

Shweta's limitation

Actor Shweta Tiwari recalls how she once failed miserably while delivering a scene with strong language

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Sudan village wiped out

Armed group in western Sudan seeks foreign aid after landslide, triggered by torrential rain, kills at least 1,000 villagers

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Class IV girl suffers eye injury in assault by teacher; FIR filed

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Bhubaneswar, Sept 3: A Class IV student of a private school here Wednesday sustained an eye injury following an alleged assault by her mathematics teacher, police said.

The family members of the

student lodged a formal complaint at the Khandagiri police station seeking action against the teacher. According to the complaint,

the nine-year-old student was attending a mathematics class when the teacher allegedly struck her, causing an injury to her left eye.

"My math madam was teach-

"My math madam was teaching division. When asked twice, she assaulted me in my eye," said the student. As the girl was bleeding and crying, she was rushed for medical attention soon after the incident.

The family members of the girl student took her to an eye hospital for treatment. One of the family members said, "The doctor informed us that the eyelid, retina, and lens were damaged due to the assault. Whether she can get her vision back or not can be ascertained after healing of her eyelid injury."

"We suspect that my daughter suffered a serious eye injury as the teacher struck her strongly with the ring," the girl's father said.

Following the complaint, Khandagiri police registered a case and launched an inquiry into the incident, a police officer said. The accused teacher denied intentional harm, claiming she only "lightly pushed the child's cheek" and regretted the outcome. "I didn't mean to hurt her. It was accidental," she said.

The school management has not issued any official statement. Any kind of harassment and corporal punishment of students is prohibited under the Right to Education Act and other child protection laws.

IRREGULAR by MANJUL



You gave us 22 years, give us 22 more—the country will be developed, and no rat will dare bite a newborn in hospital



DELHI DELUGE: People use a boat to move through a flooded area as the water level of the Yamuna River continues to rise, in New Delhi, Wednesday. More than 7,500 people have been evacuated from low-lying flooded areas as the Yamuna level rose to 207 metres at the Old Railway Bridge (ORB) Wednesday at 1 pm, officials said

Persecuted minorities can stay sans passport

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New Delhi, Sept 3: Members of persecuted minority communities from Afghanistan, Bangladesh and Pakistan -- Hindus, Sikhs, Buddhists, Jains, Parsis and Christians -- who came to India till December 31, 2024, will be allowed to stay in the country without passport or other travel documents, according to the Union Home Ministry.

Originally, under the Citizenship (Amendment) Act (CAA), which came into force last year, members of these persecuted minorities who came to India on or before 31 December 2014 were granted Indian citizenship.

However, the latest order, issued under the just-implemented Immigration and Foreigners Act, 2025, will come as a significant relief to a large number of people, especially Hindus from Pakistan, who crossed over to India after 2014 and were worried about their fate.

"A person belonging to a minority community in Afghanishelter in India due to religious persecution or fear of religious persecution and entered the country on or before December 31, 2024 without valid documents, including a passport or other travel documents, including a passport or other travel documents, and the validity extended of such documents have exments have extended

stan, Bangladesh and Pakistan -- Hindus, Sikhs, Buddhists,

Jains, Parsis and Christians

-- who were compelled to seek

pired will be exempted from the rule of possessing a valid passport and visa," according to the latest order issued by the Union Home Ministry.

Officials said since cross-border migration of persecuted minorities has continued, the cutoff has now been extended by a decade. The latest extension follows longstanding appeals from refugee associations, including a body representing displaced persons from Bangladesh, which had urged PM Narendra Modi to revise the cut-off to reflect the ongoing influx of minority refugees.

GST RATES OVERHAULED

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

New Delhi, Sept 3: Common use items from roti/paratha to hair oil, ice creams and TVs will cost less, while tax incidence on personal health and life insurance will be brought down to nil after the all-powerful GST Council Wednesday approved a complete overhaul of the tangled Goods and Services Tax (GST) regime.

The GST Council approved limiting slabs to 5 per cent and 18 per cent effective from September 22, the first day of Navaratri.

Almost all personal-use items will see rate cuts as the government looks to boost domestic spending and cushion the economic blow of the US tariffs.

Briefing reporters after a marathon day-long GST Council meeting, Union Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman said all decisions were taken unanimously, with no disagreement with any state.

The panel approved simpli-

fying the GST from the current four slabs - 5, 12, 18 and 28 per cent, to a two-rate structure - 5 and 18 per cent. A special 40 per cent slab is also proposed for a select few items such as highend cars, tobacco and cigarettes. The new rates for all products, except pan masala, gutkha, cigarettes, chewing tobacco products like zarda, unmanufactured tobacco and bidi, will be effective September 22, she said.

While daily use food items will continue to attract nil tax rate, tax rate has been slashed to nil from 5 per cent on ultra-high temperature milk, chhena or paneer, pizza bread, khakra, plain chapati or roti.

Nil will also be the tax on

paratha (currently charged at 18 per cent). Common use food and beverages ranging from butter and ghee to dry nuts, condensed milk, cheese, figs, dates, avocados, citrus fruits, sausages and meat, sugar boiled confectionery, jam and fruit jellies, tender coconut water, namkeen, drinking water packed in 20-litre bottles, fruit pulp or fruit juice, beverages containing milk, ice cream, pastry and biscuits, corn flakes and cereals, and sugar confectionery are likely to see a cut in tax rate to 5 per cent from current 12 per cent or 18 per cent. Erasers. maps, pencil sharpeners and exercise books will be charged at nil from 5 per cent.

Consumer goods such as

Slabs cut to two: 5% & 18%, 40% for super luxury items



■ Life insurance, health policies exempted

tooth powder, feeding bottles, tableware, kitchenware, umbrellas, utensils, bicycles, bamboo furniture and combs will see rate cut from 12 per cent to 5 per cent. The same on shampoo, talcum powder, toothpaste, toothbrushes, face powder, soap and hair oil has been cut down from 18 per cent to 5 per cent.

She said all individual life

and health insurance policies will now attract nil tax in a bid to boost coverage. Cement will cost less with the tax rate coming down from 28 per cent to 18 per cent. Petrol,

tax rate coming down from 28 per cent to 18 per cent. Petrol, LPG and CNG vehicles of less than 1,200 cc and not more than 4,000 mm length and diesel vehicles of up to 1,500 cc and 4,000 mm length would move to 18 per cent rate from the current 28 per cent.

Motorcycles up to 350 cc,

consumer electronics like ACs, dishwashers, and TVs too would be taxed at a lower GST of 18 per cent as against 28 per cent currently.

All automobiles above 1,200 cc and longer than 4,000 mm as well as motorcycles above 350 cc, yachts and aircraft for personal use, and racing cars will be charged with a 40 per cent levy. Aerated drinks containing added sugar will be taxed at 40 per cent. EVs will continue to be charged at 5 per cent.

The financial implication of the rate rationalisation would be ₹48,000 crore and this would be fiscally sustainable, Revenue Secretary Arvind Shrivastava told reporters here.

The decision by the GST Council would bring down the overall premium as the tax component has significantly come down.

The move to simplify the tax regime - first announced by Prime Minister Narendra Modi in his Independence Day speech - comes as India's exports to the US face a 50 per cent tariff - the highest in the world.

The Indian economy is heavily reliant on consumption with private consumption accounting for 61.4 per cent of the nominal GDP last fiscal.

The GST reforms are likely to boost the economy by up to 0.5 percentage point by the second year of its implementation, effectively neutralising the full impact of the US tariff, economists said.

Tobacco, gutka, tobacco prod-

robacco, gutka, tobacco products and cigarettes will continue to be charged at current 28 per cent plus a compensation cess till such time that loans taken to pay states for revenue loss is fully paid back, Sitharaman said.

The 40 per cent tax will also be levied on services by a race club, leasing or rental services, and casinos/gambling/horse racing/lottery/online money gaming. Supply of service of third-party insurance of goods carriage will now attract 5 per cent with ITC from 12 per cent with ITC. MORE P11

Nabarangpur, Sept 3: A local court Wednesday handed

6 of family including

minor get life term

Nabarangpur, Sept 3: A local court Wednesday handed down life imprisonment to six members of a family including a minor after convicting them in a 2022 murder case.

The Additional District and

Sessions Judge Bishnu Prasad Mishra here passed the order after examining the statements recorded by 25 witnesses. The judge also slapped a penalty of ₹10,000 on the convicts, apart from the punishment. In default, the convicts have to undergo an additional six months of impris onment. This was stated here by Additional Public Prosecutor Santosh Kumar Mishra who pleaded the matter on behalf of the state government. The judge delivered the verdict after examining depositions from 25 witnesses, Mishra said.

According to case records, a land dispute escalated in Baramasi village under Kodinga police limits August 9, 2022. In the violence that ensued over land dispute, the accused assaulted another family leading to death of Damburu Pujari. Police registered a case (114/2022) and submitted a chargesheet in the court during trial. The matter was registered as Sessions Case No. 75/2022 and Juvenile Court Case No. 7/2022 and trial was held.

Flanked by Putin, Kim, China's Xi flexes muscles

In a first, China unveils a range of new weapons systems during its massive military parade

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

Beijing, Sept 3: President Xi Jinping said Wednesday that the rejuvenation of the Chinese nation is unstoppable as the country's military displayed for the first time some of its brand-new weapons, including hypersonic, laser and long-range ballistic missiles.

Addressing an impressive parade to commemorate the 80th anniversary of China's victory against Japanese aggression in World War II, Xi said, the Chinese nation is never intimidated by any bullies and always forges ahead, in a veiled dig at US President Donald Trump's tariff threats. "History cautions us that humanity rises and falls together," he said.

He called on the People's Lib-



eration Army (PLA) to provide strategic support for national rejuvenation and make greater contributions to world peace and development.

The Chinese military, for the first time, displayed in the parade some of its most advanced military hardware in an apparent show of strength to the world, especially the US.

to the world, especially the US. Xi, who heads the Central Military Commission (CMC), the overall high command of the PLA, asked the Chinese military to build itself into a

world-class force and resolutely safeguard national sovereignty, unity and territorial integrity. China is the second-largest

defence spender after the US. Its annual defence budget this year amounted to USD 250 billion.

Besides the military hardware, the parade also showcased China's diplomatic power as 26 foreign leaders, including Russian President Vladimir Putin and North Korean leader Kim Jong Un, attended the event.

From India's neighbourhood, Pakistan Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif, Nepal Prime Minister KP Sharma Oli and Maldives President Mohamed Muizzu took part in the event.

India's Ambassador to China, Pradeep Kumar Rawat, attended the event, according to sources. Leaders from the

US and heads of the European Union, besides Japan and South Korea, have stayed away from the parade. The presence of foreign lead-

The presence of foreign leaders at the parade has become a diplomatic spat between Japan and China after Tokyo urged the world leaders to refrain from attending. China lodged a diplomatic protest with Japan for its request to the world leaders not to attend the event.

In his speech, Xi said victory against Japan in WWII marks China's first complete victory against foreign aggression in modern times.

At the parade, China displayed a range of new weapon systems, which included newtype DF-5C liquid-fuelled intercontinental strategic nuclear missiles.

SHORT TAKES

Managing committee okays queue system Puri: The newly constituted Sri

Jagannath Temple Managing Committee (MC) Wednesday approved the introduction of a queue system in the temple. The committee also endorsed all major decisions taken by the temple administration during the past year, including arrangements for the annual Rath Yatra. The queue system will first be implemented on an experimental basis to identify shortcomings in its execution. Temple Chief Administrator Arabinda Padhee said the new system, along with elevated platforms, would help devotees have an easier darshan of the deities. The Archaeological Survey of India (ASI) has already granted approval for the initiative. A proposal to allow differently-

abled and elderly devotees to use

the ramp at the North Gate of the

temple was also discussed.

India kills us with tariffs: Trump

New York/Washington: India kills the US with tariffs and the country has now offered "no tariffs" to America, President Donald Trump has said, amid New Delhi's escalating tensions with Washington over his administration's policies on trade and tariff. "They have tariffs against us. China, which kills us with tariffs. India kills us with tariffs. Brazil kills us with tariffs,' Trump said in an interview with The Scott Jennings Radio Show Tuesday. Trump added that he understands tariffs better than other countries. "I understood tariffs better than any human being in the world. And now with my tariffs, they were all dropping them. India was the most highly tariffed nation... And you know what, they've offered me no tariffs in India anymore. No tariffs," Trump said.

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JESSICA ALBA HEALS IN COMPANY OF FRIENDS

Hollywood actress Jessica Alba is having a gala time with her gang of girls. Sharing a note she sai, "Laughing until your stomach hurts. Dinner with people you love. Learning something new. Sunlight on your skin. Letting yourself rest. Strength training. It's all medicine."

SABRINA DOESN'T EVEN HAVE A TV IN HER ROOM

Singer Sabrina Carpenter, who has described herself as being "disconnected and old school", revealed that she doesn't have a TV in her apartment. Asked if she's a 'TV girl', Carpenter told Interview magazine: "I'm not. I don't even have a TV in my apartment."



never misses out on the moment

to turn stressful moments into

Just a few weeks ago the actress

was also seen enjoying a relaxing

swimming session post-pack-up

on day one of the shoot of an up-

coming project. Rakul Preet took

to her social media account in

sharing a picture of herself pos-

ing in the pool. She wrote, "Day

1 of shoot... Managed a swimpost

packup, along with a red hear

will be seen reprising her role as

Ayesha Khurana in the high-

ly anticipated sequel, De De

Pyaar De 2. She will be seen paired opposite to Ajay

Devgn for the second

time, who will essay the role of

Ashish Mehra

yet again in

On the professional front, Rakul

wrote, "In

the midst of

many stresses

of work and life,

be nourishing. Can't

wait to watch good

films in a pin drop

dark hall and

have the most

exciting jury de-

liberations after. I look forward to the films, the people, the food,

the conversations

with other filmmakers

joyous ones.

emoji.

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You have been too busy with work and social obligations. It is high time you took a break and did something for yourself. Your health may need attention. Ganesha says, everything else should take a backseat if you're stressed out.

TAURUS

You will manage to achieve all short-term goals that you had set today and your focus will now shift to setting long-term ones. Work pressure will continue but you will make it a point to find some time to renew your leisure activities. Family and friends will also figure in your scheme of things predicts Ganesha

Today will prove to be an for you, predicts Ganesha Fortune will favour you, though your emotions may cloud your reasoning and slow down your progress. Your spare time will be spent on devising methods to

CANCER

You may get a gift from your life partner. Ties with business partners will be good and you will get a good news from them. Time to make new plans for the future with spouse. You will feel greater companion ship with spouse, giving you joy.

Maybe it is the weather, or just one of those days, but today, you are extremely prone to wild mood swings, says Ganesha. You must remember that nothing is permanent, except change. So go with the flow and do not get caught in the undercurrent of the changes that are taking place all around you. Take it as a warning that works to your advantage

warns Ganesha. Don't make a mountain out of a mole hill. All said and done, vou won't let anything affect your zest to work. You will break new ground to win the hearts of others, feels

Mundane, everyday routine

will get on your nerves today,

Ganesha says that you will be able to see a huge change in your personal and social status. Ganesha says that this may be due to medium like television or due to your innovative praising you and your work today. You will be more interested in the fine arts.

SCORPIO

You shall groom yourself all prim and proper today. The thought of how you look dom inates your mind today. You are likely to capture the imagination of people - both at work and at social gathering. Cash will exit left, right and centre from your pockets on account of fun and entertainment.

SAGITTARIUS

Your temper is as hot as a fireball today, foresees Ganesha. Not for nothing they say that anger may destroy the world. Don't axe your own feet by your aggressive behaviour. Cool down and think before you act. There are chances that you may experience financial crunch, handle it carefully, advises Ganesha.

CAPRICORN

Certain revelations about a relationship will draw your attention; you will find it intriguing and will spend a good amount of time trying to solve the mystery, says Ganesha. Besides, your impressive communication power will help dissolve conflicts that may have risen because of misinterpretation.

AQUARIUS

It is your lucky day today! Whatever you will wish for, it will fall into your lap, be it name, fame, money or love, During the second half of the day, you will keep yourself occupied with your hobbies like reading, writing, playing active role in discussion groups or research, says Ganesha.

PISCES You are unlikely to be your calm and lucid self today. You will likely catch yourself worrying unnecessarily and putting in more efforts than required at work. However, some leisure time will come your way in the evening wherein you will regain your usual perspective, says Ganesha.



Mumbai: Actress Shweta Tiwari revealed that there was a moment during the shoot of Do You Wanna Partner when she had to deliver a scene with strong language, and she was shaking while performing it. Stepping into Laila's skin in the upcom-

ing series came with a rawness Shweta hadn't faced before. While filming the show, one particular scene pushed her to the edge, requiring her to go all in—and deliver a full-throated 'gaali", something essential to bring authenticity to her char-

Shweta narrated: "There was a moment when I had to deliver a scene with strong language — I had to abuse, say a proper 'gaali' and honestly, I was shaking. I just couldn't get myself to do it. I kept trying, but somehow it just wasn't coming out." Shweta's co-star Tamannaah Bhatia stepped in and helped her say the word.

That's when Tamannaah came over. She held my hand and started shouting that one word out loud with me, pushing me to let go and feel the moment. She kept saying, 'Say it, ma'am, say it!' She didn't have to do that, but she did anyway and that moment of pure support and sisterhood, I'll never forget. It was truly special for me," she said. IANS

Manoj breaks typecast myth

Mumbai: Acclaimed actor Manoj Bajpayee reflected on whether he has been typecast in middle-class characters during his career. During an exclusive conversation with this agency, Bajpayee shared that he likes embracing

ly with audiences. The Family Man actor added that observing everyday personalities brings authenticity to his roles, mak-

ing acting a rich and fulfilling experience. Speaking to the agency, Bajpayee shared: "I enjoy doing these roles, I enjoy playing common people because I relate to them. Each and every character that I read. I feel like I have seen them somewhere - in real life, in a documentary, in my initial days in Mumbai,

in the train. When we were in theatre, observation was a big, big exercise for us." Sharing an incident from his theatre days, he added: "Once I spoke to a director and I said, 'We can't be observing all the time, people will eventually beat us up - Why are you looking at me? " He made it very easy, he said, "Observation is such a big part of an actor's personality that even if he is not looking at someone, he is observing.

> So, make it a part of your personal ity." So we actors are like

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AUTHENTIC IMITATION

ARROWHEAD!

that- we are observers of our own life, we are observers of people's life, what's happening in society.'

real-life, middle-class characters that resonate deepit really amazing to play such characters, Bajpayee

acter comes, I feel I have seen him somewhere, or his problem is extremely relatable. I find

Whenever a char-

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SENTIMENT!

Rakul shares her way of unwinding knows the game to unwind and

Mumbai: Bollywood actress Rakul Preet Singh simply knows how to unwind even while at work. The actress recent-

ly shared a video of herself turning her green room almost into a karaoke studio. The actress was seen singing along with her mobile playlist songs. From actress Kajol's *Awaara Bhanware* to Ahaan Pandey's latest hit, Saiyaara, Rakul was seen singing them all. The actress was seen get-

ting ready. In the video you can see Rakul Preet's hairdresser setting her hair while Rakul was seen turning the hairbrush into a mic and singing. The Aiyaary actress

the mov-I know this experience will be a burst of creative stimulus, it'll Nandita on jury panel of Busan Film Festival

> and filmlovers...and meeting wonderful friends yet again from all over the world." The Zwigato director has promised



tigious Busan Film Festival where she will be a part of

Chennai:

Well known direc-

tor, actor, writer and

producer Nandita Das is

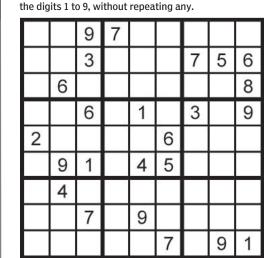
the jury panel this year. Taking to her Instagram page to make the announcement, the actress wrote, "Excited to be back in Busan, one of my favourite film festivals in the world and the best in all of Asia. But this time I am not going as an actor, director or an awardee. I am on the jury!" The actress, who is known for her hard hitting films, believes that her trip to the highly rated film festival will be nourishing.

Seeking to explain her feelings on the invitation to be a part of the jury, she

CROSSWORD

SUDOKU

To solve the Sudoku puzzle, fill in the boxes in such a manner that every row, column and 3x3 box contains



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CROSSWORD

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CALVIN AND HOBBES

PEANUTS

HEY, BIG BROTHER.

