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Be careful, you may break a few hearts today! Otherwise, your love life is steady and you may now feel ready to commit to your beloved. If married, your relationship takes on a deeper hue and a strong binding attachment.

TAURUS



Today, you may not find the courage to say no even when you disagree with people, predicts Ganesha. Important decisions may see procrastination due to lack of necessary inputs. A few long-standing deals will end on a happy note by evening, says Ganesha.

GEMINI




It is quite likely that you will pay attention to cultural and social activities today, predicts Ganesha. There may be new business proposals in the afternoon. You will consider investing your money in mutual funds or life insurance policies. You may also open a post office account or fixed deposit.

CANCER



It's time to meet friends, family members, neighbours, acquaintances, and people in general. Now that you are meeting so many people, you will also pay a visit to the Almighty. So a visit to a nearby temple, mosque, church or any other religious place is likely.

LEO



There are rough patches that all families must deal with, Ganesha says there are chances that today, you may disagree with your siblings and other members of the family. Money and property will be your key areas of concern. At work too, you may find yourself besotted with a confrontational attitude towards peers.

VIRGO



Be the crab who wants to get out of the basket, and make bold, brave moves at work, especially in the way you do your work. Also, contribute with brilliant, refreshing ideas. But you shall, in all probability, remain at sea in the afternoon. But don't despair, take a break from work and recharge those batteries, says Ganesha.

LIBRA



Ganesha says today your children will make you happy by imparting good news to you and you will be able to spend a nice and happy time with them. This is a good day for you in money matters as you may get a salary rise or even gain an inheritance from relatives. Your interests in the finer arts will be appreciated.

SCORPIO




You are all set to put on your trekking shoes as you gear up for an adventure trip. At work, your calibre and intelligence are highly commendable. And that's the reason you are in the limelight, predicts Ganesha. This may boost up your confidence, raising your bar.

SAGITTARIUS



You are bitten by the travel bug as you pack your bags and are off for business or leisure trip. You are over-protective when it comes to family members. This is where you score a point. Spend the evening in the company of people who matter to you.

CAPRICORN



Quite unlike you, but you will not be impulsive in making decisions today. Reason? Shaking off clouds of imagination, you will be more realistic in your approach to everyday dealings, says Ganesha. Your moves will be guided by common sense and practicality, and you will be optimistic about your future.

AQUARIUS



While others may find it confusing to turn their dreams into reality, you can easily put your plans into action. You will learn to see the brighter side of life and accept things as they are. Inner peace and self-satisfaction, unusual feelings for many, but your new found spiritual approach will enable you to experience those emotions.

PISCES



Your time today will be carved between dealing with the diverse challenges that your profession will conjure up, and in caring for your family members. However, you ought to come out of your worries at the end of the day smelling like a rose, says Ganesha.



DiCAPRIO ON HOW HE LANDS ROLES WITH TOP DIRECTORS

Leonardo DiCaprio, set to work with Paul Thomas Anderson for the first time in *One Battle After Another*, shared how he lands roles with top directors like Martin Scorsese and Quentin Tarantino. He credits “luck” and persistence, explaining he simply lets them know he’s ready when the time is right.

OLIVIA COLMAN REVEALS WHY SHE AVOIDS THEATRE

English actress Olivia Colman, celebrated for roles in *The Crown*, *The Favourite*, and *Wonka*, recently revealed she’s “terrible” at theatre and actually hates performing on stage. Her admission surprised fans, as despite her acclaimed screen work, she finds theatre challenging and unenjoyable, admitting it’s a type of acting she struggles with.



Nargis gets candid

Mumbai: In a recent interview, actress Nargis Fakhri opened up about her approach to food, fitness, and health amidst the unpredictable demands of her career. She addressed common misconceptions around dieting, stressing that it’s not just about losing weight but about mindful choices. “A lot of people think, ‘I’m on a diet because I want to lose weight.’ But there is nothing you can do to lose weight except count your calories. It’s simple math,” she explained.

Nargis highlighted the importance of nutrient-dense foods, warning against consuming empty calories. “You can eat one piece of chocolate cake a day and still lose weight if it fits your calories, but then your skin, hair and energy levels will suffer.”

Interestingly, she hasn’t eaten fruits since 2016, saying, “Fruit is nature’s candy...I never felt like going back,” though she still recommends fruits like strawberries and bananas as healthier alternatives to processed sweets.

She is also learning about fats, incorporating ghee, butter, coconut, sesame, and olive oils into her diet. Once a coffee lover, Nargis now prefers tea, especially chai, having two cups each morning. She admitted that film shoots disrupt her routines, sometimes leading to unhealthy choices like drinking Coca-Cola. Her philosophy centers on balance, self-awareness, and experimentation.



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In a candid interview, she shared how landing roles depends not on likability but on the value one brings to a project. “People give you work because you bring something to the table,” she explained, emphasising the importance of expressing ideas that enhance the story.

Tamannaah also discussed navigating power dynamics, especially with male-dominated decision-makers. Rather than being intimidated, she visualised them in outfits they couldn’t carry off, which helped her reclaim confidence and recognise her worth.

She attributes her success to having clarity, purpose, and

self-belief. Tamannaah’s approach has not only helped her survive but thrive in a competitive industry.

She’s now set to return with her new web series *Do You Wanna Partner*, co-starring Diana Penty, premiered today on Amazon Prime Video, as she continues to inspire with her resilience and passion.

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Tamannaah bares industry realities



Acclaimed Odia film *Lahari* to release today

Bhubaneswar: After garnering rave reviews at the Kolkata International Film Festival and the Melbourne Film Festival, the Odia movie *Lahari* is now set for a theatrical release Friday. A special



premiere will be held at Cinepolis here to mark the occasion. The movie focuses on rural life, cul-

tural traditions, tourism development, and the importance of staying connected to one’s roots. It also explores father-son relationships.

Directed by the multiple-award-winning director Amartya Bhattacharyya and produced by Jhilik Bhattacharjee under Jhilik Motion Pictures, *Lahari* stars Choudhury Jayaprakash Das, Choudhury Bikash Das, Smruti Mahala, Di-

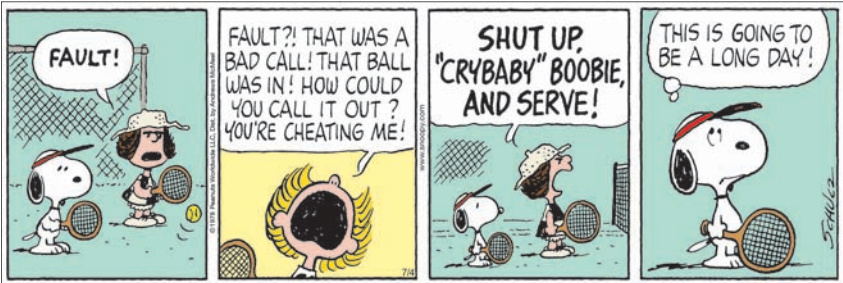
panwita Das Mahapatra, Susant Mishra, Hara Rath, Prasenjit, Swastik Choudhury, and Jane Dwyer in key roles.

Popular actor Devasis Patra plays a guest role, while top star Babushan Mohanty makes a cameo appearance in the movie.

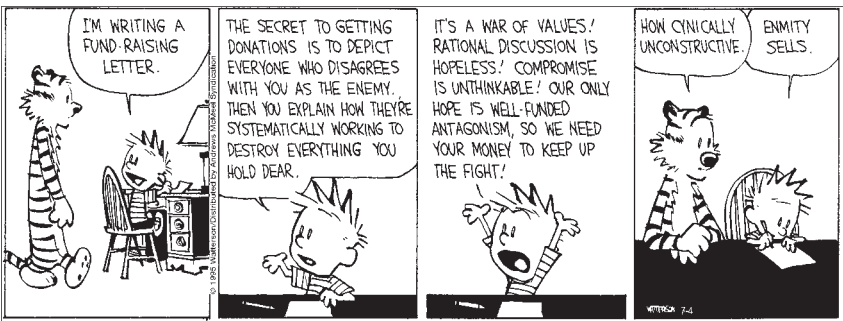
Kishalay Roy has scored the music, with vocals by Gaurav Anand and Navya Jayati.

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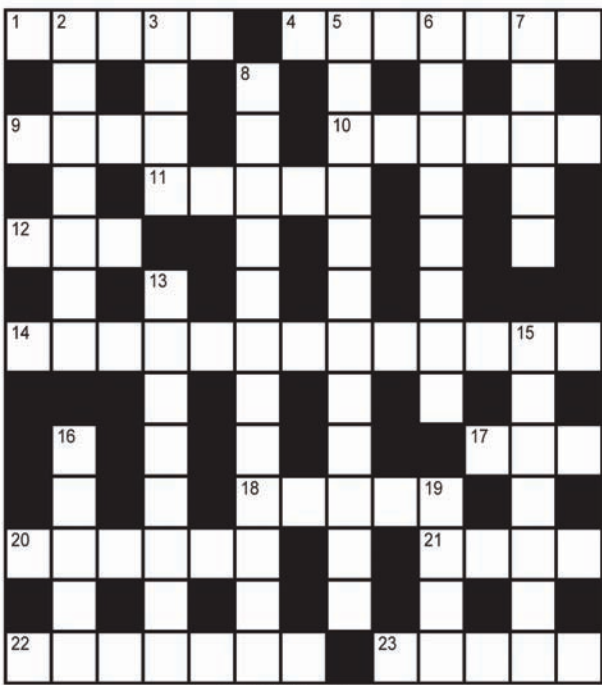


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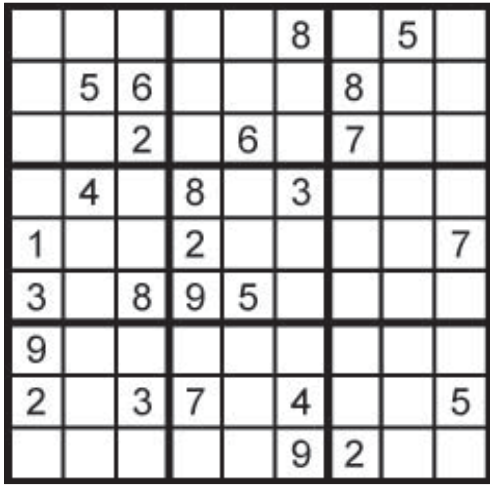
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SUDOKU

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



SOLUTIONS



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NORMALCY RETURNS: People with their luggage wait at Kathmandu airport in Nepal, Thursday, as it reopened Wednesday night after being shut due to anti-government protests

PTI PHOTO

No fertiliser shortage in state: CM

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Bhubaneswar, Sept 11: Chief Minister Mohan Charan Majhi Thursday said there is no shortage of fertilisers in the state and directed district Collectors to closely monitor its supply to farmers through PACS and LAMPSCS.

The CM's move came after reports poured in from across the state of farmers taking to the streets, alleging delays and shortages in fertiliser distribution, which they claim are adversely impacting paddy cultivation.

Reviewing the fertiliser supply situation, at Lok Seva Bhawan here, Majhi asserted that there is no short-



age of fertilisers in Odisha.

Odisha requires a total of 9,55,000 metric tonnes of fertilisers for the 2025 Kharif season (by September 30), and this entire quantity has already been allocated by the Centre, according to a statement issued by the CMO.

"Of the 11,66,733 metric tonnes of fertilisers currently available with the state, 9,85,967 metric tonnes have already been distributed or sold to farmers," it said.

Despite the availability, the CM has instructed all district Collectors to ensure strict supervision of fertiliser distribution through PACS and LAMPSCS in their respective districts. The CM also asked the officers to take immediate action if any complaint is received about black marketing or hoarding of fertilisers, it said.

The CM said instead of seizing fertilisers at inspection points, it should be

shifted to the nearest PACS or LAMPSCS and given to farmers. He asked the Agriculture department to supply different grades of fertilisers to PACS and LAMPSCS based on local stock status and district-wise requirements.

Majhi also urged Markfed officials to expedite the fertiliser supply chain.

On the occasion, the CM highlighted the government's focus on crop diversification and integrated farming systems in every district. Among others, Deputy CM and Agriculture Minister KV Singh Deo, Cooperation Minister Pradeep Bal Samanta, Chief Secretary Manoj Ahuja and Development Commissioner Anu Garg were present.

PREZ REFERENCE ON ASSENT TO BILL

Can we sit idle if Guv fails: SC

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New Delhi, Sept 11: Calling itself the 'custodian of the Constitution', the Supreme Court (SC) Thursday asked if it could 'sit idle' if a constitutional functionary like Governor failed to discharge duties as it reserved the verdict on the presidential reference on grant of assent to Bills.

In the marathon hearings spanning 10 days, a Constitution bench headed by Chief Justice BR Gavai heard legal luminaries including Attorney General R Venkataramani, Solicitor General Tushar Mehta and senior advocates Kapil Sibal, Abhishek Singhvi, Gopal Subramaniam, Arvind Datar and others on the presidential reference which centered around Article 200 and 201 and the key issue whether constitutional court can impose timelines for Governors and President to assent to Bills.

