

PMI: Services sector growth at 5-month low

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New Delhi, Nov 6: India's services sector growth witnessed the slowest pace of expansion in five months in October, as competitive pressures and heavy rains in parts of the country led to a slower increase in output, according to a monthly survey released Thursday.

The seasonally adjusted HSBC India Services PMI Business Activity Index fell from 60.9 in September to 58.9 in October, indicating the slowest pace of expansion since May.

Notwithstanding the moderation, the October Services PMI index was comfortably above both the neutral mark of 50 and its long-run average of 54.3.

In the Purchasing Managers' Index (PMI) parlance, a print above 50 means expansion, while a score below 50 denotes contraction. "India's services PMI softened to 58.9 in October, which represented the slowest pace of expansion since May. Competitive pressures and heavy rains led to the sequential slowdown," Pranjul Bhandari, Chief India Economist at HSBC, said.

Betting: ED attaches ₹11.14 crore assets of Dhawan, Raina

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New Delhi, Nov 6: The Enforcement Directorate (ED) Thursday said it has attached assets worth ₹11.14 crore of former cricketers Shikhar Dhawan and Suresh Raina as part of a money-laundering probe linked to an alleged illegal betting site, involving an amount of more than ₹1,000 crore. A provisional order has been issued under PMLA to attach a commercial land in Delhi of Dhawan worth ₹4.5 crore and a mutual fund of Raina worth ₹6.64 crore in the case against online betting site 1xBet, the ED said.

IRREGULAR by MANJUL



UNENDING WAR: A Russian soldier fires a Malka self-propelled gun towards Ukrainian positions on an undisclosed location in Ukraine, Thursday

Now, Trump claims 8 planes were downed

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New York, Nov 6: Known to make inconsistent comments, US President Donald Trump now claims that eight planes were shot down during the war between India and Pakistan in May, once again without specifying who they belonged to.

Addressing the America Business Forum in Miami, Florida, Wednesday, Trump updated the number of planes downed between the two countries to eight. Until now, the US President has been maintaining that seven planes were shot down during the conflict. "Pakistan and India...I was in the midst of a trade deal with both of them, and then...I heard they were going to war. Seven planes were shot down, and the eighth was really badly wounded... Eight planes were shot down essentially," Trump said. Trump also reiterated that India and Pakistan 'made peace' after he threatened the two nuclear-armed neighbours with snapping trade deals if they continued their military conflict, a claim he has repeated several times since then.

Since May 10, when Trump announced on social media that India and Pakistan had agreed to a 'full and immediate ceasefire' after a 'long night' of talks mediated by Washington, he has repeated his claim over 60 times that he 'helped settle' the tensions between the two neighbouring countries. India has consistently denied any third-party intervention.

Bihar: Modi, Rahul go all out 'RJD, Cong have soft corner for infiltrators' 'BJP will try to steal votes with all might'

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Bhagalpur/Araria, Nov 6: Prime Minister Narendra Modi Thursday charged the Opposition RJD-Congress combine in Bihar with having a soft corner for infiltrators, but 'dislike' for Lord Ram and 'Chhathi Maiya' because of vote bank politics.

Addressing rallies in Bhagalpur and Araria, Modi also alleged that the reluctance of Opposition leaders to visit Ayodhya to have 'darshan' of shrines dedicated to Nishad Raj, Mata Shabri and Maharshi Valmiki was indicative of their 'hatred' for Dalits and backward classes.

"Bihar saw zero development during the 15 years of 'jungle raj'. Neither highways and bridges were built, nor any centre of higher learning was set up. The NDA, under the leadership of CM Nitish Kumar, has worked very hard to bring the state out of that era," he said, adding that only NDA can ensure that this journey towards growth continues uninterrupted.

Modi said the NDA faces a big challenge on this journey of growth, which is the menace of infiltration. "The NDA is committed to driving out each and every infiltrator from the country. But Congress and RJD offer them protection, take out political rallies in their favour and come up with misleading narratives," he alleged in an indirect reference to Leader of Opposition Rahul Gandhi's 'Voter Adhikar Yatra' and allegations of vote theft.

"Whenever RJD and Congress achieve power, they try to allow back-door entry of infiltrators (exhibiting soft corner towards them). They do so because of vote bank politics. But this takes a toll on the people of this country. The infiltrators claim a share in all that belongs to the citizens," he added.

Purnea, Nov 6: Congress leader Rahul Gandhi Thursday alleged that the BJP will try to 'steal votes' in the Bihar Assembly polls with all its might and it is the responsibility of the youth to act against it.

Addressing a poll rally here, Gandhi claimed that the BJP was winning elections everywhere by 'stealing votes'. "We have shown the entire world that the BJP and the Election Commission of India have stolen the Haryana election. I am sure that they would try to steal votes in Bihar too. It is the responsibility of Bihar's youth to put a stop to this, and save the Constitution... All of you need to be cautious at the polling booths," the former Congress president said.

Gandhi also alleged that Prime Minister Narendra Modi wants a 'rule of billionaires where the youth remain jobless'.

At another rally in Araria, Gandhi accused Modi and Home Minister Amit Shah of imposing 'jungle raj' in the country.

"Nitish Kumar talks about 'jungle raj' in Bihar... But, it is the PM and Amit Shah who have imposed 'jungle raj' in Delhi, in the entire country, which is witnessing the rule of the ED, CBI, I-T, hatred and unemployment. This is the true 'jungle raj'," he asserted.

Gandhi also alleged that the PM was spreading hatred among people in Bihar and in the country.

"He is creating rift among the people on the basis of caste and religion," the Rae Bareilly MP claimed.

Criticising Kumar, the Leader of the Opposition in Lok Sabha accused the CM of turning the state's youth into labourers.

Naveen betrayed trust of Nuapada people: Majhi

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Nuapada, Nov 6: Chief Minister Mohan Charan Majhi Thursday accused BJD president Naveen Patnaik of 'betraying' the trust of the people of Nuapada and neglecting party MLA Rajendra Dholakia during his illness.

Majhi and his Chhatisgarh counterpart Vishnu Deo Sai campaigned for Jay Dholakia, the BJP candidate for the Nuapada bypoll.

Patnaik, November 3, while addressing an election rally in Nuapada, had alleged that he, along with the people of Nuapada, was betrayed as Jay, who was tipped to become a BJD candidate, joined the BJP and became the saffron party nominee.

"The word 'Beiman' (betrayal) does not suit the stature of a five-time CM, Naveen Patnaik. Merely by joining a party, one becomes 'Beiman'?" asked Majhi.

He said Naveen had welcomed leaders from rival parties into the BJD in the past, also.

BYELECON

Referring to Naveen's 'candidate chori' allegation against the BJP, Majhi said, "The BJD had done it earlier. The then ruling party (BJD) made Tusharkanti Behera its candidate at the Kakatpur Assembly segment even as he was declared as a BJP candidate. Behera was made a candidate by luring him with a ministerial berth."

Majhi referred to BJD candidate Snehangini Chhuria as an 'outsider' in Nuapada and appealed to the people to vote for BJP candidate Jay, whose father has worked for them for several decades.

Majhi alleged that the BJD did not show any sympathy towards its Nuapada MLA, Rajendra, when he was admitted to the hospital. None of the party leaders visited him in the hospital. Majhi also joined a roadshow from Udyanbandh to Komna.

Sai addressed a public meeting at Panchampur village in support of the BJP candidate. Sai alleged Patnaik not only failed to develop Nuapada, but also ignored his party MLA, Rajendra, when he was admitted to a hospital in Chennai.

Phase I: Record 64.66% voter turnout

PATNA: In the 'highest-ever' voter turnout in Bihar, nearly 65 per cent of 3.75 crore electors exercised their franchise Thursday across 121 constituencies in the first phase of the Assembly elections, which marks the beginning of a closely watched high-stakes contest that is seen as a litmus test of the ruling NDA's popularity. The Election Commission said the first phase of the Assembly elections concluded peacefully 'in a festive mood with the highest-ever voter turnout of 64.66 per cent in the history of Bihar'. Chief Electoral Officer Vinod Singh Gunjyal said women came out in large numbers to cast their votes, with 'a lot of enthusiasm'. **P8**

Rahul's presser puts Brazilian woman in focus

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New Delhi, Nov 6: Rahul Gandhi's 'vote-chori' presser has put the spotlight on a Brazilian woman whose photo the Congress leader claimed appeared multiple times on Haryana's voter list, with the Internet abuzz about her identity and a video reaction of hers expressing shock at the development.

Congress leader and the party's social media head, Supriya Shrinete, shared a video of the woman, identified as Larissa Nery, purportedly reacting to her image going viral, after Gandhi showed it at his press conference here Wednesday and claimed that it was used 22 times at 10 booths in the Rai Assembly constituency of Haryana, with names such as Seema, Sweetie and Saraswati on the electoral list. Media reports quoted the Brazilian woman as saying in the video that the photo shown at the press conference is an old photo of hers.

"Guys, they are using an old photo of mine. It is an old photo, okay? I was young in the photo, I was like 18 or 20 years old.... I do not know if it is an election or something about voting that you have to vote for. And in India. Ah! they are portraying me as Indian to scam people, guys. What madness!" she was quoted as saying, according to a rough translation from Portuguese.

India could generate 11mn tonnes of solar waste by '47

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New Delhi, Nov 6: India is projected to generate about 11 million tonnes of solar waste by 2047, largely from crystalline-silicon modules, according to two studies published Thursday.

Managing this waste would require nearly 300 recycling plants across the country and an investment of around ₹4,200 crore, said the studies by Delhi-based think tank Council on Energy, Environment and Water (CEEW). The studies also said that recovering and reusing materials from discarded solar panels could create a ₹3,700-crore market opportunity by 2047.

If this potential is realised, recovering valuable materials such as silicon, copper, aluminium and silver from solar waste could meet 38 per cent of the sector's manufacturing inputs by 2047 and avoid 37 million tonnes of carbon emissions by replacing virgin resources with recycled ones.

India's solar module recycling market is currently at a very early stage, with only a few commercial recyclers operating. The CEEW studies provide India's first comprehensive blueprint for building a domestic solar recycling ecosystem that supports both clean energy and manufacturing self-reliance.

Rishabh Jain, Fellow, CEEW, said, "India's solar revolution can power a new green industrial opportunity. By embedding circularity into our clean energy systems, we can recover critical minerals, strengthen supply chains and create green jobs while turning potential waste into lasting value. Building this circular economy is most important for India's responsible growth."

The CEEW studies also said that solar recycling in a formal setup remains unviable today, with recyclers facing losses of ₹10,000-Rs 12,000 per tonne. The biggest operational expense is buying back waste modules, which accounts for nearly two-thirds of the total (around ₹600 per panel), followed by processing, collection and disposal costs.

For recycling to become profitable, modules would need to be priced below ₹330 or recyclers supported through EPR (Extended Producer Responsibility) certificate trading, tax incentives and R&D investments in efficient recovery of silicon and silver, the studies said.

Akanksha Tyagi, Programme Lead, CEEW, said, "Solar recycling can be the bridge between India's clean energy and manufacturing ambitions. Beyond managing waste, it's an opportunity to innovate by designing panels for easier recovery, improving material purity and creating new value chains around critical minerals."

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You are upright about what is yours and today, you are even less keen on sharing. This possessiveness may have to do with a certain 'someone'. Ganesha says matters regarding love are going forward intensely and your marital life will blossom.

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

GEMINI
Today, you may resume your quest for spirituality which you had aborted some time back. However, that doesn't mean you are on your way to sainthood. You are just trying to get close to your inner self. Though you will be frugal while spending on yourself, your lavish treatment to your beloved will stump everyone, including him/her, predicts Ganesha.

CANCER
You are likely to be a little over-zealous and over-analytical today, foretells Ganesha. You should not to be too forceful or severe on others. This will help you save a few friendships and will make sure that your reputation remains intact. It is best to avoid conflicts and differences with your peers and bosses, suggests Ganesha.

LEO
There are chances of conflict on the home front today. However you will be able to solve these problems owing to your understanding nature. However, these conflicts would likely not have cropped up if you would have paid more attention to your family. You appreciate the wonderful things in life today, says Ganesha.

VIRGO
Keep an open mind and give vent to your imagination. You will feel very creative today, and will pursue your innovative ideas. Luck will favour you, and some things on which you took some risk will bear fruits. You will be very energetic and enthusiastic about all the work you do. Ganesha says it is an auspicious day to arrange social gatherings.

LIBRA
Ganesha says that your social status will increase now. Today is an auspicious day for venturing in new business or changing your profession. For those involved in the fields of interior designing, or running beauty parlours, now is an especially bountiful time for making progress in your business.

SCORPIO
A cheerful day lies ahead of you especially for the business community. It's a clincher, as good deals not only come to your door step, but yield good business. Feel, that you are the king of the world; bring out the best in you and you are bound to succeed.

SAGITTARIUS
Murmurs of discontent will reach your ears, especially from those very near. But if you go about pleasing one and all, you may not defuse the bomb completely. Exercise caution, and a lot of patience, says Ganesha. Your tolerance will not only help you overcome the problem, but also help you in addressing dissent in your cadres.

CAPRICORN
Good news for students! If you have been trying your luck for studies abroad, today is an opportune day, says Ganesha. Also, get your priorities straight and see that you achieve them one by one, for only a well-planned move can take you a step closer to your ambition. Those engaged in stock exchange and dealing with shares can expect a fruitful day ahead.

AQUARIUS
Ganesha advises you to make a simple change in your routine and things will work out superbly. You also get recognition and rewards for past achievements. But that does not mean you become complacent, says Ganesha. Get going, as hard work is still the surest way to salvation!

PISCES
Ferdinand the Bull would be the cartoon character that would most aptly describe you today. Calmness will be second nature to you, and wisdom will ooze from your pores. Communal harmony is something dear to your heart, and your amenability will see you achieve it, says Ganesha.

