statement Thursday. Profit After Tax (PAT) or net profit recorded a 26.77 per cent rise in the reporting quarter to ₹425.37 crore from ₹335.54 crore in Q3 FY24, it said. The company also stated that its net worth strengthened to ₹9,842.07 crore, registering a 20.99 per cent year-on-year growth from ₹8,134.56 crore.

Tax devolution: States get ₹1.73L-cr

New Delhi: The Centre Friday released tax devolution of ₹1.73 lakh crore to the state governments to accelerate capital expenditure and finance welfare activities. "A higher amount is being devolved this month to enable states to accelerate capital spending and finance their development and welfarerelated expenditures," the finance ministry said.

As per a notification by the Central Board of Indirect Taxes and Customs (CBIC), the last date for filing GSTR-1 for December is January 13, while that for taxpayers opting for quarterly payment under the QRMP scheme for the October-December period will be January 15.

Normally, the last date for filing GSTR-1 for monthly return filers is January 11, while for quarterly taxpayers it is January 13.

The deadline for GST payment by filing GSTR-3B for December has been extended to January 22, from the existing date of January 20.

For taxpayers who pay GST quarterly, the due date has been extended to January 24 and January 26, depending on the state-wise registration of the business.

Bangalore, Jan 10: Infosys

filed a counterclaim against

rival Cognizant in a Texas fed-

eral court Thursday, accusing

training on its software

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surv officials said. A select set of market participants met Reserve Bank of

India officials late Thursday, raising concerns over the persistent tightness in liquidity conditions. The tightness in liquidity. if sustained, is likely to keep

borrowing rates of banks high, potentially impacting lending rates at a time when India's economic growth is cooling down. "Suggestions like longer term

variable rate repos, FX swaps and open market purchases of bonds were made," said one of the officials who was a part of the meeting A few bankers also suggested a temporary cut in the mainte-

nance of cash reserve ratio - the proportion of deposits banks must keep with the RBI in cash for banks **ELEVATED RATES**

Banking system liquidity

has moved into deficit since mid-December, with the daily average deficit at around ₹1.50 trillion (\$17.47 billion) over the

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BANKERS MEET CENTRAL last five weeks.

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CRR CUTS

₹4.6 trillion in early September, according to Gaura Sen Gupta, India economist at IDFC FIRST Bank.

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the peak of around

"This fall is due to FX intervention by the RBI...It is likely that core liquidity could turn negative with currency leakage picking up in the final quarter,' she said.

"If depreciation pressures on the rupee persist, then the drain from FX intervention will persist."

Bankers pointed out that overnight the rate staying above the Mar-Standing ginal

Facility rate meaning banks are borrowing at elevated interest rates from the RBI defeated the purpose of a neutral policy stance as they would not be able to pass on the bene

fits to the customers. The weighted average interbank call money rate jumped to 6.83% Thursday, the highinter est since late June amid most venbanks continuing to rely on tions

ersistent dollar demand in the non-deliverable forward market - a major factor in the rupee regularly hitting new all-time lows.

One banker said they brought up the surge in overnight swap rate December 31. which happened amid a rush by banks to convert the excess dollars into

rupees. This banker

pointed out they have had difficulty in rolling over the excess dollar liquidity prompted by the RBI's

₹ pressure mounts: Forex kitty dips to 10-month low

ndia's foreign exchange reserves fell for the fifth consecutive week to a 10-month low of \$634.59 billion as of January 3, data from the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) showed Friday. The reserves declined by \$5.7 billion in the reported week, after falling by a cumulative \$17.8 billion in the prior three weeks. Reserves have fallen by about \$70 billion from their all-time high of \$704.89 billion in late September. The magnitude of the RBI's forex intervention since October has been "substantial" and is resulting in "adverse effects", such as tighter banking system liquidity and higher short-term rates at a time of weakening growth, Nomura analysts said.