On the last day, the bench, also comprising Justices Surya Kant, Vikram Nath,



Constitution bench, headed by Chief Justice BR Gavai, reserves verdict following marathon hearings spanning 10 days

PS Narasimha and AS Chandurkar, interjected Mehta when he referred to the separation of powers as one of the basic structures of the Constitution and said the court should not fix timelines and interfere with the discretionary powers of Governors.

"Whosoever high one may be, as a custodian of the Constitution (refers to SC)... I have publicly said that I am a firm believer in the doctrine of separation of powers and though judicial activism has to be there, there should not be judicial terrorism or adventurism. But at the same time, if one wing of democracy fails to discharge its duty, is the

custodian of the Constitution powerless and would sit idle?" the CJI asked.

Mehta said, "Not only the court, the executive is also a custodian of the fundamental rights of citizens... Legislature is also custodian, all three organs." He went on, "But, issuing mandamus to Governors with regard to the legislatively discretionary functions of a coordinate constitutional functionary would violate the theory of separation of powers and this separation of power is a part of basic structure."

Mehta said while Governors couldn't sit perpetually over a Bill, it didn't mean they lacked discretionary

powers under Article 200 and timelines could be fixed for granting assent as a 'straitjacket formula'.

He went on to outline Governors' discretionary powers even in the case of promulgation of ordinance by the state government.

Assailing the submissions of Opposition-ruled states which stressed Governor ought to act on the aid and advice of the council of ministers only, Mehta asked, "Suppose a state legislature passes a Bill declaring it will no longer be a part of the Union of India, the Governor has no choice but to withhold assent." He underscored the constitutional discretion to Governors and President in certain contexts, though he said their actions were ordinarily guided by ministerial aid and advice.

Article 200, he said, provides Governor four options on Bills and contains implied discretion, particularly in situations where a Bill undermines constitutional values or carries national implications. He said the term 'as soon as possible' used in

Article 200 cannot mean indefinitely. He reiterated 90 per cent of the Bills passed by state assemblies since 1970 have received gubernatorial assent within a month whereas assents were withheld by Governors only in 20 instances of the total 17,150 Bills.

Addressing the absence of express timelines in the constitutional text, Mehta said it reflected 'cautious choice of words' rather than vacuum. He said there was no vacuum in the constitutional scheme where the court should step in and fix timelines for Governors.

The court would likely opine on the 14 questions referred to by the President, including whether constitutional authorities could indefinitely withhold assent to Bills and if courts could impose mandatory timeframes.

In May, the President exercised powers under Article 143(1) to know from the SC whether judicial orders could impose timelines for the exercise of discretion by the President while dealing with Bills passed by state assemblies.

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Mumbai, Sept 11: The rupee slumped 24 paise and closed for the day at an all-time low of 88.35 against the US dollar, as ongoing tariff issue between India and the US weighed heavily on the domestic currency's vulnerability.

Forex traders said a recovery in the US dollar ahead of the inflation data and foreign fund outflows further dented investors' sentiments. Traders noted that the rupee, which showed signs of minor recovery after US President Donald Trump gave positive signals about the India-US trade treaty, remains fragile due to dollar demand and global factors.

At the interbank foreign exchange, the domestic unit opened at 88.11 and fell to its lowest-ever intraday level of 88.49 against the US dollar. The domestic unit settled for the day at a record low of 88.35, registering a sharp decline of 24 paise over its previous close.

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Top Maoist among 10 killed

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Raipur, Sept 11: Modem Balakrishna, a Central Committee Member (CCM) of the proscribed CPI(Maoist) and secretary of the Maoists' Odisha State Committee (OSC), was among the 10 Naxalites killed in an encounter with security personnel in Chhattisgarh's Gariaband Thursday, a police official said.

Balakrishna, also known by his aliases Manoj, Balanna, Ramachander and Bhaskar, had joined the movement in early 1980s. He carried a reward of Rs 1 crore on his head, the official added.

Union Home Minister Amit Shah hailed the security



Modem Balakrishna was the secretary of Maoists' Odisha State Committee and had joined the movement in early 1980s

forces for the achievement and said the complete elimination of Naxalism is certain before March 31 next year.

The gunfight broke out in the forest under Mainpur

police limits when security personnel were out on an anti-Naxalite operation, Raipur Range IGP Amresh Mishra said.

"Personnel belonging to STF (a unit of Chhattisgarh police), E-30 (a unit of the district police), CoBRA (an elite unit of the CRPF) and other state police units are involved in the operation. Inter-mittent exchange of fire is still underway," the IGP said.

"Ten Naxalites have been gunned down so far. Further details are awaited as the operation is still underway," he added. With the latest action, 241 Naxalites have been killed in separate encounters in Chhattisgarh so far this year.

'Don't recruit Indians for Russian military'

New Delhi: India Thursday urged its citizens to stay away from offers to join the Russian Army and demanded Moscow to end its practice of recruiting Indians as support staff into the Russian military. The Ministry of External Affairs (MEA) said it has taken up the matter with Russian authorities, both in Delhi and Moscow. New Delhi's move came following reports that some Indians on student and business visas were forced into joining Russian military units deployed on the frontlines of the war in Ukraine. The MEA cautioned its Indian nationals to not take offers to join the Russian military in view of inherent risks and dangers involved.

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Inside Russia's system of convict labour

REUTERS

London, Sept 11: It was a mild spring evening in the Russian city of Krasnoyarsk, but Yekaterina Fatyanova was scrambling to pack winter clothes.

With just a few hours' notice, the Siberian activist and part-time newspaper editor had been ordered to board a plane the next day and fly 1,500km north, beyond the Arctic Circle, to serve a two-year punishment for violating Russia's war censorship laws.

Her destination: Norilsk, a grim, polluted city of 175,000 people that was once a notorious outpost of Soviet dictator Josef Stalin's Gulag network of prison camps.

Her sentence: forced labour, a punishment that



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involves sending convicted offenders to work for companies or local municipalities instead of confining them to prison. "I feel physically ill remembering this," Fatyanova said, recalling the sleepless night she spent before her departure.

She was about to join the growing ranks of convicts plugging gaps in Russia's workforce at a time of chronic labour shortages because of the war in Ukraine.

Forced labour sentences - prescribed for dozens of lesser

offences like theft - rose five-fold between 2020 and 2023, according to Justice Minister Konstantin Chuychenko.

The government says forced labour, introduced in its current form in 2011, is a humane form of punishment that reduces reoffending, while enabling criminals to contribute to the economy and society. On arrival in Norilsk, Fatyanova, 38, said she was ordered to catch a bus to the correctional centre and strip-searched.

Her daily regime was set

out in a printed timetable. Waking at 6am, convicts have 50 minutes to exercise, wash, use the toilet, make their beds, clean their rooms, undergo an inspection and eat breakfast.

"Such a regime keeps you in constant psychological tension," Fatyanova said.

Fatyanova shared visual evidence via Suvorova showing that she works at a hostel for employees of Russian mining giant Norilskel. The work is physically demanding and includes cleaning dormitories, toilets, showers and staircases, she said.

Fatyanova said she feared for her health and safety, alleging that supervisors at the correctional centre singled her out for harassment because she was the only person there convicted of a political offence.

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DIET DRIVE: Deputy CM Pravatī Parida speaks at the launch of ‘Healthy Diet Campaign’ organised jointly by Women & Child Development department and Unicef in Bhubaneswar, Thursday. The campaign will roll out across more than 74,000 Anganwadi centres. Parida urged the rural women to use homemade food and avoid junk food. She also mentioned incorporating various local, traditional foods available in the regions, such as millet, and green vegetables in the diet menu

PIC: BIKASH NAYAK

Chief Secy pitches for preventive vigilance

ARINDAM GANGULY, OP

Bhubaneswar, Sept 11: In a strong push towards clean and transparent governance, Chief Secretary Manoj Ahuja has called for immediate strengthening of Vigilance administration with a focused shift towards preventive vigilance. In a directive issued to all Additional Chief Secretaries, Principal Secretaries, the Director General of Vigilance, Commissioner-cum-Secretaries, RDCs, and District Collectors, the Ahuja underscored the urgent need for systemic measures to curb corruption before it takes root.

Referring to recent cases unearthed by the Vigilance department, Ahuja stated that punitive action alone is insufficient. “We must eliminate the root causes of corruption through a combination of administrative, legal, social, economic, and educative steps,” he emphasised.

Referring to the recommendations of Santhanam Committee, he urged departments to proactively identify vulnerable areas and risks before they manifest. “Preventive vigilance is about fixing the system—not just catching the wrongdoers after the incident,” he noted.

The Chief Secretary outlined key areas requiring attention, including procurement and contract management, human resource practices, public service delivery, and public works monitoring. He also highlighted the role of digital governance tools such as e-Tendering, e-Procurement, and the Work Passbook system in reducing human discretion and promoting transparency.

Departments that have implemented end-to-end online tendering systems have seen a marked reduction in complaints, he noted. Similarly, the use of online transfer policies and staff rotation in sensitive positions has helped discourage corrupt practices in human re-

source management.

Ahuja also acknowledged the positive impact of initiatives like ‘Ama Shasan’, which allow citizens to directly provide feedback on government services. Tools such as WAMIS and the Work Passbook system offer real-time updates on public works projects, empowering citizens and reducing opportunities for manipulation.

He further stressed the importance of reforms under the Ease of Doing Business and Jan Vishwas Bill, which simplify

business regulations and decriminalise minor violations—thus reducing discretion and potential corruption in regulatory frameworks.

To operationalise preventive vigilance, Ahuja directed all heads of departments and District Collec-

tors to take the following steps immediately. Set up Internal Vigilance Committees to identify corruption-prone areas and draft both short- and long-term action plans; accelerate adoption of technology-driven reforms, including DBT for fund transfers, e-Tendering, online HR systems, and project monitoring tools; implement transparent HR practices, such as online transfers, staff rotation, and exclusion of officials with questionable integrity from sensitive roles; empower citizens by displaying service timelines under Odisha Right to Public Services Act (ORTPS) Act in public offices and using feedback systems to ensure accountability; and foster a culture of zero tolerance towards corruption through regular reviews, open forums among senior officers, and structured feedback monitoring.

“These directives are to be communicated to all levels of government for immediate compliance,” the Chief Secretary stated, adding that the ultimate goal is to establish a responsive, accountable, and corruption-free administration that works in the best interest of the people.

Astrology seminar at SB Women’s College

CUTTACK: Marking five years of the National Education Policy (NEP) 2020, a seminar on “Astrology in Odia Literature and Culture” was recently held at Shailabala Women’s Autonomous College. The PG department of Odia, in collaboration with the Akhil Bhartiya Rashtriya Shaikshik Mahasangh (ABRSM) Odisha unit, organised the event. Scholars Dolagovinda Panda, Kamal Lochan Mohanty, and Harihar Sethy presented papers on the significance of Astrology, Vastuvidya, and Palmistry in culture. Principal Jivanballav Jena presided over the seminar, while Associate Professor of Odia Chittaranjan Panda welcomed the guests. The event saw the participation of prominent educationists including Dinesh Patnaik, Narayan Mohanty, Sachindra Raul, Sibabrata Das, Biplob Kumar Guru, Biswamohan Jena, Saroj Kumar Das, Mihir Ranjan Kar, Kshirod Kumar Sahu, Jnana Bijayani Beura, Shrikleha Panda, and Archanamayee Panda, along with a large number of students. Head of the Odia department Sanjita Mishra delivered the introductory address, and Bikash Kumar Moharana proposed the vote of thanks.

OPERATION PRAHAAR

Week-long crackdown nets huge drug haul

POST NEWS NETWORK

Bhubaneswar, Sept 11: Odisha Police launched a state-wide crackdown on illegal narcotics under Operation Prahaar, aimed at curbing the drug menace and making the state drug-free. The drive, initiated on government directives, involves coordinated action across all districts.

The week-long drive, held from September 1 to 7, led to 110 cases being registered and 157 arrests in drug-related offenses.

During the operation, police

seized 4,808 kg of ganja in 72 cases, arresting 93 people. In a major strike on synthetic drugs, 2,374 grams of brown sugar were seized in 27 cases, leading to 45 arrests.

Additionally, 3,052 bottles of cough syrup, often misused as narcotics, were seized, and 19 people were arrested for illegal possession and transport.

Legal action under Section 129 of the Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita (BNSS) has been initiated against 70 individuals, while three shops directly linked to the illegal drug

trade were sealed.

A senior police official said, “Operation Prahaar is a dedicated effort to dismantle the network of illegal drug distribution in Odisha. We are committed to protecting our youth and society from the harmful effects of narcotics.”

The operation underscores the state’s zero-tolerance policy towards drug abuse and trafficking. Odisha Police have urged citizens to share information on drug peddling and assured that strict action will continue against offenders in the coming weeks.

Patnaik lauds highest student retention during BJD regime

BHUBANESWAR: Leader of Opposition in Assembly Naveen Patnaik Thursday lauded the state’s achievement in recording the highest retention rate among students of four states enrolled under the Right to Education (RTE) Act during the previous BJD regime in 2023-24. The BJD president in a post on X Thursday said, “As per the Right to Education Retention Report published by Indus Action, Odisha has achieved an impressive score of 97 per cent with effective implementation strategy and dedication to ensure that children from disadvantaged backgrounds gain access to quality education and continue their academic journey.” Patnaik said under the BJD government’s 5T (Teamwork, Transparency, Technology, Time, and Transformation) initiative, the state has transformed about 7,000 government schools to open new horizons for students.