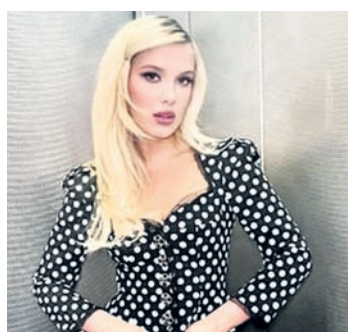


MEGHAN TO MAKE ACTING COMEBACK

Meghan Markle is returning to acting in the upcoming Jason Orley film *Close Personal Friends* which stars Lily Collins, Jack Quaid, Brie Larson and Henry Golding. As per the entertainment news outlet *Variety*, Markle will appear in a cameo in the comedy that is currently shooting around Los Angeles.

MILLIE BOBBY BROWN UPSET WITH MEDIA

Millie Bobby Brown, 21, expressed frustration in a British *Vogue* chat about media focus on her body. In March, she called out tabloids for "bullying" and critiquing her appearance during *The Electric State* press tour, urging journalists to stop tearing down young women for clicks.



Bhagyashree's menopause talk

Mumbai: Actress Bhagyashree has reignited an important dialogue with the latest episode of her digital series #TuesdayTipsWithB, addressing the often-overlooked emotional and hormonal changes women undergo during perimenopause and menopause. In her heartfelt video, the *Maine Pyar Kiya* star spoke directly to men, urging them to better understand and support their partners through this vulnerable phase of life.

Opening with the relatable line, "Has your wife changed? Men take a pause, women are not a lost cause," Bhagyashree encouraged husbands to respond with empathy rather than defensiveness. She emphasised that what may seem like emotional detachment is often a result of internal hormonal shifts. "Husbands, don't

be defensive. Just listen to your heart. Help her, try and understand her," she advised, underlining the need for compassion over judgment. Highlighting the emotional and physical rollercoaster of perimenopause, the actress reminded viewers that women are not withdrawing from love or companionship—they are "re-aligning" themselves. She stressed the importance of

giving them space while also offering support: "Be kind and help her. Maybe that's all she needs."

Ending with a powerful reminder, she said, "Let love evolve and grow," proving once again her commitment to meaningful, healing conversations around relationships and well-being.

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Shehnaaz shares her betrayal tale

Mumbai: Actor and singer Shehnaaz Gill recently opened up about a personal phase in her life when she betrayed someone she loved. In a candid conversation on a YouTube channel, she reflected on love, relationships, and financial equality, explaining that her actions were driven by feeling undervalued in the relationship.

Shehnaaz admitted, "I only did it because the vibe wasn't matching. When you expect something from someone and they don't meet those expectations... I can't just keep giving. I believe in give and take. When such things happen, I call it off because investing so much becomes a waste of time."

The actress emphasised that emotional connection and mutual respect are essential in love. She explained that a partner should be understanding, independent, and willing to share both space and experiences, saying, "We should be able to talk to each other without our phones, travel together, and appreciate each other's work."

Shehnaaz also discussed financial equality, stating she believes in sharing responsibilities in relationships, from splitting bills on vacations to mutual contribution in daily life. She noted that financial independence is vital for securing her future, while also pointing out that some men feel insecure when a woman can pay for herself.

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Nora taking it to next level

Mumbai: Actor and dancer Nora Fatehi, known for hits like *Dilbar*, *O Saki Saki*, and *Hai Garmi*, is now focusing on expanding her presence in films. This year, she is set to make her Tamil cinema debut with *Kanchana 4*, taking on a role that is both intense and performance-driven. As a Moroccan-Canadian entering a new industry, Nora embraced the challenges, particularly learning Tamil and adapting to a culturally distinct filmmaking environment. "South Indian cinema has always fascinated me — for its scale, storytelling, and the passion and discipline that goes into every frame. On set, I noticed the crew's technical precision and collaborative spirit. It's been humbling," she shared.

Reflecting on her Bollywood journey, Nora admitted she was initially hard on herself.

"I had this constant pressure to prove myself, with no room for failure. Success for me isn't about fame or followers, it's about legacy — breaking boundaries, inspiring young girls, and earning respect for my work ethic," she said.

Nora also spoke about her approach to fashion and stardom, emphasising creativity and individuality. "I never wanted to just fit in; I wanted to stand out. My Moroccan roots, Canadian upbringing, and Indian dreams blend into my work. That fusion is my strength, and I aim to bridge cultures, break stereotypes, and show talent knows no boundaries."

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Raashi talks about her most emotional film

Mumbai: PAN-India actress Raashi Khanna is all set to portray another challenging role yet again.

The actress will be seen in the role of an army wife in her upcoming Bollywood movie *120 Bahadur*, where she will be seen sharing screen space with Bollywood actor Farhan Akhtar.

At the music launch of the film, Raashii was asked about the demands of her role in the movie. The actress then opened up about the emotional journey of bringing this character to life, revealing how the depth of the script affected her throughout the filming process.

Talking about the unspoken strength of an army wife and the feelings that she had to carry, the actress stated, "I think I am very fortunate that I got to be a part of *120 Bahadur*. To be in the role of an army wife in itself is a challenge. And it wasn't easy for me because of the way the scenes were written, the depth with which they were written, and every time I was in a scene, I got very emotional. The film tested me as an actor, and I think I love being part of films that do that."

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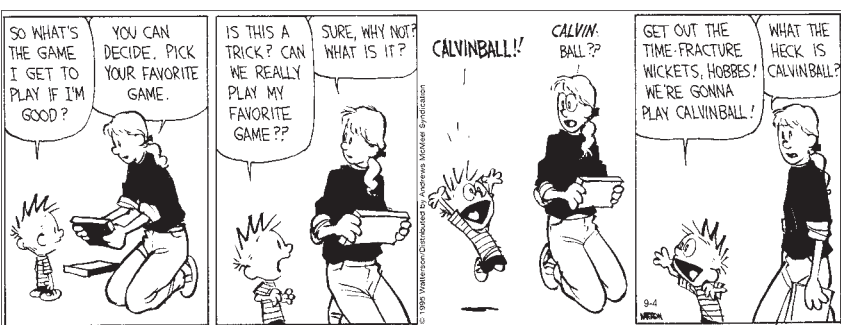
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CHECK FOR SOLUTIONS OF THE PUZZLES TOMORROW

2-day training for Labour officials

Bhubaneswar: A two-day training programme for all Deputy Labour Commissioners and Divisional Labour Commissioners working across the state was organised at the conference hall of the State Labour Institute, located within the premises of the Labour Commissioner's Office, Bhubaneswar. The training focused on case hearings under the Employees' Compensation Act, 1923; Payment of Gratuity Act, 1972; and Minimum Wages Act, 1948. The programme was inaugurated by Additional Secretary, department of Labour & Employees' State Insurance Rajesh Kumar Agrawal who attended as the chief guest. In his address, Agrawal emphasised the need for dedication and transparency in official duties and urged the officers to ensure speedy justice for workers belonging to different sections of society. Additional Labour Commissioner Ghasiram Tudu attended as the guest of honour and encouraged all officials to make the best use of the training and reflect the learning in their fieldwork.

CLASSIFIED AFFIDAVIT

By virtue of an affidavit sworn before the Executive Magistrate, Banpur (Khordha) on Dt.18.09.2025 I, Pabitra Mohan Parida, S/o Baikuntha Parida, Vill-Bahadalpur, P.O.-Sarakanlara, P.S.-Khandagiri, Dist.-Khordha hereby solemnly state that in my son Pratik Parida's 1st birthday certificate my name is wrongly mentioned as Pabitra Kumar Parida instead of Pabitra Mohan Parida which is later rectified in revised birth certificate. In this respect Pabitra Mohan Parida and Pabitra Kumar Parida is one and same person. Sd./- Pabitra Mohan Parida

By virtue of an affidavit sworn before the Executive Magistrate, Talcher, dated- 24.10.2025, I, Kanchan Behera, W/o.- Purna Chandra Behera, Resident of Village-Hemsurpada, P.O./P.S.-Angul, District - Angul, Odisha declare that my actual and correct name is Kanchan Behera but it has been wrongly mentioned as Kanchanbala Behera in some records instead of Kanchan Behera. So both Kanchan Behera and Kanchanbala Behera is one and the same person.

By virtue of an affidavit sworn before the Executive Magistrate, Junagarh, No.- 491, Dtd.- 04.11.25, I, Abhiram Mangaraj, R/o. At- Karlakot, P.O.- Banijara, P.S.- Junagarh, Dist.- Kalahandi, Odisha, declare that I have changed my name and date of birth from Abhi Mangaraj, D.O.B.- 15.08.1975 to Abhiram Mangaraj, D.O.B- 18.07.1975. Henceforth, I shall be known as Abhiram Mangarj, D.O.B- 18.07.1975 for all purposes. Abhiram Mangaraj

STA, RTO set up road safety stall at Bali Yatra



POST NEWS NETWORK

Cuttack, Nov 6: Aiming to promote road safety awareness and highlight various citizen-centric initiatives of the Transport department, the State Transport Authority (STA) and the Regional Transport Office (RTO), Cuttack, have jointly set up a dedicated stall at the historic Bali Yatra fair.

The stall was inaugurated Thursday by Commerce and Transport department Principal Secretary Usha Padhee.

Among those present on the occasion were Transport Commissioner Amitabh Thakur, Cuttack District Collector Datatraya Bhausaheb Shinde, CMC Commissioner Kiran Deep Kaur Sahota, Cuttack Rural SP Vineet

Agrawal, RTO Bishwajit Dash, and several other senior officials of the Transport department.

Padhee visited the stall, interacted with officials, and appreciated the various initiatives and activities showcased. Speaking on the occasion, she emphasised that the government is committed to reducing road accidents and has been taking continuous measures to achieve this goal. Initiatives such as Zero Accident Day and Zero Fatality Fortnight are being organised regularly, she said, adding that plans are also underway to strengthen driver skill development and promote safe driving habits among citizens. The stall showcases information on road safety awareness, the One-Time Settlement (OTS) scheme for e-challan payments, facilities available at registered vehicle scrapping centres, and a dedicated counter for free heavy vehicle driver training. It also highlights various transport-related schemes under the Commerce and Transport department for public awareness.



CLEANUP DRIVE: Former minister Ashok Chandra Panda and BMC Mayor Sulochana Das take part in a cleanliness drive, organised by the Bhubaneswar Sanskritik Parishad at Bindu Sagar, Thursday

Post-cyclone death surge linked to renal issues

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

New Delhi, Nov 6: An analysis of deaths in the wake of tropical cyclones in nine countries has found that the highest increase of 92 per cent was seen in deaths due to kidney diseases, followed by 21 per cent in deaths due to physical injuries.

A tropical cyclone is an extreme weather event originating in oceans in the tropics, bringing violent winds, torrential rains and in some cases, destructive coastal flooding.

Deaths due to diabetes were seen to increase by 15 per cent, and those due to neuropsychiatric disorders and infectious diseases by 12 per cent and 11 per cent, respectively, according to findings published in The British Medical Journal.

Researchers led by those at Monash University looked at 14.8 million deaths linked to 217 tropical cyclones during 2000-2019 across 1,356 communities in nine countries including Australia, Brazil, the Philip-



pines and Thailand.

“Mortality risks from various causes consistently increased after tropical cyclones, with peaks occurring within the first two weeks after the cyclone,” the authors wrote.

“During the first two weeks after a tropical cyclone, the highest increases were seen in mortality from renal diseases and injuries, with (an increase of 92% and 21%), respectively, for each additional tropical cyclone day,” they said.

Communities with higher levels of deprivation and seeing fewer tropical cyclones historically were found to be at a substantially higher risk

of death due to renal, infectious and digestive diseases.

The researchers attributed the spike in deaths to disrupted healthcare services, a limited access to medicines and an increased physical and psychological stress among residents.

Deaths due to tropical cyclones could be more strongly linked with rainfall than wind speed, possibly due to flooding and water contamination, suggesting that rainfall in early warning systems should be given a greater emphasis, they said.

However, evidence regarding how tropical cyclones impact public health is lacking, especially in regions that have historically seen fewer tropical cyclones and may have a low resilience to the extreme weather events, the team said.

The study provides “compelling and quantitative evidence for the notably elevated mortality risks from various causes following tropical cyclones at a multi-country level”.

TGT Sanskrit aspirants protest merit list delay

POST NEWS NETWORK

Bhubaneswar, Nov 6: Hundreds of Trained Graduate Teacher (TGT) Sanskrit aspirants from across the state staged a massive protest Thursday in front of the Odisha Staff Selection Commission (OSSC) office here, protesting the delay in the release of the merit list for Sanskrit teacher posts. The agitators pointed out that merit lists for all other language and

subject categories have already been published.

Protesters from various districts of Odisha gathered outside the OSSC office, raising slogans against the state government and the commission.

The protesters alleged that document verification for language teacher posts including Sanskrit, PCM, CBZ, PET, Urdu and Telugu was completed by October 22, 2025. While the OSSC released merit lists for other

languages by November 4, the Sanskrit teacher merit list continues to be withheld without explanation.

The aspiring Sanskrit teachers staged a sit-in protest in front of the OSSC office, demanding the immediate release of the merit list and accusing the Commission of neglecting Sanskrit language and education.

“If merit lists for all other subjects could be published on time, why has the Sanskrit

merit list alone been left out? We demand its immediate release, or we will intensify our protest soon,” said one of the protestors.

The demonstrators urged the OSSC to resolve the issue without further delay and ensure transparency in the recruitment process. They also appealed to the state government to intervene and deliver justice to the aggrieved Sanskrit teacher aspirants.

ECoR launches major safety fencing drive

POST NEWS NETWORK

Bhubaneswar, Nov 6: In a major step toward enhancing railway safety and enabling higher train speeds, the East Coast Railway (ECoR) has launched extensive safety fencing works across multiple sections under its jurisdiction.

