**Unpleasant past** 

Actor Mouni Roy reveals a disturbing incident from her early days in the film industry

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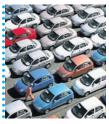
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MOMENT TO CHERISH: State Works Minister Prithiviraj Harichandan hands over a memento depicting Odisha's art and culture to Union Minister for Road Transport and Highways Nitin Gadkari at 84th Indian Roads Congress organised at Janata Maidan in Bhubaneswar Friday, as Chief Minister Mohan Charan Majhi and Development Commissioner Anu Garg look on (Report P3)

### PM releases stamp. coin on 150th year of 'Vande Mataram'

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

New Delhi, Nov 7: Prime Minister Narendra Modi Friday released a commemorative stamp and coin marking 150 years of national song 'Vande Mataram'

at a programme organised at the Gandhi Indira Indoor Stadium here. The programme will mark the formal

launch of the year-long nation wide commemoration -- from November 7, 2025 to November 7. 2026 -- celebrating 150 years of the timeless composition that inspired India's freedom move ment and continues to evoke national pride and unity.

The song was written by Bankim Chandra Chatterji on the occasion of Akshaya Nava mi, which fell November 7 in 1875. The song first appeared in the literary journal, "Bangadarshan", as part of Chatterji's novel, "Anandamath".

# SC: Shift stray dogs, cattle City CA loses ₹1.5cr to 'digital arrest' from NHs, schools, hosps

New Delhi, Nov 7: The Supreme Court Friday took note of the "alarming rise" in dog bite incidents in institutional areas like educational centres, hospitals, bus stands and railway stations, and directed the authorities to move such canines to designated shelters.

The apex court also ordered the authorities, including the National Highways Authority of India (NHAI), to ensure the removal of stray animals and cattle from highways and expressways. A three-judge special bench comprising Justices Vikram Nath, Sandeep Mehta and NV Anjaria passed a slew of directions in the stray dogs case.

"... (With) regard to the alarming rise in incidents of dog bites within institutional areas, such as educational institutions, hospitals, sports complexes, bus stands and depots and railway stations, this court deems it appropriate to issue the following directions in the interest of public safety, health and management of stray dogs," the bench said.

It directed states and Union Territories (UTs), through their respective local or municipal authorities, to identify such institutions within two weeks.

**May visit India next** 

year, says US Prez



Pilot not to be blamed

The apex court said this exercise should be completed as soon as possible, and preferably within eight weeks

The bench asked the administrative heads of such institutions to ensure that the premises are secured by adequate fencing, boundary walls, gates and such other structural or measures as may be necessary to prevent the ingress of stray dogs

It said this exercise should be completed as soon as possible, and preferably within eight weeks. The bench said the management of such institutions shall designate a nodal officer responsible for the upkeep and cleanliness of the premises and for ensuring that stray dogs do not enter or inhabit the campus.

"The details of the said officer shall be displayed permanently at the entrance and notified to the jurisdictional municipa body or authority," it said.

The bench said local municipal authorities and panchayats shall carry out regular inspections at least once in every three months of all such premises to ensure that no stray dog habitats exist within or in the immediate vicinity of these institutions.

"It shall be the responsibility of the jurisdictional municipal body or authority to forthwith remove every stray dog found within the premises of an educational institution and other institutions... to a designated shelter after due sterilisation and vaccination in accordance with the Animal Birth Control Rules," it said.

Bhubaneswar, Nov 7: In a shocking case of cybercrime in the City here, fraudsters posing as Mumbai Crime Branch officials duped a senior chartered accountant (CA) of ₹1.5 crore after subjecting him and his wife to a 'digital arrest' for 10 days.

The victim, identified as Bijay Kumar Sahu, a resident of VSS Nagar Housing Board Colony under Saheed Nagar police limits, was threatened and confined to his home by the cybercriminals, who forced him to transfer money to multiple accounts.

According to police, Sahu and his wife were mentally harassed and kept under constant surveillance through

video calls by the fraudsters The couple, whose children stay abroad, were too terrified to seek help or inform anyone.

The incident came to light Friday after Commissionerate Police rescued the elderly couple from their home. Sahu had lodged a complaint with the Bhubaneswar Cyber Crime and Economic Offences police station Thursday night. Given the magnitude of the financial fraud, the case was transferred to the Crime Branch.

Preliminary probe revealed that Sahu received a call around 10 days ago from individuals claiming to be officers of the Mumbai Crime Branch. They accused him of involvement in a crime syndicate and warned



ing used for illegal activities.

To make the deception more convincing, the fraudsters appeared in police uniforms during video calls and told him that he was under arrest. They instructed Sahu and his wife not to leave the house, warning of severe legal consequences if they disobeyed.

Believing the threats, Sahu shared his personal and banking details with the imposters and subsequently transferred large sums of money to various accounts as directed.

When his own funds were exhausted, he even took loans to meet their demands.

Meanwhile, neighbours grew suspicious after noticing that the couple had not come out of their house for several days. They alerted the police Thursday night who visited the house and, after repeated persuasion, convinced the frightened couple to open the door.

matised couple to the cybercrime police station. Officers said the victims appeared to be under severe mental distress after losing their life's savings.

Police later escorted the trau-

# ATC glitch: Over 800 flights delayed

New Delhi, Nov 7: Delhi airport, the country's busiest one, plunged into chaos Friday as more than 800 domestic as well as international flights were delayed due to technical problems with the air traffic control (ATC) system, sources said.

All airline operations at the airport have been impacted and authorities are working to fix the issues. The sources said airlines have cancelled at least around 20 flights.

IndiGo, Air India, Air India Express, SpiceJet, and Akasa Air said there are delays in their flights at the Delhi airport due to the issues with the air traffic control system.

Washington, Nov 7: A spec-

tacular sight has taken the

skywatchers aback across the

US as astronomers track a rare

and stunning comet-C/2025 K1

(ATLAS). Unlike most comets

that typically shine green or

blue under sunlight due to their

varying chemical compositions,

this one stands out with its re-

markable golden glow, accord-

ing to a report by 'Newsweek'.

visitor from June Lake, Califor-

nia, astronomer Dan Bartlett ex-

plained that the rare comet was

not expected to survive its close

approach to the Sun October 8,

when it reached its perihelion

After observing the celestial



flight movements daily.

Airports Authority of India (AAI), in a post on X at 10:08 am, said flight operations at the Delhi airport are facing delays due to a technical issue in the Automatic Message Switching System (AMSS), which supports air traffic control data.

The state-owned AAI, which provides air traffic control and navigation services, said technical teams are working to restore the system at the earliest.

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the encounter, now displaying a

unique red, brown, and golden

coloration that is seldom ob-

Perihelion is the moment

when a celestial body reaches

its closest approach to the Sun

in its orbit. Comet C/2025 K1

(ATLAS) originated in the dis-

tant Oort Cloud and was first

served in comets.

tem significantly from around 5:45am. "All airline operations at Delhi Airport are currently delayed. Concerned authorities are working on resolving the issue at the earliest," Delhi airport operator DIAL said in a post on X at 1:42 pm.

DIAL (Delhi International Airport Ltd) also said flight operations have been disrupted due to an ongoing technical issue with the AMSS that supports air traffic control flight planning process.

Later in the evening, AAI said the technical issue in the ATC's AMSS has been addressed and that the system "up and functional now". It, however, said that due to some back-

### Suspension axe falls on 3 Srimandir servitors

PNN & AGENCIES

Puri, Nov 7: The Shree Jagannath Temple Administration (SJTA) Friday suspended three servitors for indiscipline and breach of protocol.

Suar Badu servitor Narayan Panda and Khuntia servitor Rajaram Khuntia have been suspended for two months for

indulging in clashes over dev otees' offerings and allegedly collecting money in violation of temple rules.

Mahasuar servitor Bena Mahasuar has also been suspended for using vanaspati instead of the prescribed OMFED ghee in tem-

ple rituals, a temple official said.

### for AI plane crash: SC The national capital's Indira The ATC system had faced logs, there may be some delays New York: US Gandhi International Airport issues intermittently in the in the normal functioning of President Donald Trump (IGIA) handles more than 1,500 last two days and the technical automated operations. said he could travel PRESS TRUST OF INDIA to India next year, emphasising that Indian Prime

New Delhi, Nov 7: The Supreme Court Friday said no one blamed the chief pilot of the Air India Dreamliner for the June 12 crash, which claimed 260 lives, and asked his 91-year-old father not to carry any emotional burden. "There is no insinuation against him even in the preliminary report," a bench of Justices Surva Kant and Joymalva Bagchi said, emphasising that if necessary, the court will clarify that the pilot is not to be blamed for the "unfortunate" plane crash.

The top court issued notice to the Centre and the Director General of Civil Aviation (DGCA) on a plea of Pushkaraj Sabharwal, the father of deceased pilot Captain Sumeet Sabharwal. Pushkaraj Sabharwal and the Federation of Indian Pilots have moved the Supreme Court for a

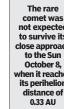
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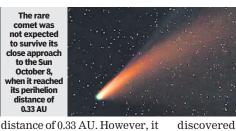


ed by a former apex court judge into the crash of Air India flight AI171 in Ahmedabad

"First of all, it was an unfortunate plane crash and secondly, you should not carry a burden on yourself that your son is being blamed. The pilot is not to be blamed for the plane crash. It was an accident," the bench told senior advocate Gopal Sankaranarayanan, appearing for Pushkaraj Sabharwal. "No one in the county believes that it was

the fault of the pilot," it said. Sankaranarayanan said it all started after US publication Wall Street Journal put out a news report pointing to errors on the part of the pilot that led to the plane crash and citing unnamed government sources.





Golden comet wows skywatchers after surviving Sun

rown, and golde in comets

However, it defied

discovered by the Asteroid Terrestrial-impact Last Alert System (ATLAS) in May 2025. According to astronomer Da-

vid Schleicher of Lowell Observatory, data from the Lowell database revealed that this comet has an unusually low number of carbon-containing compounds, including CN, compared to hydroxide ions. Only two other comets have ever recorded such

It was previously speculated that this comet might break up as it approached the Sun, but now that it is safe, it can be observed with telescopes during autumn and winter. According to Bart lett, it looks "extremely impres sive at 9th magnitude", which he witnessed from his backyard.

low carbon-to-hydroxide ratios

On how to visualise the rare celestial object, Tony Phillips a writer for spaceweather.com says the comet is easily visible with binoculars. He recommends astronomy enthusiasts to aim their equipment toward the border of the constellations Virgo and Leo in the eastern sky shortly before sunrise to catch a glimpse of this rare golden comet.

### **IRREGULAR** by MANJUL

Minister Narendra Modi "wants' him to visit while calling him a

"great man" and a friend.



and not by us? It looks like a

massive scam to me



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### ARIANA GRANDE IN TALKS FOR **LONDON WEST END DEBUT**

Wicked star Ariana Grande could make her debut on London's West End next year in a revival of the musical Sunday *In the Park With George.* The

### TIMOTHEE DISAPPOINTED TO **NOT WIN BEST ACTOR OSCAR**

Actor Timothée Chalamet has candidly admitted he was disappointed not to win the Best Actor Oscar this year. The 29-year-old actor was nominated for his work as Bob Dylan in A Complete *Unknown* but lost out at ceremony to The Brutalist star Adrien Brody.

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was an actor, director or cast-

ing agent who misbehaved with

her, Mouni added, "The man lit-

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me mouth to mouth respiration.

I didn't understand what hap-

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second. I started shaking and I

ran down. It really scarred me

for a real

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long time.'

Without revealing whether it



## UNE FORECAST

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You will make a great deal of progress which will help you set aside quite a chunk of money for lean times. There are yet more deals to be signed which will turn out to

be landmarks in your business. Ganesha says that your current labours will bear fruits in the future.

Nora

steps into

Mumbai: Nora Fatehi has stepped into her pop girl era with the release of her latest single, What Do I Know.

The actress-dancer dropped her latest single featuring Jamaican art-

ist Shenseea. The energetic track, released under 5 Junction Rec-

ords/Warner Records, is a dancef-

loor-ready anthem that perfectly blends global beats with pop

flair. Accompanying the song is a stunning music video directed

by Arrad, who is known for his work with Cardi B, Anitta, and

Nora shared, "I'm so excited to

finally share What Do I Know (Just A Girl) with the world! This song marks the start of my pop girl era, and diving into this new sound

been such an inspiring journey. Shenseea and

I poured our hearts into every part of it — from recording the vocals to nailing the choreography for the music video. I couldn't be prouder of what

we created together!"

Shenseea expressed her happiness saying,
"This song and video were such a blast to make!

You can really feel how much fun we had bringing this track to life. Working with Nora was

such a treat, and I know our fans are going to love it!"

What Do I Know (Just a Girl) is writ-

ten by Grammy-nominated hitmaker

Justin Tranter and the song high-

lights Nora's strengths as a per-former. The track also marks

the first release from Anjula Acharia's 5 Junction Rec-

ords in conjunction with

Missy Elliott.

her pop

### **TAURUS**

It is very likely that you will stay physically alert and spiritually awake today, forecasts Ganesha. You will discover an artistic temperament as you engage in performing arts. designing, graphics and special effects. You will also appear extremely tempting to the opposite gender.

A busy day for you, predicts Ganesha, but it has little to do with work. Today, your mind is in a spiritual mode. You may want to make a few changes to the interiors of your house, mostly to get them in sync with the state of your mind. A romantic evening with your sweetheart in a sumptuous surrounding is likely, says Ganesha

### **CANCER**

Business rivals will try to wipe out your prestige, but will fail. Bold people can steer clear of hurdles and you are bold. So with Ganesha's grace you will be successful. People will praise your honesty and generosity. Your efforts alone beget you laurels.

You will want some change in your daily surroundings, and this will manifest in the form of shopping for new clothes or home renovation projects and the like. You may also modify your daily routine. You need to take a closer look at your personal relationships today, says Ganesha.

### VIRGO

In all likelihood, you will want to go into seclusion today, both mentally and physically. You have a knack to work yourself up to face challenges and gather your resources to come up trumps in unpleasant situations. However, you will not be able to go beyond your limitations. Lord could bring some change

Remember the joint account you were going to open one of day best suited for such decisions. Make the most of this propitious day and make career growth. Ganesha gives his nod.

### **SCORPIO**

Today is that day when you make a fine show of your commitment to work and dedication to family. At work, the right job has landed on the right table - yours. At home, cement your place as the guintessential family man, advises Ganesha.

**SAGITTARIUS** You are inclined to be overprotective of your personal belongings, Sensational love affairs are plotting to hold you ransom. All the work you have been pushing off to do

later will be completed reasonably on time.

### **CAPRICORN**

You're on the verge of losing hopes as you can't bear the weight of work and responsibil ities any more. But, like the strong individual that you are, you are not going to put your arms down without fighting fiercely. Also,

your mental strength and physical stamina will be acknowledged and appreciated by one and all, predicts Ganesha.

### AQUARIUS

Today, you will revel in a lot of tender loving and care (TLC). You may also be able to solve certain baffling situations plaguing your peace of mind. Ganesha suggests that you meet people, as any associations you form today will prove beneficial in the long run.

### PISCES

You will find yourself embroiled in tough situations at the work-place today. However, do not let it make you pessimistic. Even if things do not work out as and when they are meant to be, you will find that as the day progresses, things begin to fall in place of their own accord. Come evening, you should see yourself in a much more relaxed state of mind, after a hard day's work, says Ganesha.

### 1984 musical was last revived on the West End back in 2006.

Mumbai: Behind the dazzling world of Bollywood lies a darker reality many actors struggle with. While several have spoken consciousness and the hero gets openly about facing the casting couch, Mouni Roy has now revealed a disturbing incident gains conciousness.3

> that although she never experienced the casting couch, she did face shocking misbehaviour at the age of just 21.

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mony held in Rajasthan. Katrina

> hosted by Zoya Akhtar in 2019, where they were formally introduced. Later that year, during an award show Vicky playfully proposed to Katrina on

strengthened by subsequent interactions, including the award show—an encounter that echoed Katrina's earlier remark on "Koffee with Karan," where she had mentioned that the two would make a great

### Mouni shares darker reality of Showbiz given. Suddenly there was a scene where the girl falls into

from her early days in the industry. In a conversation with Apoorva Mukhija on Spice It Up, the actress shared

When asked

if she had ever faced the casting couch or if someone had ever misbe-

wood. Mouni said. "Never faced casting but was misbehaved with. I was 21-22 years old and I had gone to someone's office where people were there inside the office where nar-

# Vicky, Kat



Vicky first crossed paths at a party

stage while hosting the event. Their connection grew over time, is married to

Malaika.