₹40cr ‘goshala’ for stray cattle in City



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Bhubaneswar, Sept 11: The state government has decided to establish a model ‘goshala’ (cow shelter) here to ensure the care and protection of stray cattle. Housing and Urban Development Minister Krushna Chandra Mahapatra said Thursday.

The ‘goshala’, to be set up at an estimated cost of ₹40 crore, will also be used for manufacturing medicines and other products from cow dung and urine, the minister said.

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Corporation (BMC) has already identified a place for the facility, he said.

“The goshla will not only provide shelter to stray cattle but also serve as a production hub, where cow dung and urine will be processed to produce a variety of products, including medicines,” Mahapatra said.

He said stray cattle, including bulls and oxen, will be transported from roads to the goshala. Mahapatra said Chief Minister Mohan Charan Majhi had announced opening of goshalas in six municipal areas.

The goshala in Jaleswar of Balasore district will be built at an estimated cost of ₹7 crore, while around ₹5 crore will be spent to set up such facilities in five other towns, the minister said. The move will help in preventing accidents involving cattle and commuters, he added.

also alleged that they were working as cleaning workers, gardeners and sometimes are also engaged in other activities on the campus. They said they were staying in the quarters after recommendation. “There are other residents who are staying in rent in the staff quarters but no action was taken against them”, said an occupant.

In order to make the campus completely free from unauthorised occupancy, the university officials said they are in talks with the Bhubaneswar Municipal Corporation (BMC) to remove the slum from the campus.

The illegal occupants have



illegal occupants left the quarters leaving their belongings inside while some vacated the quarters after police reached the campus.

The university has around 603 residential quarters while around 492 staffers are allotted with the accommodation facility. Besides, 118 quarters are lying vacant. Reports said 45 to 50

quarters were illegally occupied. University VC Jagneshwar Dandapat said, “We have identified around 50 quarters which have been occupied illegally. These quarters were not allotted due to their dilapidated condition. We will ensure phase-wise eviction of all the illegal occupants from the campus.”

The illegal occupants have

CM approves ₹240-crore Mahanadi riverfront project

POST NEWS NETWORK

Bhubaneswar, Sept 11: Chief Minister Mohan Charan Majhi Thursday approved the ambitious Mahanadi Riverfront Development Project, a flagship initiative to transform riverbanks into vibrant cultural, tourism, and ecological hubs. The three-year project (2025–26 to 2027–28) will be implemented with an estimated outlay of ₹240 crore, fully funded by the state government through the Water Resources Development department.

Announcing the project, Majhi called Mahanadi the lifeline of Odisha, stating the initiative will revamp the riverfront as a hub for environmental, cultural, and spiritual tourism, while boosting the state’s economic growth.

The development will be executed in two phases. The first phase covers the Mahanadi riverbank stretch from Mandalia to Chaupur in Sambalpur and will feature jogging tracks, selfie points, open gyms, upgraded ghats, bathing and aarti ghats, theme plazas, shopping complexes, parks, parking fa-

Two-phase project to upgrade Sambalpur and Bhubaneswar with recreational, cultural, and tourism facilities



cilities, and toilets. This phase will involve an investment of ₹160 crore.

The second phase will focus on Kuakhai and Kushabhadrarivers near Pandara in Bhubaneswar.

Planned features include riverbank ghats, floating jetties, scenic viewpoints along the ring road, lock gates, bridges, internal pedestrian pathways, cafeterias, parking facilities, and toilets. This phase will require an investment of ₹80 crore. The project aims to offer social and cultural amenities to urban population, devel-

op infrastructure for water sports, amusement parks, science parks, and herbal gardens, and prevent riverbank erosion through regulated construction. It also seeks to improve river water quality by diverting waste discharge, ensure water conservation and drinking water supplies to nearby areas during dry seasons, and revive surrounding ecosystems through sustainable development.

The government hopes the project will boost urban infrastructure, attract tourism, and reinforce the cultural identity of Odisha’s riverside towns.


ABC: 2.77% growth in circulation of dailies

POST NEWS NETWORK

Bhubaneswar, Sept 11: Circulation of daily newspapers has registered a healthy growth of 2.77 per cent during January-June period of 2025, as compared to July-December period of the previous year, a release issued by the Audit Bureau of Circulations (ABC) said Thursday.

The ABC has released the certified circulation figures for the audit period January – June 2025.

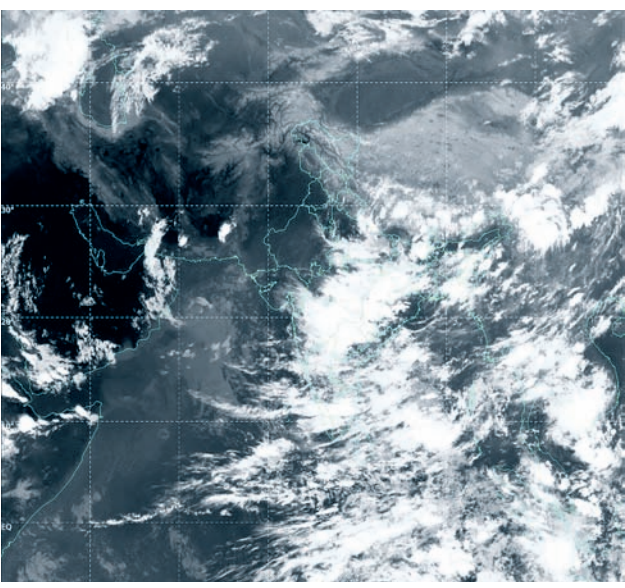
It said, “Daily newspapers have registered a healthy growth in circulation during this period. The average qualifying sales of daily newspapers stood at 2,97,44,148 copies, as compared to 2,89,41,876 copies in the previous period (July – December 2024). This marks an increase of 2.77% (8,02,272 copies), reflecting a healthy upward trend for the print media industry.”




ABC releases certified newspaper circulation figures for January–June 2025

ABC Secretary General Adil Kasad said, “The latest figures emphasise that readers continue to trust newspapers for credible, verified, and in-depth information.” The rise in circulation signals a strong performance for print, reinforcing its status as a powerful medium for both news consumption and advertising engagement, he added.

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23 Odia tourists stuck in Nepal brought back

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Odia Language, Literature and Culture Minister Suryabanshi Suraj in a post on



X said, "Due to the political instability in Nepal, 23 Odias who were stranded there have been brought back to India. Through the efforts of the Odisha Paribar Directorate under

“Heartfelt thanks to the Ministry of External Affairs of the Government of India and the Indian Embassy in Kathmandu for their cooperation,” he added.



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There are two allied powers in man; knowledge and wisdom. Knowledge is so much of the truth seen in a distorted medium as the mind arrives at by groping, wisdom what the eye of divine vision sees in the spirit.

SRI AUROBINDO

Wimpy Europe

With the United States unhinged, China increasingly authoritarian, and Russia in full Dr. Evil mode, the world desperately needs a good guy to believe in. There is only one candidate for the job: Europe. No other country or region is free, prosperous, endowed with the right values – and large enough to be an example to the world.

But it is not enough for good guys to be good. They also must be strong and determined. And that, I am afraid, is where Europe falls short. Right now, Europe looks anything but strong. It looks wimpy.

First came the so-called trade deal with the US. As my London School of Economics colleague Luis Garicano wrote, it was "not a deal, but a surrender." Europe made a number of concessions, including acceptance of 15% tariffs on its key exports, in exchange for nothing.

Then came the August 18 gathering of European leaders in the White House. If there is one art President Donald Trump practices to perfection, it is scene-setting. He sat in his big reclining chair, behind his big desk, while the leaders of Germany, France, Italy, Finland, Ukraine, and the United Kingdom, plus the president of the European Commission and the secretary-general of NATO, covered on the other side like supplicants hoping to land a job on his old reality TV show The Apprentice. No picture could better convey the stark asymmetry in gall – and in real power.

But there is no reason why Europe is condemned to genuflect before a rogue US president. Europe has a much larger population than the US, and the combined GDP of the European Union, the UK, and other rich non-EU countries, like Norway and Switzerland, comes close.

The truth is that Europe's weakness reflects its own mistakes. Start with the biggest of them all: security. Garicano puts it well: "You cannot win a trade war against the army that protects you." Sixty years ago, French President Charles de Gaulle's fixation on an independent European defense capability looked like Gallic inefficacy. Today, it looks visionary. Russia's aggression has revealed that Europe is naked without US security guarantees – which cannot be relied upon as long as Trump is president.

Europe is not doing enough to address its security deficit. Granted, defense spending has been rising. Of 28 European NATO members, 20 spent more than 2% of GDP on defense in 2024 – an increase of 0.6 percentage points in just two years. But that is still a far cry from the 3.4% the US spends, and Poland's 4.7% projected for 2025.

Europe's defense procurement is also mad-deningly fragmented, with each country trying to create jobs by buying weapons locally. The result is inefficiency and delays. The proposed European Defense Mechanism, which would include Britain and serve as a joint procurement agency, is a much better way forward, as is the idea (at least for the short run) of buying from the US the weapons Ukraine and Eastern Europe need to be safe.

All of which leads to the question of how Europe can pay for its rearmament. The EU has not completed either a capital-markets union (to allow companies to borrow more cheaply across the continent) nor a banking union (to break the "doom loop" between banks and their national governments). Nor has it permanently created a class of bonds issued jointly by the EU on behalf of all its members. A pile of EU debt was issued under emergency powers during the COVID-19 pandemic, but it is not clear that this debt will be renewed when it matures, much less serve as the foundation for something bigger and more lasting.

That is a pity, because a joint eurobond would bring huge benefits to Europe. Not only does it make perfect economic sense to finance the continent's joint defense by issuing joint debt obligations. Eurobonds would also help turn the euro into a global safe asset, and the time is ripe for that change, too.

After all, thanks to Trump's antics, the dollar is looking more and more like an emerging-market currency, and investors everywhere are searching for an alternative. From an investor's point of view, bonds backed by the EU, and not subject to the political and economic ups and downs of individual countries, would be safer and more liquid. So, they would carry a lower interest rate, allowing Europe to save plenty of money.

But a global euro would also likely be a stronger euro, and that causes politicians from export-oriented economies like Germany and the Netherlands to hesitate. But maybe a stronger euro would be the perfect excuse to complete the other gargantuan unfinished task: the single market.

The EU is supposed to be a fully unified market for trade in all goods and services, but the truth is that many barriers remain. For every 100 euros of value added in EU countries, only 20 euros of goods flow back and forth between them. For the US, the equivalent figure is 45 out of every 100 dollars. This costly fragmentation was a main theme of the weighty Draghi report on EU competitiveness, released in September 2024 – and now gathering dust on a shelf in Brussels.

Europe's external wimpiness is the result of its internal wimpiness. For all of Europe's lofty claims to enlightenment, the continent's politics remain as petty and short-sighted as those of any local town hall. When former German Chancellor Angela Merkel vowed in 2012 that there would be no eurobond "as long as I live," she was not practicing far-sighted statesmanship, but simply trying to reassure local beer-hall nativists.

And when, more recently, liberal-internationalist French President Emmanuel Macron did everything in his power to block the EU-Mercosur trade deal, he was pandering to domestic farmers. If that is the leadership Europe gets from its most prominent figures, what can Europeans expect from the continent's lesser politicians?

With Trump threatening from one side, and Putin from the other, Europeans can no longer afford their leaders' passivity. The world's only remaining good guy needs to step up. Democrats everywhere are waiting.

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A fool thinks himself to be wise, but a wise man knows himself to be a fool.

WILLIAM SHAKESPEARE

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The worst enemy of truth and freedom in our society is the compact majority.

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THERE IS OF COURSE HIGH INTEREST IN INDIA, BUT WITH A SHARP FOCUS ON HOW ITS MARKET CAN BE MADE AVAILABLE FOR WESTERN BUSINESSES



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WHAT MAKES THIS NEGLECT OF ECOLOGY SO DANGEROUS IS THAT SOLUTIONS ALREADY EXIST

Letters

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FOCUS FOREIGN POLICY

A PRINCIPLED STAND

It is not uncommon to hear that foreign policy is about national interests, not moral principles. Looking to the way Donald Trump has upended carefully nurtured global agreements – from trade to climate change – it should be clear that short termism, defined in the narrowest possible way, is the staple of American foreign policy today. While Trump is blatant and often unsophisticated, the policy is not necessarily out of sync with American traditions. Nothing makes this clearer than former US Secretary of State Henry Kissinger's remark in the 1970s: “America has no permanent friends or permanent enemies, only interests.” Other administrations might speak in a different tone, but the effect of their actions has been no different. Consider Barack Obama, Nobel Peace Prize winner who killed more people in drone attacks on Afghanistan than any other President firing from military drones. In his defining 1939 book on international relations (‘The Twenty Years Crisis: 1919-1939’) EH Carr spoke of the political necessity of “cloaking interests in a guise of moral principles” – a century-old observation that remains an enduring insight into the operational realities of American foreign policy.