As part of this ambitious initiative, ECoR has sanctioned fencing along 3,133 track kilometers across its three divisions — Khurda Road, Sambalpur, and Waltair — with an estimated project cost exceeding ₹1,061 crore. Work is currently underway in all divisions.

In the Khurda Road Division,



safety fencing works covering 1,255 km are underway at a cost of ₹458 crore across the Bhadrak-Palasa, Khurda Road-Puri, and Nergundi-Kerejanga sections. Additionally, fencing work for 287 km in the Jakhapura-Jaroli section, estimated at over ₹98 crore, is under sanction. Similarly, in the Sambalpur Division, fencing works spanning 1,278 km are

progressing at a cost of over ₹404 crore in the Jharsuguda Road-Sambalpur City-Kerejanga, Bolangir-Theruvalli, and Sarla-Bolangir sections. A detailed estimate of ₹93.43 crore for 316.5 km of fencing in the Lakholi-Titlagarh section is also under sanction.

Likewise, in the Waltair Division, safety fencing works covering 600 km at a cost of over

₹199.27 crore are underway in the Palasa-Visakhapatnam-Duvvada and Vizianagaram-Singapur Road sections.

These works aim to enhance train safety, prevent unauthorised trespassing, and restrict the movement of cattle and wild animals near railway tracks. Through this initiative, East Coast Railway is reaffirming its commitment to building a safer and more efficient railway network.

ECoR's safety fencing initiative underscores its commitment to enhancing safety, ensuring operational reliability, and facilitating the expansion of high-speed train services across its network.

MARKET WATCH					
CURRENCY		BOURSES		COMMODITIES	
INDEX	VARIATION	INDEX	VARIATION	INDEX	VARIATION
DOLLAR	88.70 ▼ 0.08	SENSEX	8331.01 ▼ 148.14	GOLD	₹120,632 ▲ ₹110
EURO	102.26 ▼ 0.02	NIFTY	25509.70 ▼ 87.95	SILVER	₹147,317 ▼ ₹4.00

WEATHER			
	BBSR	CTC	FORECAST
Max Temp	32.5°	30.8°	Fog/mist in the morning & mainly clear sky later
Min Temp	18.5°	18.6°	
Humidity	69%	80%	
Rainfall	Nil	Nil	

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GOPALPUR BEACH

Tourist safety at stake due to insufficient lifeguards

POST NEWS NETWORK

Gopalpur, Nov 6: The scenic beauty of Gopalpur beach attracts tourists from across the state and even abroad who love to take a dip in the sea, but a moment’s carelessness while bathing can prove fatal, with several such incidents reported in the past.

According to reports, lifeguards have saved several tourists from drowning here while bathing. Over the past 17 years, lifeguards have rescued 254 tourists from drowning, although 27 people have lost their lives during the period.

Despite the high footfall, the number of lifeguards deployed along the beach remains inadequate. As a result, tourists unfamiliar with the sea’s nature often find themselves in danger.

From Panthanivas point to Haripur estuary — a stretch of nearly 2km — the beach witnesses heavy tourist footfall every day, especially on Sundays and holidays.

Locals and visitors have alleged that the administration is not taking adequate measures to ensure tourists’ safety, as sufficient number of lifeguards has not been deployed on the beach.

Experts say that because the seabed near Gopalpur is uneven and steep, the risk of drowning remains particularly



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high in this area.

Only five homeguards trained in Goa in 2009 as lifeguards and attached to Gopalpur police station are currently deployed on Gopalpur beach. According to sources, two lifeguards are on duty from 6am to 2pm, another two from 2pm to 10pm, and one from 10pm to 6am.

Locals said ensuring tourist safety with just one or two lifeguards at a time is extremely difficult. Whenever any untoward incident occurs in the sea,

local fishermen often assist the lifeguards in rescue operations.

Though the beach team has basic rescue equipment such as life jackets and life buoys—mainly meant for use in rivers or ponds—it lacks specialised sea rescue gear. There are no rescue tubes or professional-grade swim jackets available, making rescue operations risky.

Lifeguards have often faced life-threatening challenges while trying to save drowning tourists. Locals have urged the administration to deploy more trained lifeguards and provide adequate sea-specific rescue equipment to ensure visitor safety.

Meanwhile, after the ganrape incident involving a college student on the beach June 15, police have deployed a patrolling vehicle to strengthen beach surveillance.

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OSRTC bus catches fire in Andhra

Driver’s quick action averts major mishap; passengers safe

POST NEWS NETWORK

Koraput, Nov 6: A major mishap was narrowly averted early Thursday morning after an Odisha State Road Transport Corporation (OSRTC) bus caught fire while traversing through the Sunki Ghat road in Parvathipuram Manyam district on National Highway 26 connecting Koraput and Visakhapatnam. Fortunately, all passengers escaped unhurt, thanks to the swift action of the driver, though the vehicle was completely gutted in the blaze.

According to reports, the government bus departed from Vijayanagar for Jeypore



around 5am. The incident occurred near Konawalsa, close to the Odisha-Andhra Pradesh border, when smoke suddenly started emanating from the

engine. Sensing danger, the driver immediately stopped the bus and safely evacuated all five passengers onboard before the fire spread. Within

minutes, the flames engulfed the vehicle, reducing it to ashes. Fire personnel from Salur in Andhra Pradesh soon arrived and brought the blaze under control, preventing it from spreading to nearby forest areas.

Preliminary findings suggest that a short circuit in the engine might have caused the fire though the exact reason is still being investigated.

Police and an OSRTC official praised the driver’s quick response, saying his alertness helped avert a major tragedy. Traffic on the highway was briefly disrupted but resumed after the fire was extinguished.

Tusker death in train collision: Forester, 2 guards suspended

POST NEWS NETWORK

Betanoti, Nov 6: Days after the death of a tusker due to train collision, the Forest department Wednesday suspended Betanoti Forester Pradeep Dehuri, sources said.

The tusker had died after being hit by the Shalimar–Bhanjapur train near the Agria level crossing close to Betanoti in Mayurbhanj district late Saturday night. Following the incident, two forest guards – Hrushikesh Behera and Jayanti Patra – have already been placed under suspension since Tuesday, in connection with the same case. Officials said an investigation into the incident is ongoing.

Vig nabs Keonjhar DSSO over bribery through payment app

POST NEWS NETWORK

Keonjhar, Nov 6: The anti-graft Vigilance wing of Odisha Police Thursday arrested a District Social Security Officer (DSSO) on the charge of receiving monetary gratification from a non-government organization (NGO) functionary through a digital payment app.

Biplab Keshari Samantray, DSSO, Keonjhar has been arrested by Odisha Vigilance for demanding and taking bribe ₹20,000 from an NGO through digital mode. Allegations against Samantaray were earlier pour-

ing in from different quarters regarding collection of bribe from NGOs and individuals in connection with execution of agreement, release of grant in aid payments/bills to NGOs under government social security schemes, the Vigilance said in a statement. The accused is also suspected of taking bribes from different NGOs and individuals through his digital payment app account and that of his family members, relatives and office staffers.

During preliminary scrutiny, a large number of digital transactions of receipt of money from

different NGOs and individuals have been found which are under verification.

During disproportionate asset searches, details of 10 plots in and around Bhubaneswar in the name of Samantaray and family members were ascertained and being verified. Besides, a 3-storey building with approximately 3,000 sq feet area in Bhubaneswar, a simplex house in Madanpur, Bhubaneswar and a farmhouse spread across 3 acres in Madanpur, Bhubaneswar have also been unearthed, Vigilance sources said adding that further details of investigation are awaited.

Villagers urge Collector to exclude Charangul from Damanjodi NAC

POST NEWS NETWORK

Koraput, Nov 6: Opposing the state government’s proposal to include Charangul panchayat under the proposed Damanjodi Notified Area Council (NAC), hundreds of villagers Thursday staged a protest and submitted a memorandum to Koraput District Collector Manoj Satyaban Mahajan, urging him to exclude the panchayat from the proposed NAC limits.



Inclusion of surrounding rural areas such as Charangul under the NALCO township, Damanjodi urban jurisdiction has sparked discontent among the villagers, who fear it would adversely affect their traditional livelihood, land rights, and access to rural development schemes.

The protesters, led by Charangul Sarpanch Phulbati Pujari and youth social worker Ramil Kuldeep, marched to the Koraput Collector’s office and handed over a memorandum expressing their concerns. The delegation included over a hundred villagers including both men and women. Sarpanch Phulbati Pujari said, “Our people depend mainly on agriculture and forest produce. If our area is merged into an urban body like the NAC, we will lose access to rural welfare schemes and benefits that support our livelihood.”

16 marine fishers nabbed from Gahirmatha

PNN & AGENCIES

Rajnagar, Nov 6: Forest officials Thursday arrested 16 marine fishermen and seized their trawler from the Gahirmatha Marine Sanctuary in Kendrapara district on charges of illegally fishing within the turtle congregation zone, an official said.

The fishing trawler, used by the intruders for fishing along the prohibited sanctuary area, was seized by the forest patrol teams. The arrested intruders are marine fishermen of Bhadrak and Balasore districts. They were later remanded in judicial custody, said Assistant Conservator of Forest (ACF), Manas Das.

The fishing vessel had trespassed into prohibited sanctuary corridors contravening the provisions of wildlife protection act, Orissa Marine Fishing Reg-



ulation Act and mandatory rules of marine sanctuary, said the forest officer.

The state government has clamped a seven-month fishing ban along the 20-km stretch of Dhamara-Devi river mouth from November 1 in view of the ensuing mass nesting of endangered Olive Ridley marine turtles.

The fishing prohibition remains enforced round the year in Gahirmatha as it is accorded the status of marine sanctuary. The mute species, accorded as schedule-I animal under Wildlife Protection Act for its highly

threatened status, get entangled in the nets for prolonged periods and die of asphyxiation.

The turtles also perish in large numbers after getting hit by the fast moving propeller of the fishing trawlers, forest personnel said.

Awareness camp organised on marine turtle conservation

Rajnagar: An awareness camp on marine turtle conservation was held Thursday at Dangamal under the Kanika forest range in Rajnagar block of Kendrapara district. Chief guest Bharadaraj Gaonkar, Divisional Forest Officer (DFO), Rajnagar emphasised that protecting Olive Ridley turtles is a shared duty and moral responsibility of all. “They are our guests and play a crucial role in maintaining the balance of marine ecosystems, including fish production,” he said. Eminent zoologist Shibaprasad Parida presented a documentary depicting the life cycle of Olive Ridley turtles—how they migrate to the coast, lay eggs, and sometimes die after getting trapped in fishing nets. He also demonstrated to the fishermen the rescue techniques to safely release turtles caught in nets. Speakers Bhaskar Rautray and Jagannath Das urged everyone to contribute to the conservation efforts. Fishermen’s Association President Madan Debnath and member Amal Pradhan drew attention to the issues faced by local fishermen and appealed to the forest authorities for support. Forester Prashant Singh proposed a vote of thanks. The programme was coordinated by Assistant Conservator of Forests (ACF) Manas Das. Forest officials, rangers, and guards from the Kanika range actively assisted in managing the event.

Ancient Potagarh fort resurfaces in Rushikulya

POST NEWS NETWORK

Ganjam, Nov 6: An ancient fort known as Potagarh, situated along the banks of Rushikulya River in Ganjam, has partially resurfaced after being buried for decades. Local elders say the fort, which dates back to British era, earned its name ‘Potagarh’ — meaning “buried fort” — because much of it had sunk beneath the ground over time.

According to locals, remnants of elephant and horse stables within the fort have crumbled, revealing portions of old struc-



tures still buried underground. Nearby, part of the fort’s defensive wall remains submerged in the riverbed. Despite being

underwater for years, portions of the wall are reportedly still intact and visible above the river’s surface.

Residents have expressed dissatisfaction over the slow pace of restoration and preservation work at the site. They allege that official efforts to revive and protect the historic fort are progressing sluggishly, risking further deterioration of the centuries-old structure.

Former Ganjam Collector Vijay Amruta Kulange had earlier prepared a blueprint for the fort’s restoration and development.

Gunupur admin cracks down on illegal clinics

POST NEWS NETWORK

Gunupur, Nov 6: Gunupur Sub-Collector Dudhal Abhishek Dilip Thursday conducted raids on several clinics and pathology labs operating illegally in Gunupur town of Rayagada district.

During the inspection, the sub-collector ordered sealing of several unlicensed clinics and directed Gunupur Model PS officials to initiate legal action against their owners. He also wrote to the Chief District Medical and Public Health Officer (CDM & PHO) of Rayagada to send an expert team to verify the documents of all such unregistered clinics and laboratories in the area.

According to reports, several unauthorised practitioners or quacks had been running clinics across



Gunupur and exploiting patients financially under the garb of treatment. Complaints of malpractice and life-threatening negligence had reached the administration, prompting Thursday’s crackdown. The sub-collector, accompanied by police, raided multiple clinics and laboratories, including MM Medics Clinic, Amulya Bharat, Joseph Sabar, Ananta Das, Amma Clinic, and Radhika Doctors’ Chamber at Old Gunupur, Bypass Road, Old Bus Stand, and near

Girl’s High School Square.

He found patients lying on cots and undergoing treatment at these facilities and directed the SDMO to immediately shift them to Gunupur Government Hospital.

All identified illegal clinics were sealed and similar raids would continue across the subdivision, he said. The administrative action has sent shockwaves among the unlicensed medical operators.

Meanwhile, locals have questioned why the health department failed to act for years despite numerous illegal clinics operating openly. Local intelligentsia demanded a high-level inquiry to identify and regulate all clinics in the town.

The sub-collector’s initiative has been widely appreciated by citizens and social groups.