### PEANUTS



IF IT HAD HAPPENED TO YOU, MAYBE YOU WOULDN'T BE LAUGHING!

couple

into the world.

On Friday,

couple shared the happy

news via a post on Insta-

gram. Vicky and Katrina

posted a greeting card that read,

"Our bundle of joy has arrived.

With immense love and gratitude,

we welcome our baby boy. 7th Novem-

Soon after the couple shared the happy

news, fans and fellow celebrities flooded the

comments section with heartfelt congratulatory

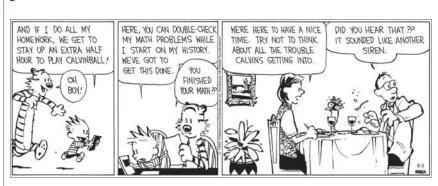
messages, celebrating the joyous arrival of their

Vicky and Katrina revealed their pregnancy on September 23, 2025, via a joint social media post. For the unversed

the duo had tied the knot on December 9, 2021, in an intimate



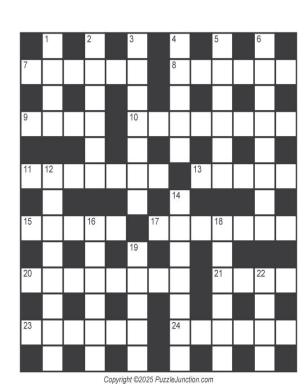
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**OBITUARY** 

### Sulakshana Pandit dies at 71 Mumbai: Veteran Hindi film actress Sulakshana

Pandit passed away Thursday at 71. According to reports, Pandit had been ill for quite

a long time and took her last breath at a hospital in Mumbai. There had been no official statement released from her family or team at the time of filing the report. For the ated, Sulakshana was

star in the 1970s. The actress, along with acting in films, was also known for her exceptional singing Pandit was

the sister of actress Vijayta Pandit and music composer duo Jatin-Lalit. She was also the niece of

the legendary classical Pandit Jasraj. Pandit, born on July 12, 1954, in Raigarh, Chhattisgarh, began singing at the tender age of nine. She rose to fame as a singer with her hit song Saat Samandar Paar Se with Lata Mangeshkar from the 1967 movie Taqdeer.

## Sanjay Khan's wife Zarine passes away

Mumbai: Veteran actor-director Sanjay Khan's wife and actor Zayed Khan's mother Zarine Katrak passed away aged 81 after suffering from age related ailments. As per sources, Zarine

who was the mother-inlaw of Hrithik Roshan was suffering from age-related ailments for a while now. She breathed her last on Friday morning at her residence in Mumbai. Zarine is sur-

vived by her husband and four children Sussanne Khan, Simone Arora, Farah Ali Khan and

> Zarine's eldest daughter Farah is married to DJ Ageel, their second daughter Simone married businessperson Ajay Arora. while their youngest daughter is Sussanne was formerly married to actor Hrithik Roshan. Their son Zayed

### SUDOKU

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

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CM EXPRESSES CONFIDENCE IN CLOSE COORDINATION BETWEEN CENTRE & STATE



Union Minister Nitin Gadkari and Chief Minister Mohan Charan Majhi unveil a souvenir at the 84th IRC at Janata Maidan in Bhubaneswar, Friday

POST NEWS NETWORK

Bhubaneswar, Nov 7: Union Minister for Road Transport and Highways Nitin Gadkari Friday inaugurated the 84th Annual Session of the Indian Roads Congress (IRC) in Bhubaneswar and announced an additional Rs 1.000 crore road development package for Odisha.

Speaking to media persons, Gadkari said, "The funds sanctioned for Odisha will be provided directly to the state government. We have already approved several road projects in the state, and an additional Rs 1,000 crore has been allocated."

Addressing the IRC, Gadkari said that India is moving from being a fuel-importing to a fuel-exporting nation, driven by the growing production and use of ethanol, methanol, bio-LNG, CNG, and green hydrogen.

Gadkari emphasised the government's strong commitment to road safety through advanced engineering standards, intelligent transport systems, and awareness initiatives to ensure safer and more efficient

Highlighting the crucial role of road engineers, the minister said their precision and innovation are vital for preparing accurate Detailed Project Reports (DPRs) and developing hassle-free and safety-assured highways. Gadkari noted that the use of bio-bitumen and recycled plastic waste in highway construction is enhancing durability, sustainability, and cost efficiency, while contributing to the nation's eco-friendly infrastructure goals.

He said technology used in the construction of roads, bridges and tunnels should be cost-effective and of superior quality.

'To achieve this goal, we need to upgrade technology, research and innovation in the road sector. At the same time, we need to protect our ecology and environment. We need to have a policy so that we can convert waste into wealth," Gadkari said.

"We also need to encourage implementation of new international practices, codes and guidelines," he said.

Gadkari, citing a recent IIM-Bangalore, study by IIT-Chennai and IIT-Kanpur, said India's logistics cost has reduced by 5 per cent due to improved infrastructure, particularly expressways and economic corridors.

Reiterating the government's vision, he said the mission is to build world-class infrastructure rooted in innovation and sustainable mobility solutions. This transformative approach, he added, will create extensive employment opportunities, strengthen the infra-skill ecosystem, and steer India towards a self-reliant and resilient future.

Speaking on the occasion, Chief Minister Mohan Charan Majhi said since Prime Minister Narendra Modi took charge in 2014, there has been rapid progress in the road construction sector.

He said the state government is taking decisive steps to expand and modernise the road network through the Odisha State Road Policy 2025 and the upcoming Odisha State Highway Authority Act, 2025.

Majhi expressed confidence that close coordination between the Centre and the state will continue to improve Odisha's road infrastructure in both quality and reach, driving balanced development and contributing significantly to India's growth story.

In the 2025-26 fiscal, the Centre has sanctioned Rs 13,069 crore for construction of national highways in Odisha, he said. The CM said his government has set a target of constructing 75,000 km of roads in the next five years.

Works Minister Prithiviraj Harichandan said the IRC has a key role to play in the development of national highways in the country.

Around 3,500 delegates will participate in the four-day

# **Gadkari announces ₹1K-cr for Odisha** 'Vande Mataram' symbol of patriotism & sacrifice: CM



Bhubaneswar, Nov 7: 'Vande Mataram' is not just a song, it's a symbol of patriotism, sacrifice and dedication to the nation, Chief Minister Mohan Charan Majhi said Friday.

Inaugurating a programme at Lok Seva Bhawan here to mark the state-level celebration of the 150th anniversary of 'Vande Mataram', Majhi said the then British administration had banned 'Vande Mataram' as it became a powerful tool for the freedom struggle.

"'Vande Mataram' is not merely a song — it is a symbol of patriotism, sacrifice, and dedication to the nation. This song, which was part of Bankim Chandra's 'Anandamath' awakened the consciousness, enthusiasm and revolutionary

spirit in the hearts of the countrymen during the freedom movement," he said. Majhi participated in the col-

lective singing of the national song, led by Prime Minister Narendra Modi from Delhi. "No nation can progress

without patriotism. 'Vande Mataram' rekindles the fire of patriotism in our hearts," the CM said. He said this year-long cele-

bration is very important to instil patriotism among the youth, children and students.

"From Kashmir to Kanyakumari, the collective singing of 'Vande Mataram' by citizens across the country will have a far-reaching impact. Especially among the younger generation, it will foster a renewed sense of nationalism," the CM stated.

Majhi said that over the nex one year, collective singing of the song, cultural events and awareness programmes will be held in all districts, at schools colleges, and government and private organisations.

"Let us all join this yearlong celebration that begins today," he urged. "Through our participation, let us pledge to spread the glory of Bharat Mata across the world," the CM added.

Chief Secretary Manoj Ahuia and Development Commissioner Anu Garg were among the senior officers present at the programme, along with all departmental secretaries and state employees.

Students of Utkal Sangeet Mahavidyalaya presented a rendition of the national song during the ceremony.

### Maha man arrested for duping Odisha investor

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Bhubaneswar, Nov 7: A 30-vear-old man from Maharashtra was arrested by the Odisha Police for allegedly duping an investor with the promise of high returns, officials said Friday.

Savyasachi Pisolkar (30), a native of Maharashtra's Nashik district, was arrested by the Cyber Crime unit on the basis of a complaint lodged by Shakti Shankar Panda (41), a resident of Bhubaneswar, they said. In the police complaint,

Panda said he came to know about a trading app through a WhatsApp group.

Lured by promises of high returns from investments in IPOs and block trades, Panda said he transferred Rs 26.21 lakh into the bank accounts of Pisolkar and his associates.

However, he did not get back the money he invested, police said. A case has been registered, and an investigation is underway.

# Double engine means double betrayal: Naveen

### BJP CAN STEAL CANDIDATES, NOT PEOPLE'S HEARTS, SAYS THE BJD CHIEF

ARINDAM GANGULY, OP

Nuapada, Nov 7: Launching a scathing attack on the incumbent BJP government in the state, former Chief Minister and Biju Janata Dal (BJD) president Naveen Patnaik Friday Patnaik said the so-called "double engine" government has only delivered "double betrayal". He

said this during a massive

## **BYPOLL**

from Khariar Road to Nuapada as part of the party's campaign for its Nuapada bypoll candidate Snehangini Chhuria.

Thousands of supporters thronged the route to greet the BJD supremo, as his roadshow culminated at a public meeting in Parkod area. Addressing the gathering, Patnaik recalled the historic role of Biju Patnaik in formation of Nuapada district and said BJD has consistent-



ly worked for the region's development.

Speaking about late MLA Rajendra Dholakia, whose demise necessitated the byelection, Patnaik said, "We had given him a ministerial position in our government and extended full support for the district's growth.

Stating that the so-called "double engine" government has only delivered "double betrayal", Patnaik asked the audi-

ence whether the government has kept its promise of providing 500 units of free electricity as it has completed 500 days in the state. "Have they provided Rs 3,500 pension, free urea for farmers, or loans to Mission Shakti self-help groups?' asked Patnaik.

He further said, "This government has only changed colours, not lives,'

Accusing the BJP of indulging in "candidate theft," Patnaik asserted that the party "may steal candidates but cannot win the hearts of the people.'

Appealing to voters, the former CM said BJD has fielded Chhuria— from Biju Mahila Janata Dal — as a symbol of women's empowerment and development. "We have chosen her for the progress of the state, and I am confident you will show your trust in her and vote for her," Patnaik concluded.

## Jay Dholakia left BJD out of self-respect: Sambit Patra

POST NEWS NETWORK

Nuapada, Nov 7: BJP leader and Puri MP Sambit Patra Friday criticised the Biju Janata Dal (BJD) and its president Naveen Patnaik, accusing them of showing disrespect to the family of late BJD MLA Rajendra Dholakia. Speaking at a press meet in

Nuapada, held in the presence of Dholakia's wife, Patra said it was "deeply unfortunate" that Naveen Patnaik spoke ill of a leader who had served the BJD with loyalty and dedication throughout his political career. "Rajendra Dholakia gave

his entire life to the BJD and worked tirelessly for the people of Nuapada. To malign his family after his death is both insensitive and a betrayal of his legacy," Patra said.

During a recent BJD rally in Nuapada, Naveen Patnaik had accused the BJP of 'candidate theft', alleging that the saffron party had taken away BJD's potential candidate — a reference to Jay Dholakia, son of the late leader. Patnaik had also reportedly called the Dholakia family "dishonest."

Patra condemned the remarks, terming them "baseless and unbecoming of a leader of Naveen Patnaik's stature." He said, "Jay Dholakia left BJD out of self-respect after witnessing the neglect of his family. Calling him a 'sto len candidate' is completely false and politically motivated."

He also alleged that when Rajendra Dholakia was critically ill, the BJD leadership failed to extend any help. "When his heart was severely damaged and he needed urgent treat ment, no one from the BJD stood by him. Now, to attack his family is inhuman," Patra said.

Patra added that the BJP stands firmly with the Dholakia family and respects the late leader's contribution to Nuapada's development.

## Man caught with spy glasses in Srimandir

Puri: A devotee was detained by police for carrying hidden cameras fitted in his spectacles inside Srimandir here Friday, officials said. He was identified as Bharat Pandya from Ahmedabad in Guiarat, While photography and videography are strictly prohibited inside the 12th-century shrine, this is the fifth such incident of visitors carrying hidden cameras into the temple in recent months. In a separate incident, a man identified as Shankar Mishra from Jajpur district was found entering the sanctum sanctorum dressed like a servitor. "It is difficult for police officials to identify anyone dressed as a servitor. Only temple servitors or temple police can distinguish such individuals," police said. Temple servitors and devotees have demanded a stronger legal framework to prevent such breaches inside the shrine.



SHOWCASING HERITAGE: Girls admire a finely-crafted miniature boat at the Silver Filigree Pavilion of Bali Yatra in Cuttack, Friday

### **REMARKS ON PENDING CASE**

## HC asks Berhampur SP to appear in person Nov 11

Cuttack, Nov 7: The Orissa High Court (HC) Friday directed Berhampur SP Saravana Vivek M to appear in person November 11 and file an affidavit by November 10 explaining his public remarks on a case currently under the court's consideration.

The single judge bench of Justice Sashikanta Mishra which was hearing an election petition filed by voter Manoj Kumar Panda challenging the election of BJP MLA K Anil Kumar from Berhampur Assembly constituency gave the directive.

While briefing media October 22 about the arrest of some accused in the murder of lawyer Pitabas Panda, the Berhampur SP had allegedly linked the case with the pending election petition before the HC. The SP linked the case to establish the role of two BJD leaders in the murder case.

The HC had earlier issued a notice to the SP asking why contempt proceedings should not be initiated against him for commenting on a matter that is sub judice. In compliance with the HC's

October 31 order, the SP has submitted an explanation. After going through the ex-

planation, it appears that the SP has admitted to giving statements before the press referring to the pending election petition, Justice Mishra observed.

"Let him (the SP) file an affidavit further explaining his conduct. Such affidavit should be filed by November 10. Whether the conduct amounts to contempt or not will be considered by this court after receiving the affidavit," the bench said.

Listing the next hearing for November 11, the HC made it clear that the SP will appear in person at 10.30am.



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### **NUAPADA BATTLE**

# **CEO enforces 48-hour silence** period, urges digital restraint

Bhubaneswar, Nov 7: Chief Electoral Officer (CEO) RS Gopalan Friday appealed to citizens, political parties, and candidates to observe digital restraint and uphold the provisions of Section 126 of the Representation of the People Act, 1951 ahead of the Nuapada Assembly by election scheduled for November 11.

The CEO issued detailed guidelines concerning the 48-hour silence period before the close of polling, a time meant to ensure transparency and a free, fair, and peaceful voting environment.

Gopalan emphasized that the silence period allows voters to make independent and impartial decisions without undue influence from political propaganda or inducements. He reiterated that all forms of campaigning must cease once this period begins.

The CEO instructed that all political workers and party members brought from outside the constituency must vacate the area immediately after the campaign ends. The District Election Officer (DEO) and Superintendent of Police of Nuapada have been directed to verify whether any outsiders are staying in community halls, lodges, or welfare mandaps, and to cross-check guest lists.

Check posts are to be set up at constituency borders to monitor incoming vehicles and ensure only local voters remain in

the area. If a political figure is unable to leave the constituency for medical reasons, the case will be verified by a medical board constituted by the DEO in consultation with the CEO.

Such exemptions, he said require Election Commission approval, and the individual will remain under video surveillance and must abstain from all political activities.

Gopalan reminded that under Section 126 of the Representation of the People Act, 1951, holding meetings, processions, or displaying election-related content through cinema, television, or similar media — including organising cultural or entertainment events intended to influence voters, is strictly prohibited during the 48-hour period preceding the close of

Violations can lead to imprisonment of up to two years, a fine, or both, he warned. The CEO clarified that while neutral political news may be aired, no election-related visuals or content aimed at influencing voters will be broadcast or displayed during this time. Radio is also considered an 'equivalent ap paratus' under the law and is subject to the same restrictions.

Citing Section 127A, Gopalan reminded that every election pamphlet or poster must display the names and addresses of the printer and publisher. Printers are also required to send copies of printed materials and the publisher's declaration to the CEO or District

Additionally, no political advertisement will be published in newspapers on polling day or the preceding day unless it has been pre-certified by the Media Certification and Monitoring Committee (MCMC) at the district or state level. This measure is designed to prevent the publication of misleading or provocative content during this sensitive period.