I BROUGHT YOU A SOUVENIR FROM CAMP



IT WAS THE

CHEAPEST THING

I COULD FIND

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Copyright @2025 PuzzleJunction.com 20 Horror movie

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- 9 Kon-Tiki
- Museum site
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- 13 Break off

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CHECK FOR SOLUTIONS OF THE PUZZLES TOMORROW

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6 Riding

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SUDOKU

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State inks ₹2,655cr pacts 14 SUB-COMMITTEES AT SRIMANDIR at SEMICON India 2025

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Bhubaneswar, Sept 3: Odisha has taken a significant step towards becoming a hub for semiconductors and advanced electronics as Chief Minster Mohan Charan Majhi announced the signing of Memorandums of Understanding (MoUs) worth ₹2.655 crore with leading industry players at SEMICON India 2025 in New Delhi, official sources said Wednesday.

According to the pacts, Top-Track Hi-Tech PCB Private Limited will invest ₹1,005 crore to set up advanced printed circuit board (PCB) manufacturing facilities in Odisha.

Similarly, Sancode Tech, in collaboration with Silicon Connect, Inari Amertron Berhad, and APIRC Penang, will invest

ndustry experts hailed the MoUs as a landmark emiconductor powerhouse

₹1.650 crore for technological partnerships in semiconductor design and manufacturing in Odisha. The Chief Minister emphasised that these partnerships will accelerate Odisha's ambition to become a preferred global destination for semiconductors and electronics.

"With policies like the Odisha

Semiconductor Manufacturing & Fabless Policy 2025 and Electronics Component Manufacturing (ECM) Policy 2025, along with the India Semiconductor Mission, we are committed to creating a world-class ecosystem for innovation, manufacturing, and investment," Majhi said.

During the event, the Odisha delegation engaged with global majors such as Intel, Micron, Western Digital, Renesas, and Siemens, exploring further collaboration opportunities.

Industry experts hailed the MoUs as a landmark in Odisha's industrial growth story, aligning with India's vision to become a semiconductor powerhouse.

Meanwhile, the CM inaugurat ed an Omfed Cafe and Koraput Coffee Cafe at Odisha Niwas in the national capital Wednesday.

LAW MINISTER SAYS EFFORTS ARE ON TO START THE 'DHADI DARSHAN' FROM SEPTEMBER 15

Bhubaneswar, Sept 3: In a bid to ensure smooth management Jagannath Temple Managing Committee (SJTMC) Wednesday constituted 14 sub-committees, including one for suggesting security measures at the sources said.

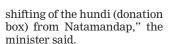
The newly-reconstituted SJT-MC, in its first meeting held under the chairmanship of Gajapati Maharaja Dibyasingha Deb, felt that a sub-committee needs to be formed as there have been several security breaches at Srimandir in recent months.

The sub-committee, headed by former Jammu and Kashmir Lieutenant Governor Girish Chandra Murmu, will suggest measures to ensure full protection of the temple. Murmu will be assisted by Puri Collector, SP and servitors.

"If required, the sub-committee may take more members to complete the task," Shree Jagannath Temple Administration (SJTA) chief administrator Arabinda Padhee said, adding that the temple security matter was discussed at length at the meeting.

He said a total of 14 sub-committees have been formed. including four statutory ones (finance, rituals, Ratna Bhandar and appeal) to advise the SJTMC on the governance and administration of different temple matters.

The SJTMC has approved implementation of the proposed 'Dhadi darshan' or queue system at the temple on a pilot basis, and preparations are being made to start it early, Padhee



Padhee said arrangements are also being made at the North Gate by creating ramps to ensure differently-abled and elderly devotees have a smooth darshan of the deities.

The SJTA chief said each sub-committee has members from the management commit-

Sub-committees are also formed for Sri Jagannath Tatva Research and Publication, welfare of the servitors and Lord's land protection and management. "The Shree Jagannath

Temple Pension Trust Board sub-committee has also been formed. Also, an institutional (Sanstha) sub-committee has been formed. A Rules (Bidhi) sub-committee has also been constituted," Padhee said.

"For new proposals and requirements of amendments to the Shri Jagannath Temple Act, 1955, the chief administrator will be the chairman, and other members will be appointed," Padhee said, adding that some prominent lawyers of the state

BJD failed to play main Oppn's role: Bhupinder

tion of landed property of the temple.

A Niti Coordination Committee has also been formed. The Niti administrator will be the chairman of this sub-committee, while nominated members will be its members.

The first meeting of the SJT MC also thoroughly discussed the issue of the untimely Rath Yatra of ISKCON.

"The managing committee has expressed dissatisfaction over the inscription of Jagannath Dham in Digha. On Sep tember 6, a press conference will be held by the Gajapati Maharaj regarding the untimely Rath Yatra and Snana Yatra. In the next phase, the instructions will be conveyed to the ISKCON governing body. It will also be seen that the word Jagannath Dham cannot be misused,' Padhee said.

The managing committee has also approved the proposed placement of the wheels of the Puri chariots in the Parliament House. Discussions have also been held about the functioning of the breastfeeding centre in the temple, he said.

Illegal mining: NGT imposes fine on govt for non-submission of report

INDO-ASIAN NEWS SERVICE

Bhubaneswar, Sept 3: The National Green Tribunal (NGT) has imposed a fine on the state government for failing to submit a report of Odisha Remote Sensing Application Centre (ORSAC) in connection with a case related to rampant illegal mining operations in Gondia area of Dhenkanal district, official sources said Wednesday.

"While hearing the plea Feb-

ruary 17 this year, the environment watchdog had directed the state government to file the OR-SAC report with regard to the quantum of excavation. The government, however, failed to submit the report despite lapse of six months," said Sankar Pani, the advocate representing the applicant, Youth United for Sustainable Environment



Trust, Wednesday.

The state government has been asked to submit the OR-SAC report to the commission and pay the fine of ₹10.000 to the Secretary, Bar Association, NGT, Principal Bench, Delhi within one month.

It is pertinent here to mention that Youth United for Sustainable Environment Trust highlighted the issue of the

Mouza under Gondia tehsil of Dhenkanal district. It further accused that the illegal mining has been resulting in damages to the forest land as the Nischinta hill is a part of Nischinta Reserve Forest and it is a gross violation of the Forest

illegal mining in and around

Nischinta hill in Nihalprasad

Conservation Act. In its complaint, Youth Unit-

ed for Sustainable Environment Trust drew the attention towards the presence of four illegal stone crushers in the forest land as reported by the Forest Range Officer, Sadangi Forest Range.

"Stone mafias are operating the stone quarry and crusher without any approval of the authorities. Section 163 of BNSS 2023 is also imposed in these areas to curb the illegal mining of minor minerals from these areas," alleged the petitioner.

It also claimed that the prohibitory order is just an eve wash and illegal quarrying continues on a day-to-day basis and the same has also been published in leading Odia dailies as well as a few citizens have brought it to notice of authorities on social media and through email as well.

Bhubaneswar, Sept 3: Senior BJD leader and former minister Bhupinder Singh Wednesday praised the Congress and said that the regional party 'failed' to perform its responsibilities as the principal Opposition party in the state.

headed by the Puri Collector,

was also formed for the imple-

mentation of 'Dhadi darshan'

(queue system) at Natamandap

of the shrine. "A nine-member

panel has been formed under

the chairmanship of Puri Col-

lector for the purpose. It will

assess the plan from different

aspects and hold detailed dis-

cussions with all stakeholders.

The focus will be on ensuring

that ramps and barricades to

be installed for the purpose do

not affect the smooth conduct of

the rituals," the SJTA chief told

He said the committee will

give suggestions and prepare a

standard operating procedure

(SOP) for the proper implemen-

of India (ASI) has given permis-

sion for air conditioning of the

Natamandap in the temple," he

said. Law Minister Prithiviraj

Harichandan said that efforts

are on to start the 'Dhadi dar-

and it was awaiting the SJT-

MC's approval. The temple man-

aging committee will approve

"All preparations are made,

shan' from September 15.

"The Archaeological Survey

tation of the queue system.

Singh, who joined the BJD ahead of the 2014 elections after resigning from Congress, said, "People have told me that there is no difference between the BJD and the BJP. Despite being the main Opposition party in the state, BJD is unable to raise the right issues. As a result, Congress is taking advantage of the situation and getting stronger.'

He said the people, at the same time, are also 'disappointed' over the activities of the BJP government in Odisha. This is visible from different issues like the announcement of new NACs (notified area councils) in the state. Many genuine



places were denied the NAC status, thus spreading resentment against the BJP government, he claimed.

He said the people of Odisha want the BJD to take the role of the main Opposition party, but that is not happening. People are aware of issues and watching the performance of all parties.

"The party (BJD) leadership should take it seriously. What I am speaking is not my own view. It is based on the perceptions of the people. If we ignore people's feelings, it will damage the party. Our stand should be very clear and understandable

to the people," he said. Refusing to reply whether

he would join Congress again, Singh claimed that he was with the people and they (people) have given permission to raise their issues without any political affiliation.

"The people have told me to vote on which symbol I contest elections," Singh, a four-time MLA and one-time MP, told reporters. He said his future will be decided by the people.

Singh claimed that the Congress is gaining strength both at the Centre and in Odisha Since the 2024 election defeat the BJD's stand in Parliament has not been clear, "Though BJD has only seven members in the Raiva Sabha, its stand

should be clear," he said. Singh's statement in the media has triggered discussions in political circles on whether he is getting ready to part ways with the BJD.

The BJD was yet to react to Singh's statement.

Information Commission delegation meets Governor

Bhuhaneswar, Sent 3: A delegation of Odisha Information Commission, led by State Chief Information Commissioner Manoj Parida, called on Governor Hari Babu Kambhampati at Raj Bhavan Wednesday.

They briefed the Governor regarding various activities of the commission and recent steps taken to expedite disposal of pending cases.

The Governor expressed happiness about fast disposal of pending cases and complimented the commission for introducing best practices from Information Commissions of other states

He suggested that various government officials dealing with RTI matters should be provided proper training in training institutions.

He also stated that more awareness should be created among people in tribal areas in remote districts to take advantage of RTI Act for redressal of grievances.

The commission members submitted that proper digital-

The Governor expressed happiness about fast disposal of pending cases

isation has been introduced in disposal of cases. The appellants are able to file their appeals online and all orders passed by the commission are also available to the general public on its official website.

The Governor advised the commissioners to visit different district headquarters and hold hearings there so that the appellants do not have to take trouble to travel to Bhuhaneswar for hearing of cases.

He advised the commission to further expedite disposal and to reduce pendency to minimal

Commissioners Susanta Kumar Mohanty, Jagannath Rath, Pranabindu Acharya, Pabitra Mandal and Kalpana Pattnaik attended the meeting and thanked the Governor for the opportunity given to the commission to brief on its ac-

BJD accuses state govt of being anti-tribal, anti-Dalit

Bhubaneswar, Sept 3: The Biju Janata Dal (BJD) Wednesday criticised the BJP government in Odisha, accusing it of pursuing anti-tribal and anti-Dalit policies.

Addressing a press conference, senior BJD leader and former minister Pramila Mallik expressed apprehension that the popular Anvesha scheme for tribal students might be discontinued

She pointed out that grants for tribal children have not been released for the past five months, raising fears that the scheme may come to a halt.

She further alleged that under the SC/ST Atrocities Act, cases of atrocities were earlier investigated by officers of Deputy Superintendent of Police (DSP) rank. However, the BJP government has now delegated such cases to inspectors or sub-inspectors, which, she said, exposes its anti-tribal and anti-Dalit stance.

Highlighting the importance

of Anyesha. Mallik noted that tribal students residing in 98 hostels across 163 public schools in 17 districts have been benefitting from the scheme.

In 2015-16, as many as 22,340 tribal students received support under the programme launched by the then Chief Minister Naveen Patnaik.

The scheme covered education, clothing, books, hostel, and medical expenses, with the government spending a total of ₹53,000 per student annually — including ₹20,000 towards school fees, ₹18,000 for clothing, books and transport, and ₹15,000

She alleged that unlike previous years when the grants were disbursed at the beginning of the academic session, this year no funds have been released. creating a 'deplorable situation' in hostels.

Many students, she added, have been forced to leave in the absence of financial support.

BJD vice president Sudam Marndi also criticised the government's decision to allow inspectors instead of DSP-rank officers to investigate atrocities

against SCs and STs. He termed it 'a serious conspiracy against tribal and Dalit communities' and warned that the BJD would launch street protests if the decision was not withdrawn immediately.

Party media coordinator Priyabrat Majhi said Rule 7 of the SC/ST Prevention of Atrocities Rules, 1995 clearly stipulates that investigations must be conducted by an officer of DSP The rules, framed under the

Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes (Prevention of Atrocities) Act, 1989, were passed by Parliament and implemented by the Centre. Majhi alleged that the Odisha

government, through an amendment notified August 30, allowed inspectors or sub-inspectors to conduct investigations. He said this was legally un-

tenable, as the state government has no authority to unilaterally amend rules framed by Parlia

HEAVY RAIN BATTERS STATE



PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

Bhubaneswar, Sept 3: Heavy rain continued to batter Odisha for the third consecutive day Wednesday with no respite in

The India Meteorological Department (IMD) said the low-pressure area, which has triggered the rain, is likely to move west-northwestwards across the state during the next 24 hours.

With the low-pressure area intensifying into a 'wellmarked' system, the IMD said more rainfall is likely in the state. Fishermen were advised not to venture into the sea, which has been rough.

In view of the weather, the IMD advised people to stay in-

The rain affected normal life

■ With the low-pressure area intensifying into a 'well-marked' system, the IMD said more rainfall is likely in the state

 Revenue and Disaster Management Minister Suresh Pujari said the Centre has already sanctioned a proposal to install a Doppler Radar System in Bhubaneswar, which will help making accurate weather predictions, providing time for authorities to prepare

Pujari said such a facility will also be developed in Balasore and Sambalpur

across the state, with several areas reporting waterlogging. Balasore, Bhadrak, Cuttack, Bhubaneswar and Bolangin are among the most affected districts, officials said.

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role in industrial devpt'



Karunesh Bajaj elected as

ABC chairman for 2025-26

Bhubaneswar, Sept 3: Industries, Skill Development and Technical Education Minister Sampad Chandra Swain has underlined the pivotal role of Indian Foreign Service (IFS) officers in projecting Odisha's industrial growth story on the

"As India's economic diplomats, you can effectively promote the opportunities available in Odisha and encourage potential investors to tap into these prospects," Swain said, while interacting with IFS officers Manoj Kumar Mahapatra, Amit Narang, and Gloria Gangte at Lok Seva Bhawan

Bhubaneswar, Sept 3: Ex-

ecutive Vice President - Mar-

keting and Exports at ITC Ltd

Karunesh Bajaj was unanimous-

ly elected as the Chairman of Au-

dit Bureau of Circulations (ABC)

With a distinguished career

spanning close to three decades

in brand building, marketing

strategy, and leadership across

FMCG and retail sectors, Bajaj

brings a wealth of expertise to

guide the council in its next

phase of growth and governance.

in steering some of India's most

iconic brands and strengthening

ITC's market standing. Over his

25-year tenure at ITC, he has

held several senior roles includ-

ing Marketing general manager,

product development, supply

chain and group brand head -

biscuits, shaping brand portfo-

lios that resonate with millions

Prior to ITC, Bajaj served as

Brands head at Bharti Retail

Limited (Bharti-Walmart JV).

where he led brand strategy

during a critical phase of mod-

ern retail development in India.

Outside of his professional pur-

suit, Karunesh is an avid golfer

of consumers in India.

Bajaj has been instrumental

for the year 2025-2026.

here Wednesday

He added that the contribution of IFS officers is not confined to diplomacy alone, but extends to fostering economic ties that can directly benefit states like Odisha.

Swain expressed confidence that the visiting diplomats could also act as facilitators in securing overseas employment avenues for the state's skilled workforce. Odisha, he said. has emerged as a hub of trained manpower due to sustained focus on skill development and technical education.

"The ambassadors can play a key role in connecting our skilled youth with global opportunities." he remarked.

urged IFS officers to project Odisha's industrial growth globally and attract foreign

■ He highlighted Odisha's Industrial Policy 2022 and World Skill Centres as key initiatives creating a globally competitive workforce

Swain said IFS officers can also help create overseas job opportunities for Odisha's skilled vouth

Briefing the officers on the government's initiatives, the minister highlighted the Odisha Industrial Policy Resolution (IPR)-2022, which has brought in fast-track decision-making, an effective single-window system. transparent governance, and an investor-friendly climate. These reforms, he noted, are designed to attract investments and boost ease of doing business.

Swain further pointed to Odisha's extensive network of World Skill Centres, supported through collaboration with ITE Singapore, which have enhanced the quality of technical training in ITIs and polytechnics. By adopting modern training modules and global best practices, the state is nurturing a workforce that is employable, globally competitive, and ready to take on entrepreneurship challenges.

Training held for forest staff on Horseshoe **Crab conservation**

POST NEWS NETWORK



Divisional Forest Officer strategy and high performance. (DFO) Prafulla Mallick attended An alumnus of The Wharton School (management prothe event and shared his field exgramme in Business Strategy), periences with the participants, Symbiosis Institute of Business stressing the importance of regular monitoring and patrolling. Management (MBA - Market-KKS Women's College assistant ing), and Delhi University (Economics), Karunesh combines professor Jyotirmayee Pradhan academic rigor with hands-on discussed various conservation leadership experience. issues, and challenges related His career began with Shrito Horseshoe Crabs. Biswajeet ram Industrial Enterprises Panda conducted sessions on Limited (SIEL Ltd), where he rescue protocols, community was Corporate Communicaengagement, and brainstorming exercises, while Digant tions manager, laying the foundation for a lifelong commitment Sovan Chand highlighted the

> Horseshoe Crabs. Joining virtually, NIO Goa former scientist Anil Chatterji enriched the participants with his extensive research findings and insights on Horse-

> ecological importance of Indian

'IFS officers can play key Guv for fire safety audits in colleges

Bhubaneswar, Sept 3: Governor Hari Babu Kambhampati Wednesday urged the Fire and Emergency Services departfire audits in all Higher Education institutions, with special focus on those having large auditoriums.

He made the remarks during a presentation on Disaster Preparedness and Response by the Fire and Emergency Services department at Raj Bhavan's conference hall. The session highlighted the department's equipment, staffing, training programmes, and future plans.

The Governor stressed the importance of conducting preventive fire audits in educational institutions, saying such inspections help identify risks and enable timely corrective measures. He noted that addressing hazards in advance ensures safer evacuation routes, reduces the chances of injuries or fatalities, minimises property loss, and strengthens overall emergency preparedness while fostering a culture of safety among staff and students.

During the presentation, officials showcased the depart-

department's plans for future ment's modern equipment. including Robotic Monitors, upgrades.

The Governor was briefed on the National Water Rescue and Watermanship Centre at Ramchandi, Puri, and informed about the deployment of the K-9 Squad, making Odisha the He appreciated initiatives like the fully online fire licensing system, third-party agency engagement, and Odisha's disaster preparedness, noting tha the state has become a model for others. The Governor also inspected the Command Vehicle and its advanced features

'Jeevan Zindabad' campaign from Sept 10 to curb suicides

Advanced Rescue Tenders,

Incident Command Vehicles,

Hydraulic Platforms, and oth-

er advanced machinery. Gover-

nor Kambhampati also sought

updates on the procurement of

additional equipment and the

Bhubaneswar, Sept 3: A state-wide awareness campaign titled "Jeevan Zindabad" will be launched across all 30 districts of Odisha from September 10, coinciding with World Suicide Prevention Day, to curb suicidal tendencies among youth.

The initiative, spearheaded by Naman Foundation in collaboration with Odisha Police and the Sports and Youth Services department, will feature over 70 artists, singers, comedians, and motivational performers sharing real-life stories of resilience and success.

The decision was taken Wednesday at a high-level meeting chaired by Higher Education Minister Survabansi Suraj at Lok Seva Bhavan. The meeting was attended by Chief Secretary Manoj Ahuja, DGP YB Khurania, actor Sabvasa chi Mishra, music director Premanand, and other senior

Minister Suraj said the campaign would be a joint initiative involving multiple departments, including Higher Education, Women & Child Development, and Home.

Secretary Manoj Ahuja underscored the role of district administrations in the campaign and suggested organising speech and essay competitions in schools and colleges to spread awareness.