EAST COAST RAILWAY

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e-Auction Notice No. : LEASE-KGP-25-21 Date : 04.11.2025

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Neglected Solutions

We need new ideas to address the three greatest economic challenges of our time: climate change, the erosion of the middle class, and poverty. The first is an existential threat to our physical environment; the second drives polarisation and undermines democracy; and the third is a moral scourge for all of us. Yet with authoritarianism and economic nationalism on the rise, there seems to be little reason for optimism on any of these fronts.

In my new book, Shared Prosperity in a Fractured World, I point out that solutions to these problems already exist in prevailing practices around the world. They often remain below the radar, though, or they are disregarded because they depart from conventional approaches.

To be sure, on their face, our three big challenges are vastly different, and efforts to address them often seem to be in tension with each other. Many view the green transition as incompatible with economic growth, and shoring up the middle class in advanced economies as inimical to the interests of developing countries. But they all entail a common, global task: driving a structural transformation of our economies to boost activities that are green and conducive to better, more productive jobs.

Traditionally, industrial policies played a critical role in the process of economic transformation, first in the advanced economies and then in successful East Asian countries. Today, we need an updated version of the same strategy, taking into account the requirements of the green transition and the reality that manufacturing is no longer a source of job creation (even in developing countries).

We have had significant success already in renewable energy. While economists have long advocated carbon taxes or equivalent cap-and-trade schemes as the most efficient way to reduce emissions, the real, spectacular gains in this domain have come through China's green industrial policies. Oriented around national goals but implemented largely at the local level by municipal authorities, these policies have reduced the costs of solar, wind, and electric batteries to levels that now make renewable energy cheaper than fossil fuels. The green transition has accelerated rapidly as a result, leading even some of the most pessimistic observers to believe climate disaster may be averted.

China's approach is emblematic of a new style of industrial policy that differs significantly from the conventional image. It entails significant collaboration among the national government, sub-national governments, and business interests. While subsidies played a significant role, they were only one tool among many others, including procurement policies and public venture capital. China's approach is better characterised as experimental and iterative than as top-down with strict conditionality.

Can a similar approach also help deliver the good jobs and the productive transformation that preserving the middle class and reducing poverty require? Unfortunately, in developed and developing countries alike, industrial policies have continued to focus on manufacturing sectors, even when the goal has been to generate or maintain employment. To be sure, manufacturing remains relevant and important for the green transition, to ensure supply-chain resilience, and for national security. But automation and global competition have made it a labour-shedding sector – even in China, which remains the world's manufacturing superpower. We have little choice but to rely on services for the kinds of productive jobs that serve as a pathway to the middle class.

Fortunately, in advanced and developing economies alike, there are many sub-national experiments in which partnerships between government agencies and the private sector or civic groups are delivering meaningful economic transformations. These local, place-based initiatives have not look like traditional industrial policies, but they are similar to China's strategy. They involve iterative collaboration and the provision of public inputs (skills training, business extension, regulatory assistance, and green-field sites) alongside subsidies to identify new business opportunities and mitigate constraints.

National economic authorities can build on these models. Former US President Joe Biden's administration implemented “challenges” in which local economic development agencies were invited to submit proposals for federal funding. Such an approach not only provides new resources but also incentivises local actors to overcome their collective action problems and develop a common vision for future development. Unfortunately, the scale of these programmes paled in comparison to the administration's landmark industrial policies, the CHIPS and Science Act, and the Inflation Reduction Act, both of which were oriented mainly toward manufacturing.

National governments, especially in advanced economies, can also play a huge role in steering innovation in a more labour-friendly manner. Many service industries – retail, warehousing, logistics – have already benefited from the introduction of new digital technologies, but private corporations do not always have workers' interests in mind. They prefer to use new technology to monitor and eke out more from workers, rather than to give them autonomy and enable them to perform a broader range of tasks. Generating the technologies that would empower workers in traditionally low-paying jobs such as care, retail, and food services requires a dedicated public effort, similar to what we need for renewables.

My book offers both a warning and grounds for hope. I show that our current policy menu is inadequate to the tasks at hand and sure to create serious conflicts among the objectives. To address climate change, rebuild the middle class, and reduce global poverty simultaneously, we need to depart from established ways of thinking and consider new approaches. The good news is that it is neither infeasible nor too late to embark on a better path. The seeds of these innovative approaches already exist within prevailing practices around the world. We don't need a revolution, only a reconfiguration of our priorities and policies.

Domestic politics and a lack of global cooperation often rule out what economists and other technocrats would consider preferred options. But they rule in other approaches that are often more effective in the real world.

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WOMEN AND EXTREMELY BACKWARD CASTES HAVE ALWAYS BACKED NITISH, A REASON WHY PM MODI, NOT KNOWN TO FORGIVE OR FORGET EASILY, HAS CHOSEN TO KEEP THE BIHAR CM BY HIS SIDE



The young girl who was given a cycle as an incentive to attend school when Nitish Kumar first came to power in 2005 is now an adult voter: it is that ‘She’ voter, the prime beneficiary of welfarist schemes, who makes Nitish seemingly indispensable to any power arrangement in Bihar

man but the party doesn't have a local leadership of stature or pan-Bihar appeal. While a moth-eaten Congress is organizationally comatose and in no position to revive itself overnight. And then there is Prashant Kishore, a youthful anti-establishment debutante-challenger but still searching for more space in a complex caste matrix.

Which brings one back to the original slogan on why Nitish Kumar, having been sworn in a record nine times and in line for a Olympic gold in political gymnastics, is still seen as a necessity despite his obvious limitations. Five years ago, the BJP attempted to cut Nitish down to size by propping up a gen-next Bihar politician in Chirag Paswan to consciously target the Janata Dal (United) vote. The strategy worked. Well, almost. A beleaguered JD (U) won just 43 seats while the BJP was well ahead with 74 seats. The balance of power between the two allies had shifted dramatically and yet the BJP hesitated to replace

Nitish as chief minister with their own nominee. An artful survivor, Nitish saw through the BJP power game: in 2022, fearing that the BJP might break his weakened party like it did with the Shiv Sena in Maharashtra, Nitish switched sides to become the key driver of the opposition-led INDIA alliance. When he realized that the INDIA grouping wouldn't fuel his national ambitions, he chose to return to the NDA fold on the eve of the 2024 general elections. The leader who once claimed to represent morality in public life was now a despairing survivor, the politics of compromise replacing ideological conviction.

Once the proud charioteer of a 'naya' Bihar, Nitish is now a mask, trapped in a 'chakravyuha' by a domineering BJP. And yet, while in many other states the BJP has managed to dictate terms to subservient allies, the party cannot, at least in public, be seen to be humiliating the long-serving chief minister in any manner. Firstly, unlike in other

Hindi heartland states, the BJP hasn't built a credible backward caste leadership of its own. The shadow of upper caste supremacy from a previous era still looms over the BJP's core in Bihar. On the one occasion when the BJP did fight an election on its own in Bihar in 2015, at the peak of the Modi wave, it wasn't able to resist the combined onslaught of the Lalu-Nitish caste duopoly. Secondly, the BJP's electoral reverses in the 2024 general elections has meant that the party has embraced a more flexible coalition dharma, one where every ally needs to be accommodated. In the circumstances, the BJP can ill-afford to jettison a Nitish at this stage with the next big national battle in 2029 still some distance away.

Finally, the BJP realizes that even a downsized Nitish Kumar still commands a solid double digit vote share.

In almost every election since 2005, two key groups have generally backed Nitish Kumar: women and extremely backward castes. With caste loyalties mostly unshaken, the Mahila or woman vote becomes a potential game-changer.

Post-script: I remember interviewing Nitish Kumar when he chose to relinquish the chief minister's chair briefly in 2013 to protest Modi's elevation as the BJP prime ministerial choice. "I joined a Vajpayee-Advani-led BJP, not one that will be led by a communal dictator," he raged then. When I now see the same Nitish Kumar genuflecting before Mr Modi, I realize how nothing is permanent in politics. As interests and alliances shift, so does character and conscience.

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SPECTRUM SCIENCE

The wings of a bird

Oh, had I the wings of a dove, How soon would I taste you again!

Society, friendship and love, Divinely bestowed upon man.

This verse is from the 18th-century (1782) English poem, "The Solitude of Alexander Selkirk" by William Cowper. The poem depicts the painful experience of an insubordinate castaway sailor named Alexander Selkirk (1676-1721), who lived alone on an island. Selkirk, desperate for the happiness of meeting and conversing with his loved society, imagines how he could get such an opportunity. His imagination centers on having the "wings of a bird". If he had two wings like a bird on his body, he would have been saved from this intense mental stress.

Not only Selkirk in exile, but countless people in the past have also dreamed of flying and made efforts to do so. Finally, in 1903, two American brothers, Orville and Wilbur Wright, invented the airplane.

This brings us back to the sailor Selkirk and the poet Cowper. The "wings of a bird" they imagined would help them fly in the past are just like the two wings on today's airplanes.



Nikhilanand Panigrahy

HUMANS LEARN BIOMIMICRY FROM ANIMALS AND BIRDS. SO, WHAT CAN WE LEARN FROM BIRDS LIKE OSTRICH AND EMU?

Nature has structured birds in such a way that they can fly to great heights with ease. Scientists meticulously studied the physical structure of birds to design airplanes. They not only studied their wings but also their dorsal structure and other related aspects to build aircraft. Therefore, airplanes largely resemble birds. This is an example of biomimicry. (See: 'Is it a bird? Is it a Plane? Bio-mimicry in Airplanes' - Medium.com - Edsarcle, January 28, 2018)

Observing the ground from the sky like a bird is known as "Bihangabalokan" (bird's-eye view). A bird's-eye view is used to get a clear idea during disasters like floods, cyclones, and droughts.

In our discussion, we mentioned the indispensability of bird-like wings for flying. This does not mean that having wings is enough to be able to fly. Some birds fall into this category, such as the world's largest birds, the ostrich, emu, rhea, cassowary, and kiwi. These birds belong to the 'ratite' class. The bones of their chests are flat, and they lack a suitable mechanism to operate strong muscles. A long time ago, when dinosaurs dominated

the Earth, these ratite birds could fly freely. They were forced to flee to great heights to escape dinosaur attacks. (See: Why Ostriches Can't Fly, Rebecca Pierce, farmandanimals.com, September 21, 2019)

However, after the dinosaurs became extinct in a cataclysm, the problem of self-preservation disappeared from their minds. They moved around fearlessly. They ate as much as they wanted. Their disinterest in flying to escape enemy attacks and their abundant eating led to an increase in their body fat. Although some predatory animals tried to hunt them, the birds gave up flying and instead ran at high speeds, even up to eighty kilometers per hour. Therefore, a lion couldn't easily chase and catch them. A lion's craving for their delicious meat remained just a wish. Since these birds still had wings, they would make short flights at low altitudes. These birds, with their reduced abilities, were on the verge of losing their status as flying creatures.

The paradox of the ratites adds a condition to the wish for "wings of a bird" that the exiled sailor Selkirk harbored while on the island. Humans

learn biomimicry from animals and birds. So, what can we learn from birds like ostrich and emu?

If we neglect the abilities given to us by nature, they will evolve away from us and disappear. Today, obesity has become a global health problem. Many aware individuals, when they make New Year's resolutions, include promises to reduce obesity, go to the gym regularly, and take morning and evening walks. However, these so-called firm resolutions for 1 January are only effective for two to three weeks. After that, their traces are mostly forgotten. Thus, 19 January has earned the infamous name of "Quitters' Day".

We, and even the younger generation, have become so averse to hard work that despite being healthy and strong, we want to use vehicles even for short distances. In the end, will we suffer the misfortune of losing our innate mobility, just as the emu bird lost its ability to fly? If a once-flying bird like the emu needs an aircraft for a bird's-eye view, wouldn't it be strange?

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Letters

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Enforce DJ ban strictly

Sir, Debi Rath, a noted Jatra artist of Odisha recently died of a heart attack, reportedly triggered by the unbearable DJ noise from a passing procession in his hometown Paradip. Though the permissible sound limit is 65 decibels and the government has banned DJs in processions, violations continue unchecked. My house near a main road with marriage mandaps often shakes from such deafening sounds, causing distress to senior citizens and heart patients. The authorities must strictly enforce the ban and penalise offenders to prevent such tragic incidents.

Sidhartha Kar Mohapatra, BARIPADA

ISRO's home work

Sir, India's 'Atmanirbhar Bharat' thrust is so conspicuous in several spheres of life. Now it seems to be shining in space as well. Bahubali means a strong or powerful armed person. Recently, Bahubali, the indigenous communication satellite, was launched into space by the redoubtable Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) at Sriharikota making it the heaviest satellite ever to be launched from Indian soil. Bahubali is a 4410 kg satellite that is also referred to as CMS-03. Significantly, CMS-3 replaced Geosynchronous Satellite 7 series. Bahubali flew on Launch Vehicle Marker 3 (LVM 3-M5) rocket. It is pertinent to note that all LVM 3 launches have had a 100 per cent success rate which speaks volumes about the home work done by the ISRO scientists.

Ganapathi Bhat, AKOLA

Rahul's bombshell

Sir, Apropos the report 'Brazilian model voted 22 times in Haryana: Rahul' (Orissa POST, November 6), I would like to comment that the widespread voter fraud in Haryana as alleged by Congress leader Rahul Gandhi should not go unpunished. The alleged fraud sadly exposes the BJP-led ruling party's machinations of winning votes by dubious means. Addressing a presser Gandhi produced voluminous documents to show how and to what extent the manipulations occurred in the electoral rolls with the alleged concurrence of the ECI. This is indeed a bombshell for both the BJP and the ECI.

Arun Gupta, KOLKATA

A forest bird never wants a cage.

He who can, does. He who cannot, teaches.

A man must commit a crime at least once in his life-time.