Gopalan further urged all individuals, including candidates, supporters, and citizens, to refrain from sharing political content on social media platforms such as Facebook, X (Twitter), Instagram, WhatsApp, and YouTube during the silence period. Any attempt to solicit votes, circulate campaign material, or influence voters digitally will be treated as a violation of Section 126, he warned.

Citizens were also reminded not to forward or post election-related messages, even in private groups, to help maintain a fair and peaceful atmosphere ahead of the Nuapada



CHADAKHAI RUSH: People gather around a fish seller on the occasion of Chadakhai at Palasuni in Bhubaneswar Friday

## 'Spirituality, ethical values help build just society'

POST NEWS NETWORK

Bhubaneswar Nov 7: Spiritual leader and founder of 'The Art of Living' Sri Sri Ravi Shankar delivered an inspiring talk on 'Spirituality in Vikshit Odisha, Ethics in Governance' at Lok seva Bhawan Convention Centre here. Friday. The session. attended by senior officials, emphasised the importance of spirituality and ethical values in building a progressive and harmonious society.

Addressing the gathering, Sri Sri Ravi Shankar spoke about the role of meditation in managing stress, enhancing emotional balance and improving efficiency in pro-



fessional life. He highlighted how spiritual awareness and Vikshit Odisha — a developed and inclusive state built on integrity, compassion, and

**OUAT's event promotes safety in agri operations & rural roads** 

Following his address, the spiritual leader led the officers through a guided meditation session, offering them a firsthand experience of inner peace and mental clarity amidst their demanding administrative re

The event was graced by Development Commissioner-cum-Additional Secretary Anu Garg, who de livered the welcome address and emphasised the need for integrating mindfulness and value-based approaches in governance. Senior officials from various government depart ments and representatives from Sri Sri University also attended the programme.

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AFFIDAVIT By virtue of an affidavit sworn before the Executive Magistrate, Birmaharajpur date 22.09.2025, I Sridhara Badi, R/o. Village-Sandha, PO. Bagbar, PS. Birmaharajpur, Dist. Subarnapur, Pin-767018 declare that my daughter's Aadhaar card vide No.xxxx xxxx 4614 her name has been wrongly mentioned as Barsha Badi. That I have changed the name of my daughter from Barsha Badi to Barsarani Badi. Henceforth she shall be known as Barsarani

Badi for all purposes.

Sridhara Badi

By virtue of an affidavit sworn before Executive Magistrate, Bhubaneswar, dated-09.10.2025, I, Rabindra Kumar Behera, aged about 49 years, S/o.-Late Gunanidhi Behera, presently residing At-Balipada, P.S.- Tamando, Bhubaneswar, Dist.-Khordha declare that my actual correct name is Rabindra Kumar Behera but it is wrongly mentioned as Rabindra Kumar in my son's birth certificate No.-560099 instead of Rabindra Kumar Behera. So both Rabindra Kumar and Rabindra Kumar Behera is one and same person.

## Indonesian ambassador unveils Festival of Bali

POST NEWS NETWORK

Bhubaneswar, Nov 7: The Indonesian Ambassador to India, Ina Krishnamurthi inaugurated 'Bali Unveiled: Stories, Studies and More' at Bakul Library here recently.

Apart from books and storytelling, the festival will also celebrate works of Prof LK Mahapatra, a father figure in anthropology in Odisha and a pioneer on research and teaching of South East Asia and In-

Organised by Bakul Foun-



dation, the festival will run till November 16. The curated list includes books on Balinese and Indonesian culture from Prof Mahapatra's rich personal collection including his own writings. The exhibition also includes picture books for children, Balinese folktales and travel writings on Indonesia.

"By promoting a culture of reading books, Bakul Foundation creates the ideal world I'm imagining for our future and our children. I can surely tell how challenging it must be, and I really congratulate you for that because books represent a borderless world,

Krishnamurthi said. On the occasion, Krishnamurthi also launched the online catalogue of LKM Centre POST NEWS NETWORK

Bhubaneswar, Nov 7: A national-level awareness programme on 'Prevention of Accidents due to Farm Machines, Tractor Trailers and Other Power Sources of Farm Equipment: Road Safety for Zero Fatality' was organised at College of Agricultural Engineering and Technology (CAET), Odisha University of Agriculture and Technology (OUAT) here Friday.

The event was jointly conducted by All India Co-ordinated Research Project (AICRP) on 'Ergonomics & Safety in Agriculture and Allied Sector', **OUAT** Centre, in collaboration with the Regional Transport Office (RTO), Bhubaneswar-II. Around 200 students, faculty members, farmers, and tractor drivers participated in the awareness drive aimed at promoting safety and reducing accidents in agricultural operations and rural roads

Department of Agricultural Structures, Civil and Environmental Engineering (ASCEE) professor and head Rashmi Ranjan Pattnaik delivered the welcome address. OUAT Dean of Research Niranjan Panda graced the occasion as chief guest and highlighted the importance of adopting scientific safety practices in use of agricultural machinery. The event was presided over by CAET Dean Ambika Prasad Sahu.

Representing RTO Bhu baneswar-II Sanat Kumar Jena and Motor Vehicle Inspector RN Jena elaborated on road safety norms and preventive measures for achieving 'Zero Fatality' in both farm and traf fic conditions.

## 'Screen addiction disrupts Gen Z's sleep cycle'

RESHMI YADAV, OP

Bhubaneswar, Nov 7: Generation Z — often represented and referred to those born between mid-1990s and 2012 — are the ones to grow up surrounded by technology. However, this constant digital stimulation has come with a cost — a disrupted sleep cycle, deteriorating sleep quality, and rising mental health issues, experts warn.

A survey, involving 24 young adults between the age group of 18 to 34, revealed alarming trends in sleep patterns. Of the respondents, 67 per cent are female and 32.3 per cent male. Nearly 79 per cent are students, while 12.5 per cent are working professionals and 8.3 per cent are self-employed. About 95.8 per cent belonged to the 18 to 24 age group, while the rest are between 25 to 34 years old.

The study found that 45.8 per cent of participants sleep for only 5 to 6 hours a night, while 41.7 per cent manage 7 to 8 hours. A mere 8.3 per cent reported sleeping for more than 8 hours. Alarmingly, 45.8 per cent said they go to bed between midnight and 2 am, 37 per cent between 10 pm and midnight, and 8.3 per cent after 2 am. Only 8.3 per cent sleep before 10 pm.

When it comes to bedtime



habits, 70.8 per cent admitted to 'always' using mobile phones or other screens before sleeping, while 12.5 per cent said they 'often' do so, and another 12.5 per cent said they use screens

Medical experts warn that these late-night digital habits

have serious consequences both mental and physical health. Manipal Hospital's

neurologist Amlan Tapan Mohapatra shared his views on

the outcome and said, "Sleep can be affected by various factors — ranging from stress. heart diseases, lung infections, and COPD to conditions like obstructive sleep apnea, which is commonly seen in obese individuals. Neurological disorders can also contribute to sleep disturbances, along with primary sleep disorders such as insomnia and certain psychiatric conditions.3

Mohapatra explained that the body produces melatonin, a hormone that regulates the sleep-wake cycle, which becomes disrupted due to irregular sleep timings or excessive screen exposure. "People working late-night shifts or staying awake past midnight often experience disturbances in their circadian rhythm," he added.

To maintain healthy sleep hygiene, Mohapatra advised going to bed between 10 pm and 11 pm, avoiding caffeine after 4 pm, keeping gadgets away from the bed, and ensuring the bedroom is dark and quiet.

Fitness and Yoga Coach Abhishek Mohanty highlight-

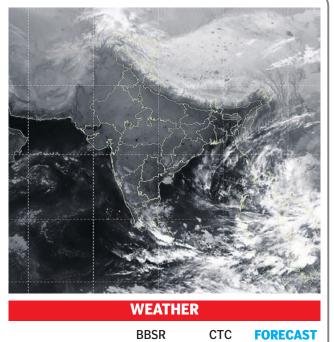
of lifestyle and mindset in sleep health. "Clinging to screens

gives easy dopamine we keep

scrolling endlessly. This not only leads to sleep deprivation but also eye problems and mental fatigue. Regular exercise or yoga is essential to overcome it." he said.

Mohanty advised maintaining a balanced diet, avoiding oily and preservative-heavy foods, and including natural protein sources. "Before bed, try journaling positive things you did throughout the day or five minutes of meditation. Small, consistent habits can significantly improve your sleep cvcle," he added.





WEATHER							
	BBSR	CTC	<b>FORECAST</b>				
Max Temp	32.3°	30.6°	Fog/mist in the				
Min Temp	19.8°	19.2°	morning & mainly clear sky later				
Humidity	68%	80%					
Rainfall	Nil	Nil					

### OUR BOOKING STAT FOR CLASSIFIED

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## Kandhamal minor raped, sold in MP

Phulbani/Kotagarh, Nov 7: A 14-year-old girl from Kandhamal district was allegedly sold in Madhya Pradesh after being lured with the promise of a job. Police rescued the minor girl two months after the incident and arrested three persons, including a middleman.

The accused have been identified as Sashibhushan Pani of Chandrapur in Rayagada district, and two siblings — Sandeep Patel and Mahesh Patel from Madhya Pradesh. Another intermediary involved in the case is at large, police said.

police, According Sashibhushan had been staying in Malipada under Tumudisome time. During his stay, he befriended a family under Kotagarh police limits and promised them a job for their 14-yearold daughter with a monthly salary of ₹18,000. Trusting him, the girl's father allowed her to travel with Sashibhushan.

Police said Sashibhushan, with the help of another middleman, took the girl to Madhya Pradesh, where arrangements had already been made to sell her. The Patel brothers allegedly paid him ₹70,000 and took the girl home, while Sashibhushan fled the state with the money.

After two months without any word from the girl, her family received information from her about her plight and filed a complaint with Kotagarh police October 21. Acting on the complaint, police launched an investigation and detained Sashibhushan from Malipada. During interrogation, he confessed to the crime, leading to further action.

A special team was then formed and sent to Madhya Pradesh, where, with assistance from local police, officers rescued the girl from Sagar village November 3 and arrested the Patel brothers.

Kotagarh police station inspector Anand Chandra Patra said the accused had forced the girl into domestic labour and that Sashibhushan had raped her while transporting her to Madhya Pradesh.

"The case was treated with utmost seriousness. Three accused have been arrested and forwarded to court, while another suspect remains at large. After medical examination, the girl was handed over to her family," Patra said.

A case (145/25) has been registered at Kotagarh police station, and further investigation **Patients hit as surgeries** stop at Subarnapur DHH

Sonepur, Nov 7: Surgical services at the Subarnapur District Headquarters Hospital (DHH) have come to a standstill due to the absence of a trained anaesthesiologist, leaving patients with no choice but to seek costly treatment at private nursing homes

Currently, the hospital is offering only outpatient department (OPD) services, while surgeries across several departments-including obstetrics, orthopaedics, ophthalmology, and ENT—have been suspended. The situation has sparked widespread resentment among local residents, who allege that the administration has failed to address the crisis.

Subarnapur DHH boasts a 50bed maternity and child health centre equipped with modern facilities and a newly constructed seven-storey building inaugurated in February 2024. However, the structure, built at a cost exceeding ₹100 crore, has been termed by locals as an "empty showpiece" due to the lack of functional healthcare services.

Until recently, Dr Subas Panda was the hospital's only



trained anaesthesiologist. He also provided anaesthesia support for surgeries in various departof the new building. However, Dr Panda was transferred to Birmaharajpur Subdivisional Hospital as superintendent and relieved from duty October 22. Since his departure, even Caesarean sections at the maternity ward have been suspended.

"Earlier, we conducted over 100 Caesarean deliveries in September and more than 35 in October. But since Dr Panda's transfer, all surgical deliveries have stopped," a hospital source said.

Patients requiring surgery are now being referred to private nursing homes, where government doctors allegedly perform procedures for additional income. This arrangement, residents claim, is enriching pripoor patients financially and emotionally.

Another trained anaesthesiologist, Dr Rabi Panda, reportedly continues to draw his salary from Subarnapur but has been posted at the Dun guripali Community Health Centre since 2023 under government orders. Local citizens have demanded his immediate redeployment to the DHH, but no administrative or political effort has yet been made to facilitate his transfer.

Superintendent of the DHH. Dr Durgadatta Dash, admitted that the transfer of Dr Subas Panda has created difficulties "We have directed him to visit the hospital every Monday and Tuesday to assist in surgeries. Meanwhile, Dr Rabi Panda remains posted in Dunguripali. The government can decide on his reassignment if it wishes,' Dr Dash said.

As the deadlock continues. poor patients across Subarnapur district are being denied essential surgical care—a situation that residents say highlights a growing gap between infrastructure development and actual healthcare delivery.

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2,00,000 TPA and 1,00,000 TPA Carbon Black with 11MW of Co

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Power Plant located at Village- Jakhapura, Tehsil- Danagadi, District- Jajpur Odisha, vide File No: 546796/10-IND2/08-2025 on the recommendation of

the State Expert Appraisal Committee constituted under the provisions of

Copy of the EC is available with Odisha State Pollution Control Board and

at the website of the Parivesh portal of MoEF & CC i.e. www.parivesh.nic.

EIA notification dated 14.09.2006 and its subsequent amendments

in for information of public.

## Massive Red arms haul after encounter in Saranda forest



Rourkela, Nov 7: A large cache of arms, ammunition, and explosives, including sophisticated rifles, cartridges, and IEDs have been seized following an encounter with Maoists in the Saranda forest along during a combing operation, security officials said Friday.

Officials said a fierce gun battle broke out with Maoist insurgents in the Kulapu Buru area of the dense Saranda forest in the West Singhbhum district.

The Jharkhand police personnel and the 209 CoBRA Battalion of the CRPF later launched a search operation leading to the recovery of the weapons and explosives, which indicated a strong Naxal presence in the forest area

According to an official state

ment the recovered items in clude two SLR rifles, one 303 rifle, 37 live AK-47 cartridges 78 SLR cartridges, and 130 .303 cartridges.

In addition, security forces seized two SLR magazines one .303 magazine, one 7.62 mm magazine, six gelatin packets weighing 16.68 kg in total, 13 IEDs fitted with detonators, 10 electric detonators, and five non-electric detonators.

Other recovered items include five radio sets, two interceptors, 24 syringes, 20 plastic pipes (6 inches each) used in IEDs, two laptops, 11 FM radios, and various other materials.

Officials stated that the pres ence of communication devic es and IED components high lights the Naxals' continued attempts to disrupt security operations in the region.

## One dead, 10 injured as bus turns turtle in Kalinga Ghat

November 2, allowing only two-

and four-wheelers to ply. Passenger

buses and heavy trucks were still

Despite the restriction, the pri-

G. Udayagiri/Bhanjanagar, Nov 7: A Berhampur-bound passenger bus overturned on the Kalinga Ghat road in the Ganiam-Kandhamal border area early Friday, leaving one woman dead and 10 others injured, police said. The deceased was identified as

Suryakanti Nayak of Aska in Ganjam district. The injured were taken to hospitals in Bhanjanagar and G. Udayagiri for treatment. Vehicular movement through the

Kalinga Ghat route had remained suspended for nearly two months due to landslides. After repairs, authorities reopened the stretch

**Bhavishyanidhi Zonal** 

**Indoor Meet kicks off** 

to Berhampur and met with the accident around dawn, officials said.

Fire services personnel from Bhanjanagar and G. Udayagiri rushed to the spot and rescued the injured passengers. According to the injured conductor, there were 14 passengers on board.

The driver realised that the brakes had failed about 6 km into the ghat road. After several unsuccessful attempts to control the vehicle, he swerved it to the right to avoid a deep gorge, causing the bus to overturn on a flat patch of road.

Local police led by G. Udayagiri IIC Bijav Kumar Swain reached the scene and sent the injured to hospitals.

## EAST COAST RAILWAY

**EXPRESSION OF INTEREST FOR** EMPANELMENT OF PATHOLOGICAL LABORATORIES

DIAGNOSTIC CENTRES / HOSPITALS No. ECoR/MD/CH/BBS/Pathology/Tie-up/2025-26/813, Central Hospital/East Coast Railway/Bhubaneswar is planning to Bhubaneswar for engaging to provide the Pathological investigation facilities to the Railway beneficiaries for a period of 03 years.