Festive demand, mfg boost factory output Industrial production growth hits 6-month high of 5.2% in Nov

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

New Delhi, Jan 10: India's industrial production (IIP) growth accelerated to a six-month high of 5.2 per cent year-on-year in November 2024, riding on the increased festive demand and pick up in manufacturing sector, according to the official data

The Index of Industrial Production (IIP) recorded a growth

of 2.5 per cent in November 2023, according to a statement by the Ministry of Statistics & Programme Implementation.

The previous high growth rate at 6.3 per cent was recorded in May 2024. It grew by 4.9 per cent in June and 5 per cent in July 2024.

The IIP growth was flat in August before picking up at 3.1 per cent in September and 3.7 per cent in October 2024.

The growth in the factory output, measured in terms of the IIP, in April-November 2024 grew by 4.1 per cent against 6.5 per cent in the year-ago period, the data showed.



As per the data, the mining output growth decelerated to 1.9 per cent in November from 7 per cent expansion in the yearago month. The manufacturing sector's growth accelerated to 5.8 per cent in November from 1.3 per cent a year ago. Power generation growth

slowed to 4.4 per cent from 5.8 per cent a year ago.

As per use-based classification, the capital goods segment growth accelerated to 9 per cent in November 2024 against a con traction of 1.1 per cent in the year-ago period.

Showing festive demand consumer durable (or white) goods production grew by 13. per cent during the reporting month against a contraction o 4.8 per cent in November 2023.

In November 2024, consumer non-durables output growth remained almost flat at 0.6 per cent compared to a contraction of 3.4 per cent in November 2023.

released Friday.

The Bangalore-based compa-



Infosys blames rival Cognizant

for anti-competitive practices

ance software TriZetto's Facets and QNXT awarding IT services work to competitors and refusing them are used by healthcare insurance companies to automate administrative tasks



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SPORTS

Run-machine Mandhana Satwik-Chirag pair storms into semis

THE INDIAN STAR BECAME THE FASTEST INDIAN BATTER AND THIRD-FASTEST **OVERALL TO REACH THE 4,000-RUN MILESTONE IN WOMEN'S CRICKET**



INDO-ASIAN NEWS SERVICE

Rajkot, Jan 10: Superb batting by the top order helped India Women defeat Ireland Women by six wickets in the first of three One-day Internationals at the Saurashtra Cricket Association Stadium here Friday

Pratika Rawal (89) and Tejal Hasabnis (53 not out) combined for a 116-run partnership to take India to 241/4 and help the hosts overhaul the visitors' score of 238/7 in

Pratika, Tejal smash fifties as India cruise to six-wicket win over Ireland in first women's ODI

> 50 overs and win the match with 93 balls to spare.

It was also a historic night for captain Smriti Mandhana as she became the fastest Indian batter and third-fastest

overall to reach the 4,000-run milestone in women's cricket. Smriti reached the mark in 95 games.

Ireland opted to bat first after winning the toss and openers Sarah Forbes (9) and Gaby Lewis (92) looked to be getting to a solid start before the former fell to Titas Sadhu in the fifth over. There was a good bounce off a length and wide of off-stump for Sadhu, as Forbes went driving at the ball

far away from her body which resulted in edging it to slip.

While Lewis anchored the innings from one end, wickets of Una Raymond-Hoey (5), Orla Prendergast (9), and Laura Delany (0) fell at the other end and saw the visitors in dangerous territory at 56/4 before Leah Paul (59) stitched a 117-run partnership with her skipper. The stand came to an end when Lewis did not respond

to Paul's call in the 39th over and was caught well short of her crease to bring a disappointing end to her innings. Deepti Sharma brought an end to Lewis' innings, which saw her become the leading run-scorer in Ireland Women's ODI history. She got out when she was caught and bowled in the 44th innings.

Small cameos by Christina Coulter Reilly (15 not out) and Arlene Kelly (28) powered Ireland to 238/7 in 50 overs.