HENRIK IBSEN

GEORGE BERNARD SHAW

GIRISH KARNAD

Earlier, the ruling parties asked women about the benefits of the Ladki Bahin scheme they received. Now why are they not asking the farmers about what they got (from the relief package)? It says they declared the biggest package for farmers

UDHAV THACKERAY | SHIV SENA (UBT) CHIEF

The Disaster Act has been implemented in the state, and our first priority is to give relief to the affected families whose houses have been damaged

SUKHVINDER SINGH SUKHU | HIMACHAL CM

For sure, this organisation (LUB) got inspired by the Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh (RSS) to emerge in this role. Their motto 'Aaharnisham Sevamahe' (At service in day and night) makes it clear that they want to always serve, just as Sangh Parivar has been working for a century for society and the nation

RAJNATH SINGH | DEFENCE MINISTER

POST OF THE DAY

This is also going on.. Whenever and wherever one has to cast vote, the name will appear in the voter list, while on the other hand some poor people are crying that their name is not there when they went to cast their vote.. There is a lot of confusion going on.

@apnarajeevnigam

SHORT TAKES

- Two dead after being hit by train
- Mumbai:** Two persons died and three sustained injuries after they were hit by a suburban train near Sandhurst Road railway station in south Mumbai Thursday, officials said. The incident took place around 7pm, just some time after the suburban train service on Central Railway was disrupted due to a flash strike by employees' unions over an FIR registered against two engineers in the June 9 Mumbai accident case. "Two persons were brought dead to the hospital, while three were injured. Of these, two took discharge against medical advice (DAMA), while one is being treated at the facility," an official.
- Katkari community's protest called off
- Thane:** The tribal Katkari community called off its protest over various demands Thursday evening, a day after it launched the stir in Maharashtra's Thane city, as Deputy Chief Minister Eknath Shinde assured to organise a meeting with CM Devendra Fadnavis. Katkari members had converged in Thane in large numbers to take part in the protest, which was launched Wednesday, to draw the government's attention towards the issues they were facing.
- 19 illegal migrants from B'desh pushed back
- Guwahati:** Assam Chief Minister Himanta Biswa Sarma Thursday said 19 Bangladeshi nationals were nabbed and pushed back from Sribhumi and Cachar districts. "Mission 'Return Ticket' completed before sunrise! At 2:15 AM, 19 Bangladeshi nationals (14-Sribhumi, 5-Cachar) were escorted back home via Mahishasan BOP – courtesy of @assampolice & BSF's teamwork," Sarma said in a post on X Thursday night.



We strongly condemn the comments. But I want to say that it shows the mentality of the Congress

ARVIND KEIRIVAL | AAP NATIONAL CONVENER

'PHYSIOTHERAPISTS, OCCUPATIONAL THERAPISTS CAN'T USE 'DR' PREFIX'

The Kerala High Court has directed that physiotherapists and occupational therapists cannot use the prefix "Dr" without holding a recognised medical degree



Cong to hold flag-off events at all HQs

The Leader of Opposition in the Lok Sabha, Rahul Gandhi, has repeatedly exposed the dangerous "vote chori", saying it is a direct assault on the people's mandate

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

New Delhi, Nov 6: The Congress would hold flag-off events at all state headquarters across the country November 8 to mark the culmination of first phase of its 'Vote chor, gaddi chhod' campaign against the BJP.

AICC general secretary (organisation), K C Venugopal, said that so far, the Congress has collected over five crore signatures of people expressing their anger and resentment against "vote chori" by the BJP in "collusion" with the Election Commission. The signatures of people expressing resentment against this "murder of democracy" would be handed over to the President of India later, Venugopal said in a statement.

He said that at a meeting of party general secretaries, PCC presidents, and other office bearers held Wednesday, it was unanimously decided that the first phase of the campaign will

CH'GARH TRAIN COLLISION

Loco pilots' union alleges factual error in initial probe report

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

New Delhi, Nov 6: A loco pilots' union has alleged factual errors in the report of a preliminary probe into the Chhattisgarh train collision, which blamed the passenger train's crew for the accident.

On Tuesday, the local MEMU (mainline electric multiple unit) train had rammed into a stationary freight train in Chhattisgarh's Bilaspur district, killing 11 people, including the loco pilot, and injuring several others.

A preliminary probe conducted by five railway experts held the MEMU train's crew responsible, stating that they failed to control the train at a red signal and subsequently collided with the goods train.

In a letter addressed to the concerned railway zone, the All India Loco Running Staff Association (AILRSA) alleged that the preliminary probe was based on "imaginary details" and had recorded incorrect signal numbers in the report.

V K Tiwari, Zonal General Secretary, AILRSA Bilaspur, claimed that the report was prepared in a "prejudiced manner" to put the blame on the crew and cover up other failures of the railway administration. The union has raised the possibility of a signal failure, suggesting that the MEMU crew might have seen green signal due to a technical fault.



at all state headquarters Saturday (November 8).

These programmes will be attended by senior leaders and party functionaries, symbolizing the collective unity and determination of the Congress party in this national struggle to safeguard democracy, he said.

"So far, over five crore signatures have been collected nationwide - a powerful testimony to the anger, apprehension, and deep concern among ordinary citizens about the naked murder of democracy through manipulative practices such as duplicate voting, fake voter entries, and fraudulent addresses in the electoral rolls,"

Venugopal said. He said the Congress has been consistently raising serious concerns about alleged electoral roll manipulation and electoral "fraud", undermining the sanctity of India's

'Left Unity sweeps JNU Students' Union polls'

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PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

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Kizhakoot Gopika Babu bagged the vice-president's post after trouncing Tanya Kumari, while Sunil Yadav and Danish Ali won the posts of general secretary and joint secretary after defeating their right-wing



rivals Rajeshwar Kant Dubey and Anuj, respectively.

This year, around 9,043 students were eligible to vote. The polls recorded a 67 per cent turnout, slightly lower than the previous election's 70 per cent. The campus saw vibrant participation with students queuing up outside hostels and schools amid chants, drumbeats and campaign songs.

The result marks a setback for the ABVP, which made a comeback to the JNUSU central panel last year when Vaibhav Meena won the joint secretary's post — the outfit's first victory in a decade. Earlier, Saurabh Sharma's win in 2015 had ended a 14-year drought for the right-wing organisation.

Before that, the ABVP's only presidential victory dates back to 2000–01, when Sandeep Mahapatra broke through the Left's dominance.

With this year's outcome, the Left Unity has reasserted its political dominance, continuing its long tradition of leadership in the JNU — a campus often seen as a cradle of debate, dissent and student activism.

phase, the Congress party will continue gathering more signatures from citizens across India." "Ultimately, these signatures - representing millions of voices - will be submitted to the Hon'ble President of India, demanding urgent corrective action," he said in his statement.

The Congress leader said through this campaign, the public has made five clear and democratic demands to the Election Commission of India: Publish a machine-readable voter list with photographs for public scrutiny, release all deletion and addition lists with photographs before every election and establish a grievance redressal mechanism for wrongful deletions.

He said they have also demanded that the EC announces a clear cut-off date for voter list changes, avoiding last-minute manipulations and prosecute officials and agents involved in systematic voter suppression.

"The 'Vote Chor, gaddi chhod' campaign is not just a political movement — it is a citizens' movement demanding accountability, transparency, and restoration of faith in the electoral process. The Congress stands shoulder to shoulder with the people of India in this collective call to protect the soul of our democracy," Venugopal said.

ISRO wants to transfer 50% of PSLV development

Bangalore: ISRO chairman V Narayanan Thursday said the space agency wants to transfer 50 per cent of the Polar Satellite Launch Vehicle (PSLV) development to the industry consortium. Hailing the capability of the domestic aerospace, defence and engineering sector, Narayanan said they are already contributing almost 80 to 85 per cent of the systems for ISRO's missions. "Today, when you look at the PSLV, the workhorse of India, they (Indian consortium headed by HAL and L&T) have produced the first rocket. We are going to launch it before the end of this financial year, mostly by February," the ISRO chief said during the India Manufacturing Show.



Firefighters attempt to extinguish flames after a fire erupted at a scrap godown in Navi Mumbai, Maharashtra PTI PHOTO

Experts warn of rising obesity, heart attacks among youth

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PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

New Delhi, Nov 6: A new health crisis is silently gripping India's youth, with leading medical experts warning that sedentary lifestyles are rapidly escalating instances of hypertension among teenagers and triggering heart attacks in individuals as young as 25.

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ed experts to declare that an urgent return to 'Blue Zone' principles is the way to reverse this urban health crisis and save the next generation.

'Blue Zones' refer to five regions around the world — Okinawa, Japan; Sardinia, Italy; Nicoya, Costa Rica; Icaria, Greece; and Loma Linda, California — where people live much longer, healthier lives, often up to 100 years, with remarkable vitality, primarily due to their unique lifestyles based on natural movement,



strong community bonds, purpose, and plant-rich diets.

Dr Sanjeev Gera, Senior Director and Head of Department of Interventional Cardiology at Fortis, Noida, speaking at the HEAL OneHealth Connect Series held last week, sounded an alarm on the severity of this 'epidemic'.

"The crisis is immediate; we are seeing heart attacks as

young as 25, with 50 per cent of our cases below the age of 50. Our sedentary lifestyle is the cause.

The alarming 60 per cent obesity rate among Delhi teens is a ticking time bomb, fuelled by silent hypertension — leading to massive organ damage before they hit 40. We must drastically shift focus to preventative check-ups starting at 25 and adopt the

simple Blue Zone principle: keep moving," he said. Professor K G Suresh, Director, India Habitatat Centre, and Chairperson of the HEAL OneHealth Connect Series, said, "The role of communication and community involvement is key in achieving the goal of Healthy India. The best health schemes fail without communication. Health must become a 'Jan Bhagidari' (people's movement). Just as we have Swachh rankings for cleanliness, we must institute 'Swasthya Rankings' to rank localities on community health. Competition drives change and makes health a collective neighbourhood priority."

Dr G S Grewal, former president, Delhi Medical Association (DMA), argued that the Blue Zone is a utopian ideal, out of reach for urban populations exposed to the vices of devel-

opment.

Dr Nimesh G Desai, a senior psychiatrist and psychotherapist, discussed the definition of health, emphasising mental resilience and asserting that the old definition of health, the absence of disease, is inadequate.

Echoing the call for mindfulness, Dr Rekha Sharma, former chief dietitian, AIIMS, Delhi, provided actionable advice on diet.

The discussion on 'Blue Zones Secrets: Healthy Heart, Mind and Soul for Vibrant Longevity', organised at the India Habitatat Centre, concluded with a consensus that the path to vibrant longevity lies not in abandoning modernity, but in integrating ancient wisdom, such as mindfulness, purposeful living, and community, with modern medical screening to prevent disease onset.

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Practically every day, our power engineers, repair brigades, and the State Emergency Service of Ukraine are carrying out restorations on-site after attacks: hits keep occurring across various points, especially in our communities, and especially near the Russian border and close to the front

VOLODYMYR ZELENSKYI | PRESIDENT, UKRAINE

Now that the present US administration has clarified its stand to be hostile towards the DPRK to the last, we will also take proper measures to counter it with patience for any length of time

KIM UN CHOL | VICE FOREIGN MINISTER, NORTH KOREA

During the cordial talks, it was recognised that there is an urgent need to provide assistance to the civilian population in Gaza and to end the conflict by pursuing a two-State solution

POPE LEO XIV | CATHOLIC CHURCH LEADER

SHORT TAKES

Israeli jets strike southern Lebanon

Beirut: Israeli jets struck several towns in southern Lebanon Thursday after urging residents to leave, marking an escalation in their near-daily strikes on the country. The airstrikes came hours after Hezbollah urged the Lebanese government not to enter negotiations with Israel. Israeli Arabic spokesperson Avichay Adraee warned residents in Tayba near the border, Tayr Debba located just east of the coastal city of Tyre, and Aita al-Jabal, to flee 500 metres (about 1,600 feet) away from residential buildings they are targeting, which they say has been used by Hezbollah. It later issued another warning for the town of Zawtar al-Sharqiyah, near the city of Nabatieh.

92-year-old prez Paul sworn in again

Yaounde(Cameroon): Cameroon's long-time leader Paul Biya was sworn in Thursday for a new seven-year term following his victory in last month's presidential election, which his opposition rival has described as "a constitutional coup." Speaking to Parliament, the world's oldest president promised to stay faithful to the confidence of the Cameroonian people and vowed to work for a "united, stable and prosperous" country. The 92-year-old incumbent, who is Africa's second-longest serving leader, took the oath of office during a session of parliament in what residents describe as the heavily militarised and partially deserted capital, Yaounde.

Police probe blood swastikas in Germany

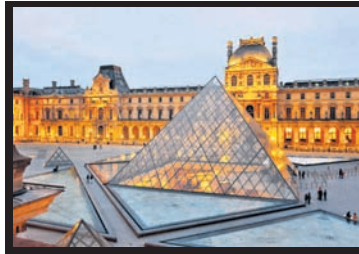
Hanau(Germany): Police in Germany said Thursday they were investigating the appearance of swastikas painted with human blood and smeared on dozens of cars, some mailboxes and building facades in the central town of Hanau. Police spokesman Thomas Leipold said officers were alerted Wednesday night when a man reported that he noticed the shape of a swastika applied in a reddish liquid on the hood of a parked car. A special test quickly revealed that the substance was human blood. Police said that in total, almost 50 cars had been defaced in a similar way. "The background is completely unclear," Leipold said, adding that investigators did not know if specific cars, mailboxes and buildings were targeted or if the swastikas were applied randomly.

Louvre Museum’s security password during ₹900cr heist was ‘LOUVRE’

AGENCIES

PARIS, Nov 6: Weeks after a daring \$102 million daylight robbery in the Louvre Museum in Paris, investigators have uncovered a stunning flaw in the institution’s digital defences. The institution’s core security system was protected by the easily guessed password “LOUVRE,” according to a new report.