Expression of Interest (EOI) is invited, in sealed envelope with the

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For clarification, please contact the Medical Director/Centra Hospital/East Coast Railway/Bhubaneswar-751017, Tel. No.: 0674-2748895, E-mail: medicaldirector8@gmail.com

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the date specified against the section. On and from the same date the person shall approach or work in the proximity of the said overhead lines.

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> **INTRODUCTION OF AC 25 KV TRACTION** "WARNING TO ROAD USERS" PROFORMA - 10.02

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Traction Wire (Contact Wire), which shall be at a height of minimum 5.5m above the Public are hereby notified to observe the height specified above for the purpose of

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(ii) Danger to the materials or equipment carried or the vehicles itself.

(iii) Danger of fire and risk of life due to contact with or dangerous proximity to the

Chief Electrical Engineer (Con-II), East Coast Railway / Bhubaneswar PR-157/CI/25-26

BHUBANESWAR: The Zonal Indoor Tournament was inaugurated by EPFO at Biju Patnaik Multipurpose Indoor Hall Friday, More than 100 participants Bengal, Bihar, Iharkhand and NFR zonal sports festival. The participatto qualify for All India Tournament in three category of Indoor events-Bad minton, Table Tennis, Carrom and Chess. Odisha is hoisting this sports meet for the year 2025-26. Vijay Kumar Prasad, Regional PF Commissioner-I presided over the inaugural ceremon in presence of other senior officers of local office of EPFO, Rajarshi Chakma Regional PF Commissioner-I rendered the welcome address and emphasised the role of sports in the social lives of all human beings while other Regional PF Commissioners SK Padhy, Surjeet Kumar, Dasarathi Nag, Abesh Mishra and Mausumilata Padhi presented thei views. Alekh Ch. Sahoo, Enforcement Officer, anchored the inaugural function.

### vate bus named Sriram (OD 05 F 0629) was travelling from Bargarh 2 killed falling in poachers' trap

POST NEWS NETWORK

Koraput, Nov 7: In a tragic incident underscoring the perils of hunting practices, two persons were electrocuted after coming in contact with a live wire, allegedly laid to trap wild animals in the forest area under Laxmipur police station in Koraput

The incident occurred near Kendupai village under Pipalpadar pancha yat in Laxmipur block. The deceased were identified as Gahela Mandinga, 26, of Kendupai and Kumar Miniaka, 35, of Pipalpadar. According to reports, the duo had

ventured into a forested area to search for their missing cattle when they accidentally touched a wire connected illegally to an electric line.

The high-voltage current killed

them instantly. Later, their bodies were discovered lying on a nearby hillock where the trap had been set to kill wild animals.

On being informed, a team of Laxmipur police rushed to the spot and seized the bodies for postmortem. The incident has triggered outrage among locals, who accused the administration of failing to curb such illegal practices despite repeated complaints.

Speaking on the matter, IIC of Laxmipur police station Sugyani Sahu said, "We have registered a case and launched an investigation to trace those responsible for laving the live wire. Such illegal hunting methods pose a serious threat not only to wildlife but also to human lives. Strict action will be taken against the culprits."

# Rare pied avocet spotted at far end of Chilika Lake

on the lake's periphery.

sighted" in the region.

The pied avocet was photo-

graphed by Rabindranath Sahu,

secretary of the Rushikulya Sea

Turtles' Security Committee, who

described it as "very uncommonly

of this beautiful avian species, Sa-

hu said it has an upturned, slender

black beak long enough to feed

mostly on worms, insects, and crus-

taceans. Pied avocets prefer dwell-

ing on swampy, shallow brackish

waters or mudflats, where they can

easily find their food. Adult birds

display striking black-and-white

plumage, with a black cap extend-

Describing the unique features



DWARKA PRASAD PATNAIK, OP

Chhatrapur, Nov 7: The onset of winter marks the return of spectacular migratory birds to the majestic Chilika Lake. The congregation of seldom-sighted birds, in quest of warmth in chilly winters, transforms the lake into a paradise much to the delight of wildlife photographers.

Interestingly, in one of the rare occurrences, a pied avocet was spotted near Palur's Saheb Canal in Ganjam district, located at the far end of Chilika.

These visiting birds usually find their comfort zones around the Barkul-Balugaon stretch extending ing down the back of the neck. The pied avocet is widely dis-

tributed across Western Europe, Central Asia, parts of Africa, and regions of the Indian subcontinent. They undertake long southward migrations in search of temperate conditions during winter.

Dr Asish Kumar Das, a scientist with the Zoological Survey of India (ZSI), said, "Ganjam witnesses the arrival of many migratory birds, including the pied avocet, during winters. Mudflats and shallow regions of Chilika Lake, the Rushikulya estuary, and other swampy plains become their choicest habitats."

Although these birds are classified as of "least concern" by the International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN) due to their extensive range and relatively large population, they face several human-induced threats, including habitat destruction, climate change, and pollution.

The arrival of these migratory avian guests has sparked excitement among bird enthusiasts. However, conservation, caretaking, and protecting them from poachers remain key challenges for the Forest department while the birds stay in the region.



### Bank of India Zonal Office: Star House, 1/1-D, Jayadev Vihar, Nayapalli

Bhubaneswar, Odisha, PIN-751015

POSSESSION NOTICE [Rule-8 (1) & (2)] of Security Whereas, the undersigned being the Authorised Officer of the Bank of India under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of

Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 and in exercise of the powers conferred under Section 13 (12) reac with Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 issued a Demand Notice calling upon the Borrower(s)/Co-Borrower(s) in the loan account given below to repay the amount mentioned in the Notice plus interest & expenses thereon within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said Notice. The Borrower(s) having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to Borrower(s)/Co-Borrower(s) and the public in general that the undersigned has taken **Symbolic Possession** of the property described here-in below n exercise of the powers conferred on him / her under sub-section (4) of section 13 of the Act read with Rule-8 of the Security Interest Enforcement Rules, 2002. The Borrower(s)/Co-Borrower(s) in particular and the public in general are hereby cautioned not to deal with the property & any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of the **Bank of India, Khorda Branch**, for the amount stated below with interest thereon. The Borrower's attention is invited to provisions of Sub-section (8) of the Section 13 of the Act, in respect of time available to them, to redeem the secured assets. Date of Demand Notice/ BRANCH / Liabilities due Description of

Name & Address of the Borrower(s) / Co-Borrower(s)	as per Notice	(Symbolic) Notice	Immovable Property/ies		
KHORDA BRANCH / Borrower: Mrs. Sushanti Das, W/o- Ganeswar Das / Co-Borrower: Mr. Jaydev Das, S/o- Mr. Ganeswar Das, Both are at Gurujanga, Khordha.	₹8,72,065.42 + interest & other charges thereon	02.08.2024 / 04.11.2025	All that part and parcel of the Residential property consisting of Land & Building and Structures situated over Plot		
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Bounded by- North: Bidulata Dei, South: Sarana Pattanaik, East: Road, West: Baya Nahak Authorized Officer, Bank of India Place: Bhubaneswar, Date: 07.11.2025



Regional Office (Sambalpur Region) G.M. College Chowk, Christian Para, Sambalpur-768001

POSSESSION NOTICE (Immovable Property)

(As per Appendix IV read with rule 8(1) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002)
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Place: Sambalpur, Date : 07.11.2025 Authorised Officer, Bank of Baroc			



# power post





Our human knowledge is a candle burnt on a dim altar to a sun-vast truth.

**SRI AUROBINDO** 



## **Course Correction**

or years, officers within India's Central Armed Police Forces (CAPFs) have quietly seethed at the glass ceiling above them; one made not of merit, but of deputation. Top posts in CRPF, BSF, CISF and other forces were long dominated by Indian Police Service (IPS) officers parachuted in from state cadres, while equally capable insiders watched their career graphs stagnate.

The Supreme Court's latest refusal to review its May 2025 ruling, which ordered a phased, two-year reduction of IPS deputations to CAPFs, is more than a bureaucratic adjustment. It's a long-overdue course correction. The court's message to the Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA) is unambiguous: build institutions, not dependencies

The ruling recognises CAPFs as Organised Group-A Services, giving their officers long-denied perks like non-functional financial upgradation and structured career progression. More importantly, it restores dignity to their leadership ranks. These are men and women who've spent decades in border zones and Maoist belts rather than conference rooms in state secretariats.

Of course, the MHA's reluctance to let go is understandable. Old hierarchies die hard, and the IPS lobby is nothing if not resilient. But with the review petition now dismissed, it's time for the ministry to stop sulking and start implementing. The paramilitary forces have earned their autonomy.

### North Block's missing signature

It's been four months since Ajay Seth moved from North Block to IRDAI, and India still doesn't have a Finance Secretary. For a ministry that drives everything from taxation to reform, that's like flying without a pilot. Six powerful departments—Revenue, Expenditure, Economic Affairs, Financial Services, Public Enterprises, and DI-PAM—are running solo, while the one person meant to keep them in sync is missing in action.

Cabinet Secretary TV Somanathan is said to be doubling up, but that's hardly ideal. With the Budget season fast approaching, the gap

isn't just procedural, but perilous. The Finance Secretary isn't just a post; it's the ministry's nerve centre, the one that ensures coordination, discipline, and policy coherence across the board



Without that anchor, inter-departmental drift is inevitable. Each arm starts chasing its own agenda, and before long, the ministry begins to sound like an orchestra without a conductor: busy, but off-key.

There's also the matter of perception. Markets, rating agencies, and global institutions read such silences closely. The absence of a clear fiscal leader suggests indecision at the top, not confidence. The Finance Ministry may still function, but without its designated head, India's fiscal ship risks looking adrift—just when steady hands are

Time someone picked up that one-rupee note and signed it!

### Why India's babudom needs a hard reset

A post on social media about a Rajasthan officer's spouse reportedly earning Rs 37.54 lakh from private firms without any record of work done has once again exposed the rot beneath India's bureaucratic polish. We like to talk about "efficient administration" and "good governance." but the reality often looks more like a private club where privilege trumps principle and accountability is just a decorative word in annual reports

What's alarming is not just the incident itself, it's how unsurprising it feels. When those close to public office can pocket hefty sums from private players without raising red flags, it shows how blurred the lines between duty and indulgence have become. Babus were meant to serve the people, not be served by corporate patronage. Yet, the system's moral compass seems to have gone conveniently magnetic, always pointing towards power and influence.

Transparency, meanwhile, remains a selective exercise. Probes are announced with much fanfare, reports leak in dribbles, and the conclusions, if they ever come, rarely shake the walls of entitlement. We hear endless chatter about digitisation, e-governance, and accountability dashboards, but the reality behind closed doors is a culture that quietly rewards silence and complicity.

For the many honest officers who still take their oath seriously, such episodes are more than just embarrassing; they're demoralising. When shortcuts and "contacts" vield faster dividends than merit or efficiency, what message does that send to those trying to play by the book?

The reputational damage is immense. India wants to project itself as a place of clean governance and ease of doing business, but that narrative crumbles when bureaucratic power is seen as transactional. The world notices. Investors notice. Citizens notice.

The Rajasthan episode is just a symptom; the disease runs deeper. If governance wants to match our aspirations, it needs to move beyond slogans and ceremonies to real accountability.

> Share a babu experience! Follow dilipthecherian@twitter.com. Let's multiply the effect

### WISDOM CORNER

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

Beauty is truth's smile when she beholds her own face in a perfect mirror.

Don't be seduced into thinking that that which does not

make a profit is without value.

### THIS DAY **IN HISTORY**

- **1913:** French author Albert Camus, who received the Nobel Prize for Literature in 1957 for such classic works as The Stranger (1942), was born.
- 1940: The Tacoma Narrows Bridge connecting the Olympic Peninsula with Tacoma, Washington, broke up in a wind of about 42 miles (67 km) per
- **1962:** After losing the governor's election in California, American politician Richard Nixon gave what he called his "last press conference," telling reporters that "you won't have Nixon to kick around any more"; he was elected president six years later.
- **1991:** American professional basketball player Magic Johnson announced that he was HIV-positive and was immediately retiring from the sport; he later played part of the 1995-96 season.

### **FOCUS MAYORAL POLL**

# RED DAWN OVER NYC

ly concluded mayoral election settles in New York's political consciousness, a new dawn begins. Red babies are once again in the streets of Harlem, and it is now confirmed that thirty-four-yearold Zohran Kwame Mamdani is the mayor-elect of New York City. Mamdani, a self-confessed socialist, is a member of both the Democratic Party and the Democratic Socialists of America. His victory demonstrates that market-led bourgeois politics can be challenged and defeated by working people united around a clear, progressive political agenda

New York is one of the richest cities in the world, yet one in four of its residents lives in poverty. The costs of housing, rent, childcare, transportation, food, and other essentials have become unaffordable for a dignified, basic life. In this wealthy city, more than 500,000 children go to bed hungry each night. In response to such acute crisis, Mamdani offer politics of hope in the hopeless world of racialised capitalism in USA. Mamdani's campaign promised to freeze rents, reduce the cost of childcare, double the minimum wage, provide free public transportation, and increase corporate tax rates. He also pledged to establish city-owned grocery stores, expand mental health services, and promote community safety across New York. These progressive policies are not radical enough for a total transformation but the policies are a necessary response to the times and essential for the survival and dignity of working people in New York.

Mamdani's victory is the outcome of a historic struggles and mass mobilisation led by Black people in the city under the leadership of the Communist Party. During the post-Second World War depression years, trade unions, WPA workers, the Workers Alliance, tenants unions, legal defense organiza-



**New York City Mayor elect Zohran Kwame Mamdani inherits Harlem Renaissance's** emancipatory politics, progressive agenda, and ideals of justice and equality that continue to inspire the city's working people

tions, and cultural groups—under the leadership of the Workers Party of America (WPA) and the Communist Party USAfrom 1921 to 1939 mobilised the working masses and communities around demands similar to those Mamdani is raising today.

Major Black organizations such as the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP), the Urban League, Garveyites, and other Black and civil rights groups led by communists played a significant role in shaping progressive politics and proposing alternative policy platforms to confront racialised capitalism in the city. Black communists in Harlem, in particular, were instrumental in developing the progressive political traditions and policy ideas reflected in Mamdani's platform today. Rampant racism and economic depression created fertile ground for the growth of radical and progressive politics led by the Communist Party in Harlem. Mark Naison, in his book Communists in Harlem During the Depression (University of Illinois Press, 1983), documents in detail the contributions of these activists

The communists were among the founders and principal organ-

and movements.

isers of the Harlem Renaissance, which gave rise to powerful cultural, political, and intellectual movements led by African American communities. These movements flourished across art. cinema, dance, fashion, film, music, literature, theater, culture, and radical scholarship-laying the progressive foundations of New York City at a time when both Democratic and Republican leaders were more concerned with protecting their shared interests in systems of exploitation and racial inequality based on slave ownership. This pattern of political collaboration continues to resonate today-for instance, when Republican President Donald Trump expressed support for former Democratic Mayor Andrew Cuomo during the recently concluded mayoral election in New York. Mamdani's victory, achieved despite fierce opposition from the billionaire class, stands as a testament to the enduring legacy of the Harlem Renaissance. The victory also mirrors the heroic and historic 1968 struggle against Columbia University, when the Black United Front in Harlem, the Students' Afro-American Society, and the

racist gentrification driven by the ruling-class slumlords-and the people of Harlem and Morningside Heights ultimately won that struggle.

The Black men, women, and tenants of Harlem and Morningside Heights have long served as the moral compass of New York City's politics, shaping the struggles of working people and paving the way for victories like

However, reactionary forces in all their forms have already begun attacking Mamdani. The path forward will be difficult, but only the persistence of working-class struggles and ideological battles can secure the lasting gains of this political victory.

The future of Mamdani's politics, leadership, organisation, campaign and movement will depend on his ability to carry forward the progressive and radical legacies of the communists, socialists, and civil rights struggles that shaped the city's political consciousness. His challenge is to make their emancipatory agendas relevant to the people of New York today. The struggle against racial capitalism remains central to realising Mamdani's political promises. There is no shortcut to liberation—only the continued strengthening of ideas, movements, and organisations dedicated to freeing working people from the modern forms of racialised capitalism, both in the United States and beyond. Political contradictions are natural, but even a single ideological deviation, opportunism or political compromise risks destroying the hard-won progressive gains of the working-class movement and jeopardising its future. Keep hope alive in progressive, democratic, and socialist politics by unwayeringly upholding the interests of working people. March forward to greater and wider victories, grounded in radical political commitment to the people and the planet.