Chief

DEPM holds training on export policy

Bhubaneswar: The Directorate of Export Promotion and Marketing (DEPM), Odis ha, organised a state attachment training session on Odisha's export policy and expor

landscape here Wednesday, drawing key participation from diplomats, policymakers,

and trade bodies to strengthen the state's export ecosystem. The session featured insights from Manoj Kumar Mohapatra (Ambassador to Bucharest), Gloria Gangte (High

Ambassadors exhorted the exporters to utilise their offices to enhance their interactions

with their counterparts in the respective countries. The countries of Malta and Slovenia

is a gateway to Europe and should be taken advantage of, they said. With the hope that

the help granted by the state, they would leverage the available opportunities and proceed to leave their imprints in their foreign shores. The panel discussion, moderated by

World Trade Center regional director Nimeshika Natarajan examined opportunities for

Commissioner to the Republic of Malta), and Amit Narang (Ambassador to Slovenia)

who offered perspectives on global market access and international cooperation.

Actor Sabyasachi Mishra added, "When we think of suicide, we think of youth. This programme aims to instill hope and positivity.

The campaign comes in the wake of the August 11 suicide

of a Balasore college student, which led to a pilot event in Bhubaneswar. Following its success, Chief Minister Mohan Charan Majhi recommended expanding the initiative

across the state.

Each event will run for three hours in the largest district auditoriums, accompanied by an awareness walk with participation from students, volunteers, NCC, Scouts, and Guides. The campaign will begin September 10 at the Odisha University of Agriculture and Technology Auditorium, Bhubaneswar, and conclude in Cuttack with an award cer-

'Road repairs to be over by Sept 20'

POST NEWS NETWORK

Bhubaneswar, Sept 3: Law, Works and Excise Minis ter Prithviraj Harichandan Wednesday assured that ongoing road repair works in Cut tack and Bhubaneswar will be completed by September 20 ahead of the Puja season. The assurance comes amid growing public concern over the deteriorating condition of roads in both cities, especially during the monsoon.

A high-level meeting has been scheduled for Septem ber 6 with the participation of MLAs from Cuttack and Bhubaneswar, Mayors, Commissioners, and senior PWD officials to finalise a compre hensive roadmap for road re pair and maintenance ahead of the festive season.

Minister Harichandan said all repair work will be over by September 20 to ensure smooth travel for citizens and visitors during the Puja period.

With the Puja festival expect ed to draw huge crowds, timely completion of road repairs has become crucial to ensure hassle-free travel and public safety

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OPF flags safety lapses in TRW schools in state

Federation cites pregnancies, abuse cases in tribal residential welfare schools; seeks urgent state action to protect girl students

POST NEWS NETWORK

Bhubaneswar, Sept 3: The Odisha Parents' Federation (OPF) has expressed serious concern over recurring safety lapses in Tribal Residential Welfare (TRW) schools across the state, particularly affecting girl students

In a letter to ST & SC Development, Minorities & Backward Classes Welfare department Commissioner-cum-Secretary B Parameswaran, the Federation urged urgent intervention



to prevent further incidents of

to impactful communication and

marketing leadership. Bennett

Coleman and Co Ltd Chief Op-

erating Officer (Publishing) and

Executive Director Mohit Jain

was unanimously elected as the

deputy chairman of the bureau

for the year 2025-2026.

abuse and negligence. The letter, written by OPF president Basudev Bhatt, cited disturbing cases of pregnancies and sexual abuse involving minor girls in state-run tribal schools. One recent case in Chitrakonda, Malkangiri (Feb 2025) involved a 15-year-old girl who delivered a premature baby on the hostel rooftop shortly after her board exams.

Officials reportedly failed to detect her pregnancy for eight months, pointing to severe supervision lapses. The headmaster, hostel matron, and a nurse were suspended, and a case was filed under the POCSO Act.

Another incident in Rayagada, where a minor girl became pregnant, has once again raised questions over hostel safety and monitoring. Government data shows 21 pregnancy cases and

including a Feb 2025 Malkangiri incident where a 15-year-old delivered a premature baby on a hostel rooftop

Another pregnancy case in Rayagada highlights hostel safety lapses; govt data shows 21 pregnancies and 16 abuse incidents in TRW schools since 2010

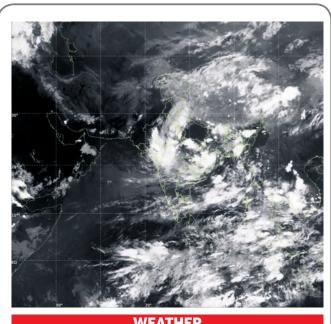
16 sexual abuse cases in TRW schools since 2010.

"Our daughters are not safe in these hostels. These are not isolated incidents but signs of a broken system," said Bhatt. The Federation has accused the department of ignoring scheduled grievance redressal meetings, including one September 1, calling it an "unfortunate attempt to avoid discussion." Among its demands, the

Federation has urged the state government to immediately convene a stakeholder meeting, enforce CCTV surveillance, appoint female war dens, conduct regular health screenings, and establish confidential student grievance mechanisms. It also called for mandatory training for staff on the POCSO Act and stricter accountability protocols.

The OPF stated that it seeks no personal gain but is committed to protecting the safety and dignity of marginalised SC and ST girl students. It has requested a written response and meeting with the Commissioner within two weeks to discuss a concrete action plan.

With public outrage mounting, the state government faces rising pressure to take decisive action to safeguard students in residential schools



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Swollen Jalaka river sparks fresh flood fear

Balasore, Sept 3: The water level of Jalaka river in Basta block of this district was flowing above the warning mark Wednesday following torrential rains in the upper catchment area.

At Mathani, the warning mark is 6 metre and the danger level 6.5 metres. By 4am, the water had risen to 6.01 metre, crossing the warning level by 9am at 6.05 metre. The level remained steady at 6.05 metre until 4pm. Officials said if heavy rainfall continues in the upper catchment and across the district, the risk of flooding will increase.

received district 605mm rainfall Tuesday and another 366mm Wednesday. Soro recorded the highest rainfall at 45mm, while Jaleswar registered the lowest at 11mm, according to the district emergency office.

Due to a low-pressure system, continuous rainfall has submerged hundreds of hectares of farmland in Basta and Sadar blocks. Farmers fear crop loss, and riverside communities remain in distress. Heavy rainfall over the past two days in Balasore and neighbouring Mayurbhanj has further worsened the situation.

The upper catchment areas of Rasgobindpur, Morada, Suliapada, and Chitrada also received heavy rain, raising the river level above the warning mark. Low-lying areas have been inundated. If flooding occurs, more than 20 panchavats in Basta and Sadar blocks may be affected, with thousands of hectares of kharif paddy at risk of destruction.

ADM Sudhakar Nayak said the administration has made extensive preparations to tackle any eventuality.



BeMC's free Wi-Fi fails Probe ordered into to meet rising demand

Berhampur, Sept 3: Even as there is a surge in demand for Internet services with the rise in population, especially youths, the free Wi-Fi service being provided by Berhampur Municipal Corporation (BeMC) here has failed to cater to the needs, with complaints coming from across the city about disruption and slow pace of the service at various access points.

According to reports, BeMC had partnered with a private firm to provide free Wi-Fi service across the Silk City. The service, accessible through one-time passwords (OTPs) on mobile phones, was launched August 31, 2018, to mark the corporation's 151st anniversary. A private agency received an ₹1 crore contract, and the service was inaugurated by the then Chief Minister Naveen Patnaik.

In the first phase, 27 Wi-Fi access points were installed at key locations, including the one at Khallikote University, Town Hall, the old bus stand, Annapurna Market, Girija Restaurant Square, Gandhi Park, BeMC's office campus, Biju Patnaik Park and the Sports Arena. Each point was designed to cover a 100-metre radius.

However, with persistent rise in the number of Internet users, denizens allege that the civic body has failed to provide



The access point at the old bus stand has been removed, leaving students and young people from nearby areas without connectivity

consistent service.

Initially, residents were able to access the free service at various access points in a seamless manner. Each access point supported up to 2,000 users. Many welcomed the service, which offered internet speeds of up to 20 Mbps and allowed 300 MB of daily usage. Students using the e-library were among those benefiting from the free connection.

According to BeMC, about 300 people within the office premises were also using the

However, complaints arose about the slow speed of the service. Several civic body employees said the Wi-Fi service at the office often failed to function properly, disrupting work. Residents also reported that the citywide Wi-Fi network was not operating as smoothly as before.

Even after signing in, many users are unable to access the service, while some access points reportedly face frequent server outages.

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According to reports, Be-MC has spent ₹51.50 lakh on Wi-Fi maintenance in 2022-23 and 2023-24 financial years. For 2025-26, the civic body has prepared a budget of another ₹ 48 lakh to be spent on mainte

Despite the huge expenditure, residents allege that the service remains unreliable and the scheme is failing to meet its intended purpose.

When asked, a BeMC official acknowledged that the number of users has increased as compared to the previous years. He said a higher budget allocation is necessary to meet the demand but added that the corporation currently does not have additional funding.

DMF fund bungling



POST NEWS NETWORK

Keonjhar/Hatadihi, Sept 3: The state Chief Secretary has ordered an investigation into alleged irregularities in Keonjhar District Mineral Foundation (DMF), according to a

The office of the Chief Secretary has sought the report in this regard

from the state Planning and Convergence de-

partment. In a letter (No-12038/19.8.2025), the department

has directed the

Keonjhar Collector to conduct an inquiry into the issue and submit a report to it. The letter noted that further action would be taken after receipt of the report. The action came after Odisha's only homegrown English daily Orissa POST published a report 'Tender invited before approval of funds' in its issue dated August 13.

The controversy centers around inflated project costs and agreements signed before approval of administrative grants.

Khaira shuts over NAC tag demand

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Notably, the DMF Trust Board had approved ₹12.89 crore for a project under the Fisheries department. How ever, the estimate was raised abruptly to ₹96.21 crore, and tenders were invited. An agreement was also signed even before the approval of the grant.

A separate project for the district Skill De velopment Employment de

partment was approved at ₹50 lakh The cost was later escalated to ₹12 crore, with agreements signed prior

Similarly, another project under the deputy director of Horticulture was initially approved at ₹32 crore. Its cost

was later hiked to ₹85.83 crore

Officials allegedly bypassed the 2019 guidelines of the Chief Secretary, which mandate the release of funds in a 30-40-30 ratio Instead nearly half of the project funds were released in a single installment to the implementing agency.

Woman killed, hubby hurt in road mishap

Chikiti: A woman died while her husband sustained severe injuries Wednesday morning when a fertilizer-laden tractor rammed their motorcycle at Chikiti main market under K Nuagaon police limits in Ganjam. The deceased was identified as Padma Sethi, 47, of Jakar village in Digapahandi block. Her husband, Pradeep Kumar Sethi, sustained grievous injuries. Padma was serving as an Anganwadi worker in the village. while Pradeep is an employee of the Horticulture department in Digapahandi block. The couple was on the way to Jagannath Temple in Chikitigada when the tractor hit them from behind. Locals rushed the injured couple to Chikiti CHC. where doctors declared Padma dead. Pradeep was shifted to MKCG Medical College and Hospital.

NHRC notice to DGP over scribe attack

New Delhi: Taking suo motu cognisance of a media report concerning the attack on a journalist in Papadahandi area of Nabarangpur district, the National **Human Rights Commission (NHRC)** has issued a report from the Director General of Police (DGP), Odisha, seeking a detailed report within two weeks. The attack has sparked outrage among journalists and residents in the district. The incident, which occurred August 29, involved a drug addict stabbing the journalist multiple times after the victim filed a complaint against him, said the top rights body in a statement here. The journalist is currently hospitalised in critical condition. Observing that the incident, if confirmed, raises serious human rights concerns, the NHRC has said in the notice to the DGP. The report is expected to include the status of the investigation as well as the health condition of the injured journalist, said the statement.

Three nabbed for August 31 murder

Koraput: Three days after the brutal murder of a 30-year-old man, whose mutilated body was found near Banshguda Chowk under Koraput Town police station, the cops arrested two persons. and detained a minor in this connection. The deceased was identified as Ante Mali of Mali Talagaon village under Podagada panchayat. Police said Mali had gone to Dumuriput Saturday, but did not return. Later, his body was found near his motorcycle at Banshguda Chowk August 31. A case (193/25) was registered under Sections 103 AK and 238A of Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita and a probe began. Rahul Benya, Tubula Takiri, and the minor had allegedly followed Mali from Dumuriput and attacked him near Ponshaput hills over a past dispute, police said.

Man killed over drug peddling; 1 arrested

POST NEWS NETWORK

Sambalpur, Sept 3: A 25-yearold man was stabbed to death in Sambalpur Wednesday in what police said was a fallout of the local drug trade.

The victim was identified as Mohammad Rinku, alias Madua and Chhotu, of Gualapada in Motijharan area. He was attacked near Babu liquor shop in Bhutapada, Orampada, under Dhanupali police limits. He was rushed to the district headquarters hospital where doctors pronounced him dead. Police registered a case (307/2025) and launched an investigation.

Dhanupali police launched raids and arrested the accused. identified as Kalia Kalet, 30, of

Bank Colony near Sambalpur court. Kalia was produced in the court that sent him to Sambalpur Circle Jail.

Rinku was attacked with a sharp weapon when he had gone near the liquor shop on some work Wednesday morning. His brother, Mohammad Saif, filed a complaint with Dhanupali police alleging that Rinku and Kalia had an altercation four days back. The duo again had a face-off when Kalia threatened to kill Rinku Tuesday before carrying out the attack Wednesday.

Police said Rinku was a history-sheeter. Preliminary investigation suggests Kalia killed him after a dispute over money, possibly linked to drug trade.

Vending zone murder: 1 held

Pattamundai: A Police have arrested the prime accused in the murder of Banita Raut, whose decomposed body was recovered from a vending zone cabin under Pattamundai Model Police Station in Kendrapara. Accused Santosh Parida was arrested Tuesday from near Panikoili in Jajpur. ASP Sudhasekhar Sahu said Raut, a resident of Narendrapur under Aul police station, had an altercation with Parida at the latter's shop August 28 over non-payment of a loan. In a fit of rage, Parida strangled Raut with the help of a tube when the latter grabbed his collar. Parida wrapped her body in polythene and a bed-sheet, secured it with tape, took her mobile phone, and fled to Jajpur. When the cabin owner opened the shop August 31, a foul smell led to the discovery of Raut's body. Forensic team and police began a

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

Balasore, Sept 3: A seven-hour bandh was underway in Khaira in Balasore district over the demand of granting the town Notified Area Council (NAC) status.

shutdown, called by Swabhiman Manch, began at 7 am and would continue till 2 pm.

Markets remained closed, classes were suspended in educational institutions. and offices were shut as residents over-

whelmingly supported the bandh. Vehicles remained

bandh supporters picketed at key junctions Swabhiman

supported the shut-

Jagadananda Mohapatra,

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Manch president Prashant Kumar Behera said people from all walks of life

down.

local. claimed, "The pre-

had announced development the of Khaira as NAC. Surprisingly, our town's name was missing in the latest list announced by the present government, which is a

government

gross injustice." The BJP governrecently announced the formation of 28 new NACs, besides the upgradation of seven existing NACs to municipalities. It was also announced that Puri Municipal ity will be developed into a municipal corporation.

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EAST COAST RAILWAY

NOTIFICATION FOR ENGAGEMENT OF COMMISSION AGENT FOR BARITHENGARH (BRTG) & JENAPUR ROAD (JPRD) PASSENGER HALTS

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Sambalpur's legacy shop | EAST COAST RAILWAY | E-Tender Notice No. ST-SBP-TENDER-2025-17, Dt. 26.08.2025 | TENDER-2025-17, Dt. 26.0 wants GI tag for 'Sarsatia' ine the matter, signaling

PNN & AGENCIES

Sambalpur, Sept 3: A 160-year-old sweet shop in this western Odisha town is seeking geographical indication (GI) tag for 'Sarsatia', a rare dessert made from 'ganjer' tree resin that the owner Prabhu Lal claims is available nowhere else in the country.

Prabhu Lal, 65, known locally as Minchu kaka, represents the third generation running this legacy business established by his grandfather Beni Madhav in 1866. The unique sweet, crafted from ganjer tree resin, raw rice powder and sugar, is fried into odd-shaped vermicelli with a distinctive crispy texture.

"The government should give GI tag for this because you will never find this sweet anywhere except this shop," Prabhu Lal, who has received eight-nine awards for his traditional craft and has been demanding GI tag recognition for many years,

told PTI. Lal's business has significantly evolved from its humble beginnings. What was sold for four 'ana' during Lal's childhood now costs ₹12 per piece due to rising raw material costs. Daily production has scaled to 1,000 pieces to meet grow-

ing demand from major cities and international

markets. "We have advanced bookings from Delhi, Mumbai, Bengaluru and Dubai," says Lal, highlighting the dessert's expanding market reach. The preparation pro-

cess remains labour-intensive and traditional. Family members venture into jungles beyond Rengali at 5am to collect Ganjer tree resin, returning by evening. The stems are cleaned and soaked for 12-15 hours to extract juice, which is then mixed with rice flour and sugar.

The family has deliberately maintained exclusivity over the recipe, refusing to share knowledge with outsiders. "We don't want to teach others because the more it is prepared by others, its taste will get impacted and demand also. Sarsatia's name will be spoiled," explains Lal.

This protective ap-

proach reflects broader

concerns about tradi-

Despite losing three of his four brothers, Prabhu Lal remains optimistic about business continuity. His son and grandson are prepared to continue the tradition, ensuring fourth-generation suc-

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use of ganjer tree resin,

referenced in Avurve-

dic texts, adds medici-

nal properties to the

dessert, positioning it

as both an indulgence

and a wellness product.

"Our family members have continued with this traditional sweet-making and will do so in future," he says, emphasising longterm sustainability of the craft.

cession.

The GI tag demand has caught political attention. Sambalpur MP and Union Education Minister Dharmendra Pradhan has said that he will look into the demand and asked the local collector to exampotential government support for the initiative. The GI tag demand

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ditional food businesses across India are seeking official recognition to protect against imitation and preserve cultural heritage. If successful. Sarsatia would join other Odisha specialities that have received GI status, potentially boosting tour-

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Late, I learned that when reason died, then Wisdom was born; before that liberation, I had only knowledge





Kaushik Basu

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The Incarceration Game

n a 2022 paper, I introduced an allegory I called the Incarceration Game – an academic exercise that explores how authoritarian leaders, when their popularity falters, consolidate power through increasingly oppressive tactics. My analysis drew inspiration from a 1948 paper on the so-called "surprise test paradox," which showed how rational expectations can unravel under certain conditions. US President Donald Trump, grappling with waning public support, seems determined to follow this authoritarian playbook.

The most striking example is the administration's attempt to bring mortgage fraud charges against prominent critics – most notably Federal Reserve Board of Governors member Lisa Cook, Democratic US Senator Adam Schiff, and New York Attorney General Letitia James. At the center of these efforts is Federal Housing Finance Agency Director Bill Pulte, a major Trump donor who now oversees the US mortgage

Naturally, much of the debate in the US has focused on whether these allegations have any merit. Yet the more pressing issue is the Trump administration's systematic search for incriminating evidence against its political opponents. As Democratic Senator Elizabeth Warren has observed, Pulte "is using access to individual records of Donald Trump's perceived enemies" to settle personal and po-

litical scores Selective prosecution and targeted intimidation can trigger a cascade effect. As the experiences of Hungary and Turkey have shown, what starts as retaliation against a handful of perceived political opponents can quickly es-

calate, destabilising society and undermining democratic governance. With the Incarceration Game, I sought to illustrate how authoritarianism entrenches itself, in the hope that legal and constitutional safeguards might be designed to prevent such outcomes. At the heart of the game lies a simple thought

experiment. Imagine a country with a population of 1,000 adults, all of whom oppose the leader. If even half of them take to the streets, the leader would be deposed. They feel so strongly that, short of being certain they will be jailed, they are prepared to go out and protest. The leader's problem is that the prisons can hold only 100 dissenters. With 1,000 people ready to protest but space for just 100 behind bars, the risk of any one person being jailed is small enough that fear no longer deters dissent. In such a scenario, the leader appears to have no way to suppress the opposition.

But a shrewd leader could devise a workaround: divide the population into ten distinct groups of 100 people each - opposition leaders, media commentators, trade unionists, academics, and others. The leader then instructs loyal operatives to gather compromising information on the first group and announces that only members of this group will be jailed if they protest. If fewer than 100 people from that category come out to protest, the authorities will move on to the second category, then the third, and so on, until 100 dissenters have been arrested and the prisons are full.