France’s National Cybersecurity Agency (ANSSI) discovered the weakness during its investigation into the October 19 heist. Confidential documents obtained by outlet Liberation revealed that the agency had previously accessed the museum’s video surveillance servers using the same basic password.



- Louvre expected to complete security overhaul by 2032
- Auditor recommends digital refurbishment, efficiency drive
- Only 39% of museum's rooms had cameras as of 2024
- Director supports report but says development needed too

The vulnerability was first flagged in a 2015 audit.

That audit found “serious shortcomings” in the museum’s cybersecurity, including reliance on two-decade-old software to manage its most critical protection and detection systems. “An attacker who manages to take control of it would be able to facilitate damage or even theft of artworks,” the agency wrote at the time.

It remains unclear whether the Louvre changed the password or updated its systems following the warnings.

Louvre Museum began a security audit a decade ago but the recommended upgrades will not be completed until 2032, the state auditor said in a report on Thursday compiled before a spectacular heist there last month. Only 39% of the museum’s rooms had cameras as

of 2024, the report said, and a security audit begun in 2015, which found the museum was not sufficiently monitored or prepared for a crisis, only led to a tender for security works at the end of last year.

“It will take several years to complete the project, which, according to the museum, is not expected to be finished until 2032,” the report said.

The high-profile heist went down in broad daylight as a four-man crew, dressed in construction vests and motorcycle helmets, used a cherry picker to reach the museum’s Apollo Gallery. In seven minutes, they smashed glass display cases with chainsaws and made off with eight priceless gems, including a sapphire diadem,

necklace, and single earring once belonging to 19th-century Queens Marie-Amelie and Hortense.

The thieves then went down using the same cherry picker, attempted to torch the vehicle, and fled on two scooters parked nearby. French authorities have since arrested four suspects, three of whom are believed to have taken part in the robbery. Investigators say several of the men are known for previous thefts and may have carried out the Louvre job on commission.

France’s Culture Minister Rachida Dati announced that the Louvre Museum will install “anti-ramming” and “anti-intrusion” barriers by the end of the year.

B'desh okays death penalty for enforced disappearances

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

Dhaka, Nov 6: Bangladesh’s interim government Thursday approved a draft ordinance prescribing the death penalty for perpetrators of “enforced disappearance”, amid the ongoing trial of ousted prime minister Sheikh Hasina and 15 serving military officers over crimes against humanity.

“This is a landmark law. It will ensure that enforced disappearances never occur again in the country,” press secretary of Chief Adviser Yunus, Shafiqul Alam, said at a press conference after the advisory council, effectively the cabinet, approved the draft.

He said the law criminalises the establishment of secret detention centres such as “so-called Aynaghar” and obligates courts to conduct trials under the proposed law within 120 days of the filing of charges.

After President Mohammad Shahabuddin’s assent, the ordinance will likely be enforced in the case of 15 army officers, Hasina and several of her colleagues in the ousted government, including the former police chief.

Bangladesh International Crimes Tribunal’s chief prosecutor October 16 sought the death penalty for deposed premier Sheikh Hasina, alleging that she was the “mastermind and principal architect” behind the crimes against humanity committed during the mass protests last year.

Hasina, 78, faces multiple

cases in Bangladesh after being ousted in August last year following the mass student-led agitation in the country. According to a UN rights office report, up to 1,400 people were killed between July 15 and August 15 last year as Hasina’s government ordered a security crackdown on protesters.

Hasina is facing the trial in absentia at Bangladesh’s International Crimes Tribunal (ICT-BD) along with several ministers of her government, while 15 serving military officers also appeared on the dock from the cantonment, complying with the tribunal’s arrest warrant.

The military officers’ court appearance October 22 came amid widespread speculations and unease over their trial in a civil court under a newly amended ICT-BD law instead of a military court under the Army Act. The ICT-BD prosecutor earlier warned the army of declaring 15 of their officers “fugitives” unless they were produced on the dock on the due date.

The third amendment to the ICT-BD law, originally enacted to try hardened collaborators of Pakistani troops during the 1971 Liberation War, suggested that people charged under the law would be immediately disqualified to hold public offices and government services.

But the military officers charged under the law to be tried in the ICT-BD still hold their position, and the prosecution too called them as serving officers, creating a dilemma over their status.



Palestinians gather to receive food from a charity kitchen amid a ceasefire between Israel and Hamas, in Khan Younis in the southern Gaza Strip, Wednesday

PTI PHOTO

Typhoon Kalmaegi hits Vietnam

REUTERS

Hoi An, Vietnam, Nov 6: Typhoon Kalmaegi slammed into Vietnam Thursday, forcing authorities to cancel hundreds of flights and order people to stay indoors, two days after the storm started sweeping across the Philippines, killing at least 114 people.

Kalmaegi - packing winds of up to 149 kph (93 mph), according to the national weather forecaster - blew roofs off houses and downed trees and telegraph poles. It whipped up waves as high as 10 metres (30 feet) as it hit the central region’s coast, the agency added.

Officials closed six airports and the government said more than 260,000 people in Gia Lai province had been moved to safety. Kalmaegi is the 13th storm to hit Vietnam this year, and among the most powerful.

The government said it had placed more than 268,000 soldiers on standby for search and rescue operations. It warned of floods in low-lying areas and impacts on agriculture, including in the Central Highlands, the main coffee-growing region.



FARMERS FEAR FOR CROPS

As the storm approached, hotels and homes along Cua Dai beach near the ancient UNESCO-listed town of Hoi An were shuttered.

Near the coastal city of Hue, farmers were still recovering from floods this week that killed 47 people.

Rice farmer Nguyen Van Rin, 42, said the last floods had drowned his livestock and poultry. “Kalmaegi will flood us for the fourth time and I am afraid it will be quite bad,” he said af-

ter guiding his boat across a road as vehicles moved slowly through the water.

The cyclone path is shown just heading across the Philippines, near the town of Cebu. It will head across the South China Sea from there and may make a second landfall in Vietnam. The cyclone path is shown just heading across the Philippines, near the town of Cebu. It will head across the South China Sea from there and may make a second landfall in Vietnam.

- Hundreds of thousands evacuated, military on standby
- Trees, power lines downed as Kalmaegi hits coastline
- 127 missing in Philippines, teams race to feed homeless
- Fears that new storm could turn into typhoon

HOMES FLATTENED, VEHICLES OVERTURNED

In the Philippines, the scale of the Kalmaegi’s destruction became clearer Thursday as floodwaters receded in its hardest-hit province of Cebu, revealing flattened homes, overturned vehicles and streets choked with debris.

There were 127 people still reported missing as of late Thursday and attempts to distribute aid and find bodies were hampered by the scale of the damage left by Kalmaegi, the 20th storm to hit the Philippines this year. The typhoon’s devastation in Cebu comes just over a month after a magnitude 6.9 earthquake struck the holiday island, killing dozens and displacing thousands.

PARIS ACCORD WILL DEFEAT FOSSIL FUELS – EVENTUALLY

REUTERS

Melbourne, Nov 6: The transition to green energy is messy, contradictory and too slow. It’s roughly a decade since 195 countries struck the Paris Agreement at the United Nations’s 21st Conference of the Parties (COP) in France, pledging to hold the average global temperature to “well below 2 degrees Celsius above pre-industrial levels”. UN Secretary-General António Guterres has effectively declared dead, the more stretching goal of limiting the increase to 1.5 C. The climate denialism of US President Donald Trump is indeed impeding the fight. Yet the future is brighter for renewables than it seems.

As delegates head to next week’s COP30 summit in the Brazilian city of Belém, two conflicting accounts of the energy transition are true. For the first time, solar, wind and other renewable power is now generating more electricity globally than coal, per research outfit Ember. Yet more of the carbon-heavy rock is being burned than at any point in history. It helps stoke the argument, popularised by Daniel Yergin, author and founder of Cambridge Energy Research Associates, that renewables are not replacing fossil fuels, but merely adding to the mix as energy use increases.

That story requires ignoring some basic facts. The process is called a transition for a

reason: it takes time. The UN Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change’s 2018 report on how to limit the average global temperature rise to 1.5 C assumed that emissions wouldn’t peak until this year in any event. On top of that, money talks. The low-carbon economy will attract some \$2 trillion in investment globally this year, according to Aniket Shah, head of sustainability at Jefferies. He points out that number has grown more than fivefold since the Paris Agreement, and is roughly double what’s heading to fossil fuel-related projects. More solar and wind energy is now being installed than was projected a decade ago by the IEA and others.

The trouble is, it’s not enough: the planet is warming faster than scientists had expected, in part due to emissions increasing and in part due to knock-on effects like reduced ice sheets meaning less solar radiation gets reflected back into space. Limiting the global average temperature rise to 2 C by hitting net zero emissions in 2060 - 10 years later than the stated goal - would require spending an average of \$4.3 trillion a year, estimate analysts at Wood Mackenzie.

There are plenty of reasons for the shortfall. But the person who made the most succinct explanation in a pre-scient speech, also a decade ago, was then-governor of the Bank of England Mark Carney.

He dubbed the problem the tragedy of the horizon, opens new tab, pointing out that the “catastrophic impacts of climate change will be felt beyond the traditional horizons of most actors,” meaning business and political cycles as well as the remits of agencies like central banks, and thus “imposing a cost on future generations that the current generation has no direct incentive to fix”. So once global warming becomes a pressing financial problem, it may be too late to stop. Carney himself now arguably risks falling victim to his own prognostication. Since becoming prime minister of Canada in March, he has rolled back some of predecessor Justin Trudeau’s

climate-related initiatives and tried to improve relations with the country’s fossil-fuel industry.

Going too slow is a big problem: it locks more carbon, methane and other planet-warming gases in the atmosphere, pushing up temperatures and increasing the likelihood and intensity of floods, droughts, wildfires and the like. But global momentum is on decarbonisation’s side. Renewables projects are now cheaper than their fossil fuel counterparts nine times out of 10, reckons Christina Figueres, who as executive secretary of the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change played a key role in COP21.

We will consider specific ways to promote cooperation between Japan and the United States on rare earth development ... around Minamitori Island

SANAE TAKAICHI | PRIME MINISTER, JAPAN

KING OF THAILAND TO PAY HISTORIC VISIT TO CHINA

Thailand’s King Maha Vajiralongkorn will pay a visit to China from November 13 to 17, the Chinese foreign ministry said Thursday, the first by a Thai monarch since diplomatic relations were established in 1975. The visit, at the invitation of Chinese President Xi Jinping, coincides with the 50th anniversary of the establishment of bilateral ties



US military to establish presence at Damascus airbase

Damascus: The United States is preparing to establish a military presence at an airbase in Damascus to help enable a security pact that Washington is brokering between Syria and Israel, six sources familiar with the matter told Reuters. The US plans for the presence in the Syrian capital, which have not previously been reported, would be a sign of Syria’s strategic realignment with the US following the fall last year of longtime leader Bashar al-Assad, an ally of Iran. The base sits at the gateway to parts of southern Syria that are expected to make up a demilitarised zone as part of a non-aggression pact between Israel and Syria. That deal is being mediated by US President Donald Trump’s administration. Trump will meet Syrian President Ahmed al-Sharaa at the White House Monday, the first such visit by a Syrian head of state. Reuters spoke to six sources familiar with preparations at the base, including two Western officials and a Syrian defence official, who confirmed the US was planning to use the base to help monitor a potential Israel-Syria agreement.

Pak, Afghan Taliban resume peace talks

Islamabad: Pakistan and the Afghan Taliban resumed peace talks in Istanbul Thursday, aiming to tackle the issue of cross-border terrorism and avoid further escalation between the two sides. Clashes broke out between the border troops October 11, resulting in casualties on both sides. Pakistan claimed that at least 206 Afghan Taliban and 110 Tehreek-e-Taliban Pakistan operatives were killed, while Pakistan suffered the loss of 23 soldiers. A ceasefire was agreed between the two sides October 15, which had been extended during the two rounds of talks held October 19 in Doha and October 25 in Istanbul. The temporary truce is still holding, but mutual acrimony is evident on social media and in the statements of officials from both sides.

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India's infrastructure expansion is reshaping the real estate landscape, unlocking new growth corridors and transforming Tier II & III cities.

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Market participants are now focused on key US economic data releases this week, including the ISM Manufacturing and Non-Manufacturing PMI, which could influence dollar movement and global risk sentiment.

JATEEN TRIVEDI | VP RESEARCH ANALYST, LKP SECURITIES

The energy sector faces ongoing challenges in managing complexities of vast volume of operational data while making real-time decisions that ensure safety, efficiency, and peak performance.

ASHISS KUMAR DASH | EVP & GLOBAL HEAD, INFOSYS

SHORT TAKES

Crompton profit down

New Delhi: Crompton Greaves Consumer Electricals Ltd, Thursday reported a 41.1 per cent decline in its consolidated net profit to Rs 75.42 crore in the September quarter of FY26. The company had posted a net profit of Rs 128.07 crore in the July-September quarter a year ago, according to a regulatory filing from Crompton Greaves Consumer Electricals Ltd (CGCEL). Its revenue from operations rose 1 per cent to Rs 1,915.57 crore in the September quarter of FY26. It stood at Rs 1,896.15 crore in the corresponding quarter a year ago.

GSK Pharma Q2 rises

New Delhi: GlaxoSmithKline Pharmaceuticals, Thursday posted a 2 per cent year-on-year increase in its net profit to Rs 255 crore in the second quarter ended September 30, 2025. The drug firm reported a net profit of Rs 249 crore during the July-September quarter of the last fiscal. Revenue from operations, however, declined to Rs 974 crore in the September quarter as against Rs 1,000 crore in the year-ago period, GlaxoSmithKline Pharmaceuticals said in a regulatory filing.