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### SPECTRUM SUSTAINABILITY

Bhabani Shankar

**UNDERGROUND** 

COMMUNISTS,

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NARIES,

# COP-30 and climate justice imperative



Nalinikanta Dhar

**FOR A POOR** NATION, A **SINGLE MAJOR CLIMATE DISASTER CAN UNDO DECADES OF DEVELOPMENT** 

ne 30th Conference of Parties (COP-30) on climate change will be held from November 10 to 21 in Belém, Brazil, bringing together nearly 40,000 delegates from about 200 countries. Since its inception in 1995 in Berlin under the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC), the COP process has aimed to build consensus on science-based strategies to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and plan long-term climate action.

Since the Industrial Revolution, rapid industrialization has transformed human living standards. Yet, Europe and North America alone have been responsible for nearly 47% of cumulative global carbon emissions. Developing nations, with limited capital, technology, and infrastructure, have borne the greatest burden of climate disruption despite contributing little to the problem.

Today, the evidence of climate change is everywhere rising temperatures, intensifying cyclones, heatwaves, droughts, and storms. These have triggered food insecurity,

health crises, water scarcity, and economic shocks, displacing millions and deepening inequality. According to the UN's Multidimensional Poverty Index, nearly one billion people worldwide are now directly affected by climate change. For a poor nation, a single major climate disaster can undo decades of development.

Climate change knows no borders. The IMF ranks it among the top five global risks. The Kyoto Protocol of 1997 was a milestone for establishing legally binding emission-reduction targets for developed countries. The 2015 Paris Agreement went further, uniting all nations in a shared goal to limit global warming to below 2°C, with determined efforts to keep it within 1.5°C.

Recognising historical responsibility, the principle of "Common but Differentiated Responsibilities" (CBDR) was adopted-holding that wealthy nations must bear a greater share of the burden. At Copenhagen in 2009, developed countries pledged to mobilise \$100 billion annually by 2020 to support developing nations. The target was met only by 2022, and even then, over 60% of funds went toward mitigation—mainly in the energy and transport sectors—while adaptation, crucial for vulnerable regions, received very little. Moreover, much of this financing came as loans rather than grants, undermining the very spirit of climate justice.

Students for a Democratic So-

ciety confronted both Colum-

bia University and the city's

political and economic estab-

Compounding this, the United States—the world's largest historical emitter—withdrew from the Paris Agreement in 2017 under President Donald Trump and remains hesitant to recommit fully. Several major financial institutions-IP Morgan, BlackRock, Goldman Sachs, CitiGroup, Morgan Stanley, and Bank of America—have also withdrawn from Net-Zero alliances, weakening global climate-finance mechanisms.

The world now looks to COP-30 with a mix of hope and apprehension. UNICEF's latest analysis shows that global emission reduction has reached only 24% instead of the 60% needed to stay within safe limits. China, responsible for about 29% of global emissions, has reduced its output by only 7-10%. Meanwhile, the rapid expansion of artificial intelligence and data centres, consuming massive electricity and water, adds new stress to an already fragile planet.

History shows that a lack of political will and cooperation among developed nations has been the biggest barrier to climate progress. Humanity depends on clean air, water, soil, and thriving ecosystems—these are not privileges but rights. Wealthy nations and corporations cannot continue to pollute for profit while the world's poor bear the consequences.

In July 2025, the International Court of Justice in The Hague reaffirmed that developed nations have both a moral and legal duty to maintain a balanced environment-a responsibility with no substitute. The Global South, therefore, is justified in demanding fair financial and technological support for climate resilience. As India's leadership grows on global platforms, it is expected to play a decisive role at COP-30-championing equity, justice, and the planet's collective

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# of solar photovoltaic (PV) materials like silicon, copper, tellurium, cad-

Photovoltaic recycling

Sir, India is dependent on imports,

to meet its needs as its production

mium and others is low. India needs to recycle solar PV cells to recover valuable materials, strengthen energy security and economy and reduce environmental impact. India must fast-track PV recycling innovation. Strong policies need to be put in place for solar waste management. Moreover, India needs to provide strong recycling infrastructure along with financial incentives. With the right mix of policy, technology and collaboration, PV recycling can

move to a national mission... Nabnit Panigrahi, RAYAGADA

### **Opportunity & warning**

Sir, 'Vibe-coding'—Collins Dictionary's Word of the Year 2025—reflects the art of creating apps and digital spaces that connect emotionally with users. Other buzzwords like clanker (noisy phone user), brioligarchy (brotherly elite), aura farming, biohacking, microretirement, and coolcation show lifestyle and tech merging. HENRY (high earners not rich yet) and Gen A rising reveal new economic mindsets. These trends promote creativity, wellness, and digital innovation but also risk promoting superficiality, tech dependence, and inequality. For India, this is both an opportunity and a warning: it should harness vibe-coding for youth-led app design, ethical AI, and wellness-driven tech while curbing over-commercialization and screen fatigue through education and balanced digital policies. *RS Narula,* PATIALA

### Kamal-Rajini bonding

Sir, The news that veteran actors Rajinikanth and Kamal Haasan are set to reunite on silver screen after 46 years for a new Tamil film, which is tentatively titled Thalaivar 173, must have already sent waves of excitement across the industry. As fans of these two legendary actors eagerly await further updates on this new film, their reunification is set to become a historical moment in Indian cinema. More than a big movie, Thalaivar 173 will be a throwback to a strong bonding of the two, whose decades-long friendship and brotherhood in Indian cinema is characterized by deep mutual respect despite professional rivalry.

Ranganathan Sivakumar, CHENNAI



# TWO STATES





Delhi zoo to reopen today

## Over 6,000 registered for maiden BSF Jammu marathon Sunday



Jammu, Nov 7: Over 6,000 people have registered for the first-ever Jammu BSF Marathon November 9, a top officer of the border guarding force said Friday, as preparations are almost complete for the

Director General of BSF Daljit Singh Chawdhary will flag off the marathon in four race categories -- 42 km, 21 km and 10 km -- besides the 5 km 'run for fun' which is open to all, Inspector General of BSF, Jammu frontier, Shashank Anand told reporters here.

He said famous Bollywood actor Suniel Shetty and J&K's acclaimed para-archer Rakesh Kumar are also participating in the opening and closing ceremonies of the event, which carries a cash prize of Rs 1.50 lakh for full marathon, Rs 75,000 for half-marathon and Rs 50,000 for 10-km run.

Six foreigners have also registered themselves for the marathon which will be a regular

by the Jammu BSF frontier

In addition to the marathon,

IG BSF Anand said the DG will

also flag off a strong contingent

of 60 motorcycle-borne person-

nel of the force who will reach

Bhuj area of Gujarat Novem-

ber 19 to participate in the

main raising day celebrations

and is celebrating its 60th

raising day this year in Gu-

jarat November 21. Our con-

tingent of motorcyclists after

covering various areas along

the Indo-Pakistan border in

J&K, Punjab and Rajasthan

will reach Gujarat November

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the raising day celebrations

He highlighted that the mar-

athon promotes fitness, unity

and national pride, in line

with the fit-India and Khelo

India initiatives, and aimed

at fostering stronger bonds be-

tween border communities and

there." Anand said.

"BSF was raised in 1965

of the force two days later.

hence forth, he said.

about 80 monuments may be chosen for hosting cultural and private events under a public-private partnership model annual event to be organised

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

New Delhi, Nov 7: Wedding at Delhi's several historical sites will no longer be a dream, as the city government is planning to open them to a host of events.

The official said that

A scheme allowing bookings of select heritage monuments for weddings and cultural events is in the works. an official said.

Several monuments under the Delhi Archaeology Department have been shortlisted for the initiative.

Mutiny Memorial at Northern Ridge, built in 1863 to commemorate soldiers who died during the Revolt of 1857, the Dara Shikoh Library at Kashmere Gate, once the residence of Mughal prince Dara Shikoh and later a British office, Magbara Paik near the GTK bus depot, a Mughal-era tomb believed to belong to one of the imperial couriers, are some of these monuments, the official said.

The tomb in Sadhana En-



clave, a Lodi-period structure reflecting early Indo-Islamic architecture, and the pavilions at Qudsia Garden, part of an 18th-century palace complex built by Qudsia Begum, wife of Emperor Muhammad Shah, are in the list of places where civilian affairs will be consum-

**DELHI'S 'HERITAGE FOR HIRE' PLAN** 

**Ancient monuments** 

as wedding venues

Such sites in Vasant Vihar as remains of medieval tombs and walls from the Lodi and Sayyid periods, Ghalib Haveli in Chandni Chowk, the 19th-century residence of celebrated Urdu poet Mirza Ghalib, and the 14th-century Bara Lao ka Gumbad, a domed structure believed to have served as a traveller's rest house, too, may grace wedding parties.

The official said the plan is in its initial stage, and discussions PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

New Delhi, Nov 7: Delhi Zoo is ready to welcome visitors from November 8, after more than two months of shutdown, officials announced Friday.

The National Zoological Park has been closed since August 30, following the detection of avian influenza in its waterbird aviary and death of several birds, as a precautionary measure. "After receiving approval from the competent authority, the National Zoological Park will reopen for visitors from November 8," the zoo said in a statement, adding that strict biosafety and preventive measures will continue to be followed. Authorities carried out rigorous cleaning, surveillance, and multiple rounds of testing under the "Action Plan for Preparedness, Control and Containment of Avian Influenza (Revised 2021)" issued by the

Ministry of Fisheries, Animal Husbandry and Dairying, it

The samples collected after the initial outbreak were found negative in tests conducted at the National Institute of High Security Animal Diseases, Bhopal, paving the way for reopening. The zoo reported its last positive case of H5N1 avian influenza Sep tember 1, it said.

Since then, random sampling has been carried out from the aviary and various enclosures, all of which have tested negative so far. The zoo reported at least 12 bird deaths between August 28 and 31, in cluding of painted storks and black-headed ibis. Four of these samples had tested positive for bird flu, prompting the closure.

This was the third closure of the Delhi zoo due to avian influenza in recent years, after shutdowns in 2016 and 2021.



A worker sprays chemicals in the Yamuna river partially covered in toxic foam at Okhla barrage, in New Delhi

New Delhi, Nov 7: A 51-yearold fruit seller who doubled as the mastermind of the notorious "Mamu Gang" -- a group of robbers who targeted banks -has been arrested by the Crime Branch of Delhi Police, an officer said Friday.

are still underway on imple

mentation and venue selection.

will be introduced to ensure

that heritage structures are not

damaged during private or cul-

tural events," the person said. 'The government is also con-

sidering providing relaxation

in GST on booking fees for such

The official said that about

80 monuments may be chosen

for hosting cultural and private

events under a public-private

The plan was earlier aired by Delhi Tourism Minister Kapil

Mishra. Mishra said that his

department was working on building basic infrastructure

and obtaining approvals to

make these sites more accessi

partnership model.

ble to the public.

heritage venues," he told PTI.

Extra security measures

"By day, he posed as a humble fruit seller, quietly studying bank premises, observing staff routines and mapping security loopholes. By night, he led his men to strike with

OHPC

precision -- breaking into vaults and disabling alarms," Deputy Commissioner of Police (Crime Branch) Harsh Indora said in a

Bank heist mastermind posing

as fruit seller arrested in Delhi

The officer said the accused, Kamrul alias Mamu, a resident of Uttar Pradesh, was wanted in multiple bank burglary cases in Karnataka and Maharashtra.

"He was the gang's ringleader and planner, known for his elaborate heist strategies and use of disguises to evade cap-

ture," the DCP said He said a team of the Crime Branch arrested him from southwest Delhi's Mahavir Enclave November 5 after receiving a tip-off about his movement

Kamrul had been living in the locality under a false identity. selling fruits in local markets to conceal his real profession -- bank robbery, the officer said

The team laid a trap in Uttam Nagar, and nabbed him. "Veri fication confirmed that he was the accused wanted in three major bank burglary cases in Karnataka,' he added.

NO.O-1282

# White Knight Corps celebrates 150 yrs of 'Vande Mataram'

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Jammu, Nov 7: The Army's White Knight Corps Friday commemorated the 150th anniversary of the National Song, "Vande Mataram", though its recital at various war memorials, schools and forward posts across the corps' zone. a defence spokesman said. The celebration aimed to rekindle the

patriotic fervour and remind the younger generation of the timeless message of unity, freedom and devotion to the motherland embodied in the song, the spokesman said.

He said the commemorative events featured special cultural programmes that included patriotic songs, speeches and performances by students, showcasing the legacy of "Vande Mataram" and its pivotal role in India's freedom struggle. Army personnel shared stories of national pride and sacrifice, motivating students to uphold values of discipline, service and love for the nation.

The spokesman said the event witnessed enthusiastic participation from students and local residents, generating a strong sense of national pride.

Teachers and community members expressed their heartfelt appreciation to the Indian Army for organising such initiatives that strengthen the bond between the Armed Forces and civilians, he said.

Through the commemoration, the Army reaffirmed its commitment to nurturing patriotic values, fostering unity and promoting harmony among the citizens of Jammu and Kashmir, he added.

Meanwhile, a police spokesman said a grand programme was organised at the premises of Jammu & Kashmir Police Public School at Miran Sahib here, as part of the nationwide commemoration marking the 150th anniversary of the National Song. The event was held in accordance with the Union government's decision to celebrate the milestone across the country, he said,



Government of Odisha e-Procurement Notice Bid Identification No. Online Tender/17/SERWD-II//2025-26 Memo No. 8157/RWD-IIGB, Date: 29.10.2025

1	Name of the Work	:	Road Works		
2	Estimated Cost	:	Rs.5.04 to Rs.27.73 lakhs		
3	Period of Completion	:	1 (One) Month as per		
			Annexure		
4	Date & Time of Availability of	:	07.11.2025 at 10.00 A.M. to		
<u> </u>	Bid Documents in the Portal		14.11.2025 up to 5.00 P.M.		
5	Last Date / Time for Receipt		14.11.2025 up to 5.00 P.M		
Ш	of Bids in the Portal				
6	6 Name and address of the		Superintending Engineer,		
Ш	Officer Inviting Bid		Rural Works Division-II,		
	Ganjam, Berhampur				
Fι	Further details can be seen from the e-procurement portal				

tendersodisha.gov.in/nicgep/app

Sd./- Executive Engineer R.W. Division-II, Ganjam, Berhampu OIPR-



**INVITATION FOR BIDS (IFB)** 

E-Procurement Bid Identification No.S.E.-BNJ-R&B-14/2025-26 Electrical Works

Name of Work
No. of Works

No. of Covers
Estimated Cost

Period of Completion Date & Time of availability of bid document in the portal Last date time for receipt of

6 Nos. Electrical Work Single Cover Rs.13.81 to 19.99 Lakhs Three Calendar Months From 12.00 Noon of dated 07.11.2025 to 5.00 PM of dated 21.11.2025

Upto 5.00 P.M. of dated 21.11.2025 bids in the portal At 11.00 A.M. of dated 24.11.2025 Date of opening of bid

"MV" & "HT" Elect. Contractor Class of Contractor 10.Name and address of Officer Superintending Enginee Bhanjanagar (R&B) Division

Further details can be seen from the e-procurement portal www.tendersodisha gov.in. The Addendum/Corrigendum if any will be hosted in the website only Sd./- Superintending Engineer Bhanjanagar (R&B) Division

## ODISHA HYDRO POWER CORPORATION LIMITED OFFICE OF THE SENIOR GENERAL MANAGER (ELECTRICAL) TENDER CALL NOTICE NO. BHEP/39/2025-26 DATED-04.11.2025

Sd./- C&P Head, BHEP, Balime

OFFICE OF THE SUPERINTENDING ENGINEER **RURAL WORKS DIVISION-I, BHADRAK** E-mail: ee\_rwbdk@yahoo.com "e" Procurement Notice for Road Works

Bid Identification No. Online Tender 11 of 2025-26

**GOVERNMENT OF ODISHA** 

Name of the Work; Road, 2, Total No. of Works; 1 No., 3, Estimated Cost; Rs.63,56 Lakh, 4, Class of Contractor; "B" Class Period of Completion: As per Annexure, 6. Type of Tender: Double Cover, 7. Other Details Availability of Tender

On-line for bidding of Technica Procurement Officer seeking of Opening of Intimated late Wprks Division-I, Bhadrak 2025-26 11.00 A.M. 4.00 P.M. 2.00 P.M 11.00 A.M

Further details can be seen from the e-procurement portal "https://tendersorissa.gov.in N.B - Transparency Lottery date will be intimated later. Signed Scan copy of Schedule submission of the sheet may cause rejection of the bid. Sd./- Er. Ganesh Chandra Hembram OIPR-Executive Engineer, R.W. Division, Bhadral

GOVERNMENT OF ODISHA Email ID: ee.hwd.samal@gmail.com OFFICE OF THE SUPERINTENDING ENGINEER, HEAD WORKS DIVISION, SAMAL

# INVITATION FOR BIDS (IFB)

'e'-Procurement Notice No. SE-HWD-04/2025-26

No. A-832: The Superintending Engineer, Head Works Division, Samal on behalf of Governor of Odisha invites Percentage Rate bid in Singlic Context system to be received in ONLINE MODE from eligible contractors registered with the State Government, contractors of equivalen Grade/Class Registered with Central Government/MES/Railways/CPWD for execution of civil works mentioned as detailed below: [02 (Two) Nos. of Civil works
 [1. Improvement of Languabeda-Hanumanpur Village road in Rehabilitation colony of Samal Barrage
 [2. Repair & Maintenance of E-type quarters including drainage systems at SBTS.
 [3. Approximately 13.39 lakins & 38.69 lakins
 [3. Bs 6,000,00 each (Non-refundable)] 3 Estimated Cost 4 Cost of Tender Paper
5 EMD/Bid Security Rs.13,400.00 & Rs.38,700.00 (Refundable)
'D' & 'C' Class and 'C' & 'B' Class
2 Months & 6 Months
From 10.00 A.M. of Dt.06.11.2025 to 5.00 P.M. of Dt.15.11.2025 in the website (www Class of Contractor 7 Period of Completion of work Date and time of availability of bid document in the website tendersodisha.gov.in)

9 Date, time and palce of opening of Dt.17,11,2025 at 11,30 A.M. in O/o, the Superintending Engineer, Head Works Division, Sama online tender Date, time and place for finalization of tender through Transpared Lottery System (if required) The bidders must possess compatible Digital Signature Certificate (DSC) of Class III or Class III Superintending Engineer, Head Works Division, Samal, At/P.O.: Samal Barrage Township, Dist: Angul, Odisha, PIN -759037

Email ID: ee.hwd.samal@gmail.com 11 Digital Signature Certificate (DSC)

The bidders have to participate in ONLINE bidding only, further details can be seen from the e-Procurement Portal: www.tendersodish jov.in. Any addendum/corrigendum/cancellation of tender can also be seen in the said website.