Using this mechanism, the leader can silence all 1,000 citizens. Since no one will dissent if imprisonment is certain, opposition leaders – the first group – will remain quiet. Knowing they will be next if they protest, media figures will also stay home. And with both opposition leaders and the media silent, trade union leaders will follow suit.

This backward-induction process will ensure that no one protests or expresses dissent.

Individuals will carry on their daily routines in silence, while the country drifts deeper into authoritarianism.

Belarus offers valuable insights into how such a dynamic can play out in real life. There was a time, not too long ago, when it seemed that the vast majority of Belarusians opposed President Aleksandr Lukashenko's regime and were prepared to take to the streets in protest. But whether by deliberate design or by sheer happenstance, Lukashenko managed to turn a population of would-be protesters into a society of repressed dissenters who conceal their anger while performing ritual displays of loyalty.

That is precisely the danger that the US must guard against. The rule of law demands equal treatment: If Cook is punished for mortgage fraud, then all others guilty of the same offense must face the same consequences. Otherwise, justice turns into a tool of oppression.

Admittedly, this may sound like a purely academic concern. But as John Maynard Keynes famously observed, ideas, both when they are right and when they are wrong, "are more powerful than is commonly understood. Indeed, the world is ruled by little else." If Trump is allowed to erode the principle of equality before the law, the idea of selective justice will take root, corroding democracy from within.

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WISDOM CORNER

I find hope in the darkest of days, and focus in the brightest.
I do not judge the universe

Peace in the world starts with peace in oneself. If everyone lives mindfully, everyone will be more healthy, feel more fulfilled in their daily lives and there will be more peace

It is through gratitude for the present moment that the spiritual dimension of life opens up

THIS DAY **IN HISTORY**

- 1781: Los Angeles founded. On this day in 1781, Spanish settlers laid claim to what became Los Angeles, now the second most populous U.S. city and the home to Hollywood, whose name is synonymous with the American motion-picture industry.
- 1870: Napoleon III, who ruled France first as president (1850–52) and then as emperor (1852-70), was deposed and the Third Republic proclaimed.

FOCUS SOCIAL SECURITY

THE STALLED 8TH CPC

government employees and pensioners anxiously wait for justice in their pay and pension revision, the silence of the government reverberates louder than any official statement. Inflation is burning through household savings, medical costs are skyrocketing, and living with dignity is becoming a daily struggle for pensioners. Yet, while the elected people's representatives revise their own salaries and allowances without delay or hesitation, the workforce that keeps the administrative machinery of this nation alive is forced to wait indefinitely. The delay in the constitution of the Eighth Central Pay Commission (8th CPC) is not just bureaucratic lethargy—it is a

betrayal of trust. On 3 December 2024, the government officially informed the Rajya Sabha that there was "no proposal" to constitute the 8th CPC. But within six weeks, in a press briefing after the Cabinet meeting held on 16 January 2025, it was proudly declared that the Prime Minister has approved its constitution. Letters were issued, suggestions were sought from the Staff Side of the National Council (JCM), and meetings were conducted in February to finalise the Terms of Reference. Yet, seven long months have passed, and no tangible action has emerged.

The urgency of the matter cannot be overstated. The recommendations of the 8th CPC are due to take effect from 1 January 2026. But past experience is testimony that a Pay Commission takes nearly 18 to 24 months to complete its report. Illustratively, the 5th CPC, constituted in April 1994, submitted its report in



Above all, pensioners must be protected from any discriminatory treatment, for they have already given the best years of their lives to the service of the nation

January 1997, and the recommendations were implemented with effect from 1 January 1996 retrospectively. Each Commission required close to two years for deliberations. Thereafter, the government took further time to examine the recommendations, secure Cabinet approval, and notify their implementation.

It is also important to note that the Finance Act 2025 has armed the Union government with the authority to decide the date of implementation of Pay Commission recommendations. This means that even if the 8th CPC is eventually constituted and submits its report, the government retains discretionary power to postpone the date of implementation. Such a move would be catastrophic for employees and pensioners already battling relentless inflation. One cannot ignore the possibility that the recommendations due from 1 January 2026 may be delayed under one pretext or another, pushing millions into further economic uncertainty.

Adding to the unease is the passage of the Validation of Central Civil Services Pension Rules as part of the Finance Act 2025. This legislation validates the government's authority to make distinctions among pensioners based on factors such as Pay Commission recommendations and date of retirement, with effect from as far back as 1 June 1972. Pensioners, who built the foundations of today's India with decades of loval service, now live under an air of suspicion and fear that the principle of equal treatment may be diluted. The Confederation of Central Government Employees and Workers has rightly taken exception to this divisive provision, affirming that there must be no differentiation among pensionerspast or present.

The larger picture reveals an unsettling pattern. The same government that refuses to restore the Old Pension Scheme, that withheld Dearness Allowance and Dearness Relief for 18 months during the pandemic citing "financial constraints," now delays the constitution of the 8th CPC despite knowing fully well the timeline required for its work. In sharp contrast, the salaries and perks of Members of Parliament and State Legislatures are revised at will, without any Commission, without any debate on affordability, and without any delay. Is the message not loud and clear—that justice is timely for lawmakers but expendable for those who serve the nation?

The government must real-

ise that denial or delay of justice is the breeding ground of resentment. To keep crores of employees and pensioners in a state of prolonged suspense is a recipe for alienation. A democratic government cannot afford to alienate its own workforce, for governance itself depends upon their dedication and morale. It is time, therefore, the government acts with sincerity and urgency. The 8th CPC must be officially constituted without further delay, given adequate resources to complete its work, and directed to submit its recommendations with in a time-bound framework. The Finance Act's provision to arbitrarily defer the date of implementation must be reconsidered, for it erodes the credibility of the entire exercise. Above all, pensioners must be protected from any discriminatory treatment, for they have already given the best years of their lives to the service of the nation.

The message to the government is unequivocal: crores of employees and pensioners are not expendable. They are the very hands and minds that keep India running. Let not history record that in the age of rising prices and rising inequalities, the government of the day chose silence over justice.

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SPECTRUM HISTORY

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Auschwitz to Amritsar: Rethinking atrocities



Dr Srimanta Misra

HISTORY SHOULD BE EXAMINED OBJECTIVELY, WITH A COMMITMENT TO UNCOVERING THE FULL SCOPE OF EVENTS, THEIR **CAUSES, AND** THEIR IMPACTS

TO THE EDITOR

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orld War II (WWII) is often interpreted primarily through the lens of the Western powers. As an amateur mathematician, I believe that world history should be approached impartially and, where necessary, rewritten to confront fundamental truths and consequences. Historical narratives must not favour one side or selectively highlight certain events while ignoring others. Instead, history should be examined objectively, with a commitment to uncovering the full scope of events, their causes, and their impacts. Only through such balanced and honest reflection can we truly learn from the past.

It was Germany that started the war, yet this fact is often overshadowed by an exclusive focus on Nazi atrocities. Germany invaded Poland on 1 September. 1939. Britain and France declared war on Germany reacting to German aggression and Germany declared war on the US in December 1941. WWII is frequently viewed through a Western-centric perspective, focusing largely on the roles of Europe and the US. Highlighting Nazi savagery somehow eclipses the colonial atrocities, which was a frustrating reality. The intriguing question is

whether it is a deliberate attempt to erase the colonial past.

One of the most significant and far-reaching consequences of the WWII was the acceleration of decolonisation across Asia and Africa. The war fundamentally weakened European colonial powersboth economically and politically—while simultaneously inspiring and empowering independence movements in colonised nations. In this sense, WWII marked a major turning point in global history, not only as a military conflict but also as a catalyst for the dismantling of colonial empires and the emergence of newly independent states.

During colonial rule, there were several massacres and events that can be considered atrocities or mass killings. While not always on the scale of the Holocaust (which involved the systematic extermination of six million Jews), there were events during colonial rule that caused immense human suffering and death, both through direct violence and through policy-driven neglect. A few notable examples are i) Jallianwala Bagh Massacre (1919) -- While official British figures stated that 379 were killed. Indian estimates range from 1,000 to

over 1,500 killed and thousands injured in the massacre in Amritsar, Punjab on 13 April, 1919: ii) Bengal Famine (1943) – an estimated 2.1 to 3 million people died due to a combination of wartime policies, crop failure, and British mismanagement. Winston Churchill's wartime cabinet diverted food supplies from India to support the war in Europe. Churchill is reported to have made racist remarks blaming Indians for "breeding like rabbits" when asked to send food aid; and iii) Massacres during the 1857 Sepoy Revolt -- After Indian soldiers revolted against British officers, a brutal crackdown followed. The British retaliated with mass executions of rebels and civilians. especially in Delhi, Kanpur, and Lucknow. Entire villages were burned and thousands were killed in reprisal massacres. Precise numbers remain unknown, but tens of thousands are estimated to have died.

While the Holocaust was a systematic, industrial-scale genocide based on race, the colonial atrocities were largely driven by imperial policy, racial superiority, economic exploitation, and military suppression — not extermination per se. However, the scale of suffering and loss of life in

events like the Bengal Famine does lead many scholars and historians to compare British colonialism to crimes against humanity. There is a thoughtful and controversial question — whether Winston Churchill's actions during the Bengal Fam ine justify a posthumous revocation or restitution of his Nobel Prize in Literature (which he won in 1953, not for peace or politics, but for his writings) It's noteworthy to mention that Rabindranath Tagore renounced his knighthood as a protest to the Jallianwala Bagh massacre. In the 21st century, re-evaluating past racial comments and actions through a modern ethical lens calls for a serious reconsideration—even restitution-of honours such as the Nobel Prize.

Each of these acts of violence was unique regardless of its magnitude of seismicity. An impartial account of history serves as a vital lesson for fu ture generations - reminding them of consequences of war and guiding them towards the pursuit of peace and betterment of humanity.

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Chip powerhouse

Sir, This refers to "Chips are digital diamonds: Modi," Orissa POST, Sept 3. There are encouraging tidings for India in the high-stakes global semiconductor race. The Semiconductor Laboratory of ISRO has achieved a remarkable breakthrough by developing the country's first fully indigenous 32-bit microprocessor. This achievement not only underlines India's growing technological capabilities but also signals the nation's intent to reduce reliance on foreign technology. The chip, hailed as a significant step in India's digital journey, will be rolled out from the pilot facility at Sanand in Gujarat. The development coincides with a broader national effort to establish India as a semiconductor powerhouse. At present, 10 semiconductor projects involving investments of over \$18 billion are underway across the country, aimed at creating a vibrant ecosystem spanning design, manufacturing, and testing. These initiatives are part of the government's strategic vision to make India a trusted hub in the global supply chain, especially at a time when chip security has become a pressing concern worldwide. Prime Minister Narendra Modi has voiced confidence that India's smallest chip could someday drive the world's biggest change. With its combination of policy support, investment momentum, and indigenous innovation, India is positioning itself as a credible challenger in the semiconductor sector, offering both economic promise and strategic strength.. N Sadhasiva Reddy, BANGALORE

'Sat-Chi' show

Sir, Indian doubles badminton pride, world number nine, Satwiksairaj Rankireddy and Chirag Shetty have done the country proud by bagging the bronze medal at the recently concluded World Badminton Championships at Paris. It was a sweet revenge for the Indians as they beat the Malaysian stars Aaron Chia and Soh Wooi Yik for the medal. The Malaysian pair had put paid to Satwik-Chirag's hopes of winning an Olympic medal at the same venue a year ago. Although the Indian pair lost in the semifinals, their bronze medal winning effort made them two-time medal winners at the World Championships joining the illustrious league of India's multiple medal winners, PV Sindhu and Saina Nehwal. For long, Indian badminton glory lay in its singles prowess. However, since 2022. the "Sat-Chi" combination has turned heads.

Ganapathi Bhat, AKOLA



TWO STATES





PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

Kerala govt sets up first Senior Citizens **Commission in India**

Thiruvananthapuram, Sept

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K Somaprasad has been

appointed chairperson of the

Thiruvananthapuram-based

Kerala State Senior Citizens

Commission, state Minister

for Higher Education and So-

as "neglect and abuse.'

Maratha quota push sparks dissent

JARANGE EXULTS, BHUJBAL SULKS: MINISTER SKIPS CABINET MEET, SAYS WILL CHALLENGE MARATHA QUOTA GR

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Mumbai. Sept 3: Maharashtra minister and prominent OBC leader Chhagan Bhujbal Wednesday skipped a cabinet meeting and later expressed displeasure over a government order on granting Kunbi status to eligible Marathas for quota, indicating he will mount a legal challenge

in Mumbai and claiming victory in his fight seeking reservation in jobs and education for Marathas under the other backward class category, activist Manoj Jarange expressed confidence about his community members getting quota benefits following Tuesday's government resolution (GR) on issuance of Kunbi (OBC) caste certificates to them.

After buying peace with Jarange by accepting most of his demands, the BJP-led Mahayuti government moved to placate Other Backward Classes, whose members are opposed to any move to disturb the existing quota for them, as it set up a nine-member cabinet sub-committee to expedite the welfare measures for OBCs and resolve issues related to reservation.

The emotive Maratha quota issue appears to be far from settled after Jarange's latest agitation as Bhujbal openly expressed his displeasure over the GR issued by the government for expediting the grant of Kunbi caste certificates to eligible Marathas, which will

Maharashtra extends

work hours from 9 to

Mumbai, Sept 3: The Maha-

rashtra cabinet Wednesday gave its approval to amend

laws that will allow increasing

the maximum daily working

hours for private sector em-

ployees from the present nine

The move is aimed at attract-

ing investments, generating

employment and safeguard-

ing workers' rights, an official

The state cabinet, during its

meeting presided over by Chief

Minister Devendra Fadnavis,

cleared the changes recommend-

ed by a central task force, bring-

ing Maharashtra in line with

states like Karnataka, Tamil

Nadu, Telangana, Uttar Pradesh

and Tripura, which have already

implemented similar reforms.

The amendments will be done

to the Factories Act, 1948 and

the Maharashtra Shops and

Establishments (Regulation of

Employment and Conditions of

industries to function without

disruption during peak demand

or labour shortages while en-

suring that workers receive

proper overtime compensation.

The amendments will allow

Service) Act. 2017, it said.

10 in private sector

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to 10 hours.

statement said.

members to get reservation. The NCP stalwart, who did not attend a cabinet meeting earlier in the day, said in the evening he would move the court against the GR.

pave the way for community

"OBC leaders have doubts about the GR....as to who won after Jarange's agitation. We are seeking legal opinion on whether the government is authorized to change people's caste," the veteran leader told

Asked if he himself would approach the court against the GR. Bhuibal, who has been named in a new cabinet sub-committee on OBC welfare, replied in the affirmative.

He also skipped a meeting of party leaders called by NaMaharashtra government Wednesday set up a ninemember cabinet sub-committee to expedite the welfare measures for the OBCs and resolve issues related to reservation

The move came a day after activist Manoj Jarange called off his five-day-long hunger strike in Mumbai with the state government accepting most of his demands, including granting eligible Marathas Kunbi caste certificates, which will make them eligible for reservation benefits available to the OBCs

tionalist Congress Party (NCP) president and deputy Chief Minister Ajit Pawar.

Meanwhile, Deputy Chief

are opposed to the inclusion of Marathas in the category.

Speaking to reporters in a hospital in Chhatrapati Sambhajinagar, Jarange said the Maratha community in Marathwada and western Maharashtra will now get reservation.

"We have scored a victory, and the credit goes to the Maratha community. Maratha people from Marathwada and western Maharashtra will now get quota," he said.

On Bhujbal skipping the cab-

The 43-year-old activist,

who returned from Mumbai after ending his fast, is receiving medical care in a private hospital. "No Maratha in the Marathwada region will be left out of quota," Jarange said.

inet meeting, the activist said, 'That means he is a clever leader. It also means the Maratha community has succeeded in getting reservation." Jarange claimed attempts to take the matter to court will fail as the "GR cannot be challenged".

cial Justice R Bindu said in a Facebook post Wednesday.

Amaravila Ramakrishnan, E M Radha, KNK Namboothiri and Lopes Mathew have been appointed as members of the Commission, she added. The Commission will address growing concerns about the "hardships faced by the elderly, including neglect, exploitation, and orphan

hood," the minister said. The Kerala State Senior Citizens Commission has been constituted under the Kerala Senior Citizens Commission Act, 2025, passed by

the state legislature in March. The Commission will work for the welfare and protection of the elderly and provide guidelines and assistance for their rehabilitation, the minister added. The members were felicitated by the minister at a ceremony held at the Secretari at Durbar Hall Wednesday.

DOUBLE DELIGHT

50 pairs of siblings grace

Pune's first Twins' Meet

More than 125 tonnes of garbage collected during 5-day-long protest

of garbage was collected from Azad Maidan and its surrounding the five-day-long Maratha mumbai Municipal Corporation Maidan was the ground zero protest launched by activist thousands of Maratha commustate. The nearby Chhatrapati

Shivaji Maharaj Terminus (CSMT) and area around the Brihanmumbai Municipal

Corporation (BMC) headquarter building virtually became the camping sites of and even bathing on payements and roads. All this generated large amounts including leftover food items, mineral water bottles, wrappers, paper plates the first day of the agitation on August 29, four metric tonnes of solid waste Thirty tonnes of garbage was collected on August 31 and September 1 each. 7 tonnes - the highest during the protest - on September 2, he said. A total of 466 civic staffers, including 438 labourers, 16 head supervisors, 11 supervisors and one assistant head supervisor, were involved in ensuring that the protest site and nearby areas remain clean, the official said

Minister Eknath Shinde said rashtra. But OBC communities Kerala tackles rare brain infections

World's first survivor of a dual case of amoebic meningitis, fungal infection owes life to Kerela doctors

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Thiruvananthapuram, Sept 3: Kerala's health sector has achieved a rare feat by successfully treating a 17-year-old boy who was simultaneously infected with amoebic meningoencephalitis and Aspergillus flavus, Health Minister Veena George said Wednesday.

She said this was the first known case in the world where a patient with both infections had been treated successfully and made a full recovery.

"The boy was under treatment at Alappuzha Medical College Hospital for three weeks and was then shifted to Thiruvananthapuram Medical College. The neurosurgery team conducted surgeries on the patient, and he has now completely recovered after three months of treatment," George told reporters.

The microbiology lab at Alappuzha identified the disease-causing amoeba and fungus from the patient's spinal flu**MEDICAL MILESTONE**



id, following which treatment was initiated in line with government guidelines, she said.

An MRI scan showed pus in the brain, and the patient was shifted to Thiruvananthapuram, where a neurosurgery team operated. As his condition worsened, a second surgery was performed, after which the boy began to recover.

'We also used five drugs for the treatment as both infections are fatal. We reviewed the patient three weeks after discharge, and he is perfectly normal now," said Dr Aravind, Associate Professor, Department of Infectious Diseases, Thiruvananthapuram Medical College

CM Devendra Fadnavis will

talk to Bhujbal and explain the

knowing the facts, he added.

by the government is in accor-

dance with law. No injustice has

been done to any other commu-

nity while taking the decision,'

Jarange, who has been de-

manding that Marathas be

recognised as Kunbis so that

they get the benefit of reserva-

tions, ended his five-day fast

on Tuesday after the Mahayuti

government agreed to issue a

The Kunbis are a traditional

farming community included

in the OBC category in Maha-

GR to resolve the issue.

Shinde told reporters.

Bhujbal will be placated after

"The decision (on GR) taken

George said that while several cases of patients with both amoebic meningitis and Aspergillus flavus infections had been reported worldwide. none had survived.

"This is the first time such a patient has been brought back to life. I would like to congratulate the medical teams in both Alappuzha and Thiruvananthapuram medical colleges for this achievement," she added.

She credited treatment guidelines formulated by the government three years ago for helping save the boy's life.

'Such cases—either amoebic meningitis or Aspergillus flavus infections—carry around 99 per cent mortality worldwide. In Kerala, in the past two years, 86 cases of amoebic meningoencephalitis have been reported, with 21 deaths. This is a mortality rate of around 23 to 24 per cent," the minister said.

On whether such infections were rising in Kerala, she said: The answer is that we have been able to identify the cases early. In post-mortem studies of meningitis deaths where the cause of infection was not identified earlier, about 11 per cent were due to amoeba.'

She said Kerala has responded effectively to such cases, undertaking preventive measures with the help of other departments and local bodies, including chlorination of wells.

The health department has also issued advisories and run awareness campaigns on preventing amoebic infections.