India got off to a fast start in their chase as Smriti (41) and Pratika began the innings blazingly before the former fell in the 10th over

The stay by Harleen Deol (20) and Jemimah Rodrigues (9) in the middle came to an underwhelming end with India reeling at 119/3. But Tejal and Rawal took the game away from the visitors.

RIEF SCORES eland-W 238/7 in 50 overs (Gaby Lewis 92, Leah Paul 59; Priya ishra 2-56) lost to India-W 241/4 ejal Hasabnis 53 not out, Smrit Mandhana 41; Aimee Maguire

The victory marks the duo's third consecutive semifinal appearance in this elite tournament, underlining their consistency and rising dominance in men's doubles badminton

INDO-ASIAN NEWS SERVICE

Kuala Lumpur, Jan 10: Indian badminton stars Satwiksairaj Rankireddy and Chirag Shetty continued their stellar run on the international stage by reaching the men's doubles semifinals of the prestigious Malaysia Open Super 1000 tournament here Friday.

The seventh-seeded Indian duo defeated Malaysia's Yew Sin Ong and Ee Yi Teo in straight games, 26-24, 21-15, in a 49-minute quarterfinal clash.

The opening game was a rollercoaster affair, with both pairs displaying immense skill and determination. Satwik and Chirag started strongly, taking an early lead, but the Malaysian pair, roared on by the partisan home crowd, fought back valiantly. The Indian pair was pushed to their limits as the game extended into extra points. At 24-24, Satwik and Chirag held their nerve, showcasing exceptional reflexes and court awareness to clinch the first game 26-24 after a gripping 28-minute battle.

The Malaysian pair began the second game with renewed vigour, seizing the lead early and maintaining it until the



mid-game interval. At 11-11, Satwik and Chirag, the Commonwealth and Asian Games medallists, shifted gears, finding their rhythm and executing a series of well-coordinated smashes and deceptive drops. What followed was a display of dominance as the Indian duo claimed 13 of the next 17 points. Their ability to adapt under pressure and capitalize on crucial moments proved decisive, allowing them to close out the second game 21-15 and secure their place in the semifinals. Satwik and Chirag, run-

MALAYSIA OPEN

ners-up in the previous edition of the Malaysia Open BWF World Tour Super 1000 event. now face a formidable challenge in the semifinals against South Korea's Won Ho Kim and Seung Jae Seo.

Reflecting on their performance, the Indian duo said, "Great start to the year, we couldn't have started on a better note. We want to go as deep in the tournament as possible.

Satwiksairaj Rankireddy and Chirag Shetty are the lone Indi an pair in contention in the Malaysia Open after singles stars, Lakshya Sen, HS Prannoy, Priyanshu Rajawat, Malvika Bansod, Akarshi Kashyap, An upama Upadhyayay and Commonwealth Games bronze med allist Tresha Jolly and Gayatri Gonichand all were ousted in the first two rounds

Neeraj named world's best male javelin thrower by 'The Bible Of The Sport'

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

New Delhi, Jan 10: India's Paris Olympics silver medallist Neeraj Chopra has been named the best male javelin thrower in the world in 2024 by globally-renowned American magazine 'Track and Field News'.

The 27-year-old Chopra who was beaten by Pakistan's Arshad Nadeem for the Olympic gold medal in August last year, pipped two-time world champion Anderson Peters of Grenada for the top spot in the 2024 rankings published by the California-based magazine.

Nadeem was ranked fifth as

SHORT TAKES

Tirkey's father no more

New Delhi: Hockey India president Dilip Tirkey's father Vincent has died due to age-related ailments. He was not keeping well for some time. HI secretary general Bhola Nath Singh expressed his condolences. "On behalf of Hockey India, I express my deepest condolences to our President, Shri Dilip Tirkey, on the passing of his beloved father, Shri Vincent Tirkey," he said in a statement. It was Vincent, a former CRPF and Odisha state hockey player from Sundargarh district's nondescript illage Saunamura, who initiated his son Dilip to the sport.