Sol./- Superintending Engineer, Head Works Division, Sam



















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I don't have any belief in revolution, the discussions have been going on about revolution, but there will be no revolution in my opinion

HD KUMARASWAMY | JD(S) LEADER

### **NGT RAPS MCD AFTER IT CLAIMS** 'NO CONTROL' OVER TREE PRUNING

The National Green Tribunal has rebuked the Municipal Corporation of Delhi, calling it 'irresponsible', after the civic body submitted that it has no control over the pruning of trees in the national capital



Russian army: MEA



India has historic progress throu the Semiconductor Mission, electronics manufacturing, and chip design initiatives. This mission is not just about infrastructure, it is about empowering youth and fuelling innovation. Semiconductors form the backbone of modern life, powering mobile phones, satellites, defence systems,

and artificial intelligence VISHNU DEO SAI CHHATTISGARH CM

The new laws are helping in quicker investigation and conviction of accused persons

through the use of modern technology. This has improved conviction rates. Maharashtra must remain ahead of other states in implementing every aspect of these laws

DEVENDRA FADNAVIS | MAHA CHIEF MINISTER

We had gone to Delhi recently. Twenty-five MLAs met BJP North East incharge Sambit



Manipur Bhavan. We informed him that it is public demand that a popular government be installed. We also conveyed issues related to IDPs. He said the matter will be pursued with higher levels as the situation in the state has improved considerably

N BIREN SINGH | FORMER MANIPUR CM

### SHORT **TAKES**

### **Delhi's air quality** remains 'very poor'

New Delhi: Delhi woke up to another day of hazardous air quality Friday, with the city's overall AQI recorded at 309 at 9 am, while temperatures began to dip as well. According to the Central Pollution Control Board's (CPCB) hourly air-quality bulletin, the city recorded an overall Air Quality Index (AQI) of 311. Out of 38 monitoring stations in the national capital, 26 reported air quality in the 'very poor' category.

### Wanted criminal shot dead in encounter

Azamgarh (UP): A wanted criminal carrying a cash reward of Rs 50,000 was shot dead here Friday in an encounter with the Special Task Force (STF), officials said. Three accomplices of the criminal, however. managed to escape, they said. The encounter occurred near the Jokhara bridge in the Rounapar police station area, when joint teams from Lucknow STF. Azamgarh SWAT, and Sidhari police intercepted a group of criminals.

### Israeli national killed in motorcycle crash

Mathura (UP): An Israeli tourist en route from Delhi to Agra on a motorcycle as part of his India tour died in a road accident here Friday morning, police said. According to the Farah police station in charge, two Israeli nationals were riding separately towards Agra to visit the Taj Mahal when one of the motorcycles skidded, leaving 22-year-old Chenven Aire seriously injured.

## Teenager held for

raping a minor Ballia: A 17-year-old boy was apprehended Friday for allegedly raping a girl in a village here, police said. According to police, the incident occurred Wednesday when the 10-year-old girl was reportedly alone at home and the accused entered her

# Ajit Pawar scraps son's Pune land deal 44 Indians still in

FRESH FIR AGAINST PARTHA'S PARTNER

including Digvijay Patil, business partner of Maharashtra deputy Chief

Minister Aiit Pawar's son, in a Rs 300 crore land deal, another FIR was

registered Friday against Patil, Shital Teiwani and suspended revenue

police station in Pune city on a complaint of a naib (deputy) tehsildar,

said district collector Jitendra Dudi. This case was transferred to the

official Survakant Yewale. The fresh First Information Report for alleged

PUNE: A day after an offence was registered against three people

misappropriation, cheating and forgery was registered at Khadak

Mumbai, Nov 7: Maharashtra Deputy Chief Minister Ajit Pawar Friday said his son Parth and his business partner were not aware that the land in Pune which their company purchased belonged to the government, and the controversial transaction has now been cancelled.

A committee appointed by the government to probe the Rs 300 crore deal will submit its report within a month, he told reporters here, soon after meeting Chief Minister Devendra Fadnavis amid the raging controversy. The registration of docu-

ments related to the deal was cancelled, and affidavit to this effect were submitted to the authorities, the NCP chief said, adding that not a rupee had changed hands in the deal. "The concerned land is a

government land which cannot be sold. Parth and his partner Digvijay Patil were not aware of this fact. How the registration (of its sale) was done and who is responsible will come out in the probe being headed by ACS (additional chief secretary) Vikas Kharge, and he will submit his report in a month," Pawar said.

As per his information, the authorities had not been pressurised to transfer the land to Parth Pawar's company (Amadea Enterprises LLP), the deputy CM said.

The FIR named three persons (including Digvijay Patil) but

Clandestine nuclear

activities are in keeping

with Pak's history: India

New Delhi, Nov 7: India Fri-

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Trump's comments about Paki-

stan testing nuclear weapons

and said Islamabad's "clandes-

tine" nuclear activities were

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lations and secret partnerships.

Pakistan among the countries

testing nuclear weapons. The

US president said this to justi-

fy his administration's plans to

resume testing of the US's own

nuclear assets after a gap of

The Ministry of External Affairs (MEA), responding to

Trump's remarks, said India

has always drawn the interna-

tional community's attention

to Pakistan's nuclear prolifera-

tion as well as activities of AQ

Khan, known as the father of

Pakistan's nuclear bomb who

died in 2021. "Clandestine and

illegal nuclear activities are in

keeping with Pakistan's history,

that is centered around decades

of smuggling, export control vio-

lations, secret partnerships, AQ

Khan network and further pro-

liferation," MEA spokesperson

attention of the international

community to these aspects

of Pakistan's record. In this

backdrop, we have taken note

of President Trump's comment

about Pakistan's nuclear test-

"India has always drawn the

Randhir Jaiswal said.

over three decades.

Last week, Trump named

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### Economic Offences Wing (EOW), a police official said not his son because these three

persons had visited the registrar's office to sign the documents, Ajit Pawar further said. He has told officials that if they found any irregularity in

his relatives, they should scrap the deal and take action, he said. He had spoken to Fadnavis, who was in Nagpur Thursday when the media started reporting on the controversy, and

told the chief minister that he

can take appropriate action,

any other land deals involving

Pawar said.

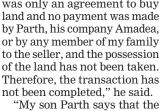
Parth Pawar is a director of the firm involved in the transaction, Ajit said, adding that he spoke with the concerned officials and his son to "understand the facts completely".

"I want to make it clear that neither I nor my office made any phone calls, gave any help, or had any role or knowledge about this transaction at any stage," the deputy CM said.

"From the information now available, it was clear that this was only an agreement to buy not been completed," he said.

"My son Parth says that the wrongdoing have been made,

Pimpri Chinchwad police registered an FIR -- on a complaint filed by Inspector General of Registrar's office -- against Digvijay Patil, Shital Tejwani (who represented the 272 'owners' of the land through a power of attorney), and sub-registrar R B Taru for alleged misappropriation and cheating.



proposed deal was within the ambit of law and completely above board. However, in public life, we must not allow even a suspicion of wrongdoing to emerge. Since allegations of he has agreed to cancel the deal. The required document for cancellation of the sale deed has already been submitted to the registering authority," Pawar said.

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New Delhi, Nov 7: India Fri-

day said that the number of In-

dian nationals serving in the

Russian Army has increased

to 44 in view of recruitment in

The Ministry of External

Affairs (MEA) said it has

On Thursday, the Rs 300 crore deal for the sale of 40 acres of government land in the upscale Mundhwa area to Amadea Enterprises LLP came under the scanner, as it was alleged that the land could not have been sold without the government's permission, and the required stamp duty too was not paid. Opposition leaders also alleged that the market value of the land was Rs 1,800 crore.



Jaiswal said. "As per our understanding, there are 44 Indian na-

tionals presently serving in

the Russian Army," he said

at his weekly media briefing.

Indian officials in September

had said there were 27 Indians serving in the Russian Army. Jaiswal said India has taken up the matter with Russian authorities and urged them to release the Indians at the "ear-

this practice" 'We are in touch with the Russian side. We are also in touch with the families of these people and giving them an update on the matter," he

liest and also to put an end to

said. There have been reports that some Indians on student and business visas were forced into joining Russian military units deployed on the frontlines of the war in Ukraine.

India has been repeated ly asking Russia to release all Indians serving as support staff, such as cooks and

helpers, Russian military

units. The issue was raised by Prime Minister Narendra Modi during his visit to Russia last year

Jaiswal called

as well.

"fraught

danger to life".

"We have said

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NATIONALS HAVE BEEN RECRUITED BY THE RUSSIAN BY RUSSIAN AUTHORITIES. ADDITIONALLY, 16 ARE CURRENTLY LISTED AS MISSING

> somebody wants to do it. we cannot stop him but we continue to press that you must be aware of the dangers that are there once you sign up for these jobs,' Jaiswal said.

> According to official data the number of Indians recruited by the Russian military is now close to 170. While 96 were discharged by Russian authorities, another 16 have been listed as missing.

> At least 12 Indians were killed while fighting on the frontlines of the conflict in Ukraine.

## ED makes 3rd arrest in Reliance Power money laundering case

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New Delhi, Nov 7: The Enforcement Directorate Friday said it has made a fresh and the third arrest in connection with a money laundering probe against businessman Anil Ambani's group company Reliance Power linked to issuance of an alleged fake bank guarantee of Rs 68 crore.

Amar Nath Dutta, a resident of Kolkata, was taken into custody Thursday under the provisions of the Prevention of Money Laundering Act (PM-LA). A special court sent him to ED custody till November 10, it said in a statement. The federal probe agency has arrest-



Daredevil team of Uttarakhand Police performs stunts during parade to mark 50 years of the state of Uttarakhand,



investigation. "He (Dutta) claims to provide consultancy services in Trade Financing. Dutta played an ac-



tive role along with Ashok Pal and Partha Sarathi Biswal, for providing fake bank guarantees," the agency said

The case pertains to a bank guarantee of Rs 68.2 crore submitted to the Solar Energy Corporation of India Limited (SECI) on behalf of Reliance NU BESS Limited, a subsidiary of Reliance Power, a listed company, which was found to be "fake"

The company was formerly known as Maharashtra Energy Generation Limited. "SECI suffered a loss of over Rs 100 crore due to fraudulent bank guarantee submission by Reliance Power subsidiary (Reliance NU BESS Ltd.)," the agency said.

Biswal Tradelink, the ED had alleged, operated a racket for providing "fake" bank guarantees for business groups. The Reliance Group had earlier said Anil Ambani was "not on the Board of Reliance Power Limited for more than 3.5 years and is not concerned with this matter in any manner.'

### AI-generated video shows tiger drinkina liquor

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Nagpur, Nov 7: A "wildly" circulated, six-second social media clip showing a man feeding liquor to a tiger and casu ally patting the big cat on an empty street has been exposed as fake and entirely generated by Artificial Intelligence (AI).

The deceptive video, which went viral with false claims of a stray tiger from the Pench Tiger Reserve, prompted the Nagpur rural police police to issue a legal notice to the Mumbai resident who ran the social media account responsible for posting the clip.

The video was spuriously claimed by numerous users to be from Madhya Pradesh, and the posts identified the man as a 52-vear-old drunk labourer named Raju Patel, alleging he mistook a stray tiger from the Pench Tiger Reserve for a large cat while returning from a card game.

The fabricated narrative further claimed that villagers were terror-stricken and forest officers later tranquilised the animal.



# Animal lovers protest SC order to move strays to shelters

THE APEX COURT, CITING AN "ALARMING RISE" IN DOG BITE INCIDENTS IN INSTITUTIONAL AREAS SUCH AS EDUCATIONAL CENTRES, HOSPITALS, BUS STANDS AND RAILWAY STATIONS, HAD ORDERED THAT SUCH CANINES BE MOVED TO SHELTER HOMES

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ing." he said.

New Delhi, Nov 7: Animal lovers and caregivers once again took to the streets Friday, demanding the withdrawal of the Supreme Court order directing authorities to shift stray dogs from public places to designated shelters.

The Apex Court, citing an "alarming rise" in dog bite incidents in institutional areas such as educational centres, hospitals, bus stands and railway stations, had ordered that such canines be moved to shelter homes.

It also directed authorities, including the National Highways Authority of India



(NHAI), to ensure that highways and expressways are cleared of stray animals and

Scores of protesters gathered tained by the Delhi Police.

at Connaught Place to oppose the decision. The demonstration was later dispersed, and several protesters were de-

Animal activist Preeti Singh said that relocating dogs from educational institutions, hospitals and highways would mean removing nearly 60 per cent of Delhi's stray dog population.

There are so many such institutions, but no proper shelters to accommodate them. No one is being harmed by their presence. We will continue to protest until the government withdraws this decision," she said. Another protester, Shakrudin, said the move was unfair to the "voiceless" animals

"They need care, sterilisation and love. They are harmless. This is the second time the government is trying to put

He added that there were no proper facilities to house the animals, and keeping them in overcrowded shelters would be like "imprisoning the dogs and leaving them to die.

them in cages," he said.

In August, similar protests had erupted in the national capital after the court directed authorities to begin relocating stray dogs from the streets to shelters. The court had then reserved its order on an interim plea seeking a stay on some of the directions issued August 11, observing that the 'whole problem" relating to stray dogs was a result of "inaction" by local authorities.



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While legal battles (of DMK against SIR in apex court) are one aspect, the voter list revision work is proceeding simultaneously. We have a great responsibility to monitor this. You must not forget that this is extremely crucial in today's context

### 10 KG PLASTIC RECOVERED FROM **COW KILLED IN ROAD ACCIDENT**

Nearly 10 kg of plastic was recovered from a cow that died after being hit by a speeding vehicle near here, officials said Friday. The reported incident occurred in neighbouring Thirupuvanam two days ago when the cow was allegedly struck by the vehicle and died on the spot



of Police (SP) of Belagavi district had offered ₹3,100 per tonne of sugarcane yielding a recovery of 10.25 per cent, and ₹3,200 per tonne for recovery of 11.25 per cent

SIDDARAMAIAH | KARNATAKA CM

During the Congress regime, corruption, bribery, and drug abuse eroded Punjab's foundations. The Aam Aadmi Party, on the other hand, has only misled people with

false promises of change NAYAB SINGH SAINI | HARYANA CM Where is the PDP or Apni Party candi-









**DMK** in Tamil Nadu cares more for people's welfare than the BJP in Madhya Pradesh FY 2022-23 Expenditure on

Mid Day Mea. TN= ₹2,206.75 Crore MP= ₹538.08 Crore Expenditure on Information & Publicity. TN= ₹196.32 Crore MP= ₹616.62 Crore.