The extremely lethal central nervous system infection, amoebic meningoencephalitis, is caused by free-living amoebae. This deadly infection is typically contracted from fresh water sources such as lakes,

"Harvesting is still continu-

ing. We got really good profit

through flower farming this

year. We are getting up to ₹150

for one kilogram of jamanthi,"

Maruthi said in a Tamil-tinged

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Malayalam.

Pune, Sept 3: Identical smiles, outfits and twin-themed songs from popular films lit up an event where more than 50 pairs of siblings came together for Pune's first Twins' Meet.

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The unusual congregation saw twins of all ages - from toddlers in playful costumes to silver-haired seniors - joining in the celebration of their unique bond during the meet, held as part of the 37th Pune Festival Tuesday.

The sight of so many identical pairs turned the Bal Gandharva Rang Mandir into a spectacle of doubles, with clowns welcoming participants in a fun-filled manner.

"It was a rare and fascinating experience. The programme presented both constitutional and scientific perspectives about twins," said noted litterateur Dr Shripal Sabnis, who inaugurated the event where entertainment and awareness about such siblings blended seamlessly.

Participants ranged from one-year-old toddlers to septuagenarians.

"The objective of the Twins Meet was to celebrate togeth erness, identity and joy of twins and their families," said Pravin Walimbe, the brain behind the initiative.

"Besides entertainment, the meet also focused on scientif ic awareness about twins. We invited siblings from Pune as well as special guests - Thasleena and her brother - from Kodinhi village in Kerala, popularly known as the World Capital

of Twins," he added. The event featured both light-hearted moments and serious discussions. Clowns from the Rambo Circus greeted twins at the entrance while the cultural programme included short films on twins. an audio-visual presentation of some of the iconic twinthemed songs from Bollywood films like "Ram Aur Shyam" "Seeta Aur Geeta". "Judwaa" "ChaalBaaz" and "Angoor" and a feature film on Kodin-

How a women's collective is making Kerala self-reliant for Onam

State government has set aside ₹14cr to support Kudumbashree initiatives this year by giving them incentives and interest-free loans

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Thiruvananthapuram, Sept 3: The sun beats down on a oneacre plot at the edge of Attappadi, a tribal village in Kerala's northern Palakkad district.

Here, Maruthi is hard at work, moving through rows of vibrant jamanthi and vadamulla- -marigold and globe amaranth- -her hands swiftly gathering the bright blossoms.

Nearby, a group of local flower merchants wait patiently, watching as Maruthi and her friends fill sack after sack with the freshly picked flowers.

"We used to send our flowers to the market in Coimbatore," Maruthi said, pausing for a moment.

"But now, with Onam here, it's become a challenge to keep



A total of ₹30 crore in returns is expected through various Kudumbashree initiatives during the season, including ₹12-15 crore through vegetable and flower sales alone

up. The local vendors are coming straight to the farm to buythe demand is that high," she

Maruthi is one of the hundreds of women who play a key role in the crores of rupees of

Their work is helping put the state on a path towards self-reliance, supplying a significant portion of the flowers, vegeta-

the Onam market in Kerala.

bles, and fruit needed for the harvest festival.

are part of Kudumbashree, a government-backed poverty eradication mission made up entirely of women. With 48 lakh members across the state, this network has made a major intervention in the festival markets through

its diverse initiatives Thousands of Joint Liabil-

have carried out vegetable and flower farming on a massive scale across Kerala, reducing its immense dependency upon neighbouring states, especially

Tamil Nadu, to a great extent. According to figures, a total of 13.879 Kudumbashree JLGs. comprising four to 10 women. have indulged in vegetable farming in 8,913.13 acres of land across Kerala, eyeing the Onam market. Flower farming has been carried out on 1,820.52 acres of land under the aegis of 4,531 groups in the state ahead of the harvest festival, it said.

In Attappadi alone, the all-women network carried out vegetable farming in 25 acres and flower farming in six acres this year, authorities said.

Marigold, Jasmine, globe amaranth, lotus and so on were among the major flowers harvested by Kudumbashree members targeting the huge demand for the preparation of "pookkalam" (floral carpet).

Long beans, okra, tomato, green chilli, bitter gourd, pumpkin, ash gourd and bottle gourd were among the major

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TENDER CALL NOTICE No.01/2025-26 No.i-295:The Block Development Officer, Kalimela invites Percentage Rate bids in Single cover System for the civil work as detailed in the following table from eligible class of contractors as mentioned under column-8(eight) registered with the State

Governments and Contractors of equivalent Grades/Class Registered with Central Government/MES Railways. The proof of registration from the appropriate authority shall be enclosed along with the Bid. If successful, the bidder who has not registered under State Government has to register under the State PWD in appropriate class of eligibility before signing of the agreemer for the following works eventually to be drawn up in the P.W.D, P-2 forms in conformity with the Detailed Tender Call Notice.

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-	2	Venkatapałlam	Construction of Office Building with market complex for G.P. Level Federation at Venkatapallam G.P.	24,25,549.94	6,000/-	24,255/-	6 (Six) Months	"C & B"
-	3	Maharajpally	Construction of Office Building with market complex for G.P. Level Federation at Maharajpally G.P.	24,25,549.94	6,000/-	24,255/-	6 (Six) Months	"C & B"
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03.09.2025 to 22.09.2025 (upto 05.00 PM) No Tender paper will be sold by the Block Office, Kalimela or any other offices Interested bidders will download the bid documents from the same website only i.e. malkangiri.odisha gov.in. Place and date of receipt of tender Paper: Panchayat Samiti, Kalimela, 03.09.2025 to 22.09.2025 (upto 05.00 PM) through Registered Speed Post only i.e. Indian Postal Services (office hour from 10.00 AM to 5.00 PM, Except Sunday and public holidays), Placand date of opening of tender paper: Panchayat Samiti, Kalimela on dt.23.09.2025 at 11.00 AM. Mode of receipt of tender paper: Registered/Speed Post only (India Post). Name of the Scheme: Mission Shakti Grant for the year 2023-24. The authority reserves the right to reject any or all of the tenders without assigning any reason thereof. The detailed information/corrigendum on Tender Call Notice can be available in the District website malkangiri.odisha.gov.in only. N.B.: All should go through the terms and conditions of Tender Call Notice and Detail Tender Call Notice before sub

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INDIA ASKS GERMANY TO SEND BACK BABY ARIHA

India Wednesday called upon Germany to ensure early return of Indian baby girl Ariha Shah who has been living in a foster care in Berlin for nearly four years





candidates suffered discrimination, and were reduced to political bar-

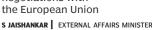


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SHORT **TAKES**

Jewellery store robbed at gunpoint

Jamshedpur: A jewellery store was robbed at gunpoint in Jharkhand's Jamshedpur town Wednesday afternoon, police said. The incident happened near Gudri Bazar in the Sonari police station area, they said. Around six armed men entered the store as customers and looted gold jewellery worth ₹6 lakh, after attacking the owner with a pistol butt, a police officer said. The store is undergoing treatment at the Tata Main Hospital.

Man held for stealing cash from temple

Thane: Dombivli police has arrested a 25-year-old man hours after he allegedly broke into a temple in the district and stole cash from the donation box. Police also recovered ₹37,000 from Sambhaji Ram Birajdar, the accused, said an official. The arrest was made within four hours after the crime came to light, he said.

Five Naxals held explosives seized

Sukma: Five Naxalites, one of them carrying a reward of ₹1 lakh, were arrested and explosives were seized from their possession in Sukma district of Chhattisgarh, police said Wednesday Madvi Rakesh, Kamlu Deva, Kuhram Budhra, Madkam Muya and Kawasi Pojje were apprehended Tuesday by security forces from a forested patch near Rawaguda village under Chintalnar police station limits, said an official.

Man found hanging in lock-up

Itanagar: A man detained for questioning in a rape case was found hanging in police lock-up in Arunachal Pradesh's West Siang district, following which local people stormed the Aalo women's police station and vandalised it, an officer said Wednesday. The deceased was identified as Nyummar Bagra (48), a resident of Higi Bagra village in the district and was found hanging in lock-up on Tuesday night.

Bhutanese PM in India

New Delhi: Bhutanese Prime Minister Tshering Tobgay and the Je Khenpo, Trulku Jigme Choedra, the Chief Abbot of Bhutan, are visiting India for the consecration ceremony of the Royal Bhutan Temple at Rajgir in Bihar September 4, the Ministry of External Affairs said. In an official statement Wednesday, the MEA also said that following the consecration ceremony, Prime Minister Tobgay will also visit the Ram temple in Ayodhya. The land for the temple has been provided by the government of Bihar.

Flood situation worsens

New Delhi, Sept 3: The downpour across north India showed no signs of easing Wednesday as a rain-triggered landslide and structural collapse claimed four lives in Himachal Pradesh and Jammu and Kashmir, pummelled regions already on edge and forced the suspension of classes, flights, trains and even cremations

In the east, a fresh low-pressure system over the Bay of Bengal is likely to bring heavy showers in Arunachal Pradesh, West Bengal and Jharkhand Thursday, while heavy rain continued to batter Odisha for the third consecutive day Wednesday with no respite in sight.

In Himachal Pradesh, rain fury continued as four more bodies were retrieved from the debris of a landslide near Sundernagar in Mandi district, taking the toll to seven.

Two people, including an NDRF jawan, were feared dead after two houses collapsed in Kullu district, while two women died and 15 passengers were injured after rolling boulders fell on a private bus near Kalimitti in the Kumarsein area of Shimla.

Himachal Pradesh Chief Minister Sukhvinder Singh Sukhu directed the Chamba administration to immediately evacuate stranded Manimahesh Yatra pilgrims and

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New Delhi, Sept 3: Twen-

ty-one monitoring stations,

including one in Delhi, have

reported rivers in "severe flood

situation," while 33 others are

flowing above the normal level,

the Central Water Commission

The nationwide flood alert

comes amid heavy rainfall

forecasts for several states in

the coming days. Of the 21 se-

vere flood locations, nine are

in Bihar, eight in Uttar Pradesh

and one each in Delhi, Jammu

and Kashmir, West Bengal, and

The 33 above-normal sites are

spread across Uttar Pradesh

(9), Bihar (7), Assam (7), Uttara-

khand (2), Odisha (2), Telanga-

na (2), and one each in Andhra

Pradesh, Maharashtra, Rajas-

In Delhi, the Yamuna at the

railway bridge site is in severe

than and West Bengal.

Jharkhand.

(CWC) said Wednesday.

'21 river sites in severe

flood, 33 above normal'



to deploy about six MI-17 helicopters.

Jammu and Kashmir too faced devastation as torrential rains claimed the lives of a woman and her daughter in a house collapse, while 40 people were trapped in a flooded village in Akhnoor.

In Chhattisgarh's Balrampur district, four people were killed and three went missing after a portion of the Lutti dam collapsed late Tuesday after a spell of heavy rain, triggering flash floods that swept through houses and fields.

Delhi was lashed by intermittent showers for the third consecutive day Wednesday as overcast conditions persisted in the city, which is predicted to receive more rain in the next few days. Waters from a raging Yamuna submerged homes, destroyed shop goods and disrupted traffic in several areas

flood conditions. Northern hill

In Jammu and Kashmir,

flooding risks are high in the

Chenab, Tawi, Jhelum and

Indus basins, particularly

in Kishtwar, Doda, Kathua,

Anantnag, and Pulwama dis-

tricts. Punjab and Haryana

are bracing for inflows in the

Ravi, Beas, Sutlej, Ghaggar and

Yamuna rivers, while in Uttar

Pradesh, the Ganga, Yamuna,

Ghagra, Ramganga, and Sharda

rivers are expected to continue

of the Ganga, Kosi, Gandak.

and Burhi Gandak remain in

severe flood, particularly in

Bhagalpur, Patna, Khagaria,

and Siwan. Assam is witness-

ing above-normal to severe

conditions in the Buridehing

and Beki, while Jharkhand

has reported a severe flood in

the Ganga at Sahibganj. Mad-

hya Pradesh, Maharashtra,

Gujarat, and Chhattisgarh are

reporting rising levels in the

Tapi, Narmada, Mahi, Krishna,

Major reservoirs such as

Ukai, Sardar Sarovar, Tehri,

Hathnikund, Kovna, and Hir-

akud are expected to receive

above-threshold inflows.

and Mahanadi basins.

In Bihar, several stretches

rising in multiple districts.

states remain on high alert.

for thousands of people as the river breached the 207-metre mark Wednesday for the fifth time since 1963.

More than 2,000 people were evacuated from Jharoda Kalan and some areas of Najafgarh after a 50-foot embankment of Mungeshpur drain was breached, inundating many low-lying areas overnight in south-west Delhi.

Delhi Chief Minister Rekha Gupta had a phone call with her Haryana counterpart, Nayab Singh Saini, over the drain breach and called for an urgent repair.

The Municipal Corporation of Delhi has directed officials to intensify insecticide spraying in flood-affected areas and relief camps to prevent vector-borne diseases as the Yamuna water levels rose persistently, inundating its floodplains.

Cremations at Nigambodh Ghat, Delhi's largest cremation

Amid the ongoing flood situation in **Punjab, drones are** delivering food to stranded citizens in far-flung areas

ground, were suspended after Yamuna floodwater entered the premises. Located along the Ring Road behind the Red Fort, Nigambodh Ghat is the city's oldest, largest, and busiest cremation ground and on average, handles 55 to 60 cremations daily. The Geeta Colony crematorium was also flooded, forcing the staff to look for dry places to carry out cremations.

In Punjab, which is battling its worst deluge since 1988, a fresh spell of heavy rain compounded the flood situation as all 23 districts of the state have been hit and 30 lives lost so far.

Schools, colleges and universities were ordered shut till September 7, while over 3.5 lakh people reeled under the impact of the calamity. Rupnagar and Patiala districts remained on alert as swollen rivers and rivulets threatened embankments.

Chandigarh authorities extended the closure of all schools till September 7 due to incessant rain. In Rajasthan, rail and road traffic were paralysed as torrential downpour

Nine trains were halted on the Kota-Mumbai route after landslips near Dara railway station, while waterlogging forced closure of National Highway-52 connecting Kota and Jhalawar.

Meanwhile, the Central Water Commission (CWC) has said that 21 monitoring stations, including one in Delhi, have reported rivers in "severe flood situation." while 33 others are flowing above the normal level, Wednesday.

The nationwide flood alert comes amid heavy rainfall forecasts for several states in the coming days. Of the 21 severe flood locations, nine are in Bihar, eight in Uttar Pradesh and one each in Delhi, Jammu and Kashmir, West Bengal, and Jharkhand The India Meteorological Department warned of more rainfall in eastern and northeastern states

Arunachal Pradesh is expected to witness heavy to widespread showers from Thursday across Kameng, East Kameng, Papum Pare, Lower Subansiri, Siang, Lohit, Changlang and Tirap districts.

In West Bengal, a low-pressure system over the Bay of Bengal is likely to trigger heavy rain in several south Bengal districts till Thursday morning, accompanied by gusty winds.

Jharkhand's IMD centre issued an orange alert for three districts, forecasting heavy downpours till Thursday.

2 students from Telangana killed in UK car crash

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London/Hyderabad, Sept 3: Two students from Telanga na have been killed in a twocar road collision at a major roundabout in Essex, south east England, while five others sustained serious injuries, local police have said.

While Chaitanya Tarre, 23, died on the spot, Rishi Teja Rapolu, 21, succumbed to his iniuries in hospital soon after the accident at the Rayleigh Spur roundabout early Monday.

The deceased, who were from Hyderabad, were pursuing higher studies in the UK, their family members said. Rapolu's uncle R Nagender

told PTI Videos Wednesday that his nephew was studying MBA first-year in London. He said the Telugu Associ-

ation in London, and some of their relatives were following up to bring the mortal remains to India as early as possible.

He said Telangana Chief Minister A Revanth Reddy instruct ed the authorities concerned for repatriation of the body. Union Ministers G Kishan Reddy and Bandi Sanjay Kumar also wrote letters to the authorities to complete the formalities to bring the body, he added.

Tarre's family members and relatives told TV channels that he had left for the UK in February this year to pursue an MS degree. They said initially they got information that there was a road accident and Tarre was in serious condition. Later his friends told them he had passed away, the family members said

According to a relative, they got information that the ac cident occurred when Tarre was returning after attending Ganesh idol immersion. The family appealed to the Central and state governments to help in bringing his body to the city at the earliest.

Essex Police said two other men from east London who were driving the cars at the time of the crash were arrested on suspicion of dangerous driving before being released

Harvana's most wanted criminal repatriated from Cambodia held

New Delhi/Gurugram, Sept

3: A notorious criminal want-

ed by Haryana Police, Mainpal

Dhilla, was arrested after he

was extradited from Cambo

dia in an operation coordinat

ed by the CBI in collaboration

with the state police, Union

home ministry and external

affairs ministry, officials said

alias of Maipal Badli and Sonu

Kumar, has several serious

cases, including that of mur-

der, registered against him

Dhilla, who also goes by the

Army personnel wade through flood waters from a swollen Chenab river after heavy rainfall in Jammu Another newborn bitten by rats dies at Indore hospital

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Indore, Sept 3: A second newborn girl, bitten by rats at Indore's government-run Maharaja Yashwantrao Hospital (MYH), died Wednesday with the medical facility's administration attributing the cause to septicemia (blood poisoning or

blood infection). MYH Deputy Superintendent Dr Jitendra Verma told reporters that the baby, who was recently attacked by rats at the

hospital, died during treatment. He said the girl, weighing just 1.60 kgs, was suffering from different congenital deformities, including intestinal malformation. Verma said the girl was operated upon seven days ago, but her condition was critical due to septicemia. She eventually died due to septicemia, an infection that occurs when bacteria enter the bloodstream and spread. The hospital deputy superintendent said as per wishes of the girl's family

A 'School of Drone

Warfare' was

inaugurated by

Border Security

Force (BSF) director

general Daljit Singh

academy of the force

Chawdhary at the

officers' training

members, her post-mortem examination was not conducted and the body was handed over to them.

He said the girl was bitten by rats on two fingers of her left hand, causing 'mild scratches'.

Earlier, another newborn girl, who was also a victim of rat attack at MYH, died Tuesday. This girl was also suffering from different congenital deformities and died due to 'pneumonia infection', hospital officials

importance of FPV (first person

view related to remote piloting

of Kamikaze drones) and strate-

gic changes in national policies.

the Independence Day in Au-

gust, were awarded gallantry

medals for displaying "conspic-

uous bravery" and "unmatched

valour" during Operation Sin-

door. These included two per-

Eighteen BSF troops, during

the official said.

and was serving life term. He is also accused of committing a murder while in jail. He was released on parole July 17, 2018

Wednesday.

after which he escaped abroad on a fake identity. On a request from Haryana Police, the CBI got a Red No tice published against Dhilla through Interpol November 6 2024 and contacted NCB Bangkok, which revealed that he had travelled from Thailand to Cambodia. The CBI imme diately contacted NCB-Phnom

Penh and informed the author ities that the wanted criminal was travelling on a fraudulent travel document in the name of Sonu Kumar, officials said. "A request for provisional arrest was sent to NCB-Phnom

Penh, Cambodia, through Interpol channels on March 26 2025. NCB-Phnom Penh July 24, 2025 conveyed the arrest of the subject and requested for Extradition Request through diplomatic channels. Cambodian authorities later intimated that they had decided to hand over the subject to Indian au thorities," a CBI spokesperson said in a statement.

Later, a team of Haryana Police went to Cambodia and brought back Dhilla Tuesday. they said.

BSF trains 'drone commandos, drone warriors'

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

New Delhi, Sept 3: The BSF, which guards India's borders with Pakistan and Bangladesh. is training special units of "drone commandos" and "drone warriors" for modern warfare involving remote-controlled aerial platforms, with plans to deploy them in missions such as Operation Sindoor. A 'School of Drone Warfare'

was inaugurated by Border Security Force (BSF) director general Daliit Singh Chawdhary at the officers' training academy of the force in Tekanpur, Madhya Pradesh, Tuesday.

PTI had reported in July that the about 2.65 lakh personnel strong force was raising its maiden "drone squadron" following the lessons learnt after Operation Sindoor.

The School of Drone Warfare will provide special training to the border guarding troops of the force in combating modern strategic challenges," a



force spokesperson said.

"The institute will prepare drone commandos and drone warriors through five special courses that include unmanned aerial vehicle (UAV) operations, anti-drone warfare and surveillance and intelligence gathering," he said.