Bhambri-Olivetti loses

New Delhi: India's Yuki Bhambri and his French partner Albano Olivetti frittered away a solid start to make a semifinal exit from the ASB Classic in Auckland Friday. The unseeded Indo-French combine had the momentum but the top seeded pair of Nikola Mektic and Michael Venus bounced

IWL: OFC, Gokulam Kerala begin campaign with draw

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

Kozhikode, Jan 10: Title contenders Odisha FC and Gokulam Kerala played out a 1-1 draw in their campaign opener in the Indian Women's League (IWL) here Friday.

Both the goals came in the second half.

Defending champions Gokulam took the lead in the 61st minute through Lynda Kom Serto, while last edition's runner-up Odisha found the equaliser through Hemam Shilky Devi in the 87th minute.



ARCH-RIVALS CLASH

Guwahati: Mohun Bagan Super Giant would look to assert their dominance over arch-rivals East Bengal in the Indian Super League (ISL) when they face each other Saturday in a match which has been shifted here owing



to inadequate security arrangements in Kolkata. The change in venue comes after the Bidhannagar Police in Kolkata, under whose jurisdiction the original match venue Salta Lake Stadium falls, cited concerns over inadequate security because of the Gangasagar Mela from January 10 to 18. Mohun Bagan have won eight out of the nine encounters between the two teams in ISL history, with East Bengal yet to record a victory. East Bengal have struggled in terms of scoring, having netted only five goals in this fixture.

'Clasico' Supercup final

Kolkata Derby today

back strongly to win 3-6 6-1 5-10 in the last-four pairs match of the ATP 250 event, Bhambri and Olivetti took 90 points each and spilt \$10150 for their effort in the hard court tournament.

PCB junks rumours

Lahore: The Pakistan Cricket Board has rubbished speculations that the ICC Champions Trophy will be moved out of the country due to delayed con struction work at three stadiums that will host the the event, starting February 19. The venues in Pakistan organsing the tournament are Rawalpindi Cricket Stadium, Lahore's Gaddafi Stadium and Karachi's National Bank Stadium, while India will play all its matches in Dubai.

The game started with Odisha dominating with a lot of the possession.

Gokulam, on their part, were reliant on their three foreign players for most of the match. Of the three, Phoeby Owiti was the most impressive, often driving out of defence to interlink and create opportunities in the opposition third.

Odisha scored the opening goal through Blue Tigress Lynda Kom just as it seemed that Gokulam had gained the upper hand in the game.

The midfielder picked up a

fairly innocuous pass, outside the box, turned and twisted away from her defender, before curling a brilliant left footed effort into the top corner in the 61st minute. A diving Basude had no chance. Gokulam's attacking fer-

vour became more desperate as the clock ticked away. Lack of composure seemed to be their bane, with Asem Roja Devi and Owiti guilty of shooting over.

Gokulam did get their equaliser eventually to draw level. In the 87th minute, Odisha failed to clear a corner cleanly and the ball dropped to Shilky Devi in the six yard area.

The defender had her back to goal, but wrestled for control before eventually pouncing on the loose ball to smash it into the net.

Jeddah: Real Madrid will play FC Barcelona in Sunday's final of the Spanish Supercup after beating Mallorca 3-0 in the second semifinal played in the Saudi Arabian city of Jeddah. Jude Bellingham



broke down Mallorca's rearguard action in the 63rd minute as he slid the ball through a forest of legs after Rodrygo hit the post with a diving header, and Kylian Mbappe saw his follow-up well saved by Mallorca goalkeeper Dominik Greif. FC Barcelona beat Athletic Bilbao in Wednesday's first semifinal, with Gavi and Lamine Yamal scoring the goals either side of halftime.

he competed in only one event in 2024 besides the Olympic Games where he came up with a monster throw of 92.97m as against 89.45m of Chopra. He finished fourth in Paris Dia mond League.