In today's context, given the suddenness of the removal of the cloak and the nakedness of American policy, the question is how does India respond? It is a positive sign that India has not caved in to American demands. These are demands that the nation cannot and must not meet, notably in terms of removing controls on agro and dairy imports, which the US has been pushing for a long time. The import of Russian crude by India has been



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on the list of grouses; it serves America to push India to open its markets even more. Now that India did not bend, and is hit with a 50% tariff – among the worst treatment of all nations -- what are the lessons that stand out? Given the new and nasty threats emerging from the US that IT and other services will soon face tariffs, the question is urgent.

Further, as India takes on an important counterbalancing effort and works on newer alliances and relooks at partnerships, related questions on how the country manages the tightrope become even more important. The most significant event was the very visible participation of Prime Minister Narendra Modi at the Shanghai Cooperation Organisation (SCO) Summit at Tianjin on 1 September. Pictured with the Chinese President Xi Jinping and Russian President Vladimir Putin, did not India send out an important message to the US? Did not the US President react immediately, blowing hot and cold? First,

he complained that India and Russia were lost to China and then stressed a special relationship between the US and India, welcomed immediately by Modi. But as Shashi Tharoor quite correctly asks: Can India forget Trump's insults and tariffs?

The fact that India stands punished despite all the cozying up to Trump should make it clear that overzealousness is never a good ticket and is even counterproductive, particularly if it gets seen as desperation to be included in a given global order. This holds whether the tilt is toward one side or the other. India has already burnt its fingers being overenthusiastic on one side.

To orchestrate and then over-read the significance of events like ‘Namaste Trump’ or ‘Howdy Modi’, to over-emphasise what is being called personal chemistry, or to wholeheartedly align with the US, seen for example in the way India abstained from a UNGA resolution in June 2025 calling for a ceasefire

in Gaza, have been a double whammy: they did not secure Indian interests and they did not make India stand on principle – showing up as neither a realist nor an idealist. The losses weigh heavily on the Indian side. Incidentally, the entire SCO bloc of nations voted for the June resolution.

The argument from some quarters that India will command global attention and will be courted because it is an economic powerhouse that will soon be the world's third largest economy carries limited appeal. There is of course high interest in India, but with a sharp focus on how its market can be made available for Western businesses. On exports, India does not have a well-diversified portfolio and is overly dependent on the US, enabling that country to squeeze and threaten as it has.

In all this, it is interesting that India has made use of Gandhi to build on the policy of “strategic autonomy” in response to Trump's actions. An unnamed top government spokesperson has been quoted as explaining India's reaction to Trump in these words: “We have followed the Gandhian Satyagraha model ... You hit us, surely it hurts us ... but we will not hit back. Nor will we do your bidding or sign on the dotted line.” This has the marks of reaching for a high moral ground, but Gandhian Satyagraha will demand much more from India. It will challenge India on aligning with Israel while it bleeds Gaza. And it will raise many other difficult questions that if followed through will help India stand erect and tall in a world that still bows to Gandhi.

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SPECTRUM SUSTAINABILITY

Climate policy ignoring its best ally: Nature

When a record heat-wave scorches Delhi or when rising seas swallow a village in Odisha, we count human losses: lives disrupted, homes destroyed, livelihoods ruined. However, we often overlook natural systems, such as forests, mangroves, coral reefs, and even elephants and oysters, that could have mitigated the impact. Climate policy treats nature as an afterthought, when in reality, flora and fauna are our best defense.

Rising seas pose one of the most pressing threats of our century. In India alone, 170 million people live along the coast. Yet policy conversations about sea-level rise usually stop at human displacement and infrastructure loss. What's missing is the ecological crisis: mangrove forests are drowning, coral reefs are eroding, and biodiversity is vanishing. These losses are not secondary; they are central to human survival.

Mangroves shield coastal villages from storm surges, filter water, and trap carbon. Unlike seawalls, which erode and require costly repairs, mangroves adapt and grow with the changing tides. Coral reefs,

built by tiny marine animals, act as natural breakwaters, dissipating wave energy and protecting shorelines. When they die, fisheries collapse and coastal incomes vanish.

Heatwaves bring similar lessons. July 2023 was the hottest month ever recorded. Trees, our cheapest, most effective air conditioners, can cool cities, recharge groundwater, and capture carbon all at once. Melbourne is doubling its tree canopy to fight rising temperatures. Africa is planting an 8,000-kilometre Great Green Wall to stop desertification. These projects remind us that protecting plants and animals is not symbolic. It is a practical climate policy.

Flora and fauna are not passive victims of climate change; they are active allies in our fight against it. Oysters and mussels build reefs that blunt waves. Elephants disperse seeds that regenerate forests. Birds and pollinators sustain agriculture. When these keystone species vanish, entire ecosystems collapse, leaving humans more vulnerable.

What makes this neglect of ecology so dangerous is that solutions already exist. Invest-

ing in wetlands is cheaper and more sustainable than building endless dams. Restoring forests prevents floods, stabilises soils, and reduces the intensity of droughts. Expanding urban green cover not only cools overheated cities but also improves air quality and mental health. These “nature-based solutions” are not luxuries. They are among the most cost-effective climate policies governments can adopt, yet they remain sidelined in favour of short-term engineering fixes.

If mangroves disappeared worldwide, annual flood damages would soar by \$82 billion. When forests fail, we don't just lose trees; we risk water shortages, food insecurity, and mass migration.

The false trade-off between conservation and development has crippled policy thinking. Protecting biodiversity is not charity; it is insurance. Every dollar invested in ecosystem restoration pays dividends in reduced disaster losses, cleaner air and water, and stronger economies. Governments would never leave their militaries underfunded in the face of rising threats. Why then do we starve the natural systems that defend

us from climate disasters?

As researchers working in India's coastal regions, we see daily how human and ecological crises blur together. Saline intrusion ruins farmland, floods uproot families, and disappearing mangroves leave villages exposed. Coastal communities know their safety is tied to the health of their environment. Policymakers must catch up to this reality.

From heatwaves to rising seas, the message is clear: nature is not optional. It is foundational. Climate policy that sidelines flora and fauna is doomed to fail. If we want true resilience, we must put ecosystems at the heart of adaptation, not as a side project, but as national security.

Because when forests fail, when mangroves vanish, when biodiversity fades, it is not just nature that suffers. It is us.

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Turmoil in France

Sir, France is witnessing renewed political unrest, with around 250 protesters arrested in nationwide demonstrations against President Emmanuel Macron and Prime Minister Gabriel Attal over budget cuts and governance grievances. The protests turned violent as agitators shut down train services, broke barricades, and even set a bus ablaze, prompting the government to deploy nearly 80,000 police personnel to restore order. This growing discontent reflects deeper frustrations over economic austerity, cost of living, and perceptions of elitist governance. Unless the administration initiates meaningful dialogue, strengthens welfare measures, and ensures more transparent policymaking, such turbulence may persist, undermining France's political stability. For the Indian diaspora, which is deeply engaged in France's service, business, and academic sectors, prolonged unrest could mean disruptions in mobility, safety concerns, and limited economic opportunities. A timely resolution through reforms and consensus-building remains critical to safeguarding both domestic harmony and the well-being of immigrant communities.

RS Narula, PATIALA

Simplified banking

Sir, The article, "Bank charges – A penalty on customers," Orissa POST, Sept. 11 made a useful reading. Until the end August, many bank customers across the country were facing unjustified deductions, excessive fees and hidden penalties without any clear explanation from the banks. These charges, while seemingly minor at first, can add up over time and severely impact financial planning. However, in a relief to them, the Reserve Bank of India has announced new rules and guidelines, starting from September 1, 2025 for savings bank accounts that will benefit millions of account-holders across the country. These new rules cover key aspects such as minimum balance requirements, ATM transaction limits, and associated service charges. The changes are aimed at creating a fairer banking system, ensuring transparency, and encouraging digital transactions. For example, banks must clearly inform customers about the minimum balance condition and penalties, which cannot exceed a certain cap fixed by the RBI now. Earlier banks had their own slabs for penalties which created confusion among customers. Thanks to the RBI, its new savings account rules are designed to create uniformity, transparency, and customer protection. It will also make banking simpler, customer-friendly and more cost-effective for account holders.

Ranganathan Sivakumar, CHENNAI

NEPAL CRISIS

Officials reconnect with families

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Kolkata, Sept 11: Officials at the Consulate General of Nepal in Kolkata, who spent sleepless nights after violence broke out back home three days ago, heaved a sigh of relief after communication lines reopened and the ban on internet and social networking sites was removed, helping them connect with families again.

The seven officials, who are currently posted in the Consulate General office on the National Library Avenue in the Alipore area of Kolkata, were hopeful that the situation would return to normalcy within a few days.

"That is a big relief for us after we spoke to our family members in Nepal. They are all safe. The protestors only targeted the corrupt leaders,"



a senior official of the Consulate General of Nepal told PTI.

"We were under terrible stress; we were unable to contact our family since communication lines were down. Now, as things are slowly

creeping back to normalcy, we could talk or text them," he said.

Another official, who has spent five years in the city, expressed hope that a stable government would be formed

in his country.

"Things have improved much in the last 24 hours. We are hopeful that a temporary government will be there soon. Hopefully, a strong government will be formed," he said.

Protests by youths, termed the Gen Z agitation, against a government ban on social media sites rocked Nepal on Monday, with police's use of force leaving at least 19 people dead and over 300 injured.

Nepal plunged into a political crisis as Prime Minister K P Sharma Oli resigned Tuesday in the face of the protests, prompting the Nepal Army to take over the law and order situation. The agitations have since snowballed into defiance of orders, loot, arson, rampant vandalism and attack on government institutions at a scale unseen.

SPECIAL SCREENING OF 'THE BENGAL FILES'

INDO-ASIAN NEWS SERVICE

Kolkata, Sept 11: 'Khola Hawa', a socio-cultural organisation considered as a BJP think tank in West Bengal, has decided to screen 'The Bengal Files' in Kolkata September 13.

Helmed by former Rajya Sabha MP Swapan Dasgupta, the organisation will hold a special screening of the movie, which was released across the country September 5. The special screening of Vivek Agnihotri's film will take place at 4 pm at Syama Prasad Mookerjee Bhasha Bhavan in the National Library in South Kolkata.

The film will have a closed-door screening, with attendance by invitation only. The decision to screen the movie was taken after

the film did not see a theatrical release in West Bengal.

Dasgupta announced in an X post Thursday. Sharing an invite for the screening, the BJP leader said, "ANNOUNCEMENT: Khola Hawa is proud to present the first showing in Kolkata of the iconic film The Bengal Files."

It was also mentioned in the invitation that director Vivek Agnihotri and actor Pallavi Joshi will grace the occasion.

Only those who have an invitation letter will be able to watch the film.

Following the announcement, Trinamool Congress spokesperson Arup Chakraborty said that the film has been released across the country, but people are not watching it.

"The director is crying.

And the director had said a few days ago that Arindam Chatterjee is Rabindranath Tagore's brother.

Later, they rectified the mistake and said it was not Chattopadhyay, but Arindam Tagore. Bengalis are lucky, they did not call BJP leader Anurag Thakur the son of Rabindranath Tagore," he said.

However, BJP leader Sajal Ghosh expressed concern about whether the screening would take place at all.

"The event to screen the movie has been announced. But there is doubt whether the police will allow the exhibition. There is no law and order in the state. The movie was not allowed to be released in the state. Therefore, it is not clear whether it will be screened this time as well," said the BJP leader.

CUSAT receives energy harvesting patent

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

Kochi, Sept 11: The Cochin University of Science and Technology (CUSAT) has received an Indian patent for development in energy harvesting technology.

According to a CUSAT official, the patent covers a triboelectric nanogenerator (TENG) based on a polydimethylsiloxane (PDMS), a composite that incorporates a graphene oxide-conducting polymer nanohybrid.

The patented technology introduces a novel material composition combining conducting polymer, graphene oxide, and PDMS, enabling highly efficient energy harvesting

Professor at the Department of Polymer Science and Rubber Technology (PS&RT), CUSAT.

The research team includes Divya Jose, former PhD scholar, PS&RT, Saji Joseph K J, associate professor, International School of Photonics - ISP, Jelmy EJ, post-doctoral fellow, IUCND, Vijoy K V former PhD scholar, ISP, and Manoj N Department of Applied Chemistry. The patented technology introduces a novel material composition combining conducting polymer, graphene oxide, and PDMS, enabling highly efficient energy harvesting from ambient mechanical sources such as vibrations, wind, and human motion, a CUSAT official said.

This advancement is particularly significant for powering nanoelectronic devices by converting otherwise wasted mechanical energy into usable electrical power.

Applications of this technology include self-powered sensors, wearable electronics, smart textiles, health monitoring devices, and motion-sensing systems, making it a promising solution for sustainable and energy-efficient innovations in the field of flexible electronics, the statement added.

The patent application was facilitated by the IPR Facilitation Cell at the Inter University Centre for IPR Studies (IUCIPRS), CUSAT, statement said.

This breakthrough innovation is the result of research led by Honey John, Director of the Inter University Centre for Nanomaterials and Devices (IUCND) and

SHRIMP EXPORT

EU lists new 102 desi fishery units

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

Kochi, Sept 11: The European Union (EU) has approved 102 additional fishery establishments for the export of India's marine products to EU member countries, the Marine Products Export Development Authority (MPEDA) announced Thursday.