NHPC net up

New Delhi: State-owned hydro power giant NHPC, Thursday posted a nearly 15 per cent rise in its consolidated net profit to Rs 1,219.28 crore in the September quarter compared to a year ago, mainly on the back of higher revenues. The company had a consolidated net profit of Rs 1,060.34 crore in the quarter ended on September 30, 2024, according to a regulatory filing. Total income rose to Rs 3,629.98 crore in the quarter against Rs 3,402.09 crore in the same period a year ago.

P&G profit down

New Delhi: Procter & Gamble Hygiene and Health Care Ltd, Thursday reported a marginal decline in its profit after tax at Rs 209.86 crore for the September quarter. The company had earned a profit after tax of Rs 211.9 crore in the corresponding quarter of the previous fiscal, according to a regulatory filing by Procter & Gamble Hygiene and Health Care Ltd (PGHH). Its revenue from operations increased 1.32 per cent to Rs 1,150.17 crore in the September quarter.



The government cannot restrain retailers from trading in Futures and Options (F&O) but will definitely create awareness regarding the risks involved in putting money in such instruments.

NIRMALA SITHARAMAN | FINANCE MINISTER

LENSKART TO OPEN AI-ENABLED SMARTGLASSES

Eyewear major Lenskart, Thursday said it will open its upcoming AI-enabled smartglasses, B by Lenskart, for India's developer community, allowing consumer app makers and independent developers to integrate its AI and camera technology across sectors such as food delivery, entertainment, and fitness. The smartglasses - designed and engineered in India - are slated for launch by the end of December 2025, the company said in a statement



CAG forms audit group to review govt's multi-modal transport push

The audit on 'Multi-Modal Transport and Logistics Initiatives' will focus on the National Rail Plan 2021-2030, the regulatory and legal framework, logistics operations, digitisation, and the ease of doing business in logistics, keeping in mind the international best practices

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

New Delhi, Nov 6: The Comptroller and Auditor General of India (CAG) will submit its report on 'Multi-Modal Transport and Logistics Initiatives', being prepared in consultation with IIM Mumbai as knowledge partner, in Parliament in the next Monsoon session.

CAG has constituted an Integrated Audit Group (IAG) to carry out coordinated audit work across various audit verticals, including railways, infrastructure, ports, shipping, and waterways.

Giving details, ADAI (Railways) Pravir Pandey said the Railway Audit Wing is conducting the audit of 'Multi-Modal



Transport and Logistics Initiatives', with particular emphasis on 'First Mile Last Mile' connectivity with logistics hubs and (Origin -Destination) O-D pairs in 2025-26.

He said the Indian Railways

is undergoing a transformative phase, with significant investments and modernisation efforts to enhance its infrastructure, safety, mobility, customer satisfaction and commerce. It has emerged as an important

strategic player in India's logistics and infrastructure development.

The National Rail Plan (NRP) 2030 aims to create a 'future-ready' Railway system by 2030.

The NRP aims to increase the modal share of the Railways in freight to 45 per cent and substantially reduce transit time by increasing the average speed of freight trains to 50 kmph.

The objective is to create capacity ahead of demand, catering to future growth in demand till 2050.

While an NCAER study (September 2025) places logistics costs at 7.97 per cent of the GDP

for FY 2023-24, for the MSME sector, it stands at a substantial 16.9 per cent of the GDP.

Pandey said the C&AG, being the auditor of all ministries and departments of the central government is uniquely positioned to undertake a comprehensive, cross-sectoral audit covering multiple entities involved in the logistics ecosystem. The audit on 'Multi-Modal Transport and Logistics Initiatives' will focus on the National Rail Plan 2021-2030, the regulatory and legal framework, logistics operations, digitisation, and the ease of doing business in logistics, keeping in mind the international best practices.

SEBI expands IPO anchor book size



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“Thus, a minimum of 5 and a maximum of 15 investors shall be allowed for allocations up to Rs 250 crore. For every additional Rs 250 crore or part thereof, an additional 15 investors are to be permitted, subject to a minimum allotment of Rs 5 crore per investor,” Sebi said.

Also, in the discretionary allotment under anchor portion, Category I (up to Rs 10 crore) and Category II (above Rs 10 crore up to Rs 250 crore) have been merged into a single category for allocations up to Rs 250 crore, with a minimum number of anchor allottees as 5 and maximum as 15 (minimum allotment 5 crore per investor).

The framework would broaden the participation of long-term institutional investors in the IPOs. To give this effect, the regulator has amended IC-DR (Issue of Capital and Disclosure Requirements) norms, which would come into force from November 30.

Stock markets fall for 2nd day in volatile trade

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

Mumbai, Nov 6: Benchmark indices Sensex and Nifty closed lower in a highly volatile trade, Thursday amid relentless foreign fund outflows and selling in blue-chip ICICI Bank.

Falling for the second day in a row, the 30-share BSE Sensex declined 148.14 points or 0.18 per cent to settle at 83,311.01. During the day, it hit a high of 83,846.35 and a low of 83,237.65.

The 50-share NSE Nifty dipped by 87.95 points or 0.34 per cent to 25,509.70.

Among Sensex firms, Power Grid fell the most by 3.15 per cent due to weak financial results. Eternal dropped by 2.44 per cent, Bharat Electronics by 1.67 per cent, and Bajaj Finance by 1.45 per cent. ICICI Bank and NTPC fell by 1.21 per cent each, dragging the index down.

However, Asian Paints, Reliance Industries, Mahindra & Mahindra and UltraTech Cement were among the gainers.

Foreign Institutional Investors (FIIs) offloaded equities worth Rs 1,067.01 crore, Tuesday, while Domestic Institutional Investors (DIIs) bought stocks worth Rs 1,202.90 crore, according to exchange data.

India's services sector growth witnessed the slowest pace of expansion in five months in October, as competitive pressures and heavy rains in parts of the country led to a slower increase in output, according to a monthly survey released on Thursday.

The seasonally adjusted HS-BC India Services PMI Business Activity Index fell from 60.9 in September to 58.9 in October, indicating the slowest pace of expansion since May.

In the Purchasing Managers' Index (PMI) parlance, a print above 50 means expansion, while a score below 50 denotes contraction. The BSE smallcap gauge dropped 1.53 per cent and midcap index went lower by 1.19 per cent.

Freedom stall inaugurated at Bali Yatra



Inauguration of Freedom stall at Bali Yatra by MLA Barabati Cuttack Sofia Firdous, with presence of Freedom state head Amiya Kumar Dhal

Cuttack: The historic Bali Yatra of Cuttack, known as a hub of Odia art, culture, and trade, has come alive with great vibrancy. On this festive occasion, the stall of Freedom, India's No. 1 edible oil brand, was inaugurated Thursday. The inauguration ceremony was graced by Barabati-Cuttack MLA Sofia Firdous as the chief guest. Distinguished guests Nrupendra Satapathy, Health Officer of Cuttack Municipal Corporation, Rashmita Behera, Food Safety Officer, and Bhagaban Lenka, Food Health Inspector. Together, they formally inaugurated the Freedom stall. As part of the special offers, customers purchasing 5 litres of sunflower oil are being given a free bucket, while those buying 5 litres of rice bran oil also receive a free bucket. In addition, a combo pack of 2 litres sunflower oil and 1 litre mustard oil is available at an attractive price. The 5-litre KachiGhani mustard oil in bucket jars is also drawing a huge response from homemakers due to the exciting offers. Sharing these details, Amiya Kumar Dhal, Odisha Head of Freedom, said, “The brand extends hearty greetings to all visitors of Bali Yatra and wishes them good health and well-being.” The event was attended by Prakash Kumar Patra, Pramod Kumar Khilar, Amit Kumar Mohanty, Ashish Das, Sameer Kumar Jena, SaratPattnayak, and Jibaneswar Behera, among others.

Toyota launches Hilux Black Edition

Bhubaneswar: Toyota Kirloskar Motor has launched the all-new Hilux Black Edition, combining the legendary toughness of the Hilux with an aggressive all-black design theme and premium features. Powered by a 2.8 litres four-cylinder turbo-diesel engine mated to a 6-speed automatic transmission, the Hilux Black Edition delivers 500 Nm of torque and comes equipped with a 4x4 drivetrain, ensuring unmatched off-road performance. With a best-in-class 700mm water wading capacity, it is built to conquer all terrains. The new edition features striking black-themed design elements, including an all-black front radiator grille, 18-inch black alloy wheels, black ORVMs, door handles, and fender garnish, giving the pickup a bold and cohesive look. Sleek swept-back LED headlights and LED rear combination lamps add to its modern appeal. Inside, the cabin exudes luxury with premium leather upholstery, dual-zone automatic climate control, an eight-inch touchscreen infotainment system with Android Auto and Apple CarPlay, and an eight-way powered driver seat. On the safety front, it offers 7 SRS airbags, Vehicle Stability Control, Traction Control, Hill Assist Control, Downhill Assist Control, and Electronic Differential Lock, ensuring superior safety and stability across conditions.



BIZ BUZZ

AM/NS India launches 'Daksh Academy'



Paradeep: ArcelorMittal Nippon Steel India (AM/NS India), in collaboration with Gurukul Foundation, has launched 'Daksh Academy' at Paradeepgarh in Jagatsinghpur district to empower local youth through free, high-quality coaching for various government and competitive examinations. The academy was inaugurated, Wednesday by Sampad Chandra Swain, Minister of State (Independent Charge), Industries, Skill Development and Technical Education, Government of Odisha. The initiative, part of AM/NS India's flagship CSR programme 'Daksh', will prepare aspirants for exams such as IAS, OAS, Banking, Railways, Defence, OSSC, OPSC, and teaching services. Dignitaries present at the inauguration included Sasmita Behera, Sarpanch of Paradeep Garh; Debendra Rout, Sarpanch, Nuagarh; Rohit Jena, Sarpanch, Bhutamundai; USR Raju, Head-Paradeep Pellet Plant, AM/NS India; VikasYadvendu, Hea-CSR, AM/NS India; and Suraj Mishra, Director and Founder, Gurukul Academy. Commending AM/NS India for the initiative, Minister Swain urged local youth to make full use of the facility to secure government jobs and build successful careers. USR Raju said, “Education remains a key focus area for AM/NS India, and the launch of Daksh Academy reflects the company's commitment to nurturing talent and supporting career growth among rural youth.”

BOI observes Vigilance Awareness Week

Sambalpur: As part of the Vigilance Awareness Week 2025, a prize distribution ceremony was organised at Bank of India (BOI) Sambalpur Zonal Office, 3rd November 2025, with an objective of promoting integrity, transparency and accountability among employees and general public. During the week various awareness program and activities were conducted on the theme of “Vigilance-Our Shared Responsibility”. An integrity pledge was administered by Vigilance Officer Snehasish Singha Mahapatra in the presence of Deputy Zonal Manger, Nibedita Mishra at the Zonal Office for all the staffs. All staff members from Zonal office, RBC, SMECC and SKVK Sambalpur enthusiastically participated in the event and reaffirmed their commitment to uphold honesty, transparency and integrity in all official dealings. The winners of the Quiz and Slogan writing competitions were awarded by the Deputy Zonal Manger, Nibedita Mishra at the Zonal Office.



BOB organises 8th edition 'Kisan Pakhwada' in Harispur, Puri

Bhubaneswar: Bank of Baroda, Bhubaneswar Region organized a Mega Kisan Mela in Harispur, Odisha, November 6, as a part of the 8th edition of the 'Baroda Kisan Pakhwada', the Bank's flagship annual program aimed at engaging farmers and rural communities across the country. This year's theme for pakhwada is “ATMANIRBHAR BHARAT” scheme. The Mega Kisan Mela in Harispur was inaugurated by Manoj S Chayani, Chief General Manager, Bank of Baroda and Swapna Bandopadhyaya, General Manager & Zonal Head, Bhubaneswar Zone, Bank of Baroda. During the course of Baroda Kisan Pakhwada 2025 in Bhubaneswar Region, the Bank connected with over 400 farmers through numerous outreach events and disbursed/sanctioned agricultural loans worth approximately Rs 10 crore. The event was also attended by SP Nayak, Deputy General Manager, Business Development, Bhubaneswar Zone, and Satya Ranjan Mahapatra, Deputy General Manager & Regional Head, Bhubaneswar Region. Speaking on the occasion, Manoj S Chayani said, “The Baroda Kisan Pakhwada, which is now in its 8th year, reflects Bank of Baroda's commitment in supporting the farmers of the country with innovative banking solutions. Through initiatives like Baroda Kisan Pakhwada, we aim to bring technology closer to the soil, enabling farmers to access finance seamlessly and grow with confidence. In Bhubaneswar Region, we have organized several programs such as farmer meets, choupals and Kisan melas, which has helped us deepen the relationship with our customers and meet their financial requirements.” The initiative also spotlighted Bank of Baroda's key digital offerings for the Agri community, including the Digital Baroda Kisan Credit Card (Digital BKCC)-integrated with the Reserve Bank Innovation Hub (RBIH) for digital land record fetching and end-to-end onboarding, and digital gold loan.



DAV Vedanta International School wins Statewide Ideathon



Bhubaneswar: Two Class XI students from DAV Vedanta International School, Lanjigarh -Lokesh Lal Majhi and Amay Prasad Mahakud have brought laurels to Kalahandi by winning the First Prize at the ATL Spark Tank - Future Maker Ideathon 2025 held at KIIT University, Bhubaneswar. Competing against 108 innovative projects from schools across Odisha, their AI-based project, “DHRISHTI - An AI-Powered Personal Assistant for the Visually Disabled”, emerged as the champion for its originality, social impact, and technological innovation. The duo received a cash prize of Rs 15,000 and the Champion's Trophy. Pranab Kumar Bhattacharya, CEO, Vedanta Alumina Business, congratulated the winners, saying, “At Vedanta, we believe true progress comes from empowering young minds to innovate for a better tomorrow. Lokesh and Amay's achievement reflects creativity, compassion, and purpose-driven innovation that can truly transform lives.”