The school has simulators and live drone flying zones, facilities for payload integration

in the UAVs and night operations, tools for radio frequency (RF) jammers and kinetic interceptors, apart from linked hardware and Artificial Intelligence (AI) tools.

The BSF DG, after the inauguration of the school, addressed the trainee officers and spoke about the ongoing threeyear-long Russia-Ukraine war, where drones have played an

in Tekanpur, Madhya **Pradesh, Tuesday**

a senior officer said. Chawdhary also spoke about

important role apart from some other battles and the strategic takeaways from Operation Sindoor conducted by India against Pakistan in response to the Pahalgam terrorist attack,

the role of AI and machine learning (ML) in combat, proactive and weaponised drone use for decisive outcomes, the sonnel who were decorated with the military-issued Vir Chakra posthumously. The force also tackles Chinese-made Pakistani drones that smuggle drugs, weapons and ammunition into India from across the international

ern side every day. The BSF is tasked with guarding the 2,290-km India-Pakistan International Border (IB) apart from the Line of Control (LoC) under the Army's operational command, and the 4,096-km front with Bangladesh on the eastern side.

border on the country's west-

national



In India, we have great and ancient traditions that sought knowledge for the sake of knowledge DROUPADI MURMU

The Allahabad High Court Wednesday reserved its verdict over a special court's order directing a magisterial court to consider the plea for FIR against Congress MP Rahul Gandhi for a statement he made in the US

ALLAHABAD HC RESERVES **VERDICT ON RAHUL'S PLEA**



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AKHILESH YADAV | SP PRESIDENT







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SHORT **TAKES**

Int'l drug syndicate busted in B'lore

New Delhi: The Delhi Police busted an international drug syndicate in Bangalore. allegedly run by individuals hailing from Kerala. Six people, including two Nigerian nationals and a woman, were arrested, and nearly seven kilograms of methamphetamine worth ₹21 crore was recovered. The accused were identified as Suhail A M (31) and Sujin K S (32), both from Kerala: Nigerian nationals Tobi Nwoyeke, alias Deco (35), and Chikwado Nnake Kingsley (29): along with a Bengaluru-based couple, Md Zaheed (29) and his wife Suha Fatima, alias Neha (29), the polic.

Five drown in pond during 'Karma Puja'

Nawada (Bihar): Five people, including girls and women, drowned in a pond during 'Karma Puja' festivities in Bihar's Nawada district Wednesday, police said. The incident took place at Datraula village under the jurisdiction of Pakribarawan police station. "Four girls, aged between 12 and 19 years, and a woman drowned in the pond during 'Karma Puja' festivities. Officials of the district administration and the local police reached the spot, and a rescue operation was launched with the help of divers," Nishu Mallick, Deputy SP

13 Bangladeshis pushed back

(Headquarters), told PTI.

Guwahati: Assam Chief Minister Himanta Biswa Sarma Wednesday said 13 Bangladeshi nationals were nabbed and pushed back after apprehending them in Barpeta district. "While some deal with Kangaroos, we have to deal with.... Anyway, our vigil remains strong as we have pushed back another 13 illegal infiltrators, who were apprehended in Barpeta, back to Bangladesh," Sarma said in a post on X.



New Delhi, Sept 3: Prime Minister Narendra Modi Wednesday met top executives of global semiconductor giants at SEMI-CON India 2025 and noted their confidence in India's potential as a hub for chip innovation and manufacturing.

The interaction witnessed a gathering of prominent figures from the semiconductor world. In a post on X, the Prime Minister said,

"Earlier today, interacted with leading CEOs from the world of semiconductors during SEMICON India 2025. Their confidence in India's potential is evident, and they are betting big on India as a global hub for semiconductor innovation and manufacturing. I talked about India's relentless reform journey in this sector, which includes building robust infrastructure and emphasis on skilling as well as innova-While a full list of all at-

tendees was not immediately available, photographs from the event showed ASML CEO Christophe Fouquet, AMD CTO Mark Papermaster, Seoul Semiconductors CEO Chung Hoon Lee, and Applied Materials- Semiconductor Product Group President Prabu Raja, among others.

Semi President and CEO Ajit Manocha, KLA CEO Ahmad Khan, Tokyo Electron President and CEO Toshiki Kawai, Infineon COO Alexander Gorski, and PSMC President Martin Chu were also present at the event. SEMICON India 2025, being held from September 2-4 in the national capital, saw some major deals inked on the first two days, including Tata Electronics' MoUs with Merck Electronics and C-DAC, L&T Semicon's partnerships with IIT Gandhinagar, C-DAC, and IISc Bangalore.

Modi meets chip giants Witness claims Sheena Bora was alive post-alleged murder

Mumbai, Sept 3: Making a stunning claim in the ongoing Sheena Bora murder trial, key witness Vidhie Mukerjea Wednesday told the court that Bora was with her boyfriend Rahul Mukeriea at least till April 26, 2012, which was two days after her alleged murder.

She also identified a female voice, heard in the background of a recording of a telephonic conversation between Rahul and a caretaker, as that belonging to Sheena Bora.

The conversation had purportedly taken place at least two days after Bora's alleged murder. Citing her own conversations with Rahul Mukerjea, son of Peter Mukerjea, Vidhie told the CBI court here that Sheena was last seen with her boyfriend. Vidhie (28) is the daughter of former media executive Indrani Mukerjea and her ex-husband Sanjeev Khanna, both accused in the decade-long sensational murder case. Victim Sheena Bora was also a daughter of Indrani Mukerjea, from her earlier relationship.

Vidhie is currently deposing as a witness in the murder case before special CBI judge J

P Darekar. All the accused are out on bail. During the proceedings Wednesday, a recording of a telephone conversation between Rahul Mukerjea and a caretaker of the Guwahati house of Indrani's parents was played in the court.

In the over six-minute-long conversation, a female voice is heard in the background twice, saying "nana, nani ko bolo report file karne ko"(ask grandparents to file a report).

The conversation between Rahul and the caretaker, which purportedly took place between April 26 and 30, 2012, was about the disappearance of Sheena

Standing in the witness box, Vidhie identified that voice as that of Sheena Bora.

The word "report" has been spoken in a typically Assamese

tone, and it was Sheena's voice, she said.

"I heard this recording over hundreds of times to be sure, it has an Assamese accent, it's her (Bora's) voice," Vidhie claimed.

Her statement could have serious implications, because as per the prosecution, Bora (24) was strangled in a car by her mother Indrani Mukerjea, Indrani's driver Shyamvar Rai (who later turned approver or prosecution witness) and Khanna in Mumbai April 24, 2012.

Her body was burnt and disposed of in a forest in adjoining Raigad district, the prosecution claims.

Vidhie Mukerjea also told the court that after the arrest of Indrani and Peter Mukerjea, there were many occasions when she spoke with Rahul Mukerjea.

When she asked him what happened to Sheena April 24, 2012, the day she allegedly went missing and was murdered, Rahul admitted that he had dropped Sheena at Amarsons, a luxury lifestyle store in Bandra, and later in the same night he also picked her up, Vidhie claimed.

Therefore, Rahul was the last person who had seen Bora, Vidhie added.

BOOST FOR CRITICAL MINERAL RECYCLING

Cabinet approves ₹1,500cr incentive



New Delhi, Sept 3: The Union Cabinet Wednesday approved a ₹1,500-crore incentive scheme to promote recycling of critical minerals in the country.

The scheme aims at developing recycling capacity in the country for the separation and production of critical minerals from secondary sources.

"The Union Cabinet...today approved a ₹1,500 crore incentive scheme," the mines ministry said in a statement. The scheme incentives are

likely to develop at least 270 kilo tonnes of recycling capacity every year resulting in around 40 kilo tonnes annual critical mineral production, resulting in about ₹8,000 crore of investment and job creation--both direct and indirect-- of close to This scheme is part of the Na-

tional Critical Mineral Mission which is aimed at building the domestic capacity of and supply chain resilience in critical minerals. The government has approved

a ₹16,300-crore National Critical Mineral Mission, with a total outlay of ₹34,300 crore spread over seven years, aiming to achieve self-reliance and accelerate India's journey towards green energy transition. Critical minerals such as copper, lithium, nickel, cobalt and

rare earth elements are essential raw materials required to fuel the growth of rapidly growing clean energy technologies. According to the statement,

the scheme has a tenure of six

years from FY'26 to FY'31 and will provide incentives for the recycling value chain which is involved in actual extraction of critical minerals, and not the value chain involved in only black mass production.

The scheme will be applicable to investments in new units as well as expansion of capacity, modernisation and diversification of existing units, the statement said adding that expected beneficiaries will be both large, established recyclers, as well as small, new recyclers which includes start-ups, for whom one-third of the scheme outlay has been earmarked.

"The incentives under the scheme will comprise 20 per cent capex subsidy on plant and machinery, equipment and associated utilities for starting production within specified timeframe, beyond which re duced subsidy applicable; and Opex subsidy, which will be an incentive on incremental sales over the base year (2025-26) viz. 40 per cent of eligible Opex subsidy in the second year and balance 60 per cent in the fifth year from 2026-27 to 2030-31 on achievement of specified threshold incremental sales, it said.

In order to ensure greater number of beneficiaries, total incentive -- capex plus opex subsidy -- per entity will be subject to an overall ceiling of ₹50 crore for large entities and ₹25 crore for small entities, within which there will be a ceiling for Opex subsidy of ₹10 crore and ₹5 crore respectively.

ARUN GAWLI WALKS FREE ON SC BAIL AFTER 17 YEARS

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

Mumbai, Sept 3: After spending more than 17 years behind bars, gangster-turned-politician Arun Gawli Wednesday walked out of the Nagpur Central Jail with the Supreme Court last week granting him bail in a 2007 murder case, officials said.

The apex court granted bail to 76-year-old Gawli, who was serving life imprisonment for the murder of Mumbai Shiv Sena corporator Kamlakar Jamsandekar. In its

order passed August 28, the bench of Justices M M Sundresh and N Kotiswar Singh noted that Gawli was in jail for over 17 years and his appeal was pending before it. "After the completion of all le-

gal formalities of the prisons department, Gawli came out of the jail around 12.30 pm," an official said. His family members, relatives, lawyer and supporters waited outside and they greeted him as he stepped out of the prison.

> deployed inside the jail premises in view of Gawli's release, the official said. The top court granted bail to Gawli subject to terms and conditions imposed by the trial court. Gawli, who was

Additional police force was

booked under the Maharashtra Control of Organised Crime Act (MCOCA), had challenged the December 9, 2019 verdict of the Bombay High Court, upholding his life sentence given by the trial court.

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

Hyderabad, Sept 3: A day after her suspension from KCRled BRS, senior leader K Kavitha Wednesday announced her resignation from the party and trained her guns against cousin and former minister T

Boats anchored as the water level of the Rivers Ganga and Yamuna continues to rise following rainfall in Prayagraj,

Harish Rao. Kavitha, daughter of party founder and former Telangana Chief Minister K Chandrasekhar Rao (KCR), also announced quitting as Member of the Legislative Council and indicated there was "pressure" on her father to act against her.

She accused Harish Rao of "conspiring" against the KCR family

Addressing a press conference here, the 47-year-old former MP charged Harish Rao with having a "tacit under-



standing" with Chief Minister A Revanth Reddy.

"I never aspired for any posts. I am sending a resignation letter to (Legislative Council) chairman... I am also sending the resignation from primary membership of BRS to KCR,'

Kavitha said her brother and BRS Working President K T Rama Rao should be "careful" about the alleged conspiracies by Harish Rao.

She claimed that her brother did not back her when a "malicious campaign" was launched against her.

In the 2018 assembly elections, Harish Rao gave additional funding to 20-25 MLAs in addition to the funding provided by the party, she alleged.

"How did Harish Rao get so much money? 100 per cent, it was money that came from the corruption in the Kaleshwaram project. His idea was that he should have his MLAs if the result is not clear," Kavitha said.

Drawing an analogy from the popular film 'Bahubali', Kavitha said Harish Rao claims to be like 'Kattappa' and loyal to KCR, but why should he provide separate

funding to the MLAs.

She further alleged that Harish Rao sent money to defeat K T Rama Rao in Sircilla constituency in the 2009 assembly polls

"(Intentions) are to defeat KCR, KTR and to manage all MLAs in my Nizamabad MP segment (where she lost in Lok Sabha polls). It (Intention) is to defeat all and divide all in KCR family. My question to KCR and KTR is, will the party be in a good position if you have such people with you? But you send me out who speaks truth, she said.

Kavitha charged that the CBI probe announced by the Congress government against KCR over alleged irregularities in the Kaleshwaram irrigation project was due to "corruption' of cousins Harish Rao and Santosh Kumar.

Climate change could drive new snakebite hotspots: Study

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

New Delhi, Sept 3: Climate change could be creating conditions conducive for venomous snakes to shift and spread into India's north and northeast. potentially increasing risks of snakebites in regions so far considered unsuitable for the species, a study has found.

The 'Big Four' refers to the four species of venomous snakes -- common krait, Russell's viper, echis carinatus and Indian cobra -- that are known to be responsible for the majority of snakebite cases among humans on the Indi-

an subcontinent. Researchers

Increasing human-snake interactions across rural and urban areas could present new challenges for public health and medical management

from Dibru-Saikhowa Conservation Society and Assam Agricultural University, and Pukvong National University in South Korea, projected that Haryana, Rajasthan and As-

sam might see an expansion in habitat suitable for the Big Four snakes, due to conditions driven by climate change -- rising heat and humidity.

Further, under continued warming, northeast states, such as Manipur, Meghalaya, Nagaland, and Arunachal Pradesh -- considered to cur-

rently lack a habitat conducive for snakes -- also may see notable increases of over 100 per cent, the findings published in the journal PLOS Neglected Tropical Diseases reveal. Tropical and subtropical regions of the world experience a disproportionate impact of deaths due to a snakebite -- a neglected tropical disease. Cases in India are among the highest in the world. Snakebite is among other neglected tropical diseases, such as dengue and malaria, which are expanding in geographic reach due to climate change, breaching regions traditionally seen to register low cases of the diseases.

The researchers used models depicting the current and future geographic reach of the Big Four snakes under varied climate scenarios in the future. Regional socioeconomic and public health data were also used to develop a snakebite risk index for Indian districts and states over the next 50 years The risk index identified

several southern Indian states and districts, such as Karnata ka (including Chikkaballapu ra, Haveri, and Chitradurga) and Gujarat (Devbhumi Dwar ka and Jamnagar), as having high vulnerability to snake bite," the authors wrote.

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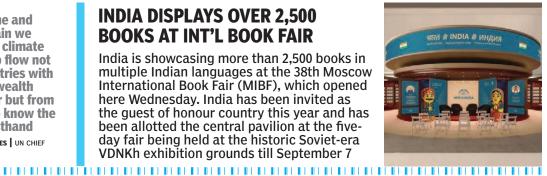


again we have seen climate leadership flow not from countries with the most wealth and power but from those who know the stakes firsthand

ANTONIO GUTERRES | UN CHIEF

INDIA DISPLAYS OVER 2,500 BOOKS AT INT'L BOOK FAIR

India is showcasing more than 2,500 books in multiple Indian languages at the 38th Moscow International Book Fair (MIBF), which opened here Wednesday. India has been invited as the guest of honour country this year and has been allotted the central pavilion at the fiveday fair being held at the historic Soviet-era VDNKh exhibition grounds till September 7



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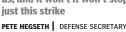
look at what the impact will be on the NATO (defence) plans

MARK RUTTE | NATO SECRETARY GENERAL

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We've got assets in the air, assets in the water, assets on ships, because this is a deadly serious mission for us, and it won't it won't stop with



PETE HEGSETH | DEFENSE SECRETARY, US

SHORT **TAKES**

Thailand's ruling party seeks new election

Bangkok: Thailand, which has been under a caretaker government since last week, saw competing efforts to resolve its political crisis Wednesday, as the country's main opposition party agreed to support its rival to be the next prime minister while the party in power said it wants a new election. The Pheu Thai party, which heads the caretaker government, announced it was asking the country's king to dissolve Parliament and call a new poll instead of having the current House of Representatives vote for a new prime minister. No date has yet been set for a vote in Parliament, nor was it clear if the king would endorse dissolution.

UK Deputy PM admits underpaying tax

London: Britain's Deputy Prime Minister and Housing Secretary, Angela Rayner, Wednesday admitted underpaying tax on a new home she recently bought on the south coast of England after receiving incorrect legal advice. Her admission followed weeks of intense media coverage over the stamp duty tax owed by the senior Cabinet minister, who has now referred herself to Prime Minister Keir Starmer's independent ethics adviser to probe if she broke the ministerial code of conduct. Starmer, meanwhile, came out in full support of his deputy during the weekly Prime Minister's Questions (PMQs) in the House of Commons even as the Opposition Conservatives demanded her sacking.

6 killed after assailants ambush vehicle in Pak

Peshawar: At least six people were killed after unknown assailants opened fire on a passenger vehicle in northwestern Pakistan's Wednesday, police said. The vehicle was travelling from Daradar to Sadda when it near Mahora in the lower Kurram district, bordering Afghanistan. The attackers managed to flee after the attack, police said, adding that the victims have not yet been identified.

Jamaica holds election

Kingston (Jamaica): Jamaica was holding a general election Wednesday that many believe could be a defining moment for an island shaken by corruption, inequity and economic concerns. Prime Minister Andrew Holness of the Jamaica Labour Party is seeking a third term and running against Mark Golding, an attorney and longtime leader of the People's National Party.

End war via talks or will end it by force: Putin

Putin said that he perceived a certain light at the end of the tunnel given what he said were sincere efforts by the United States to find a settlement to Europe's biggest land war since World War Two

REUTERS

Moscow, Sept 3: Russian President Vladimir Putin told Kyiv Wednesday there was a chance to end the war in Ukraine via negotiations "if common sense prevails", an option he said he preprefer to end war by ferred, but that he diplomacy was ready to end it by force if that

Suggests Zelenskiy come to was the only way. Moscow if he's ready Speaking in Beijing at the Ukraine says Putin's proposals are end of a visit that resulted in an agreement on a new gas pipeline to China, Putin said he perceived "a certain light at the end of the tunnel", given what he said were sincere efforts by the United States to find a settlement to

since World War Two. "It seems to me that if common sense prevails, it will be possible to agree on an acceptable solution to end this con-

Vienna, Sept 3: A confidential

report by the United Nations'

nuclear watchdog circulated to

member states and seen by The

Associated Press said Wednes-

day that Iran increased its

stockpile of uranium enriched

to near weapons-grade levels

before Israel launched its mili-

The report by the Vien-

na-based International Atom-

ic Energy Agency said that as

of June 13. Iran had 440.9 kg of

uranium enriched up to 60%.

an increase of 32.3 kg since the

figure is "based on the informa-

tion provided by Iran, agency

verification activities between

17 May 2025 and 12 June 2025

(the day preceding the start of

the military attacks), and esti-

mates based on the past opera-

tion of the relevant facilities".

technical step away from

weapons-grade levels of 90%.

The confidential report also

said Iran and the IAEA have

not reached an agreement on

resuming inspections of sites

affected by Israeli and US

The only site inspected since

the war has been the Bushehr

Nuclear Power Plant, which

operates with Russian technical

assistance. The director general

of the UN nuclear watchdog, Ra-

fael Grossi, said that "technical

modalities to enable the full re-

sumption of Agency inspection

bombing in June.

That material is a short,

The report stated that this

IAEA's last report in May.

tary attack June 13.

Europe's biggest land war



flict. That is my assumption," Putin told reporters.

'Especially since we can see the mood of the current US administration under President (Donald)

Trump, and we see not just their statements, but their sincere desire to find this solution... And I think there is a certain light at the end of the tunnel. Let's see how the situation devel-

"If not, then we will have to resolve all the tasks before us by force of arms.

However, Putin indicated no willingness to soften his long-standing demands, including that Kyiv abandon any idea of joining NATO and that it end what Moscow says is discrimination against Russian

should be concluded without

The report stated that while

the withdrawal of UN inspec-

tors from Iran during the war

"was necessary given the over-

all security situation, Tehran's

"subsequent decision to cut co-

operation with the IAEA was

As of June 13, Iran's total en-

riched uranium stockpile was

9874.9 kg, which represents an

increase of 627.3 kg since the

last repot in May, the report

said. The IAEA said that since

June 13, it has "not been able

to conduct the in-field activ-

ities required to collect and

verify Iran's declarations used

to estimate the changes to the

previously reported stockpile".

approximately 42 kg of 60%

enriched uranium is theoret-

ically enough to produce one

atomic bomb, if enriched fur-

The IAEA also reported that

inspectors have not been able to

verify Iran's near bomb-grade

stockpile for over two and a half

months, which it called "a mat-

ter of serious concern".