MPEDA considers it as a major development that would help the country's seafood sector make deeper inroads in European markets and help cushion the impact of US tariffs.

"With this, the number of EU-approved Indian seafood export units has increased to 604-marking an enormous step forward in enhancing India's presence in the highly lucrative European seafood market. This landmark achievement came after a string of parleys Commerce Minister Piyush Goyal and his senior ministry officials held with their EU counterparts, aimed at bolstering confidence in India's robust seafood control mechanisms," MPEDA said.

MPEDA and the Export

Inspection Council (EIC) also played a crucial role in this deal through their sustained and coordinated efforts in strengthening food safety standards across the seafood value chain, officials said.

The major markets for Indian marine products among EU member states are Belgium, Spain, and Italy. The India-EFTA Trade Agreement, coming into force October 1, 2025, is also expected to enhance market access to EFTA nations such as Norway and Switzerland.

According to MPEDA, India shipped 16,98,170 metric tonnes of seafood worth Rs 62,408.45 crore (\$7.45 billion) during 2024-25, with frozen shrimp sustaining its prominence as the top exported item in terms of quantity and value, amid the USA and China turning out to be the major importers of the country's seafood.

The EU is the third-largest seafood export destination for India, accounting for 15.10 per cent of India's total exports.

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of the day

quote

I condemn the Karnataka government's move to rename Shivajinagar metro station in Bengaluru after St Mary. Its an insult to Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj

DEVENDRA FADNAVIS | MAHARASHTRA CM

Grateful to @RailMinIndia for promptly replying to my request for train stoppages and officially approving new train stoppages at Goreswar, Gossaigaon Hat, and Chautara stations on an experimental basis

HIMANTA BISWA SARMA | ASSAM CM

Residents in the temple vicinity should be rehabilitated with alternative spaces, non-conforming structures around the shrines should be removed, and adequate open spaces be created. Emergency services like ambulances and fire tenders must have unhindered access to the temple premises

AJIT PAWAR | MAHA DY CM

SHORT TAKES

Mann discharged from hospital

Chandigarh: Punjab Chief Minister Bhagwant Mann was discharged from Fortis Hospital in Mohali Thursday, days after he was hospitalised following exhaustion and low heart rate. "Mann was discharged from Fortis Hospital, Mohali today after being reviewed by a team of senior doctors. He is in good health and his vital parameters are stable," the hospital said in a statement.

Woman stabbed to death by 2 helpers

Hyderabad: In a gruesome incident, a 50-year-old woman was tied up, hit with a pressure cooker and stabbed to death, allegedly by two helpers at her flat in a high-rise apartment complex in Kukatpally here. Five teams have been formed to nab the suspects, police said Thursday. The incident occurred between 3 pm to 4.30 pm Wednesday. The prime suspect, Harsha (21) is from Jharkhand and was employed at the woman's residence around 11 days ago.

Quake hits Kalaburagi

Bangalore: An earthquake of 2.3 magnitude was recorded in Kalaburagi district Thursday, the Karnataka State Natural Disaster Monitoring Centre (KSNDMC) said. According to a press release from KSNDMC, as per the Seismic Intensity Map, the tremor might be felt up to a radial distance of 20-25 km from the epicentre, which was located 0.5 km southeast of Jawalga Village in Aloor, Aland taluk.

Top court to hear Kangana's plea today

New Delhi: The Supreme Court would September 12 hear the plea of actor and BJP MP Kangana Ranaut challenging the high court's refusal to quash a case against her for allegedly making defamatory remarks in connection with the 2020-21 farmer protests. A bench of Justices Vikram Nath and Sandeep Mehta is scheduled to hear the matter. The complaint was filed by Mahinder Kaur (73), who hails from Bahadurgarh Jandian village in Punjab's Bathinda district in 2021.



Indian philosophy teaches us to honour all who contribute to our lives, society and nation

YOGI ADITYANATH | UTTAR PRADESH CM

HC PROTECTS AISHWARYA RAI'S PERSONALITY RIGHTS

The Delhi High Court has protected the personality rights of Bollywood actor Aishwarya Rai Bachchan, barring online platforms from illegally using her name, images for commercial gain



Delhi Police busts 'Khilafat' terror module linked to Pak

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

New Delhi, Sept 11: The Delhi Police Special Cell has busted a terror module with links to Pakistan and arrested five suspected operatives after raids across multiple states, an official said Thursday.

The suspects, radicalised through social media by a Pakistan-based handler, were allegedly planning to acquire land, declare it a 'Khilafat zone' and wage 'jihad' in India. Additional Commissioner of Police (Special Cell) Pramod Kushwah said at a press conference here.

He said the accused were being guided to spread the idea of 'Ghazwa-e-Hind' (raid of India) and initiate violent activities.

The arrested accused have been identified as Ashar Dan-ish alias Ashrar Qureshi (23), an English honours graduate from Ranchi; Aftab Qureshi and Sufiyan Abubakar, both from Mumbai; Mohammad Huzaifa from Telangana, and Kamran Qureshi from Madhya Pradesh.

The module was headed by Danish, who coordinated with other members and executed tasks on behalf of the handler, who was known by code names such as 'CEO', 'Gazba' and 'Professor'. Additional CP Kushwah told reporters. He said the Pakistan-based handler provided weapon designs, ideological guidance and instructions for fabricating Improvised Explosive Devices (IED) to the module's operatives through encrypted social media chats.

Kushwah said the operation began with the arrest of Aftab and Sufiyan near Hazrat Ni-



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zamuddin Railway Station in Delhi. The accused were in the city to procure weapons from a Mewat-based man and had been trying to leave when they were apprehended. "Our teams had been monitoring their activities for the last six months. Two suspects were arrested when they were planning to leave Delhi. They also planned to recruit young people in their group," said Kushwah.

Based on the disclosure of the two, teams led by Deputy Commissioner of Police Amit Kaushik carried out raids at Ranchi in Jharkhand, Rajgarh

in Madhya Pradesh, and Tel-angana, leading to the arrest of three more suspects, Kush-wah said. He said significant recoveries were made from the suspects' hideouts. The probe team found sulfur powder, sodium bicarbonate, ball bearings, gas masks, electrical wires, fuse points, cartridges and other components used in making IEDs from the raided locations. The electronic devices seized are being analysed by Central agencies.

"During the operation, we detained 11 people, who are being questioned. Of this, five people have already been arrested. They were arrested on Wednesday and will be further taken on police remand so that they can be interrogated," Kushwah said. The accused have been receiving training on how to make weapons and cartridges, the Additional CP said. The group was also in the process of raising funds to purchase land to establish a 'Khilafat zone', a model previously attempted in Maharashtra by Saquib N-achan, he said.

India tells Russia to end recruitment of Indians in its military



PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

New Delhi, Sept 11: India Thursday urged its citizens to stay away from offers to join the Russian Army and demand-ed Moscow to end its practice of recruiting Indians as support staff into the Russian military.

The Ministry of External Affairs (MEA) said it has taken up the matter with Russian authorities, both in Delhi and Moscow. New Delhi's move came following reports that some Indians on student and business visas were forced into joining Russian military units deployed on the frontlines of the war in Ukraine.

The ministry cautioned its Indian nationals to not take of-fers to join the Russian military in view of inherent "risks and dangers" involved. "We have seen reports about Indian na-tionals having been recruited recently into the Russian ar-my," MEA spokesperson Rand-hir Jaiswal said.

"The government has on several occasions over the past one year underlined the risks and dangers inherent in this course

of action and cautioned Indian citizens accordingly," he said.

Jaiswal was responding to media queries on the issue.

"We have also taken up the matter with Russian authori-ties, both in Delhi and Moscow, asking that this practice be ended and that our nationals be released. We are also in touch with the families of the affected Indian citizens," he said.

"We once again strongly urge all Indian nationals to stay away from any offers to join the Russian army as this is a course fraught with danger," Jaiswal added.

It is not immediately known the number of Indian nationals recruited by the Russian military in recent months.

According to official details, 126 Indians were recruited by the Russian military in the past, and 12 were killed.

Ninety-six Indians were re-leased by Russian authorities, and 16 were categorised as missing.India has been repeat-edly asking Russia to release all Indians serving as support staff, such as cooks and helpers, with Russian military units.

Doda tense over AAP MLA's arrest

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

Doda, Sept 11: Tension con-tinued to prevail in Jammu and Kashmir's Doda district and adjoining areas Thurs-day following the detention of over 80 people and violent clashes between protesters and security forces after the arrest of AAP MLA Mehraj Malik under the stringent Public Safety Act (PSA).

Malik, who won the Doda seat in the 2024 assembly elec-tions by over 4,500 votes, was detained Monday under the PSA for allegedly disturbing public order, officials said. He was subsequently lodged in Kathua district jail.

In a related development, high drama unfolded at the Cir-cuit House in Srinagar Thurs-day as former Jammu and Kashmir Chief Minister Farooq Abdullah was prevented from meeting Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) Rajya Sabha MP Sanjay Singh, who was detained on the premises to prevent him from protesting against the action taken against Malik.

Chaired by Doda-Kisht-war-Ramban Range DIG Shridhar Patil, police Wednes-day evening held a peace committee meeting at Doda to further strengthen the path of peace and expedite restoration of normalcy in the region.

Prohibitory orders re-mained in force for the third consecutive day Thursday in Doda district, where mobile internet and WiFi services continued to remain suspend-ed as a precautionary measure. The administration invoked Section 163 of the BNSS Act (previously Section 144 of the CrPC), restricting public move-ment from Monday.

Patil assured the people of Chenab valley that the situa-tion is almost under control and efforts are underway to restore complete normalcy at the earliest.

Around 40 respected citizens from Doda city and surround-ing areas participated in the discussions, during which they shared valuable suggestions and concerns related to the difficulties faced by the public. "We thank them for coming for-ward," he added.

SNIPPETS

Dubai Crown Prince inugurates 1st-ever overseas campus of IIM Ahmedabad

New Delhi: Dubai Crown Prince Sheikh Hamdan bin Mohammed bin Rashid Al Maktoum Thursday inaugurated the Dubai campus of the Indian Institute of Management (IIM), Ahmedabad, according to the Ministry of Education. Union Education Minister Dharmendra Pradhan, who is on a two-day visit to the UAE, termed it another big leap towards globalisation of India's education. "IIM Ahmedabad Dubai campus will take the best of India to the world. Dubai, today, has provided the perfect launchpad to the ethos of 'Indian in spirit, global in outlook' by hosting the IIM Ahmedabad international campus," Pradhan wrote on X. Pradhan also met Abdulrahman Abdulmannan Al Awar, Acting Minister of Higher Education and Scientific Research of the UAE.

HAL set to deliver 2 Tejas Mark-1A jets next month

New Delhi: Two Tejas Mark-1A fighter jets will be delivered to the Indian Air Force next month by state-run aerospace major Hindustan Aeronautics Ltd (HAL), officials said Thursday. HAL said it received one jet engine from American defence major GE Aerospace and another engine will be supplied by end of this month which will power the two jets. In February 2021, the defence ministry sealed a Rs 48,000 crore deal with HAL for the procurement of 83 Tejas Mk-1A jets for the IAF. The delivery of the jets are facing delays primarily due to GE Aerospace missing several deadlines for supply of its aero engines to power the jets.

Five dead, more than 10 injured in bus accident

Lucknow: Five people died and more than 10 were injured when a state roadways bus overturned in the Kakori area here Thursday, police said. According to locals, the bus was coming from Hardoi when its driver lost control of the vehicle and it collided with a water tanker before plunging into a 20-foot-deep ditch. Road construction work was going on at the site and water was being sprinkled on the stretch when the accident occurred, the locals said. Police Commissioner, Lucknow, Amrendra Singh Sengar said five people died and over 10 were injured in the accident.



Workers load apple boxes onto a special train operated by the Indian Railways to transport fruits from Kashmir Valley to Delhi following the prolonged closure of the Srinagar-Jammu highway due to heavy rains, at Budgam railway station

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UNICEF flags sharp rise in obesity across all age groups

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

New Delhi, Sept 11: Ex-perts from UNICEF India Thursday highlighted that the country is witnessing a sharp rise in obesity across all age groups due to factors including sedentary lifestyle and a high consumption of ultra-processed foods.

According to UNICEF's Child Nutrition Global Report 2025 released Thursday, obesity has, for the first time, surpassed underweight globally as the most common form of malnutrition among school-aged children and adolescents.

At a UNICEF organised national media round-table on healthy diets held here, experts warned that com-bined with increased screen time, low physical activity, and rising consumption of ultra processed foods (UPFs) and sugary drinks and an increasing exposure of chil-dren and adolescents to an



The government has launched several initiatives to address the challenge, including the Fit India Movement, Eat Right India campaign, POSHAN Abhiyaan 2.0, and school-based health and wellness programmes

unhealthy food environment. The experts said India is witnessing a sharp rise in overweight and obesity across

all age groups -- from young children to adults.

One in ten children world-wide, nearly 188 million, now

live with obesity, they said, adding that once considered a condition of affluence, obesity is spreading rapidly in low and middle-income countries, including India.

Countries in South Asia had the lowest prevalence of over-weight in 2000, but by 2022, the prevalence increased almost fivefold among children and teenagers aged 5-19.