@VarierAravind

### SHORT TAKES

### Man tied to pole, set ablaze by 3 minors

Budaun (UP): A 20-year-old man was allegedly tied to an electric pole and set on fire by three minors here Friday, police said. The three minors named by the victim have been detained for questioning, place in Mustafabad Nai Basti area under Islamnagar police station limits when the victim, Mahboob, was returning home after offering Friday prayers, an officer said. According to police, Mahboob suffered over 70 per cent burn injuries and was admitted to a community health centre in critical condition before being referred to the district hospital for advanced treatment.

### Delhi announces staggered working hrs

New Delhi: Chief Minister Rekha Gupta Friday announced staggered working hours for Delhi government and MCD employees from November 15 to February 15 in view of rising pollution in the city. According to an official statement. Delhi government offices would now function from 10 am to 6.30 pm and Municipal Corporation of Delhi (MCD) offices from 8.30 am to 5 pm. it said. At present, Delhi government offices operate between 9.30 am and 6 pm, and MCD offices from 9 am to 5.30 pm.

### HAL seals mega deal with GE Aerospace

New Delhi: The Hindustan Aeronautics Ltd (HAL) Friday sealed a major deal with GE Aerospace to procure 113 jet engines for its Tejas light combat aircraft programme. Under the deal, the delivery of the F404-GE-IN20 engines will begin from 2027 and the supplies will have to be completed by 2032, officials said. The HAL said it has entered into an agreement with General Electric Company to acquire the engines and support package for execution of 97 Light Combat Aircraft Mk1A programme.

# Cong seeks PM's apology

Aurangabad/Bhabhua (Bihar), Nov 7: The Congress hit back at Prime Minister Narendra Modi Friday after he attacked the party over the dropping of stanzas from "Vande Mataram" in 1937, saying Rabindranath Tagore himself had suggested that the first two stanzas of the song be adopted and it was "shameful" of the PM to accuse the Nobel laureate of harbouring a divisive ideology.

The Opposition party also demanded an apology from Modi over his statement.

In an apparent attack on the Congress, the prime minister said important stanzas of the national song, "Vande Mataram", were dropped in 1937, which sowed the seeds of the partition, and asserted that such a "divisive mindset" is still a challenge for the country.

He made the comments after inaugurating the year-long commemoration of "Vande Mataram" to mark 150 years of the national song. Modi also released a commemorative stamp and coin on the occasion at the Indira Gandhi Indoor Stadium here. Reacting to the Prime Minister's remarks, Congress general secretary in charge of communications Jairam Ramesh shared extracts from Sabvasachi Bhattacharya's definitive biography of "Vande Mataram", giving the background of the Congress Working Committee (CWC) resolution of October 29, 1937, that adopted the song.



"Three days before the meeting, October 26, 1937, Tagore wrote to (Jawaharlal) Nehru on this issue. It was the Gurudev himself - with his own special relationship to Vande Mataram - who suggested that the first two stanzas of the song be adopted. His letter in fact profoundly influenced the resolution in its entirety." Ramesh said in a post on X.

"The Prime Minister is now accusing the Gurudev of harbouring a 'divisive ideology'. It is a shameful statement from a man whose lies and distortions have no limits. The people of India demand an unconditional apology," he said. On January 24, 1950, the Constituent Assembly officially adopted "Vande Mataram" as the national song. giving it enduring significance.

According to various accounts, a truncated version of 'Vande Mataram", keeping only the first two of the six original stanzas, was chosen as the national song in 1937 by the Congress after a panel recommended its adoption. According to excerpts from the book, screenshots of which were shared by Ramesh on X, "Upon being consulted, Rabindranath Tagore's advice was threefold. While the first two stanzas were entirely acceptable to Rabindranath, he could not sympathise with the sentiments in the latter stanzas.'

In a letter to Nehru, Tagore wrote, "To me, the spirit of tenderness and devotion expressed in its first portion, the emphasis it gave to beautiful and beneficent aspects of our motherland made a special appeal, so much so that I found no difficulty in dissociating it from the rest of the poem and from those portions of the book of which it is a part, with all the sentiments of which, brought up as I was in the monotheistic ideals of my father, I could have no sympathy.

"I freely concede that the whole of Bankim's 'Vande Mataram' poem, read together with its context, is liable to be interpreted in ways that might wound Moslem susceptibilities, but a national song, though derived from it, which has spontaneously come to consist only of the first two stanzas of the original poem, need not remind us every time of the whole of it, much less of the story with which it was accidentally associated.' "It has acquired a separate individuality and an inspiring significance of its own in which I see nothing to offend any sect or community." Tagore was quoted as saying in the book. Later, in another post, Ramesh shared portions of the English translation of Bankimchandra Chattopadhyay's Samya that was published in 2002.



A woman crosses a road on a smoggy morning, in Gurugram, Haryana

## **PHASE 1 OF BIHAR POLLS**

### EC: No repoll recommended

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New Delhi, Nov 7: The Election Commission Friday said no repoll has been recommended for the over 45,000 polling stations in 121 seats that went to polls in the first phase of the Bihar Assembly election November 6.

The poll authority said scrutiny of documents took place in all 121 Assembly constituencies in the presence of 121 returning officers (RO) and 121 general observers (GO) appointed by the commission. Around 455 candidates or their

**150TH ANNIVERSARY OF 'VANDE MATARAM'** 

agents also participated in the process. After the scrutiny, no discrepancy or malpractice was found at any of the polling stations, and no repoll was recommended in phase one of the elections

A record voter turnout of nearly 65 per cent was registered in the first phase. Voting for the second phase will take place November 11. Meanwhile, Janshakti Janata Dal founder Tej Pratap Yadav and BJP MP Ravi Kishan were seen together at the Patna airport Friday, raising eyebrows amid the Assembly elections.

### Tiger kills farmer, safari suspended in Karnataka reserves

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Bangalore, Nov 7: A farm er was killed in a tiger attack in Mysore district Friday. prompting Karnataka Forest Minister Eshwar Khandre to order the suspension of safari operations in Nagarahole and Bandipur Tiger Reserves, and to halt trekking activities in areas prone to human-wildlife conflict with immediate effect

He also directed that forest staff in safari operations be deployed for the ongoing operation to capture the big cat

Chowdayya Nayak (35) was attacked and killed at Hale Heggudilu village in Saragur taluk of Mysore district, of ficials said. This is the third such death in the region in the last one month, they added

In a written instruction to the Principal Chief Conserva Force) and Chief Wildlife War den. Khandre expressed grief over the deaths and ordered immediate suspension of safari services in both reserves until

further notice. Khandre said the loss of three human lives due to tiger attacks along the Bandip ur - Nagarahole forest belt in Mysuru and Chamarajanagara districts within the last month

was "deeply distressing". According to a statement from the minister's office following previous attacks review meetings were held in Bandipur October 27 and in Chamarajanagara No vember 2 in the presence of district in-charge ministers

"Discussions were held with farmers and local residents, and warnings were issued that safaris may be suspended if necessary. How ever, another tragic incident has occurred, causing shock,' Khandre said.

and local MLAs.

He has now issued clear or ders to halt safari operations in Nagarahole and Bandipur and to suspend trekking in areas prone to human-wildlife conflict. Additionally, all officials, vehicle drivers and staff currently assigned to safari duties are to be deployed for the tiger capture operation, it

# BJP leaders cast votes in Delhi, Bihar: Rahul

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Banka, Nov 7: Congress leader Rahul Gandhi Friday alleged that BJP leaders, who had exercised their franchise in Delhi, also cast votes in the first phase of the Bihar Assembly polls.

Rahul, addressing an election rally in Banka, also asserted that the Congress produced evidence of "vote chori" (vote theft) in the Haryana polls, and the Election Commission cannot deny the charges

The Leader of the Opposition in Lok Sabha had Wednesday alleged that the Haryana Assembly polls last year were "stolen", citing electoral list data to claim that 25 lakh entries were fake and the Election Commission colluded with the BJP to ensure the party's victory. "I came to know yesterday that BJP leaders who cast votes in Delhi, also voted in the first phase of the Bihar polls Thursday)," the former Congress president said.

He, however, did not elaborate further or mention anybody by name. "Out of the 2 crore voters in Haryana, 29 lakh electors are fake... The BJP indulged in 'vote chori' in Madhya Pradesh, Chhattisgarh and Haryana, and now they are trying to repeat it in Bihar. But. I am certain the people of Bihar will not allow this to happen in their state," Gandhi asserted.



He also accused the NDA government of encouraging youth to make social media reels to "divert attention from pressing issues". At another poll rally in Bhagalpur, the Rae Bareli MP alleged that farmers, labourers and weavers in Bihar neither get loans from banks, nor is their debt waived. The BJP-led government, however, always waives loans of certain corporates. Gandhi claimed.

Rahul also asserted that TV channels get paid by the BJP to show the Prime Minister's face 24 hours. "The media is being controlled by the BJP... Whatever we say, you can see that on social media... But, not on TV channels. Narendra Modi, Amit Shah and the EC stole the Haryana polls, and we have the evidence in black and white... I can say with full confidence that the Haryana government is 'Chori ki Sarkar' (government formed through theft)," he claimed.

# Commemorative programmes held across rly zones, divisions

New Delhi, Nov 7: A special programme was organised at Rail Bhavan Friday to mark the 150th anniversary of 'Vande Mataram," under the Ministry of Culture's guidance. Ashwini Vaishnaw, the Minister for Railways, Information & Broadcasting, and Electronics & IT, graced the occasion as the chief guest, alongside senior of ficials including R Rajagopal, Aruna Nair, and others. The event featured a mass singing of "Vande Mataram," coordinated with the live broadcast of the Ministry of Culture's

main event. Meanwhile, Prime Minister Narendra Modi addressed the nation. In his speech, the Prime Minister emphasised that "Vande Mataram" is not merely a song, but a mantra symbolising devotion to Mother India, spiritual surrender, and the country's history, present confidence, and future resolve. He reminded the nation that no resolution is incomplete and no goal is beyond reach.

The event marks the 150th anniversary of the composition of "Vande Mataram" by Bankim Chandra Chattopadhyay November 7, 1875. The song has been a symbol of

2020 Bihar Assembly polls. The



India's freedom struggle and continues to inspire patriotism, unity, and pride Similar programmes were

held across various railway zones and divisions. At Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj Terminus, the event was attended by General Manager Vijay Kumar. In Hyderabad, at Rail Nilayam, the General Manager of South Central Railway, Sanjay Kumar Srivastava, along with officials and staff, participated in the mass singing. The Northern Railway also organised a similar event with officials and employees

At South Eastern Railway Headquarters in Garden Reach, the event was attended by General Manager Anil Kumar Mishra, renowned actor Hiranmay Chattopadhyay, Padma Shri & Arjuna Award winner Bula Chowdhury, Olympian Joydeep

did not contest elections.

The report said 28 registered

Karmakar, and other senior officials. Members of the Railway Protection Force, Bharat Scouts, Civil Defense, and school students also participated. A cultural programme based on patriotism was presented by the cultural team of South Eastern Railway Headquarters.

These events by the Min-

istry of Railways celebrated India's cultural identity and the spirit of unity and service. Meanwhile, Union Minister of Home and Cooperation Amit Shah Friday also addressed the celebration to mark 150 years of the national song. Shah also led the collective reading of the Swadeshi Sankalp Patra. He said, "Today is a day of awakening for Indian consciousness. It was on this very day, 150 years ago, that Bankim Chandra Chattopadhyay made Vande Mataram public."

# 59% of unrecognised Bihar parties failed to disclose finances: ADR

According to an ADR report, the NGO has reviewed 275 such parties -- 184 registered in Bihar and 91 in other states -- and found that 163 of those, or 59.27 per cent, have neither uploaded their audit reports nor statements of donations above ₹20,000 on the websites of state chief electoral officers or the **Election Commission** 

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(ADR)

New Delhi, Nov 7: More than half of the registered unrecognised political parties associated with Bihar have failed to make their mandatory financial disclosures public for 2023-24,

according to poll rights body the Association for Democratic Reforms

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Of these, 113 contested the

report showed only 67 parties (24.36 per cent) made both audit and contribution reports publicly available for 2023-24, collectively declaring an income of ₹85.56 crore, expenditure of ₹71.49 crore and donations worth ₹71.73 crore. The Samata Party, registered

in Delhi, reported the highest income at ₹53.13 crore, followed by the Socialist Unity Centre of India (Communist) at ₹9.59

The ADR's assessment also captured recent EC action that de-listed 32 parties in August and September for issues including inactivity and non-compliance. Among the de-listed parties, the highest income was declared by the



Representational image

Rashtriya Sarvodaya Party of unrecognised political parties (RUPPs) registered in Bihar did Bihar (registered in January 2014) with ₹1,066.37 lakh (₹10.66 not contest any election, based crore) over five years, peaking on available information. at ₹426.34 lakh (₹4.26 crore) in Their combined five-year Financial Year 2021-22. Accordincome is ₹152.545 lakh (₹1.52 ing to available information, it

crore), from FY 2019-20 to FY 2023-24. The highest five-year income of ₹82.39 lakh was declared by the Mithilawadi Party (registered in September 2020). with a steady annual income of around ₹20 lakh.

This was followed by the Shoshit Inquilab Party, with a total income of ₹29.49 lakh from FY 2019-20 to 2023-24, split between FY 2023-24 (₹15.31 lakh) and 2022-23 (₹14.18 lakh) and the Gantantrik Janhit Party with a total income of ₹21.05 lakh showing a growth from ₹3.05 lakh in FY 2021-22 to ₹10 lakh in FY 2023-24. For 31 parties whose audit re-

ports were available but dona tion details were not, the ADR found that the income and do nations were nearly identical indicating that contributions were the primary source of

# international



soon an**nounce a Signing Ceremony to make** it official, and there are many more **Countries trying** to join this club of

### **MALDIVES TO ACQUIRE MILITARY AIRCRAFT NEXT YEAR**

Maldives will acquire a military aircraft next year, President Mohamed Muizzu said as he inaugurated the national defence force's first dedicated air station. The landmark event formalises a key component of the island nation's defence strategy, significantly expanding the capabilities of the newly constituted Air Corps





If it is the latter, then this will create negative dynamics and trigger steps from other states,



MARIA ZAKHAROVA | FOREIGN MINISTRY SPOKESPERSON. RUSSIA



adapt them for ourselves and develop our own concepts and structures accordingly because the

war in Ukraine is our teacher CARSTEN BREUER INSPECTOR GENERAL GERMANY



lobbying, deceiving the public and obstructing progress, too many leaders remain captive to these entrenched interests

ANTONIO GUTERRES | UN SECURITY GENERAL

### SHORT TAKES

### China commissions third Aircraft Carrier

Beiiing: China has commissioned its third aircraft carrier, the Fuijan, stated to be the most modern warship equipped with electromagnetic catapults, at a ceremony attended by Chinese President Xi Jinping, wrapped in secrecy. While the official media reported its commissioning Friday, a report by state-run Xinhua news agency said that Xi attended the commissioning and flag-presentation ceremony of the Fuijan Wednesday at Sanya port in south China's Hainan Province. The Fuijan is equipped with an Electromagnetic Aircraft Launch System (EMALS), used only by the American aircraft carrier USS Gerald R. Ford.

### Syrian Prez freed from sanctions

**United Nations:** The United Nations Security Council has President Ahmed al-Sharaa. who is due to meet US President Donald Trump at the White House Monday. The **US-drafted resolution Thursday** also lifted sanctions on Syrian Interior Minister Anas Khattab. It received 14 votes in favor, while China abstained. Washington has been urging the 15-member Security Council for months to ease Syria sanctions, Trump announced a major US policy shift in May when he said he would lift US sanctions on Syria

### India, New Zealand conclude FTA talks

Rotorua: India and New Zealand Friday concluded the fourth round of negotiations for the proposed free trade agreement and have agreed to work towards its early conclusion. Commerce and **Industry Minister Piyush** Goyal was here to review the progress of these negotiations with his New Zealand counterpart Todd McClay. The fourth round of India-New Zealand FTA negotiations was focused on goods market access, services, economic and technical cooperation, and investment opportunities, Goyal said in a social media post.