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According to the IAEA.

deeply regrettable

delay," the report stated.

UN: Iran increased stockpile of



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> VLADIMIR PUTIN RUSSIAN PRESIDENT

speakers.

He said he was ready to hold talks with Volodymyr Zelenskiy if the Ukrainian president came to Moscow, but that any such meeting had to be well prepared and lead to tangible results.

Ukraine's foreign minister dismissed as "unacceptable" the suggestion of Moscow as a venue for such a meeting.

Zelenskiy has been pressing

organ transplants, immortality Beijing: When Russian President Vladimir Putin walked shoulder to shoulder

Hot mic picks up Putin, Xi discussing

with China's President Xi Jinping Wednesday, a hot mic caught them discuss ing organ transplants and the possibility that humans could live to 150 years old. The moment came as Putin and Xi walked with North Korea's Kim Jong Un at the head of a delegation of more than two dozen foreign leaders to view a military parade in Beijing marking the 80th anniversary of the end of World War Two. The moment was carried on the livestream provided by state broadcaster CCTV to other media, including China-state broadcaster CGTN, AP and Reuters. China's radio and TV administration said CCTV's coverage of the event was viewed 1.9 billion times online and by more than 400 million on TV. As Putin and Xi walked toward the Tiananmen rostrum where they viewed the parade with Kim, Putin's translator could be heard saying in Chinese, "Biotechnology is continuously developing." The translator added, after an inaudible passage, "human organs can be continuously transplanted The longer you live, the younger you become, and (you can) even achieve immortality." In response, Xi, who was off camera, can be heard responding in Chinese, "Some predict that in this century humans may live to 150 years old." Kim was smiling and looking in the direction of Putin and Xi, but it was not clear if the conversation was being translated for him. Putin cannot be heard speaking clearly in Russian in the CCTV clip. The Russian government did not immediately respond to a request for comment. China's Ministry of Foreign Affairs and CCTV did not immediately respond to a request from Reuters for comment. As Xi began speaking, the video cut to a wide shot of Tiananmen Square and the audio faded. Just over 30 seconds later, Xi, Putin and Kim reappeared on camera as they walked on the steps toward the viewing platform for the parade. At the event, Xi told a crowd of more than 50,000 spectators the world faced a choice of "peace or war" as he inspected troops and cutting-edge military equipment, including hypersonic missiles and naval drones. North Korean leader Kim Jong Un has brought his young daughter on his most significant foreign trip in years, a trip to China that marks his latest attempt to break out of isolation and bolster his position by balancing between traditional allies Moscow and Beijing. The girl is believed to be named Kim Ju Ae and is around 12 or 13 years old. Not much else is known about her Since 2022, Kim Jong Un has showcased her at a growing number of major public events tied to his nuclear-armed military, fuelling speculation she is being primed as the country's next leader.

to meet Putin to discuss the terms of a possible deal even though the two sides remain far apart. He has urged Washington to impose further sanctions on Russia if Putin does not agree.

Trump - who has been trying to broker a peace settlement has also said he wants the two leaders to meet and has threatened, but not yet imposed, secondary sanctions on Russia.

Putin, whose economy is showing signs of strain after being hit with sweeping Western sanctions, said he would prefer to end the war diplomatically, "by peaceful means", if possible.

Trump-backed bitcoin company begins trading on Nasdaq

ASSOCIATED PRESS

Washington, Sept 3: A bitcoin treasury and mining company linked to the Trump family began trading Wednesday on the Nasdag stock market.

American Bitcoin's listing follows a completed merger with Gryphon Digital Mining. The company is backed by President Donald Trump's sons, Donald Trump Jr and Eric Trump.

"Our Nasdaq debut marks a historic milestone in bringing bitcoin into the core of US capital markets," Eric Trump said in a statement. He is a co-founder and chief strategy officer of American Bitcoin. Public companies accumu

lating bitcoin as a corporate treasury has become a popular trend in crypto as the world's most popular digital asset is priced near an all-time high The parent company of Trump's Truth Social has also moved to accumulate bitcoin.

American Bitcoin said it plans to use "self-mining operations and opportunistic bitcoin pur chases" to stand out in a growing field. Wednesday's listing gives investors yet another chance to put money in a Trump-linked crypto project. The Trump family has made a heavy pivot from real estate into crypto in the last year with projects ranging from a US dollar-backed stablecoin to the president hawking his own meme coin.

Trump-family Another backed crypto project Monday, World Liberty Financial, launched public trading of its tokens. The popularity of such projects has put the value of the Trump family's crypto holdings at several billion dollars, at least on paper. Democrats have blast ed the president for trying to monetize his popularity with crypto investors while also pushing for pro-crypto legislation and regulations.

India kills us with tariffs: Trump uranium before Israeli attack PRESS TRUST OF INDIA New York/Washington, Sept

3: India kills the US with tariffs and the country has now offered "no tariffs" to America, President Donald Trump has said, amid New Delhi's escalating tensions with Washington over his administration's policies on trade and tariffs.

"They have tariffs against us. China, which kills us with tariffs. India kills us with tariffs. Brazil kills us" with tariffs. Trump said in a telephone interview with The Scott Jennings Radio Show Tuesday.

Trump added that he understands tariffs better than other

"I understood tariffs better than any human being in the world. And now with my tariffs, they were all dropping them. India was the most highly tariffed nation... And you know what, they've offered me no tariffs in India anymore. No tariffs," Trump said.

"If I didn't have tariffs, they would never make that offer. They would never make that offer. So you have to have tariffs We're going to be economically strong," he added.

With a federal appeals court ruling that most of Trump's tariffs imposed on countries around the world are illegal. Trump said that the court case is sponsored by other nations because they're taking advantage of us.

"...they're not going to take advantage anymore," he added. Later, speaking at the White House, Trump said that America gets along with India very well, but the relationship was one-sided for many years since

ton "tremendous tariffs "No, we get along with India very said in response to a question on whether he is considering taking away some of the tariffs imposed on DONALD TRUMP

He said that for many years, the relationship between India and the US was 'one-sided" and that changed when he assumed office.

Delhi was charging Washing-

"India was charging us tremendous tariffs, about the highest in the world," Trump said, adding that the US was therefore not doing much business with India.

"But they were doing business with us because we weren't charging them, foolishly, we weren't charging them," he said, adding that India was pouring its products into the

country. There-

fore, it wouldn't

be made here.

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charging us 100 per

cent tariffs," Trump

"They'd send it in, pour it into our I understood tariffs better than any human being in the world. And now with my tariffs, they were all dropping them. India was the most highly tariffed nation... And you know what, they've offered me no tariffs in India anymore. No tariffs cause they were

The US president cited the example of Harley Davidson motorcycles, saying the company couldn't sell into India because there was a 200 per

cent tariff on a motorcycle. "So what happens? Harley Davidson went to India and built a motorcycle plant, and now they don't have to pay tariffs, same thing as us," he said.

14 killed in suicide bombing after BNP rally in Balochistan

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Karachi, Sept 3: At least 14 people have been killed and 35 others injured in a suicide bombing shortly after the conclusion of a public rally organised by the Balochistan National Party (BNP) in Quet

ta, according to media reports The explosion occurred close to Shahwani Stadium in the Sariab area Tuesday night af ter the rally held to mark the fourth death anniversary of Sardar Attaullah Mengal end ed, The Express Tribune news-

paper reported. Provincial Health Minister Bakht Muhammad Kakar confirmed the casualties, the news

Officials confirmed it was a suicide attack, the Dawn reported. According to police. the explosion occurred about 15 minutes after the meeting ended. The bomber allegedly detonated his explosives-laden jacket in the parking area as

participants were leaving the

Brandishing brooms, Indonesian women join Jakarta protests

India.

REUTERS

Jakarta, Sept 3: Hundreds of women dressed in pink joined protests in Indonesia's capital Wednesday against lawmakers' perks and police brutality, waving brooms as a symbol of their calls for reform, while the president flew to China for a military parade.

The women carried signs

Protests involving students,

democracy, spreading nationwide after a police vehicle hit and killed a motorcycle taxi

Rights groups say 10 people and rubber bullets by police.

The Alliance, a coalition of women-led civil society groups. had called off a planned protest Monday citing the risk of a vi-

olence and what she said was wasteful government spending.

"If the government said protests were treasonous, it should be questioned."



has said the military and police would stand firm against violent mobs, and said Sunday that some of the unrest bore the signs of terrorism and treason.

Prabowo attended a lavish military parade in China Wednesday, after initially cancelling due to the unrest, with his office saying that signs of

■ Indonesian women join Jakarta protests

■ Deputy speakers hear students' demands

Unrest could hit sovereign credit profile, says Fitch Ratings

normalcy returning in Indonesia were a factor in his decision

Trying to placate the protesters, three deputy speakers of parliament held a meeting with at least 10 student unions, whose demands included the release of protesters from police detention and an investigation into Prabowo's accusation about treason.

The student body of Universi-

ty of Indonesia called for an independent party to investigate police violence during the unrest and expressed disappointment over lawmakers' benefits as ordinary Indonesians experience economic hardship.

"It's as if they take advantage of us in every election. But after they won, we were forgotten, said Agus Setiawan, chief of University of Indonesia stu dent body.

Sufmi Dasco Ahmad, deputy parliament speaker and a senior member of Prabowo's political party, said parliament will evaluate members' benefits, impose a moratorium on overseas trips and introduce re

forms to improve transparency

The students will be given a chance to convey their de mands directly to the government Thursday, Dasco said.

Khyber Pakhtunkhwa province suspected militants ambushed

with slogans such as "reform the police" and "your sweet promises cause diabetes," as well as the brooms which protest organiser The Alliance of Indonesian Women said symbolised a need to "sweep (away) the state's dirt and the repressiveness of security forces."

workers and rights groups that began in Jakarta last week have rocked the world's third-largest

driver Thursday night.

have died in the demonstrations, which have sparked some looting and rioting and which have been met with tear gas

olent response by authorities. 'We want to show that protests are mostly peaceful," said 30-year-old Rizky Ananda, who was demonstrating against vi-

President Prabowo Subianto

business



There is some premiumisation in the Indian market. The trend is there. We are covering up to the mid-size SUV segment but then the over 4.5 meter SUV (segment) is becoming a decent market size

HISASHI TAKEUCHI | MD AND CEO, MAURTI SUZUKI

TELEXCELL TRADE PROPOSES TO ACQUIRE 25% IN WELCURE

Welcure Drugs & Pharmaceuticals Ltd Wednesday said that Singapore-based Telexcell Trade has offered to acquire up to 25 per cent equity stake in the company at an indicative price of ₹20 per share. This strategic investment is aimed at enhancing Welcure's global footprint, leveraging growing opportunities in emerging markets, the company said in a statement without revealing the actual size of the deal





Key discussions also focused on adopting value capture financing models to ensure sustainable fund-

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DHRUV GOEL | CEO, BIGMINT

SHORT **TAKES**

Rupee recovers 13P

from all-time low

Mumbai: Rupee recovered

US dollar Wednesday, on

positive domestic equities,

is trading near all-time low levels amid persistent foreign fund outflows on the back of

ongoing trade tariff concerns

between India and the US.

exchange market, the rupee

low of 88.19 and a high of

87.98 against the American

currency. The domestic unit

finally settled for the day at

its previous closing.

88.02, higher by 13 paise over

Labour Ministry alert

Wednesday cautioned citizens

against certain fake Pradhan

antri Viksit Bharat Rozga

claiming" to be undertakings

to the notice of the Ministry

of Labour & Employment that

certain websites like https://

pmviksitbharatrozgaryojana.

viksitbharatrozgaryojana.

com/ are falsely claiming

the Government of India

applications for recruitment

at pan-India locations under

the name of the ministry.

The Pradhan Mantri Viksit

facilitating registrations

under the Pradhan Mantri

Bharat Rozgar Yojana portal,

Viksit Bharat Rozgar Yojana

announced by Prime Minister

Narendra Modi in his 12th

went live in August.

Independence Day address,

to be undertakings of

and allegedly inviting

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of the government. It has come

Yojana (PMVBRY) portals,

saying these are "falsely

New Delhi: The Ministry

of Labour & Employment

opened at 88.15 against the US

dollar, then fell to an intraday

At the interbank foreign

softening of crude oil prices and weak US dollar index. Forex traders said the rupee

13 paise from its all-time low

level to settle at 88.02 against

digital transformation.

our IT backbone, accelerate

and embed new capabilities

into our global operations

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equity indices Sensex and Nifty closed higher in a volatile session Wednesday, driven by a rally in metal stocks and optimism related to the Goods ing, and aligning infrastructure and Service Tax (GST) Council development with city master

meeting. plans for seamless integration The 30-share BSE Sensex NITIN GADKARI | UNION ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS MINISTER

jumped 409.83 points or 0.51 per cent to settle at 80,567.71. The 50-share NSE Nifty climbed 135.45 points or 0.55 per cent to With India's 24,715.05.

> The GST Council is meeting in New Delhi for two days to discuss the proposed pruning of tax rates to 5 per cent and 18 Among Sensex firms, Tata

Sensex closes higher

Mumbai, Sept 3: Benchmark

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Steel jumped the most by 5.90 per cent. Titan, Mahindra & Mahindra, ITC, Eternal, State Bank of India, and Trent were among the other gainers.

However, Infosys, NTPC, Hindustan Unilever, TCS. Adani Ports and Bharti Airtel were among the laggards.

Indian equities closed higher after a mixed start to the session, buoyed by expectations of a consumption-led stimulus from the potential GST slab rationalisation. The BSE smallcap gauge

jumped 0.90 per cent and midcap index climbed 0.63 per cent.

Among BSE sectoral indices. metal surged the most by 3.08 per cent, followed by commodities (1.53 per cent), healthcare (1.20 per cent), consumer discretionary (0.80 per cent), financial services (0.73 per cent), bankex (0.71 per cent) and auto (0.71 per cent).

IT, teck, BSE Focused IT and utilities were the laggards.

No GST on Life and health insurance

Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman Wednesday said that all individual life insurance policies whether term life, **ULIP** or endowment policies and subsequent reinsurance are exempt from GST

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New Delhi, Sept 3: Life insurance and health insurance premium would come down as such products are now exempt from Goods and Services Tax (GST).

Announcing the outcome of 56th GST Council meeting, Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman Wednesday said that all individual life insurance policies whether term life. ULIP or endowment policies and subsequent reinsurance are exempt

All individual health insurance policies including family floater policies and policies for senior citizens and reinsurance thereof will also be exempt from GST, she said.

Since its inception in July



2017, GST at the rate of 18 per cent is levied on premium paid towards health insurance and life insurance.

"We will make sure that companies pass on GST rate reduction and make insurance affordable for the common man and increase the insurance coverage in the country," she said.

She further said that the new rates would be effective from September 22, the first day of Navaratri.

The government has collected ₹16,398 crore from goods and services tax (GST) levied on healthcare and life insurance

Of this, ₹8,135 crore came from life insurance and ₹8,263 crore from health insurance. Additionally, ₹2,045 crore was also raised as GST from re-insurance on life and health insurance last fiscal, including ₹561 crore from rein-

surance on life and ₹1,484 crore on health care.

GST on healthcare and life insurance services brought in ₹16,770 crore in FY23, including ₹9,132 crore from life insurance and ₹7,638 crore from healthcare insurance.

The 56th GST Council. chaired by Union Finance Minister and comprising ministers from all states, has agreed on two tax rates of 5 and 18 per cent by moving products from the current 12 and 28 per cent slab to lower rates.

A special 40 per cent rate vould be levied on a select few

A 4-tier GST structure of 5, 12, 18 and 28 per cent was implemented from July 1, 2017, when the Centre and states agreed to subsume most of their taxes. like excise duty and VAT, into one uniform tax.

Gold (*a*) ₹1.07 lakh

In the Delhi market, gold of 99.5 per cent purity extended the gains for the eighth consecutive session

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New Delhi, Sept 3: Gold prices rallied ₹1,000 to touch a fresh record high of ₹1,07,070 per 10 grams in the local markets Wednesday amid hopes of Fed easing rates, mounting geopolitical tensions and growing worries around the US economy.

According to the All India Sarafa Association, the precious metal of 99.9 per cent purity had closed at ₹1,06,070 per 10 grams

In the Delhi market, gold of 99.5 per cent purity extended the gains for the eighth consecutive session, appreciating ₹1,000, to hit a fresh record high of ₹1,06,200 per 10 grams (inclusive of all taxes) Wednesday.

It had settled at ₹1,05,200 per 10 grams in the previous market session. On the MCX, the most traded October contract of gold skyrocketed by ₹1,148 or 1.08 per cent to hit a fresh peak of ₹1,06,940 per 10 grams Wednesday.

Meanwhile, silver prices traded flat at ₹1,26,100 per kilogram (inclusive of all taxes) on Wednesday, its all-time high level, as per the association. In the international markets.

snot gold climbed to hit an alltime high of \$3.547.09 per ounce.

"Gold continues to rise higher as safe-haven demand stayed strong amid hopes of Fed easing rates, mounting geopolitical tensions and growing worries around the US economy," Chintan Mehta, CEO, Abans Financial Services, said.

"Later this week, OPEC+ will hold a meeting, while Russia

FDI inflow rises 15% in April-June

supplies concerns persist as a recent Ukrainian attack hurt 17 per cent of Russian oil process ing capacity, due to which oil prices have bounced back from recent lows," Mehta said, adding that "this could weigh in infla tion number, weakening dollar and supporting gold".

N S Ramaswamy, Head of Commodity and CRM, Ventura, said, "The upside march of the precious metal extends beyond being only a hedge against inflation, as the US Fed is on the stage to start cutting interest rates with hotter inflation.

"Expectations of a rate cut by the US Federal Reserve rate cut this month and lingering uncer tainty over President Donald Trump's tariff policies continue to support the yellow metal,' Ramaswamy said.

However, spot silver traded 0.11 per cent lower to trade at \$40.84 per ounce in New York. "The market focus has shifted

to the week's US unemployment data and non-farm payrolls due to released on Friday, which along with expectations of a rate cut, is likely to keep gold supported. In this hot gold rally, profit booking wouldn't come up soon," he added. "The US ad ministration announced its in tention to request an expedited ruling from the Supreme Court regarding tariffs after a US appeals court deemed them illegal last week. Growing uncertainty and potential trade tensions in the market bolstered demand for safe-haven metal," Saumil Gand hi, Senior Analyst - Commodities at HDFC Securities, said.

Services PMI hits 15-yr high

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New Delhi, Sept 3: The Indian services sector growth touched a 15-year high in August, driven by a sharp rise in new orders and output, amid substantial improvement in demand conditions, a monthly survey said Wednesday.

seasonally adjusted HSBC India Services PMI Business Activity Index was up from 60.5 in July to 62.9 in August, indicating the steepest rate of expansion since June 2010. In the Purchasing Managers' Index (PMI) parlance, a print above 50 means expansion, while a score below 50 denotes contraction.

According to the survey, a substantial improvement in demand during August pushed growth of new orders and activity to their highest rates in over 15 years. Moreover, the rise in international sales was the third-strongest since the series started in September 2014.

"India's services PMI Business Activity Index reached a fifteen-vear high last month. from 60.5 in July to 62.9 in August, on the back of surging new orders," said Pranjul Bhandari, Chief India Economist at HSBC

Aiding the rise in total sales was a pick-up in growth of new export orders, the survey said, adding that panel members signalled greater demand from clients in Asia, Europe, the Middle East and the US

"The broad-based expansion in international sales bolstered overall demand, which prompted Indian services firms to hire additional workers. Reflecting higher labour costs and robust demand conditions, both input and output prices increased substantially in August," Bhan-

On the price front, the rate of inflation quickened to a nine-month high. Meanwhile, demand buoyancy facilitated the steepest increase in output charges since July 2012.

However, year-ahead expectations improved to a joint fivemonth high in August (equal to May). Some companies also hope to be able to take on more work as a result of staff recruitment in recent months.

August data highlighted a broad-based pick-up in growth of output across India's manufacturing and service sectors. Subsequently, the HSBC India Composite PMI Output Index rose from 61.1 in July to 63.2 in August, indicating the sharpest pace of expansion in over 17 years.

"The composite PMI rose to a 17-year high of 63.2 in August, which indicated strong broadbased output growth in both the manufacturing and service sectors," Bhandari said.