In India, the National Family Health Survey (NFHS) data shows a sharp surge in overweight and obesity among under-five children, with prevalence rising by 127 per cent (from 1.5 per cent to 3.4 per cent between NFHS-3 in 2005-06 and NFHS-5 in 2019-21).

Among adolescents, over-weight and obesity increased by 125 per cent in girls (2.4 per cent to 5.4 per cent) and a striking 288 per cent in boys (1.7 per cent to 6.6 per cent).

In adults, obesity rose by 91 per cent among women (12.6 per

cent to 24.0 per cent) and 146 per cent among men (9.3 per cent to 22.9 per cent), pointing to a nationwide health crisis.

By 2030, India is expected to be home to over 27 million children and adolescents (5-19 years) living with obesity, ac-counting for 11 per cent of the global burden, according to experts.

The Indian Economic Survey 2024-25 highlighted the role of UPFs in this epidemic. UPF consumption surged from USD 900 million in 2006 to USD 37.9 billion in 2019, growing at over 33 per cent annually.

Between 2011 and 2021, retail sales of UPFs grew at a com-pound annual growth rate of 13.7 per cent.

The experts said that these foods -- high in fat, sugar, and salt -- are increasingly replac-ing fruits, vegetables, and tra-ditional diets, while aggres-sive marketing campaigns and their easy availability are shaping food choices.

PM to visit Manipur tomorrow

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

Imphal, Sept 11: Nearly two years after ethnic violence broke out in Manipur, Prime Minister Narendra Modi is scheduled to visit the state September 13 and unveil projects valued at Rs 8,500 crore, officials said Thursday.

Opposition parties have been criticising the Prime Minister for not visiting the northeastern state, where clashes between Kuki and Meitei communities have left over 260 people dead and thousands homeless since May 2023.

According to officials, Modi will lay foundation stones for various development projects valued at Rs 7,300 crore from Peace Ground in Churachandpur where Kukis are in the majority.

The Prime Minister will also inaugurate infrastructure projects worth Rs 1,200 crore from the state capital Imphal dominated by the Meiteis, they said.

It was being speculated for the past few days that Modi would club his official visit to neighbouring Mizoram with one in Manipur, but no confirmation was available from either the government or the BJP. However, Thursday evening, the government put up a large billboard announcing the PM's programmes at Churachandpur's Peace Ground and at Kangla Fort in the state capital September 13.

The hoarding came up at Kei-



sampat Juntion, a key location in Imphal, which is also close to the BJP's state headquarters. More such billboards are expected to be put up in the state.

Manipur is under the President's Rule since February, after the resignation of chief minister N Biren Singh.

Earlier in the day, the Manipur government issued an advisory asking the public attending a "VVIP programme" in Peace Ground September 13 not to bring "key, pen, water bottle, bag, handkerchief, umbrella, lighter, match box, piece of cloth, any sharp objects or arms and ammunition.."

A notification that did not mention the Prime Minister's name also advised the public to avoid bringing children below 12 years and sick persons to the venue.

Manipur's lone Rajya Sabha MP Leishemba Sanajaoba described the PM's visit as a "very



Thousands of women from Maharashtra will take part in the protest and send 'sindoor' (vermilion) from their households to Prime Minister Narendra Modi

SANJAY RAUT | SENA (UBT) LEADER

At least 43 BJP members Thursday resigned in Phungyar constituency of Manipur's Ukhrul district, days before Prime Minister Narendra Modi's likely visit to the northeastern state

stage is being constructed for the prime minister's function.

Central security teams, accompanied by state personnel, are conducting round-the-clock inspection of Kangla Fort, and boats of the state disaster management force have been employed for patrolling the moats that surround the fort.

Kangla Fort served as the ancient seat of power for the then Manipuri rulers before the annexation of the princely kingdom in 1891. The fort, which is surrounded by moats on three sides and the Imphal river on the Eastern side, encloses a large polo field, a small forest, ruins of temples and state archaeological offices.

A team of central security officials also reached Churachandpur.

Police and paramilitary forces have been deployed in large numbers in and around the nearly 237-acre Kangla Fort in Imphal and Peace Ground in Churachandpur, where a grand

fortunate" one for the people and the state.

"It's a great fortune that Modi will be listening to the hardships faced by the people... Manipur has had a history of violent clashes in the past. However, no Prime Minister has visited the state during such times and listened to the people. Modi is the first PM to visit during such hard times," the BJP MP said.

In a video message, Leishemba also asked all to welcome Modi and not to make any boycott call. Meanwhile, security measures have been tightened in Imphal and Churachandpur district headquarters town ahead of the Prime Minister's visit, officials said.

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RADHAKRISHNAN TO BE SWORN IN AS VICE-PRESIDENT TODAY

Vice-President-elect C P Radhakrishnan will be administered the oath of office by President Droupadi Murmu Friday, officials said. Former Maharashtra Governor Radhakrishnan will be sworn in as the next VP at a ceremony scheduled to be held at 10 am at the Rashtrapati Bhavan, they said



Indian border guards nab 60 Nepal jailbreak inmates; 1 from B'desh

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

New Delhi, Sept 11: The Sashastra Seema Bal (SSB) that guards the India-Nepal border has caught about 60 people including a Bangladeshi national from various locations along the international front, officials said.

Most of them are Nepalese who are suspected of having escaped during jailbreaks during the unrest in their country.

SSB troops caught them from border points in Uttar Pradesh, Bihar and West Bengal over the last two days, the officials told PTL. They have been handed over to the respective state police forces and are being questioned, they said.

A Bangladeshi national has also been apprehended from the Musharwa border post in Bihar's West Champaran district. He had managed to slip during a mob attack on the prison premises in Kathmandu.

Two or three of those nabbed claim to be of Indian origin and this fact is being ascertained, the officials said.

The SSB, which functions under the Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA), guards the 1,751-km-long unfenced India-Nepal front on India's eastern side. It has deployed about 50 battalions, translating to about 60,000 personnel, in Bihar, Uttar Pradesh, Uttara-

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"The SSB is in touch with its Nepalese counterpart APF. They have also undertaken joint patrols with them apart from independent flag marches in the border areas to send across a message that the Indian side is ready to meet any challenge emerging from the recent developments in Nepal," a senior official said.

Nepal has been assured of all cooperation and genuine nationals of the two countries, carrying valid IDs, are being allowed to cross the border, he said.

Three inmates were killed Thursday during clashes with Nepalese security personnel at a jail, while more than 15,000 prisoners are stated to have escaped from more than two dozen jails since violent protests erupted in that country.

India pledges \$680m to Mauritius

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

Varanasi/New Delhi, Sept 11: India Thursday announced around \$680 million special economic package for Mauritius and signed seven agreements to further expand bilateral ties in several critical sectors such as maritime security with Prime Minister Narendra Modi asserting that a free and secure Indian Ocean is a shared priority for both sides.

Modi hosted his Mauritian counterpart Navinchandra Ramgoolam at his parliamentary constituency in Varanasi, in reflection of rich cultural links between India and Mauritius as he described the two countries as "not just partners but a family".

In his media statement, Modi said India remains fully committed to strengthening the security of Mauritius's exclusive economic zone and that both sides will work towards enabling bilateral trade in local currencies following successful launch of UPI and RuPay cards in Mauritius.

Under the special economic package, India will assist Mauritius implement at least 10 projects that include strengthening key infrastructure like port, airport, and roads and to set up new schools and hospitals.

"This package is not an assistance. It is an investment in our shared future," Modi said.

The seven agreements will facilitate boosting cooperation in areas of education, power, hydrography and space research.

The most important pact signed

following the Modi-Ramgoolam talks appears to be the one on hydrography under which both sides will work together on joint surveys, navigation charts, and hydrographic data of the exclusive economic zones of Mauritius.

"India and Mauritius are two nations, but our dreams and destiny are one," Modi said.

In his remarks to the media, the prime minister also congratulated Ramgoolam and

the people of Mauritius on the conclusion of the Chagos agreement, describing it as a "historic victory" for the island nation's sovereignty.

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Fisheries & ARD Department
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Expression of Interest (EOI) for the design, construction, exhibit development and operation of a State-of-the-Art Marine Aquarium and Underwater Zoo at/near Puri Sea Beach

1. The Fisheries & ARD Department, Government of Odisha, invites **Expression of Interest (EOI)** from reputed developers/ companies for the **design, construction, exhibit development, and operation of a State-of-the-Art Marine Aquarium and Underwater Zoo at/near Puri Sea Beach** under the PPP model. The project is envisioned to be of international standard, positioning Puri as a global marine tourism hub while promoting education, conservation and sustainable development.

2. Interested firms may submit their proposals in PDF format to **pmufard@gmail.com** by **5:00 P.M. of 10th October 2025**. Clarifications may be sought through the same email by **30th September 2025, 5:00 P.M.** Detailed EOI document is available in the F & ARD Department, Government of Odisha website <https://fard.odisha.gov.in/sites/default/files/2025-09/EOI%2011%209%2025%20FP-2-3.pdf>

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EAST COAST RAILWAY
Tender No. 26-KUR-TRD-OT-2025-26
NAME OF WORK : EXECUTION OF OHE MODIFICATION WORK IN CONNECTION WITH AUGMENTATION IN ELECTRIC LOCO TRIP SHED AT PURI OF EAST COAST RAILWAY
Advertised Value (₹) : 58,09,983.02, EMD (₹) : 1,16,200.00, Period of Completion: 180 Days.
Bidding Start Date : 12.09.2025, Date and Time of Closing of Tender : At 1300 Hrs. of 26.09.2025.
Manual offers are not allowed against this tender, and any such manual offer received shall be ignored. Complete details and Tender documents will be available at website <http://www.reps.gov.in>
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(1) Tender No.32-KUR-TRD-OT-2025-26
NAME OF WORK : EXECUTION OF OHE MODIFICATION WORK IN CONNECTION WITH CONSTRUCTION OF THE PROPOSED ROAD OVER BRIDGE (ROB) AT KM. 370/25-27 OF NH-200 (NEW NH-53) IN BETWEEN HARIDASPUR (HDS) & DHANBADAL (DNM) STATIONS ON KOLKATA-CHENNAI MAIN LINE UNDER KHURDA ROAD DIVISION OF EAST COAST RAILWAY.
Advertised Value : ₹15,29,188.76, EMD : ₹ 30,600/-, Period of Completion : 180 Days.
(2) Tender No.33-KUR-TRD-OT-2025-26
NAME OF WORK : PROVISION OF ANTI-BIRD DISC AT BIRD PRONE AREA AS PER RDSO MAINTENANCE INSTRUCTION NO. T/MI/0059 REV-3 IN KHURDA ROAD DIVISION.
Advertised Value : ₹3,72,20,682.88, EMD: ₹ 3,36,100/-, Period of Completion : 365 Days.
Bidding Start Date : 12.09.2025 (for both the Tenders).
Tender Closing Date and Time : At 1300 Hrs. of 26.09.2025 (for both the Tenders).
Manual offers are not allowed against this tender, and any such manual offer received shall be ignored. Complete information including e-Tender documents and corrigendum is available in website www.reps.gov.in
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e-Tender Notice No. e-Tender-Elect-G-45-25
DESCRIPTION OF WORK : OUTSOURCING OF MANFORCE (SKILLED-02 NOS. AND SEMI-SKILLED-206 NOS.) FOR ESCORTING OF AC COACHES IN MAILEXPRESS/ SUPERFAST/RAJDHANI TYPE TRAINS AT PURI COACHING DEPOTS OF EAST COAST RAILWAY FOR A PERIOD OF THREE YEARS.
Approx. Cost of Work: ₹16,88,51,193.77, EMD : ₹ 9,94,300/-, Cost of tender document : ₹ 11,800/-, Completion Period : 36 Months.
Tender Closing Date and Time : At 1500 hrs. of 26.09.2025.
No manual offers sent by Post / Courier/ Fax or in person shall be accepted against e-tenders even if these are submitted on firm's letter head and received in time. All manual offers shall be considered invalid and shall be rejected summarily without consideration.
Complete information including e-tender documents of the above e-tender is available at website : www.reps.gov.in
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of the day quote

The Trump administration has a couple of goals around energy and one of those is energy abundance, so energy to our friends and our allies so they do not have to buy from our adversaries

DOUG BURGUM | INTERIOR SECRETARY, US



Slovakia cannot support more European Union sanctions against Russia until it gets EU proposals to align climate targets with the needs of carmakers and heavy industry

ROBERT FICO | PRIME MINISTER, SLOVAKIA



Along all the Venezuelan coasts, from the border with Colombia to the east of the country, from north to south and east to west, we have a full preparation of official troops

NICOLAS MADURO | PRESIDENT, VENEZUELA



SHORT TAKES

UK fires ambassador to US Peter Mandelson

London: UK Prime Minister Keir Starmer Thursday fired the country's ambassador to the United States, Peter Mandelson, over his links to the convicted sex offender Jeffrey Epstein. In a statement in the House of Commons Thursday, Foreign Office minister Stephen Doughty said the decision came in the wake of the publication this week of emails Mandelson sent to Epstein in the 2000s, in which he gave his support to the disgraced financier even when he was facing jail for sex offences. Doughty said the emails showed that the "depth and extent" of Mandelson's relationship with Epstein was "materially different" from what was known when he was appointed ambassador to Washington last year in the wake of the Labour Party's election victory.