Bowling brilliance puts India ahead



Axar, Dube, Washington guide Men in Blue to bundle Australia by 48 runs, take 2-1 lead

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

Carrara (Gold Coast), Nov 6: India defended a modest total with a stifling bowling performance for a 48-run win over Australia in the fourth T20 International to grab an unassailable 2-1 lead in the five-match series here Thursday.

The architects of India's win were Axar Patel and Shivam Dube who shared two wickets each to put Australia on the backfoot in the run chase.

Washington Sundar struck thrice towards the end as India comfortably defended 168 with Australia folding up for 119 in 18.2 overs after being 91/3 at one stage.

The final T20 will be played in Brisbane November 8. The opening match of the series was washed out in Canberra.

Openers Matthew Short (30 off 24) and Mitchell Marsh (25

off 19) got Australia off the blocks smoothly in the run chase but a flurry of wickets in the middle overs pushed the hosts to a point of no return.

After Axar trapped Short in the powerplay, Dube removed Marsh and Tim David (14 off 9) in successive overs to make a telling impact on the game. The wicket of Marsh came off his second ball before he surprised David with a short ball in the following over.

Arshdeep Singh too picked a wicket in the middle overs and the game seemed done and dusted when Glenn Maxwell saw his exposed stumps disturbed off the last ball of Varun Chakravarthy's fourth over.

The stellar performance came after a middling batting effort. India never got the momentum they needed after a wicket-less powerplay to end with an underwhelming 167 for eight. Abhishek Sharma (28 off 21) and Shubman Gill (46 off 39) put on 56 for the opening wicket before India lost their way.

Promoted to number three to counter Adam Zampa, Shivam Dube (22 off 18) could not make

Always good to have bowlers give you 2-3 overs. This combination suits us. People chipping in, raising their hands, bailing their side is great

SURYAKUMAR YADAV | CAPTAIN, INDIA

a big impact while skipper Suryakumar Yadav (20 off 10) departed after hitting a couple of sixes.

Pacer Nathan Ellis (3/21 in 4 overs) was the pick of the Australian bowlers, using his variations effectively.

Zampa leaked 45 runs in his four overs but more importantly, he got three wickets including the dangerous Abhishek.

India lost four wickets for 42 runs in the last five overs but a stellar bowling performance carried them over the line.

BRIEF SCORES:

India 167/8 in 20 overs (Shubman Gill 46, Abhishek Sharma 28; Nathan Ellis 3/21, Adam Zampa 3/45) beat **Australia:** 119 all out in 18.2 in overs (Mitchell Marsh 30; Washington Sundar 3/3, Axar Patel 2/20)

'This team reflects India'

President Murmu praises WC winning Women in Blue, gets signed jersey

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

New Delhi, Nov 6: President Droupadi Murmu lauded the World Cup-winning Indian women's cricket team for its exemplary performance during a meeting with the players at the Rashtrapati Bhavan Thursday and was presented a jersey signed by the entire squad.

India clinched their first ever global title in women's cricket, defeating South Africa by 52 runs in the ODI World Cup final in Navi Mumbai Sunday.

President Murmu congratulated the team on its historic achievement, saying the players had not only scripted history but also become role models for the younger generation.

Members of the Indian Women's Cricket team, winner of the ICC Women's Cricket World Cup 2025 called on President



Droupadi Murmu at Rashtrapati Bhavan.

She said, "This team reflects India. They represent different regions, different social backgrounds, different circumstances but they are one Team — India".

During the interaction, Indian skipper Harmanpreet Kaur also presented the World Cup trophy to the President besides

the signed jersey.

Murmu said that the team strengthened the belief of all Indians in their capability by defeating seven-time world champion and then-undefeated Australian team in the semi-final. She noted the ups and downs of hope and despair that the side experienced during the campaign after three losses on

the trot in the league stage.

"Sometimes they would have even lost sleep. But they overcame all challenges. She noted that after the victory over New Zealand, people strongly believed that in spite of the ups and downs in the match, our daughters would prevail." The team had earlier met Prime Minister Narendra Modi Wednesday.

Sheetal breaks new ground

In a historic first, the armless world champ qualifies for India's able-bodied archery team for Asia Cup

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

New Delhi, Nov 6: Para-archer Sheetal Devi, the world compound champion born without arms, shattered another barrier Thursday by being picked in the Indian able-bodied junior team for the upcoming Asia Cup Stage 3 in Jeddah.

Her selection marks another historic first for Sheetal -- the inclusion of a para-athlete in an Indian team for an able-bodied international competition.

Winner of a bronze medal in the mixed team compound event at the 2024 Paris Paralympics, Sheetal drew inspiration from Turkey's Paris Paralympic champion Ozgur Cure Girdi, who also competes in able-bodied events at the world level.

Competing among more than 60 able-bodied archers from across the country under iden-



When I started competing, I had a small dream -- to one day compete alongside the able-bodied. I didn't make it at first, but I kept going, learning from every setback. Today, that dream is one step closer

SHEETAL DEVI

tical conditions, the 18-year-old from Jammu and Kashmir finished third overall in the rigorous four-day national selection trials held in Sonipat.

Sheetal scored 703 points in the qualification rounds -- 352

in the first and 351 in the second -- matching top qualifier Tejal Salve's total.

In the final rankings, Tejal (15.75 points) and Vaidehi Jadhav (15 points) took the top two spots, while Sheetal secured third place with 11.75 points, narrowly edging out Maharashtra's Dnyaneshwari Gadadhe by 0.25 points.

Trained at the Shri Mata Vaishno Devi Shrine Board Sports Complex in Katra, Sheetal has already carved her name in history by becoming the first female armless world champion in para archery this year.

Gujrathi ends 12-yr-old Faustino Oro's hopes

INDO-ASIAN NEWS SERVICE

Panaji, Nov 6: India's GM Vidit Gujrathi finally managed to crack the defence of Argentine wonder kid Faustino Oro in the second rapid game while Pranav V and Pranesh M also got the better of their respective opponents in the first set of rapid games to advance to the third round of the FIDE World Cup 2025 here Thursday.

Vidit had been put under pressure by 12-year-old Oro in the two classical games but Thursday, the 31-year-old Indian relied on his experience to grind out a 52-move win in the second rapid game with black pieces. Pranav defeated Aryan Tari of Norway while Pranesh beat Dimitrij Kollars of Germany to join the likes



of world champion Gukesh D, Arjun Erigasi, P Harikrishna, Karthik Venkatraman and Dip-tayan Ghosh in the next round.

Speaking about the feeling after beating the youngest player in the competition, Vidit admitted that playing against the youngster was challenging as the pressure was on him but added, "It feels good to qualify for the next round. It was not an easy match, so it feels good all the more."

Dramatic finish crowns Umed champion

With the successful completion of inaugural Dilip Tirkey Invitational, Odisha becomes the 18th state to host a PGTI event

INDO-ASIAN NEWS SERVICE

Bhubaneswar, Nov 6: In a dramatic finish, Umed Kumar produced back-to-back chip-in birdies, one in the final hole of regulation play and one in the playoff, to win the PGTI NEX-GEN's season finale, the Dilip Tirkey Invitational 2025, an Rs 20 lakh event, played at the Bhubaneswar Golf Club.

It was Umed's second NEX-GEN title of the season.



Umed, who hails from Chandimandir, Haryana, collected the winning cheque worth Rs 2,54,000 that helped him finish as No 1 in the 2025 PGTI NEX-GEN Order of Merit with season's earnings of Rs 8,61,140. As a result of emerging NEX-GEN Order of Merit champion, Umed has earned himself an

exemption on the PGTI's main tour next year.

The 24-year-old Umed Kumar (67-70-71), the overnight leader by three shots, struck a one-under 71 in the third and final round to total eight-under 208 for the week. The match went into a playoff after Gurugram-based Kushal Singh (70-73-

65), who was overnight tied seventh, produced the best round of the tournament, a seven-under 65, to end the regulation 54 holes in tied first place at eight-under 208 along with Umed.

Chandarjeet Yadav (66) finished third at seven-under 209. Sanjeev Kumar and Divesh Rana ended the week in tied fourth position at five-under 211.

Ajay Kumar Sahu had the best result among the local professionals after he totalled six-over 222 to take 27th place.

Umed said, "This is the kind of finish a golfer often dreams of. One doesn't make too many back-to-back chip-ins in a career and here I did it to win a match and the Order of Merit. It's been an unbelievable day. I'm delighted to earn my playing rights on the main tour for next year. This win has given me a lot of self-belief."

Jurel scores hundred

Bangalore: Dhruv Jurel gave a scintillating demonstration of his technical nous with a fighting hundred, carrying India A to a respectable 255 all out after a top-order malfunction against South Africa A on the first day of the four-day match here Thursday. Asked to bat first, India A were in serious trouble, some of their own making, at 126 for seven, but Jurel (132 not out, 175b, 12x4, 4x6) and Kuldeep Yadav (20, 87b) milked 79 runs for a doughty eighth-wicket stand to bail them out. Jurel's innings stood out for its marvellous adherence to batting technique, helping him survive the vagaries of conditions, pitch and relentlessness of Protean bowlers under largely overcast skies.

Dagar best Indian

Shenzhen: Golfer Diksha Dagar, coming back from the break she took after the women's Indian Open, carded 1-under 72 to be placed T-42 after the first round of the Aramco China Championship, here Thursday. Pranavi Urs was the next best Indian after Dagar, carding an even-par 73 to be placed T-57. Two other Indians in the field, Tvesa Malik and Avani Prashanth carded 1-over 74 to be in tied-75th place.

CHAMPIONS LEAGUE

BARCA STUMBLE, CITY STRIKE

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

Milan, Nov 6: Inter Milan remained among the teams with a perfect record by beating Kairat 2-1 in the Champions League. Lautaro Martinez and Carlos Augusto scored a goal in each half for last year's runner-up Inter, which joined Bayern Munich and Arsenal as the only teams with four victories from four matches.

Barcelona came from behind three times in its draw at Club Brugge, with Lamine Yamal being decisive in the team's comeback in Belgium. He scored in the 61st and it was his shot in the 77th that led to an own-goal by Club Brugge midfielder Christos Tzolis for the 3-3 score.

Phil Foden netted twice for Man City, while Erling Haaland extended his scoring streak in Manchester City's 4-1 home win over Borussia Dortmund. The



striker scored his 27th goal in 17 matches for club and country this season. He has scored in five consecutive Champions League games for three different clubs, having also done it with Salzburg and Dortmund.

"Every time I come to a press conference, they give him another record," Man City coach Pep Guardiola said. The Norway striker has scored 14

times in his last nine games. Only twice he failed to score in a game this season.

José Mourinho's Benfica lost 1-0 at home to Bayer Leverkusen for its fourth straight loss in the league phase. Ajax also picked up its fourth consecutive loss after a 3-0 defeat to ninth-place Galatasaray at home. Victor Osimhen converted two penalties in his hat

Haaland's feat: 27 goals in 17 matches

Out-of-form Yamal holds Barcelona at Brugge

Osimhen's hat-trick leaves Haaland, Kane, Mbappé behind

trick for the visitors to reach six goals and overtake Haaland, Harry Kane and Kylian Mbappé -- who have five goals each.

Newcastle beat Athletic Bilbao 2-0 at St James' Park with goals by Dan Burn and Joelinton. Atalanta won 1-0 at Marseille with a 90th-minute goal by Lazar Samardzic. Charles De Ketelaere missed a 14th-minute penalty for Atalanta. In the early games, Chelsea drew 2-2 at Qarabag, while Pafos earned its first-ever league-phase win by beating Spanish club Villarreal 1-0 at home in Cyprus.

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Ahmedabad set to host 2026 T20 WC final

New Delhi: The BCCI has shortlisted Ahmedabad, Delhi, Kolkata, Chennai and Mumbai as the venues for next year's T20 World Cup with the final to be played in Ahmedabad. The 2023 ODI World Cup final, between India and Australia, was also conducted in Ahmedabad, home to the world's largest cricket stadium with a capacity of over one lakh. That edition of the marquee competition was held across 10 venues in total. Bangalore does not feature in the list of finalised venues, having been removed earlier from the Women's ODI World Cup roster after the Karnataka State Cricket Association failed to secure the necessary clearances following the stampede at RCB's IPL victory celebrations in June. It is learnt that the ICC will announce the full schedule of the February-March tournament next week. The event will be co-hosted by Sri Lanka which will act as a neutral venue for Pakistan as per an agreed arrangement with India.

RCB's fate under the hammer

New Delhi: United Spirits Ltd (USL), part of multinational alcoholic beverages company Diageo, said it is going to have a strategic review of its investment in Royal Challengers Sports Pvt Ltd (RCSPL), the entity that owns IPL T20 team Royal Challengers Bengaluru. Hinting towards the sale of the business, USL, in a regulatory filing Wednesday, said it is "initiating a strategic review of the investment in its wholly-owned subsidiary, RCSPL." RCSPL's business comprises ownership of the "Royal Challengers Bengaluru (RCB)" franchise teams that participate in the Men's Indian Premier League (IPL) and Women's Premier League (WPL) cricket tournaments hosted by the Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI) annually. RCB, the team that had India's cricket star Virat Kohli, won its first Indian Premier League title earlier this year.



FIFA announces new peace prize

Miami: FIFA has announced the creation of a peace prize, which it plans to award at the draw for the World Cup December 5 in Washington.

The award, called the FIFA Peace Prize, will "recognise exceptional actions for peace," soccer's governing body said Wednesday. "In an increasingly unsettled and divided world, it's fundamental to recognise the outstanding contribution of those who work hard to end conflicts and bring people together in a spirit of peace," FIFA President Gianni Infantino said. FIFA said the award, which Infantino will present this year, will be bestowed annually "on behalf of fans from all around the world."