Composite PMI indices are weighted averages of comparable manufacturing and services PMI indices. Weights reflect the relative size of the manufacturing and service sectors according to official GDP data.

In 2025, the Union **Budget proposed** increasing the FDI limit

from 74 per cent to 100 per cent for companies investing their entire premium within India

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New Delhi, Sept 3: Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) in India rose 15 per cent to \$18.62 billion during April-June this fiscal year, while the inflow from the US nearly tripled to \$5.61 billion during the quarter despite tariff issues, according to government data released Wednesday.

FDI during April-June FY25 stood at \$16.17 billion. In March quarter 2024-25, the inflows fell 24.5 per cent year-on-year to \$9.34 billion. Total FDI, which includes equity inflows, reinvested earnings and other capital, increased to \$25.2 billion during the quarter under review as against \$22.5 billion in the same period of 2024-25.

During the period, the US emerged as the largest source of FDI with \$5.61 billion as against \$1.50 billion in April-June 2024-25 despite tariff issues.

It was followed by Singapore (\$4.59 billion), Mauritius (\$2.08 billion), Cyprus (\$ 1.1 billion), the UAE (\$1 billion), Cayman Islands (\$676 million), the Netherlands (\$ 667 million), Japan (\$551 million), and Germany (\$191 million).

The US is the third-biggest investor in India with investments of \$76.26 billion between April 2000 and June 2025. The top investment sources are Mauritius at \$182.2 billion and Singapore at \$179.48 billion in the same period.

Sectorally, inflows rose in computer software and hardware (\$5.4 billion), services (\$3.28 billion), trading (\$ 506 million), telecommunication (\$ 24 million), automobile (\$1.29 billion), construction development (\$ 75 million).

non-conventional energy (\$1.14 billion) and chemicals (\$140 million) during April-June quarter

The data also showed that Karnataka received the highest inflow of \$5.69 billion during the quarter.

It was followed by Maharashtra (\$ 5.36 billion), Tamil Nadu (\$ 2.67 billion), Haryana (\$1.03 billion), Gujarat (\$ 1.2 billion), Delhi (\$1 billion), and Telangana (\$395 million).

The government has put in place an investor-friendly Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) policy, under which most sectors are open for 100 per cent overseas inflows through the automatic route.

The government has under taken reforms across multiple sectors to liberalise FDI norms Between 2014 and 2019, signif icant reforms included in creased FDI caps in defence, insurance, and pension sec tors, and liberalised policies

for construction, civil aviation

and single brand retail trading From 2019 to 2024, notable measures included allowing 100 per cent FDI under the automatic route in coal mining contract manufacturing, and insurance intermediaries. In 2025, the Union Budget proposed increasing the FDI limit from 74 per cent to 100 per cent for companies investing their entire premium within India

MoEFCC introduces reforms to push green biz With new challenges and

New Delhi, Sept 3: In line with Government's commitment to Ease of Doing Business and the principles of trust-based governance, Union Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change (MoEFCC) has introduced a major reform through the notification of the Environment Audit Rules, 2025, August 29.

Drawing upon international best practices, these rules have been conceptualized to address the existing gaps in environmental compliance monitoring. Compliance with statutes such as the Environment (Protection) Act, 1986, the Forest (Conservation) Act. 1980, the Wildlife Protection Act, 1972, Green Credit Rules, 2023 and other related regulations is essential to safeguard the environment from degradation while promoting sustain-

able development. This scheme aims to bridge the manpower and infrastructure deficits faced regulatory authorities, thereby strengthening the effec-

tive implementation of environmental compliance mechanisms. Furthermore, the scheme

is designed to ensure greater

transparency, accountability,

and credibility in the compliance monitoring process, fostering trust among stakeholders and promot-

ing sustainable environmental There will Committee.

lenges, and suggests reforms.

led by Adan ditional Secretary from MoEFCC. along with

tives from relevant divisions to monitors progress, addresses implementation chal-

pecting several outcomes **Strengthening Environmental** Compliance:

changes, the government is ex-

These rules aim to ensure

independent third-party verification of environmental performance, making compliance more credible, measurable, and enforceable

Aligning with Emerging Environmental Frameworks:

The rules are designed to support and integrate with various other environmental instruments like Green Credit Programme, Eco-mark Certification and Extended Producer Responsibility under waste rules.

Enhancing Regulatory Capacity:

By creating a pool of trained and certified professionals, the burden is shared, allowing the government to focus on highrisk enforcement and policy improvement. **Data-Driven Environmental**

Governance:

Regular audits will provide systematic, verifiable, and digitized data on emissions, discharges, waste, and resource use. This supports better decision-making, public disclosure, and targeted interventions.

Proactive Risk Management:

Audits help detect non-compliance early, enabling timely corrective action and prevent ing environmental damage

Conclusion:

It will be interesting to see whether or not the new reforms would work in a manner that the government has planned out for ease of doing business.

Cognizant CEO features in 2025 TIME 100 AI list

POST NEWS NETWORK

Bangalore, Sept 3: Cognizant recently announced that CEO Ravi Kumar S has been named to the 2025 TIME 100 AI list. This prestigious recognition highlights Kumar's visionary leadership and contributions to the field of enterprise AI.

The TIME 100 AI list highlights the most influential leaders, thinkers, scientists, and policymakers across various fields. Inclusion on this list not only reflects Kumar's dedication and contributions to advancing AI technology but also underscores Cognizant's commitment to driving innovation and excellence across the industry.

To fuel continued AI innovation within Cognizant, Kumar has pioneered a structure that



supports agile, purpose-driven collaboration in lieu of rigid hi erarchies. A primary example of this approach is Cognizant's Bluebolt program - a grassroots innovation initiativeKumar spearheaded in 2023to help un lock freshthinking around AI use cases from across the or ganisation. To date, Bluebolt has empowered employees to share more than 500,000 ideas. Kumar will amplify his vision for AI further via his diversified roles in the US.

CELEBRATION TURNED TRAGIC

Kohli's emotional tribute to stampede victims

India star, former RCB captain breaks silence on the tragedy that claimed 11 lives during celebrations outside M Chinnaswamy Stadium, urging unity, healing, and remembrance

INDO-ASIAN NEWS SERVICE

Bangalore, Sept 3: Talismanic hatter Virat Kohli, reacting for the first time regarding the June 4 Bengaluru stampede tragedy which claimed 11 lives near Chinnaswamy Stadium in Bengaluru during the RCB celebrations, has stated Wednesday that, "What should've been the happiest moment in our franchise's history... turned into something tragic and vowed to move forward with care and respect."

Royal Challengers Bengalu ru took to social media to share Kohli' statement that read, "Nothing in life really prepares you for a heartbreak like June

4th. What should've been the happiest moment in our franchise's history... turned into something tragic.

Virat Kohli further stated, "I've been thinking of and praying for the families of those we lost... and for our fans who were injured. Your loss is part of our story now. Together, we will move forward with care, respect and responsibility." The RCB, commenting on this post stated in bold letters, "Virat Kholi reflects on his emotions, and echoes how all of us at RCB feel.'

Earlier, the Bengaluru based franchise, under the 'RCB Cares' initiative announced Rs 25 lakh each for the families of



the deceased persons

RCB cares official announcement stated August 30 that, "Our hearts broke on June 4, 2025. We lost eleven members of the RCB family. They were part of us. Part of what makes our city, our community & amp; our team unique. Their absence will echo in the memories of each one of us.

"No amount of support can ever fill the space they've left behind. But as a first step, and with the deepest respect, RCB has extended Rs 25 lakh each to their families. Not just as financial aid, but as a promise of compassion, unity, and ongoing care.

Nothing in life really prepares you for a heartbreak like June 4th. What should've been the happiest moment in our franchise's history... turned into something tragic

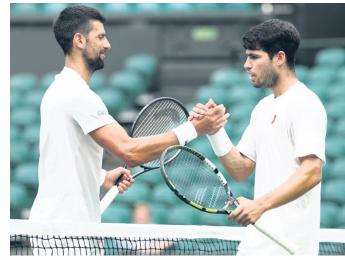
This is also the beginning of 'RCB Cares': a long-term commitment for meaningful action that begins by honouring their memory. Every step forward will reflect what the fans feel, expect, and deserve.'

Following RCB's maiden IPL title win, thousands of jubilant fans gathered outside the M Chinnaswamy Stadium June 4, where the official celebrations were held. However, the event took a devastating turn as the overcrowded venue led to chaos when fans attempted to forcefully enter the stadium, resulting in a deadly stampede.

CLASH OF THE TITANS

Alcaraz, Djoko set to serve up semifinals

Djokovic reached his record-extending 53rd Grand Slam semifinal, which is the most by any man or woman in the history of the sport



REUTERS

New York, Sept 3: Carlos Alcaraz dazzled at the US Open to make the semi-finals Tuesday before Novak Djokovic danced his way through to book a New York showdown with the Spaniard that will mark the latest chapter in their generational rivalry.

Former champion Alcaraz produced yet another entertaining display at Flushing Meadows to dismantle 20th seed Jiri Lehecka 6-4 6-2 6-4 at a sunbathed Arthur Ashe Stadium, securing his place in the last four without dropping a set this year.

"Sometimes I play a shot that I should not play in that moment but it's the way I love playing tennis," Alcaraz, who is two wins away from taking the world number one spot from Italian rival Jannik Sinner, told Sky Sports.

"I want to play solid, play well and play smart but at the same time when I have the opportunity to play a great shot or a hot shot let's say - why not? "I'm here to entertain the people, myself and the team."

Djokovic topped the bill in a truncated evening session after women's champion Aryna Sabalenka received a walkover when Marketa Vondrousova withdrew due to a knee injury.

The Belarusian will face Jessica Pegula in the semi-finals.

Djokovic, chasing a 25th Grand Slam title to move above Margaret Court in the all-time list, beat American Taylor Fritz 6-3 7-5 3-6 6-4 and celebrated the win by performing a dance for his daughter on her birthday.

Fritz has now lost 11 straight to the 38-year-old Serb, who became the oldest player in the

on Thursday. The India-Korea

match was delayed by nearly 50

minutes because of a heavy down-

pour just before opening whistle.

livewire for India in the midfield

with his neat dribbles and solo

runs. India secured their first

penalty corner in the second

minute. The hosts earned back-

to-back penalty corners in the

seventh minute but they failed

to breach the Korean defence.

From the onset, Hardik was a

I'd love to be fit enough to play and to play potentially five sets with Carlos. I know that my best tennis is going to be required, but I'd rise to the occasion

Grand Slams in a single season. Alcaraz is 16 years Djokovic's iunior but could face a tough test in his pursuit of a sixth Grand Slam title having lost five of his eight matches against

to reach the semis of all four

The Spaniard has lost his last two to Djokovic - in the Australian Open quarter-finals this year and in last year's Paris Olympics final, a clash that left both players in tears for different reasons.

Bhambri makes first ever Grand Slam QFs



uki Bhambri reached the guarterfinals of a Grand Slam for the first time in his career, progressing to the last-eight of the US Open men's doubles competition with partner Michael Venus here. The 14th seeded Indo-New Zealand combination knocked out fourth-seeded German pair of Kevin Krawietz and Tim Puetz 6-4 6-4 in one hour and 23 minutes. They will next take on Croatia's Nikola Mektic and American veteran Rajeev Ram, who are the 11th seeds in the draw. In his injury-marred singles career, the 33-year-old Indian could never go beyond the first round but in doubles, he has been doing better. He reached the third round of French Open and

SHORT **TAKES**

Top spot for Suruchi



New Delhi: Indian teen shooter Suruchi Inder Singh grabbed the top spot, while double Olympic medallist Manu Bhaker was ranked sixth in the latest ISSF women's 10m air pistol rankings. The 19-year-old Suruchi, who began shooting at the age of 13. has 4162 points and is placed ahead of China's Yao Qianxun (3195 points) and Qian Wei (2178 points) who are placed second and third respectively. With 1988 points, Manu is placed sixth in the rankings updated Monday. Manu, however, is fourth in the 25m pistol category with 1800 points followed by Esha Singh at sixth with 1512 points. In the ISSF World Cup events this year, Suruchi won gold in mixed team event of 10m air pistol at Lima while she bagged gold medals in individual events of the competition at Munich, Lima and Buenos Aires. Sift Kaur Samra, who won the gold medal in the Asian Shooting Championship last month in the 50m air rifle category, is placed second with 3034 points while Ashi Chouksey is 10th. In 10m air rifle women's category, Elavenil Valarivan is placed fifth with 2604 points.

Sukant World No 1



shuttler Sukant Kadam has climbed to the coveted No 1 spot in the SL4 category in the latest BWF rankings. Sukant's rise to the top follows his gold medal-winning performance at the Spanish Para-Badminton International 2025. "Reaching World No. 1 is a dream come true and it motivates me to push harder in my training every day," Sukant said. Looking ahead, he is preparing for the upcoming China Para-Badminton International 2025, with his sights firmly set on the Asian Para Games next year. "China Para Badminton International 2025 is a great opportunity to test myself against the best, and I am focused on maintaining this form to perform my best at the Asian Games next year," he added.

Pak's fielding woes



outfield handed Pakistan their first defeat of the ongoing tri-series, going down by 18 runs against Afghanistan in Sharjah Tuesday. According to a report, Pakistan have dropped 48 catches, missed 98 run outs, and misfield 89 times since the start of 2024. They top two of the above parameters among the 41 teams during the same period, and are second on misfields after West Indies (90). It is also worth noting that Pakistan have played the most matches in this timeframe, their catching efficiency of 81.4% ranks joint 8th (alongside Ireland) among the 12 full-member teams.

IOC restores funding to IOA

International Olympic Committee suspended Olympic Solidarity funding for Indian Olympic Association due to internal feud

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New Delhi, Sept 3: The International Olympic Committee (IOC) has decided to resume its funding to India under the Olympic Solidarity Programme a year after halting it, acknowledging the Indian Olympic Association's (IOA) "corrective measures" to resolve internal disputes and governance issues. The Executive Board of the

IOC had last year stopped the yearly grant of Rs 15 crore meant for athlete development programmes in the wake of the prolonged infighting during which 12 Executive Council members of the IOA refused to ratify the appointment of Raghuram Iver as the body's CEO. citing his high salary. But, following an interven-

tion by Sports Minister Mansukh Mandaviya, a truce was called July 24 this year between IOA President PT Usha and the revolting EC members who are in majority A Special General Body Meet-

ing (SGM) was also held later to formally approve India's bid for 2030 Commonwealth Games.

'We took note of the various steps and corrective measures that have been taken over the past few weeks to resolve the internal disputes and governance issues within your NOC



tee)," stated a letter to Usha from IOC's NOC Relations and Olympic Solidarity Director James Macleod.

"...all outstanding internal issues and misunderstandings were discussed in a constructive and transparent manner within your NOC Executive Committee and it was collectively agreed to move forward and work together in a spirit of unity and harmony," he noted in the letter

which is in PTI's possession. Macleod cited ratification of Iyer's appointment as a positive step. "...the appointment of your NOC CEO. Mr Raghuram lver. was formally ratified by decision of your NOC Executive Committee on 24 July 2025; and your NOC General Assembly was held

4x400m mixed relay bronze win-

ning team, has been handed a

two-year ban by the Anti-Dop-

ing Disciplinary Panel (ADDP)

of the NADA for her doping of-

The 22-year-old Summy was

handed provisional suspension

by the National Anti-Doping

Agency (NADA) last year after

she tested positive for banned

substance Clomifene. Her ban

period has started from Octo-

ber 14 last year, according to

She had won a silver in the

2024 Federation Cup in Bhu-

baneswar, and has a personal

the latest NADA update.

best of 53.18 seconds.

fence committed in 2024.

Quarter-miler Summy handed

two-yr ban for doping offence

during which the pending reports and audited financial statements were formally approved.

"As a result, we are pleased to confirm that the IOC and Olympic Solidarity are now in a position to progressively resume all payments to your NOC and normalise the working relationship with your NOC," the letter added.

The IOC also hoped that the IOA will uphold the "highest standards" of good governance and integrity in its daily operations, in accordance with the principles and rules which govern the Olympic Movement.

IOA expressed its happiness at the positive turn of events.

"With the reinstatement of Olympic Solidarity programmes, India's athletes stand

participation in the Olympic Games and other major international competitions," the body said in a statement. In his letter, Macleod also

took note of the National Sports Governance Act, which will lead to the institution of a National Sports Board to oversee the funding and affiliation of the national federations. "We trust that this new Act

The renewed support will pro-

vide direct funding and devel-

opment opportunities to assist

in training, preparation, and

will, simultaneously, contribute to the implementation of the basic principles of good governance within the Indian sports organisations and ensure full observance of the Olympic Charter and the statutes of the International Sports Federations, including in particular the fundamental principle of responsible autonomy of the Olympic Movement," he said.

Macleod said the IOC will continue to support the drafting of the "specific rules and regulations derived from this new Act."

...we will continue to support this joint work and constructive dialogue with your NOC and the relevant authorities to ensure mutual under standing, productive collaboration and compliance with

GENDER TEST

Khelif banned from **World Championships**



AGENCIES

Washington, Sept 3: Algeri an Olympic boxing champion Imane Khelif will not compete in the World Boxing Championships as the boxer will not have an appeal heard by the Court of Arbitration for Sport (CAS)

The competition is set to begin in Liverpool Thursday and will continue until September 14. The 26-year-old Algerian boxer, who clinched the wom en's welterweight title at the Olympic Games in Paris, faced controversy over her eligibilitv. Khelif submitted an appeal with the Court of Arbitration for Sport Monday over a ruling which prevents the boxer from fighting in the female category without a genetic sex test.

September 19 - with Khelif's appeal not included. According to a report, an appeal could take several weeks and will therefore not be complete in time for

Wasteful India settles for draw Korea will be up against China



PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

Rajgir, Sept 3: India wasted chances galore to settle for a 2-2 draw against defending champions Korea in their first Super4 match of the men's Asia Cup hockey tournament here Wednesday. The Indians were by far the better side on display in terms of possession and chances but the Koreans defended stoutly to earn a deserving draw. Both teams got a point each

Hardik Singh (8th minute) and Mandeep Singh (53rd) scored for India, while Korea's goals were scored by Jihun Yang (12th) and Hyeonhong Kim (14th). India will next play Malaysia, while

Meanwhile in the first Super4 match, Malaysia beat China 2-0 to open their points tally. The opening half ended goalless before Syed Cholan broke the deadlokck for Malaysia by converting a penalty corner in the 45th minute.

laps in the Netherlands. "Due to the nature of the track, the Race Director had informed all participants that the last corner before the pit lane would have double yellow flags waved. This was to ensure the safety of those on the grid and in the pit lane. The regulations require that any driver passing through a double waved yellow flag marshalling sector 'reduce speed significantly.. looked through the available telemetry within the FIA system. We also requested the team to provide us with their telemetry data. All of this took some time and this decision was delayed as a result," read a report from the stewards

CAS released a list of hear ings from September 2 until

the Algerian boxer to compete

Ferrari reveal Niki Lauda tribute livery

The car pays homage to the colourway of the Ferrari 312T that Niki Lauda took to the 1975 Drivers' Championship and

New Delhi, Sept 3: Summy

Kaliraman, a member of India's

2021 World U20 Championships

which earned the team the Constructors' title in the same year

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New Delhi, Sept 3: Ferrari have revealed the special livery that Charles Leclerc and Lewis Hamilton's SF-25s will wear at this year's Italian Grand Prix to celebrate 50 years since Niki Lauda's championship-winning season. It also marks the first race at Monza for seven-time World Champion Hamilton since joining the Scuderia.

Featuring more prominent

alongside retro numbers and wheel covers, the car pays homage to the colourway of the Ferrari 312T that Niki Lauda took to the 1975 Drivers' Championship and which earned the team the Constructors' title in the same year.

Ferrari head to Monza off the back of a tough outing at the Dutch Grand Prix, with both Hamilton and Leclerc retiring after crashes - although the drivers had been buoyed by the improved pace of their car

as the weekend progressed. Hamilton has been given a fiveplace grid penalty for Ferrari's home race at Monza after he was found guilty of a yellow flag breach prior to the Dutch Grand Prix.



day's race after losing control of his car at Zandvoort's Turn 3 amid drops of rain, before teammate Charles Leclerc collided with Mercedes rival Kimi Antonelli through the same section and made it a double

of Ferrari's second home event of the season, it has been confirmed that Hamilton will lose five positions from wherever he qualifies next time out - due to a transgression relating to double waved yellow flags during

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