Ghana receives 14 deportees

Accra (Ghana): A group of 14 West Africans deported from the US arrived in Ghana, the country's president said. The country joins Eswatini, Rwanda and South Sudan as African countries that have received migrants from third countries who were deported from the US, a controversial approach whose legality lawyers for the deportees have questioned. "We agreed with (Washington) that West African nationals were acceptable because all our fellow West African nationals don't need a visa to come to our country," President John Mahama told reporters late Wednesday. The deportees had arrived in the country and included Nigerian and Gambian nationals who planned to return to their countries, he added.

Belarus frees 52 prisoners

Vilnius (Lithuania): Belarus has freed 52 prisoners, and they have crossed into Lithuania, the Lithuanian president said Thursday. In June, Belarus freed Siarhei Tsikhanouski, a key dissident figure and the husband of exiled opposition leader Sviatlana Tsikhanouskaya, and 13 others following a rare visit by a senior envoy from the Trump administration. Last month, US President Donald Trump spoke to Belarus' authoritarian president, Alexander Lukashenko, about the release of more prisoners. "I am deeply grateful to the United States and personally to President @realDonaldTrump for their continued efforts to free political prisoners. 52 is a lot. A great many. Yet more than 1,000 political prisoners remain in Belarusian prisons, and we cannot stop until they see freedom!" Lithuanian President Gitanas Nausėda wrote on X.



Poland should explore similar multi-layered approaches as missile systems such as the US-made Patriot were too expensive to use against cheaper drones used by Russia

VOLODYMYR ZELENSKY | PRESIDENT, UKRAINE

SAUDI ARABIA'S OIL AID

Saudi Arabia said Thursday it will supply Syria with 1.65 million barrels of crude as Damascus struggles to rebuild the country's economy and infrastructure after a nearly 14-year civil war. The CEO of the Saudi Fund for Development, Sultan Al-Marshad, and Syria's Minister of Energy Mohammad al-Bashir had signed a memorandum of understanding



Netanyahu signs West Bank settlement expansion plan

Jerusalem: Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu signed an agreement Thursday to push ahead with a controversial settlement expansion plan that would cut across land that the Palestinians seek for a state. "There will never be a Palestinian state. This place is ours," Netanyahu said during a visit to the Maale Adumim settlement in the West Bank where thousands of new housing units would be added. "We will safeguard our heritage, our land, and our security."

NK leader firming up status of daughter as successor: Seoul

Ju Ae stayed at the North Korean embassy and avoided the public spotlight during the Beijing visit, but just being on the overseas trip with her father was 'enough to build a narrative' as the regime's likely successor

REUTERS

Seoul, Sept 11: North Korean leader Kim Jong Un appears to have solidified the status of his

daughter Kim Ju Ae as his likely successor after she accompanied him on a visit to China, South Korean lawmakers said Thursday, citing the country's spy agency.

Ju Ae stayed at the North Korean embassy and avoided the public spotlight during the Beijing visit, but just being on the overseas trip with her father was "enough to build a narrative" as the regime's likely successor, said Lee Seong-kweun, a lawmaker on South Korea's parliamentary intelligence committee.

"It was suggested that Kim Ju Ae's status was solidified as a



likely successor by showing her occasionally, while enabling her to build overseas experience but not to appear at public events," said Park Sun-won, another lawmaker on the committee.

Also, North Korean officials were spotted wiping out traces in order not to expose biological information of Kim and his daughter during the China trip. This included using a special

NEPAL'S GEN Z PROTESTS

Deadlock over interim govt continues

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

Kathmandu, Sept 11: The deadlock over the selection of an interim head to run the Nepal government continued Thursday, even as President Ramchandra Paudel appealed for peace and said he was aiming to find a solution to the political crisis within the constitutional framework.

As political parleys for a transitional government continued, the situation in Kathmandu and other parts of the country remained peaceful, with army troops carrying out patrolling in sensitive areas. The death toll from two days of violent protests that began Monday has increased to 34, according to officials.

The representatives of youth-led Gen Z, which spearheaded the anti-government protests, held meetings with the top military brass to finalise a transitional government, but the talks hit a roadblock on the issue of who will head it.

Former chief justice Sushila Karki, Kathmandu Mayor Balendra Shah, former CEO of Nepal Electricity Authority Kulman Ghising and Mayor of Dharan Harka Sampang were among those being considered by the protesting Gen Z group to lead the government, sources said.

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Ministry of Health said that 34 people have died so far during the protests held on Monday and Tuesday

Protesters call for dissolution of parliament

Former Chief Justice Karki emerges as frontrunner

Army still patrols Kathmandu streets after deadly unrest

Shops, schools closed; essential services slowly resume

President assures he is working to resolve crisis soon

have fled from more than 25 prisons, according to media reports.

The Army Thursday extend-

ed prohibitory orders in three districts of Kathmandu Valley while allowing public movement during specific windows, as the Himalayan nation gradually returned to normalcy.

"I am making every effort to protect democracy and to find a way out from the present political impasse within the constitutional framework while at the same time maintaining law and order," said President Paudel, who is currently under military protection.

He was not seen in public after the Gen Z agitating groups burnt the president's office and his private residence Tuesday.

"I appeal to all parties to be confident that a solution to the problem is being sought as soon as possible to address the de-

mands of the agitating citizens and to cooperate in maintaining peace and order in the country with restraint," Paudel said, in his first comments since the ouster of Prime Minister KP Sharma Oli Tuesday.

An Army spokesperson confirmed that discussions are ongoing with various stakeholders. He, however, did not provide any names.

"We are holding rounds of talks with different stakeholders. The talks are mainly focused on finding a way out from the current stalemate and at the same time maintaining law and order situation in the country," he said. Though sources suggested that Mayor Shah has expressed his support for Karki, the picture is still not clear as to who will head the new cabinet. Some of the activists expressed support for Karki, while others pitched for Ghising.

Meanwhile, the Ministry of Health said that 34 people have died so far during the protests held on Monday and Tuesday.

Three inmates were killed and 13 others injured Thursday during clashes with security personnel at the Ramechhap district prison in Madhesh province, officials said.

With the latest deaths, the number of prisoners who died during clashes with security forces has increased to eight since Tuesday.



24th anniversary of 9/11 terror attacks

The second tower of the World Trade Center bursts into flames after being hit by a hijacked airplane in New York City, September 11, 2001

REUTERS

CHARLIE KIRK SHOOTING

Police find rifle



REUTERS

Orem, Utah, Sept 11: US investigators said Thursday they had found the bolt-action rifle they believed was used to kill the influential conservative activist Charlie Kirk as he gave a talk at a university in Utah, but were still searching for the shooter.

Kirk, a 31-year-old podcast-radio commentator and a close ally of US President Donald Trump, is credited with helping build the Republican Party's support among younger voters. He was killed Wednesday by a single gunshot in what Trump called a "heinous assassination."

The killing, captured in graphic detail in videos that rapidly spread around the internet, occurred as Kirk spoke onstage at an outdoor event called "Prove Me Wrong" in front of about 3,000 people at Utah Valley University in Orem, Utah, about 40 miles (65 km) south of Salt Lake City.

The killer arrived on campus a few minutes before the event began, and could be seen on security-camera video ascending stairwells to get onto a nearby roof before firing at Kirk, according to the FBI and state officials. Kirk, a staunch defender of gun rights, was answering an audience question about mass shootings when the bullet struck his neck; screaming audience members fled in panic.

The shooter jumped off the roof and fled into an adjoining neighborhood, Robert Bohls, the FBI special agent in charge, told reporters. Investigators found a "high-powered, bolt-action" rifle in a nearby wooded area, and were examining that along with palm prints and footprints for clues.

The shooter appears to be

Investigators find rifle in nearby woods

Killer fled after shooting, still on the loose

Kirk was fielding questions about gun violence when shot

US President Trump will award Kirk the Medal of Freedom

of college age and "blended in well" on the campus, Utah Public Safety Commissioner Beau Mason told reporters. The shooter has not been publicly identified, and while investigators said they had "good video footage," they would not make that public for now. Kirk, co-founder and president of the conservative student group Turning Point USA, was pronounced dead at a local hospital hours later. His killing stirred immediate expressions of outrage and denunciations of political violence from Democrats, Republicans and foreign governments.

Utah Governor Spencer Cox said Kirk's events on college campuses were part of a tradition of open political debate that was "foundational to the formation of our country, to our most basic constitutional rights." "When someone takes the life of a person because of their ideas or their ideals, then that very constitutional foundation is threatened," Cox said.

Trump said Thursday he would award Kirk the Presidential Medal of Freedom, the nation's highest civilian honor. Vice President JD Vance canceled his trip to New York to commemorate the attacks by al Qaeda September 11, 2001, and instead will travel to Utah to visit Kirk's family, a person familiar with the situation said.

'Korea will hesitate to invest in US without better visa system'

ASSOCIATED PRESS

Seoul, Sept 11: South Korea's president said Thursday that Korean companies will likely hesitate to make further investments in the United States unless Washington improves its visa system for their employees, as US authorities released hundreds of workers who were detained at a Georgia factory site last week.

In a news conference marking 100 days in office, Lee Jae Myung called for improvements in the US visa system as he spoke about the September 4 immigration raid that resulted in the arrest of more than 300 South Korean workers at a battery factory under construction at Hyundai's sprawling auto plant in Georgia.

South Korea's Foreign Ministry later confirmed that US authorities have released the 330 detainees - 316 of them Koreans - and that they were being transported by buses to Atlanta, where they will board a charter flight scheduled to arrive in South Korea Friday afternoon.

The massive roundup in Georgia and the US authorities' release of video showing some workers being chained and taken away sparked widespread anger and a sense of betrayal in South Korea. The raid came less than two weeks after a summit between US President Donald Trump and Lee, and just weeks after the countries reached a July agreement that spared South Korea from the Trump administration's high-

est tariffs, but only after Seoul pledged \$350 billion in new US investments.

Lawmakers from both Lee's liberal Democratic Party and the conservative opposition decried the detentions as outrageous

and heavy-handed, while South Korea's biggest newspaper compared the raid to a "rabbit hunt" executed by US immigration authorities in a zeal to meet an alleged White House goal of 3,000 arrests a day.

During the news conference, Lee said South Korean and US officials are discussing a possible improvement to the US visa system, adding that under the



current system, South Korean companies "can't help but hesitate a lot" about making direct investments in the US.

LEE: IT'S NOT LIKE THESE ARE LONG-TERM WORKERS

US authorities said some of the detained workers had illegally crossed the US border, while others entered legally but had expired visas or entered on visa waivers that prohibited them from working.

But South Korean experts and officials said Washington has yet to act on Seoul's years-long demand to ensure a visa system to accommodate skilled Korean workers, though it has been pressing South Korea to expand industrial investments in the US.

South Korean companies

have been relying on short-term visitor visas or Electronic System for Travel Authorisation to send workers who are needed to launch manufacturing sites and handle other setup tasks, a practice that had been largely tolerated for years.

Lee said that whether the US establishes a visa system allowing South Korean companies to send skilled workers to industrial sites will have a "major impact" on future South Korean investments in the US.

"It's not like these are long-term workers. When you build a facility or install equipment at a plant, you need technicians, but the United States doesn't have that workforce, and yet they won't issue visas to let our people stay and do the work," he said.

WOMEN’S T20 CWC FOR BLIND

India name squad, 4 from Odisha



PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

New Delhi, Sept 11: After a nationwide talent hunt of 56 players, a 16-member Indian women’s team of visually impaired has been announced for the inaugural World Cup. Jamuna Rani Tudu, Basanti Hansdah, Parbati Marndi and Phula Soren from Odisha got selected.

Captain Deepika TC and vice-captain Ganga S Kadam were “chosen for their exemplary past performances and leadership qualities.”

“This World Cup is more than just a tournament. It is a celebration of courage, skill, and inclusion. Hosting it in India is a matter of pride, and I am confident our girls will rise to the occasion, inspire millions, and

make the nation proud,” said CABI chairman Mahantesh G Kivadasannavar.

The Indian women’s visually impaired team had scripted history by winning gold at the 2023 IBSA World Games, where cricket for the blind made its debut.

India had defeated Australia in the finals.

Nepal turmoil: Kathmandu dropped as neutral venue

The turmoil in Nepal has forced the organisers to drop Kathmandu as neutral venue for the inaugural women’s T20 World Cup Cricket for the Blind to held in India in November this year and an alternate venue is being figured to host matches involving Pakistan.

The tournament will be

held from November 11 to 25, featuring Australia, England, India, Nepal, Pakistan, Sri Lanka, and the USA. The tournament will be played in New Delhi and Bangalore primarily but Pakistan will be stationed at a neutral venue, which was to be Kathmandu originally.

“Kathmandu was originally identified as the third host city, with fixtures involving Pakistan scheduled there; however, due to the current situation in Nepal, an alternate venue is being considered,” the Cricket Association for the Blind in India said in a statement.