Founded in 1948, the magazine, which claims itself to be 'The Bible Of The Sport' publishes world and American rankings every year. The magazine is considered an authority in global track and field circles.

Chopra was also the top-ranker in the men's javelin throw rankings of 2023.

Swiatek, Sinner break silence Pacer Varun Aaron retires

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

Melbourne, Jan 10: Iga Swiatek, a self-described "control freak," is taking new precautions - including holding on to extra samples of medicine she takes, in case they need to be tested at some point — after a doping case she described Friday as "probably, like, the worst time in my life

Jannik Sinner, another player who spent time at No 1 and tested positive in 2024, said ahead of the Australian Open, where he's the defending champion, that he hasn't been told when the World Anti-Doping Agency's appeal of his exoneration will be heard in court.

"I know exactly as much as vou guvs know." Sinner said in response to a reporter's question at a news conference Friday. "We are in a stage where we don't know many, many things.'

As confident as he repeatedly has said he is about the even-



tual outcome, the 23-year-old Italian acknowledged that it's on his mind as the year's first Grand Slam tournament is set to begin Sunday (Saturday ET).

"Yeah, you think about this, of course," Sinner said. "I would lie if I would tell you I forget

He and Swiatek, a five-time major champion, both were able to go for months last sea-

son without anyone knowing what was happening behind the scenes and that they'd failed tests

Sinner tested positive twice for trace amounts of an anabolic steroid at a tournament in March; those results - and the fact that he was cleared by the International Tennis Integrity Agency (ITIA) — did not come out until August, shortly

before the start of the US Open. which he would go on to win. He was cleared because the ITIA accepted his explanation: A trainer exposed Sinner to a banned substance by giving him a massage shortly after using a cream on his own injured finger

Swiatek failed an out-of-competition drug test in August. but her one-month suspension wasn't known until late November, after she sat out three events without revealing why. By the time her case was announced by the ITIA — which accepted that her sample was tainted because of a contaminated sleep aid — all that was left for her to serve was a week, which landed in the offseason.

On Friday. Swiatek described the initial period she was sidelined, which she talked up at the time to personal reasons, as "pretty chaotic" and said, "For sure, it wasn't easy; it was probably, like, the worst time in my life.

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

New Delhi, Jan 10: India pacer Varun Aaron, who was once regarded as the country's fastest bowler before injuries hampered his promising career, announced retirement from "representative cricket" Friday after his home state Jharkhand's campaign ended in the ongoing Vijay Hazare Trophy.

The 35-year-old Aaron made the announcement on social media after Jharkhand failed to go beyond the preliminary stage of the marquee domestic one-day event. After a dazzling start, Aaron struggled with erratic form, which was made worse by injury breakdowns, and he had not represented India since 2015.

At just 21, Aaron burst onto the scene during the 2010-11 Vijay Hazare Trophy, showcasing his raw pace and making a mark with a blistering 153kph delivery against Gujarat in the final.

His ability to consistently bowl at speeds exceeding 150kph quickly caught the attention of

" For the past 20 years, I have lived, breathed, and thrived on the rush of bowling fast. Today, with immense gratitude, l officially announce my retirement from representative cricket Varun Aaron

made his international debut in an ODI against England in Mumbai in 2011.

This was followed by a Test debut at the same venue against the West Indies, again in 2011. However, the relentless demands of bowling at high a significant speed took toll on his body. He

played nine ODIs and as many Tests, taking 29 wickets across the two formats for India. Over the course of his career, he endured as many as eight back stress fractures and three foot fractures, which severely hampered his progress. Injuries had forced him to give up red-ball cricket last year. "Fast Bowling has been ny first love, and though I step off the field, it will always be a part of who I am." he said

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