There is no such ban on Pakistani players for multi-lateral events but the country has avoided travelling to India

Squad List

- B1 Category (Fully blind):** Simu Das (Delhi), P. Karuna Kumari (Andhra Pradesh), Anu Kumari (Bihar), Jamuna Rani Tudu (Odisha), Kavya V (Karnataka)
- B2 Category (Significant vision loss):** Anekha Devi (Delhi), Basanti Hansdah (Odisha), Simranjeet Kour (Rajasthan), Sunita Sarathe (Madhya Pradesh), Parbati Marndi (Odisha)
- B3 Category (Partial vision):** Deepika T C (Karnataka – Captain), Phula Soren (Odisha), Ganga S Kadam (Maharashtra – Vice Captain), Kavya N R (Karnataka), Sushma Patel (Madhya Pradesh), Durga Yevle (Madhya Pradesh).

citing political tensions and India’s refusal to send their players to Pakistan.

Nepal was rocked by violent protests over ban on social media sites. Thirty people were killed and over a thousand injured in the recent anti-government protests, which led to Prime Minister K P Sharma Oli’s resignation.

Currently, curfew has been imposed in three districts of Kathmandu valley -- Kathmandu, Lalitpur and Bhaktapur -- by Nepal Army. The World Cup will comprise 21 league matches, two semi-finals, and one final.

Women’s Hockey Asia Cup: India lose 1-4 against China



AGENCIES

Hangzhou, Sept 11: The Indian women’s hockey team lost their second Super4s match 1-4 against hosts China at the Women’s Asia Cup 2025 in Hangzhou Thursday. Mumtaz Khan (38’) was the only goal-scorer for India, while Zou Meirong (4’, 56’), Chen Yang (31’) and Tan Jinzhuang (47’) scored goals for China.

It was a lively first quarter with both sides attacking the circles and creating good opportunities, however, it was China who secured the opening goal early on. In the 4th minute, India did well to make a good save but the ball landed to Zou Meirong (4’) on the rebound,

who tapped it into the empty net. India made relentless attempts to equalise but weren’t clinical enough in front of goal. India won their first penalty corner in the 10th minute but couldn’t make it past the Chinese rushers.

The second quarter too saw plenty of end-to-end action, but neither side could find the net. In the last five minutes of the first half, India increased the tempo of the game as they applied constant pressure on the Chinese defence and controlled possession in search of their first goal. In the 27th minute, India won another penalty corner to their name but that too didn’t amount to a goal as they headed back into the break a

goal behind.

In the very first minute of the third quarter, China increased their lead by scoring a fortunate goal as India gave away the ball in their own circle to an unmarked Chen Yang (31’) in front of goal who scored with a simple finish. China won their first penalty corner of the day but their attempt went wide away from the target. In the 38th minute, Mumtaz Khan (38’) scored an incredible field goal for India to reduce the deficit. Lalremsiami passed the ball to her at the edge of the circle from where she launched a powerful back-handed shot from distance to score India’s first goal. Moments later, Zou Meirong took a shot from close range on goal but India’s Bichu Devi showcased great reflexes to make a save and maintain the scoreline.

China started the final quarter strong, adding another goal to their tally. They won a penalty corner in the 47th minute which was converted by Tan Jinzhuang (47’) off a deflection from a defender’s stick. China secured another goal in the 56th minute courtesy of another field goal from Zou Meirong (56’) to seal the fixture and progress into the final of the Women’s Asia Cup.

India will next play against Japan Friday in their third match of the Super4s, looking for a win to secure a spot in the final and clash again with hosts China for the coveted title.

ISSF WORLD CUP

Shooters continue medal-less campaign

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

Ningbo (China), Sept 11: Indian shooters’ medal-less campaign in the ISSF World Cup here continued Thursday with the likes of Divyansh Singh Panwar, Umamahesh Maddineni and Rahi Sarnabot bowing out in the qualifications.

Italy’s Danilo Sollazzo, who finished second behind India’s Rudranksh Patil in the Cairo World Championship in 2022 and was fifth in the Paris Olympics last year, shattered the men’s 10m air rifle finals world record on competition day three of the rifle/pistol World Cup stage in the Chinese city.

Indian shooters meanwhile, despite some solid performances, were still searching for a first final appearance in the tournament. India’s former world number one Divyansh shot 630.0 in qualification to finish 19th. Sweden’s Paris silver medallist Victor Lindgren took the final qualifying spot with 632.3.

Match referees: Trudy Anderson, Shandre Fritz, GS Lakshmi, Michell Pereira.

Umpires: Lauren Agenbag, Candace la Borde, Kim Cotton, Sarah Dambanavana, Shathira Jakir Jesy, Kerrin Klaste, Janani N, Nimali Perera, Claire Polosak, Vrinda Rathi, Sue Redfern, Eloise Sheridan, Gayathri Venugopalan, Jacqueline Williams.

ARCHERY WORLD C’SHIPS

Deepika crashes out; Gatha in prequarters

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

Gwangju (South Korea), Sept 11: India’s most decorated archer Deepika Kumari once again failed to rise above her familiar inconsistency, crashing out in the round of 32 at the World Championships here Thursday, while 15-year-old Gatha Khadake shone bright to become the lone recurve archer from the country in pre-quarterfinals.

Despite being pre-seeded into the third round after a sixth-place finish in qualification, the four-time Olympian Deepika was outshot by Indonesia’s unheralded Diananda Choirunisa in a five-setter.

All eyes will now be Friday’s round of 16, where Gatha faces the toughest challenge of her budding career against the reigning Paris Olympic champion and world No 1 Lim Si-hyeon.

For India, the young Gatha remains their last hope and it remains to be seen if the debutant from Pune manages to win the country its first medal in recurve section, since Den Bosch in 2019.

In this edition, India have won a historical men’s team gold and mixed team silver, both coming in the compound section.

Tvesa returns to Switzerland

Zug (Switzerland): Indian golfer Tvesa Malik will look to make up for her narrow miss as she returns to the VP Bank Swiss Ladies Open in a bid to win her maiden Ladies European Tour event. The 29-year-old came up with one of her best performances last year at the Golfpark Holzhausen but lost in a play-off to Alice Hewson of England after both were tied at 11-under for three rounds. Tvesa will hope to go the distance this time as she leads a big Indian contingent, including Vani Kapoor, Hitaashee Bakshi, Ridhima Dilawari, Pranavi Urs and Sneha Singh.

Davis Cup: Captain Rajpal fields Dhakshineshwar

Biel (Switzerland): In a bold move, India have thrown young Dhakshineshwar Suresh in the ring along with comeback man Sumit Nagal for the World Group I indoor tie against formidable hosts Switzerland, beginning here Friday, as they eye a Davis Cup Qualifiers spot. Captain Rohit Rajpal convinced the coaches of Dhakshineshwar in the US to let him fly to Switzerland for the tie.

Third All India T10 Tennis Ball Cricket C’ship kicks off



POST NEWS NETWORK

Puri, Sept 11: The third India T10 Tennis Ball Cricket Championship was inaugurated at the Shri Jagannath Cricket Stadium in Puri, Thursday.

The event was organised under the aegis of Sri Darshan Charitable Trust, in collaboration with T10 Tennis Ball Cricket Association of India (T10TBCAI) and presented by Odisha T10 Tennis Ball Cricket Association. A total of 32 teams from 25 states will compete in the championship.

Sports and Youth Affairs Minister Suryabanshi Suraj attended as the opening ceremony as chief guest and formally inaugurated the tournament. Distinguished guests included Satyabadi MLA Om Prakash Mishra, BJP district president Debendra Nath Tarai, T10TBCAI president Daitapati Bhabani Prasad Dasmohapatra, organising chairman Nishikant Mishra, organising secretary Santosh Kumar Pradhan, joint secretary (Sports) Braj Kishore Dash, secretary (sports) Sibani

Prasad Dasmahapatra, advisor Jayant Kumar Sarangi, T10TBCAI general secretary Abhishek Singh and treasurer Nitesh Shinde, and senior daitapati servitors Ganapati Dasmahapatra and Ram Dasmahapatra, among others.

The championship aims to promote youth engagement in sports, particularly in underserved regions, discover grassroots cricket talent and provide a national platform for tennis ball cricketers.

Following the formal session, the cultural programme opened with the traditional dance. A series of performances followed, showcasing Odisha’s rich art and culture, including Sambalpuri, Mahari, and the traditional martial dance of Puri, along with other vibrant presentations.

On the opening day, in men’s category, Goa defeated Assam and Jharkhand won against host Odisha, while West Bengal defeated Uttar Pradesh. Women’s matches will begin Friday onwards, with both men’s and women’s finals set for September 14.

HONG KONG OPEN SUPER 500

Ayush, Lakshya, Satwik-Chirag in QF

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

Hong Kong, Sept 11: Rising Indian shuttler Ayush Shetty caused a major upset at the Hong Kong Open Super 500 badminton tournament Thursday, ousting 2023 World Championships silver medallist Kodai Naraoka of Japan in a hard-fought three-game contest to storm into the men’s singles quarterfinals.

The 20-year-old from Karnataka, who clinched the US Open Super 300 title in June, showcased his aggressive style and superior court coverage to outplay the former world No. 2 Japanese shuttler 21-19, 12-21, 21-14 in a 72-minute thriller.

Ayush will face Lakshya Sen, his compatriot and companion at Prakash Padukone Badminton Academy, in the quarterfinals.

“We are going for dinner tonight, I’m not sure we will speak about the match. I played him recently at a domestic tournament and he won in three games. Hopefully, I can flip the result this time,” Ayush told

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Dubai, Sept 11: Former cricketer and match referee GS Lakshmi along with umpires Vrinda Rathi and Gayathri Venugopalan are the three Indians included in the all-female ICC panel of match officials, which will oversee the Women’s ODI World Cup 2025,

starting from September 30.

This marks the first time in tournament history that a Women’s ODI World Cup will be officiated entirely by women. It marks the fourth global tournament to feature an all-female panel of match officials, following the 2022 Commonwealth Games in Birmingham and the two most recent ICC Women’s

T20 World Cups.

The 13th edition of the Women’s Cricket World Cup, hosted by India, will feature 31 matches over 33 days, with eight teams vying for global glory. A total of 14 umpires and four match referees have been selected to represent the Emirates ICC Panel during the event.

Racial abuse of Black players spikes early in European soccer season

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

London, Sept 11: The Premier League season wasn’t even 30 minutes old when Bournemouth forward Antoine Semenyo reported being racially abused by a spectator.

The same weekend, a German Cup match was stopped after Schalke midfielder Christopher Antwi-Adjei said he was racially abused at a throw-in.

In Italy, Juventus condemned racist abuse targeting US player Weston McKennie as he warmed down after a league game.

And in Spain, police Wednesday arrested a spectator for allegedly making monkey noises and gestures toward Real Madrid star Kylian Mbappé during a match August 24.

An early-season surge in abuse directed at Black players in competitions across Europe

has alarmed anti-discrimination campaigners and highlighted how racism persists in soccer despite multiple initiatives by soccer bodies FIFA and UEFA, national federations and individual clubs to eliminate it.

“I think it’s more than double what we had last season at the same time,” said Piara Powar, executive director of the Fare network, an anti-discrimination group which works with the global and European soccer bodies to monitor and advise on incidents at games.

“If you layer social-media issues on top of that,” Powar added in a phone interview, referencing the abuse of England player Jess Carter at the Women’s European Championship this summer, “then you really are getting into a lot of stories coming out.”

Frustrated at the lack of progress, some Black players have

called for tougher penalties against offenders from both the justice system and soccer institutions.

“In this day and age, we’re still, us players, getting racially abused and it just doesn’t make sense,” Semenyo told British broadcaster ITV. “We just want to know why it keeps happening.”

The man arrested on suspicion of hurling abuse at Semenyo in the Premier League opener against Liverpool was released on bail and told he cannot go within 1 mile (1.6 kilometers) of a soccer stadium in Britain while police investigate the incident.

Long history

Soccer’s tribal culture and frenzied fan base makes it a prime stage for societal problems like

racism to surface. English soccer had a particularly harrowing time with racism in the 1970s and ‘80s when Black players were regularly subjected to mon-



key chants and offensive slurs. A generation later, racial abuse of players is more common in social media but also continues in stadiums. A high-profile example came in Spain in 2023 when Real Madrid’s Vinicius Junior confronted a supporter who called him a monkey. Months earlier, four people hung an effigy of the Brazilian player off a highway bridge, resulting in prison sentences this year.

Soccer’s governing bodies have struggled to stamp out the problem, despite measures such as longer bans for players, heavier fines for clubs, partial stadium closures, points deductions and a three-step protocol used by referees when racism occurs in matches.

FIFA recently fined the soccer federations of Albania, Serbia, and Bosnia and Her-

zegovina for offenses including racism during World Cup qualifiers they hosted in June. Argentina, Colombia and Chile also were punished for what FIFA said was “discrimination and racist abuse.”

FIFA created a racism task force in 2013 but controversially disbanded it three years later, saying it had “completely fulfilled its temporary mission.” Last week, FIFA announced its latest initiative: a 16-strong group of former players, including soccer greats such as George Weah and Didier Drogba, which will advise on anti-racism initiatives.

“They will further push for a shift in football culture,” FIFA President Gianni Infantino said about The Players’ Voice Panel, “making sure measures to counter racism are not just talked about, but actioned, both on and off the pitch.”