### Denmark to ban social media for under-15s

### Copenhagen(Denmark):

Denmark's government Friday announced a political agreement to ban access to social media for anyone aged under 15. The move, led by the Ministry of Digitalisation, would set the age limit for access to social media but give some parents - after a specific assessment - the right to give consent to let their children access social media from age 13.

# China moves to ease rare earth export curbs

Beijing, Nov 7: China has begun designing a new rare earth licensing regime that could speed up shipments, but it is unlikely to amount to a complete rollback of restrictions as hoped by Washington, industry insiders said.

The Ministry of Commerce told some rare earth exporters they will be able to apply for new streamlined permits in the future and in industry briefings outlined the documents that will be required, two sources familiar with the matter said.

The export curbs have become Beijing's most potent source of leverage in its trade rivalry with Washington, as China produces over 90% of the world's processed rare earths and rare earth magnets, vital in products ranging from cars to missiles. Following the agreement reached between Presidents Donald Trump and Xi Jinping, China said last week it would pause for one year the restrictions it imposed in October. However, China's commerce

ministry has said nothing publicly about a broader round of controls introduced in April that rattled global supply chains

The White House said Saturday that China had agreed to introduce general licenses and characterised such permits as the de facto end of China's rare earth export controls. In private, Chinese officials



- New export permits would be valid for a year, sources say
- New licenses may not be available for some sectors like defence
- No sign yet restrictions introduced in April will be removed

have said they are working on the licenses, three other sources briefed on discussions said, although one said it could take months. However, other industry insiders said the new licenses do not mean China's wide-ranging rare earth export controls introduced in April have been removed.

### ONE YEAR, POTENTIALLY HIGHER VOLUMES

The new licenses would be valid for a year and probably allow larger export volumes, the first two sources said. Companies are preparing documents, which will require more information from

The sources said they expect more clarity by the end of the year.

Some Chinese rare earth companies said they have not yet been informed of the change.

General licenses will likely be harder to acquire for users associated with defence or other sensitive areas, some industry sources said.

All sources spoke on condition of anonymity given the sensitivity of the matter.

Introduced in April and expanded in October, Beijing's rare earth rules require exporters to obtain licenses for every cargo, an onerous and lengthy process customers complain is holding up exports. The restrictions created shortages in May which brought parts of the auto industry to a halt.

Of the 2,000 applications submitted by European Union firms since April, just over half

### **Mexico's Prez presses** charges after groping attack on street

Mexico City, Nov 7: Mexican President Claudia Sheinbaum said Wednesday she filed a complaint against a man who groped her and tried to kiss her as she walked between meetings in the capital city, a day after a video of the incident went viral.

"If this happens to the president, where does that leave all the young women in our country," said Sheinbaum, Mexico's first female president. "No man has the right to abuse women's personal space.

Video of the incident quickly ricocheted across the internet before being taken down by some accounts, underscoring for many in Mexico the insecurity women face in a country steeped in machismo and gender-based violence.

It has also raised questions about Sheinbaum's security detail. Like her predecessor. Andres Manuel Lopez Obrador. Sheinbaum travels with minimal security and makes herself widely available to the public, including wading into crowds of people. She said Wednesday that she did not plan to change that practice, saying "we have to be close to the people."

The incident happened Tues day in the capital's historic center as Sheinbaum was greeting members of the public while making the short walk from Mexico's national palace to the Ministry of Education. The video shows a middle-aged man putting his arm around Sheinbaum, touching her chest and at tempting to kiss her. She moves his hands away before a member

## **AF-PAK PEACE TALKS**

# Pakistan makes 'evidence-based' terrorism demands

Islamabad, Nov 7: Pakistan Friday said that it has handed over "evidence-based" and "logical demands" to the mediators Turkiye and Qatar - during the third round of peace talks being held in Istanbul with the Afghan Taliban regime.

Pakistan and the Afghan Taliban resumed the third round of talks in Istanbul Thursday to tackle the issue of cross-border terrorism and avoid further escalation between the two sides.

Foreign Office Spokesperson Tahir Hussain Andrabi said that talks with the Afghan Taliban regime commenced in Istanbul Thursday in the presence and with the participation of mediators. "The Pakistan delegation has handed over its evidence-based, justified, and logical demands to the mediators with a singular aim to put an end to cross-border terrorism," Andrabi said while addressing his weekly media briefing here.

"The mediators fully endorsed Pakistan's stance on the basis of evidence provided by our side, as well as the tenets of international law and principles," he said, adding that the mediators were discussing Pakistan's demands point by point with the Afghan delegation. Andrabi said any other in-

formation being circulated on social media, particularly from Afghan handlers or Afspeculation or deliberate dis information.

He also said that Pakistan's demand to the Afghan Tali ban regime was simple: that it should stop the infiltrators from operating from Afghan

The third round of talks had begun in Istanbul to defuse tension between Islamabad and Kabul that erupted in an open border conflict last month. Earlier, the two sides failed to agree on the contentious issues during the two rounds of talks held October 19 in Doha and October 25 in Istanbul.

Both sides reported human losses during the clashes from October 11-15, which were brought under control after a temporary ceasefire that was extended and is still holding. However, as officials from

both Pakistan and Afghanistan held talks in Turkiye, their forces traded fire, testing the fragile peace between the two sides. Thursday witnessed an ex-

change of fire, for which the two sides blamed each other The situation, however, was brought under control. "We strongly reject claims

circulated by the Afghan side regarding today's incident at the Pak-Afghan border at Chaman," Pakistan's Ministry of Information and Broadcasting

## Blasts injure dozens at Indonesian mosque



Jakarta, Nov 7: Explosions at a mosque in Indonesia's capital Jakarta that injured dozens of people during Friday prayers could have been an attack, officials indicated, with a 17-year-old student the suspected perpetrator.

Police said 55 people were in hospitals with a range of minor to serious injuries, including burns, after the blasts at the mosque inside a school complex in the Kelapa Gading area.

"We were so surprised by the sound, it was massive. Our hearts were beating fast, we couldn't breathe, and we ran outside," said Luciana, 43, who was working at the school canteen at the time. She described multiple blasts, broken windows and panic as dozens fled the complex.

"I thought it was an electrical wiring problem, or the Student suspect undergoing surgery: official

Toy weapon' with inscriptions found

olice say 55 injured in explosions during Friday

**W**itness describes chaos and panic at Jakarta mosque

sound system exploded, but we didn't know exactly what it was because we ran out just as a white smoke billowed from the mosque." Deputy house speaker Sufmi Dasco Ahmad. speaking to media after visiting a hospital, said the young male suspect was undergoing surgery, without giving more

details or possible motive. Indonesia's national police chief Listyo Sigit Prabowo said the suspect was a student at the adjacent school, and an investigation was underway into his background and motive. "We have identified the suspected perpetrator, and we are currently investigating the perpetrator's identity, his environment, including his home and other things," he said.

### *India will host leaders* from Australia, Japan,

and the United States for the Quad summit in New Delhi after the 2024 summit was held in Wilmington, Delaware

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New York/Washington, Nov 7: US President Donald Trump said he could travel to India next year, emphasising that Prime Minister Narendra Modi "wants" him to visit while calling him a "great man" and a "friend"

"He's (PM Modi) a friend of mine, and we speak. He wants me to go there. We'll figure that out. I'll go. I will have a great trip there with Prime Minister Modi, he's a great man. And I'll be going," Trump said at the Oval Office Thursday in response to a question.

When asked if he is planning to go to India next year, Trump said, "It could be, yeah.

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Trump may travel India next year

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in New Delhi after the 2024 summit was held in Wilmington. Delaware.

However, the dates for the summit in India are yet to be announced. When asked about Trump's visit to India, Ministry of External Affairs spokesperson Randhir Jaiswal in New Delhi declined to comment on the issue.

"I do not have anything on this to share. I will let you know when I have," Jaiswal said.

Meanwhile, President Trump

once again claimed that India has stopped buying from Russia. "It's great, going good. He (PM Modi) stopped. Largely he stopped buying oil from Russia," Trump said in response to a question on how talks with Modi and trade discussions with India are progressing.

Trump imposed 25 per cent reciprocal tariffs on India and an additional 25 per cent levies for Delhi's purchases of Russian oil, bringing the total duties imposed on India to 50 per cent. India had described the US action as "unfair, unjustified and unreasonable" while maintaining that its energy policy is guided by its own national interest.

In his remarks before the press, Trump also reiterated his claim that he stopped the war between India and Pakistan in May using trade.

"Of the eight wars I ended, I would say five or six were end ed because of tariffs. I'll give you an example. If you take a look at India and Pakistan, they started to fight; they are two nuclear nations... They were shooting each other. Eight planes were shot down. It was seven. Now it is eight, because the one that was sort of shot down is now abandoned. Eight

planes were shot down. "And I said, 'Listen, if vou guys are going to fight, I'm gonna put tariffs on you. And they both went, you know, they were not happy about that. And within 24 hours, I settled the war. If I didn't have tariffs, I wouldn't have been able to settle that war," Trump said. The president also termed tariffs a "great national defence".

### **CHINA'S WEDDING REFORM**

# Couples say 'I do' from nightclubs to Alpine peaks

REUTERS

Singapore/Beijing, Nov 7: When bank clerk Ren Yingxiao was looking for a honeymoon destination with her partner. they came across a scenic spot in the Xinjiang region that had it all - including a marriage registration office.

"So we thought, why not go there and get our marriage certificate as well?" the 30-year-old said about secluded Sayram Lake, where authorities are trying to attract young Chinese to tie the knot as part of a nationwide push to boost marriage rates and ease the country's

demographic crisis. In May, China started allowing couples to get married anywhere in the country instead of their place of residence - making the process more convenient and the event more special.

Local governments have since started to scramble for marriage tourists, setting up registration offices around scenic spots, at music festivals and even in subway stations, shopping malls and parks

**CHINA'S MARRIAGE RÂTES RISE** For now, the effort is work-

ing. Marriages, which demographers use as a proxy for the country's birth rate, rose 22.5% from a year earlier to 1.61 million in the third quarter of 2025, putting China on track to halt a downtrend in annual nuptials, which has gone almost uninterrupted for more than a decade.

Last year's 20.5% decline in marriages, to 6.1 million, was the biggest on record.

In the eastern city of Nanjing, couples can get married at the Confucius Temple, where they can have a Ming Dynas-



western Chengdu, authorities set up an office on the picturesque Xiling Snow Mountain at an altitude above 3,000 metres

(9,842 feet). In eastern Hefei,

a marriage booth opened in a

subway station whose name,

Xingfuba, translates to "the

And in Shanghai, couples can choose to get their certificate at a nightclub after appearing at a marriage registration office, thanks to a partnership between INS Park, a six-storey nightlife complex, and the Huangpu District Civil Affairs China allows couples to get 

Couples previously had to register at their place of

arriage offices open at scenic spots, music festivals

arriages spike 22.5% from a Year earlier in third quarter

Demographers expect marriage uptrend to be short-lived

Bureau. In Beijing, 31-yearold lawyer Wang Jieyi and 33-year-old Zhan Yongqiang, a bank employee, registered their marriage at the Huguo Guanyin

### Temple. IT'S A NUMBERS GAME

Tourists go to Xinjiang's Sayram Lake, where Ren got married, for the steep mountains and quiet pastures surrounding it. But it's the lake's geographical statistics that convince couples to marry there.

It stands 2,073 metres above sea level, a number that sounds like "love you deeply" in Chinese. It has a surface area of 1,314 square kilometres and that figure is phonetically similar to "a lifetime." Xinjiang's capital, Urumqi, is 520 kilometres away - homophonous with "I love you."

"All those numbers had symbolic meaning," said Ren.

With the population declining. Yi expects the number of women aged 20 to 34 to nearly halve to 58 million by 2050. Moreover, he expects young women - and their parents - to give greater priority to education and economic independence over marriage, in line with global trends.

# business



The momentum we see in India is incredible. We're seeing tremendous growth. The growth in India we've seen has tripled year

### **GOLDMAN'S BIG INDIA LEAP**

Leading global financial firm Goldman Sachs has promoted 49 Indian employees out of 638 as Managing Directors (MDs), the largest ever in the country. In India, 49 employees were promoted to the MD position this year, compared with 35 in 2023, Goldman Sachs said in a statement Friday



**Comfortable** looking at a number north of 6.8 per cent now. My original range was 6.3 to



jected in Economic Survey). Back in August, we were all concerned about whether we would even go towards the lower end of the 6-7 range V ANANTHA NAGESWARAN | CEA

I think things have been a bit difficult with the United States, and I think a reset is being tried. The trade





of RBI. We recognise that just like there are no free lunches, regulation to enhance stability too is not devoid of costs

SANIAY MALHOTRA | GOVERNOR, RR

### SHORT **TAKES**

### Nykaa goes full glam

**New Delhi: FSN** E-Commerce, the parent company of fashion and beauty retailer Nykaa, Friday reported a multifold growth in consolidated net profit to Rs 34.4 crore in the September quarter. The company had posted a net profit (attributable to equity shareholders of the parent company) of Rs 10.04 crore in the year-ago period. Nykaa's revenue from operations rose 25.13 per cent to Rs 2.345.98 crore in O2, FY26. as compared to Rs 1,874.74 crore in the year-ago period, according to regulatory filings by the company.

### Nalco profit rises 37%

New Delhi: State-owned **National Aluminium** Company Ltd (Nalco) Friday reported a 36.7 per cent rise in consolidated profit to Rs 1,429.94 crore in the quarter ended September 30, 2025. The company had posted a consolidated profit of Rs 1,045.97 crore in the yearago period. The consolidated revenue from operations during the July-September period rose to Rs 4,292.34 crore against Rs 4,001.48 crore in the year-ago period.

### Hindalco profit up 21%

New Delhi: Aditya Birla Group's metals arm Hindalco **Industries Ltd Friday** reported a 21.2 per cent rise in consolidated profit after tax at Rs 4,741 crore in the quarter ended September 2025 on the back of strong performance by the India business, disciplined cost management and operational efficiencies across segments. The company had posted a consolidated profit after tax of Rs 3,909 crore in the year-ago period, Hindalco Industries Ltd said in a filing to BSE.

### Bajaj Auto net surges

New Delhi: Bajaj Auto Friday said its consolidated profit after tax increased 53 per cent year-on-year to Rs 2,122 crore for the September guarter, aided by robust sales in export markets. The Pune-based firm reported a profit after tax (PAT) of 1,385 crore in the September quarter of the previous fiscal year. Revenue from operations rose to Rs 15,735 crore for the September quarter as compared with Rs 13,247 crore in the year-ago period, Bajaj Auto said in a regulatory filing.

# **Festive boost for auto sector**

Automobile retail sales surge to all-time high of over 52 lakh units in 42-day festive period

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New Delhi, Nov 7: Automobile retail sales across the domestic market witnessed a 21 per cent year-on-year increase in the 42day festive season led by record registrations of passenger vehicles and two-wheelers aided by GST rejig enabled drop in prices across segments, dealer' body FADA said Friday.

Overall retail sales rose to 52,38,401 units in the festive period this year as compared with 43,25,632 units in the same period last year, registering an increase of 21 per cent.

"The 42-day festive period of 2025 stands as a defining milestone for India's auto retail, delivering the highest-ever sales and growth across categories.' Federation of Automobile Dealers Associations (FADA) President CS Vigneshwar said in a statement. Passenger vehicle registrations rose to 7,66,918 units during the period as against 6,21,539 units in the same period last year, logging an increase of 23 per cent. "The GST 2.0 vision of em-

powering affordability and boosting middle-class consumption found real reflection on dealership floors. Compact and sub-4-metre cars saw strong resurgence as reduced tax rates expanded the buying base. Dealers also noted that retail

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CS VIGNESHWAR | PRESIDENT, FADA

momentum exceeded supply in several models," Vigneshwar stated. Two-wheeler retails rose to

22 per cent to 40,52,503 units as compared with 33,27,198 units

The segment was powered by improved rural sentiment, better liquidity, and the affordability impact of GST rationalisation, Vigneshwar stated.

Dealers described it as the best festive season in recent

**BIZ BUZZ** 

Metro opens third store in City

Bhubaneswar: Metro Brands, one of India's leading footwear retail

chains, has inaugurated its third showroom in Patia, Bhubaneswar.

The new 900 sq. ft. outlet was inaugurated by Bhubaneswar Mayor

Speaking on the occasion, SK Jafar Hussain, Store Manager of Metro.

said, "We are delighted to expand our presence in Bhubaneswar with

encouraging, and this store will further enhance accessibility to our wide

this new outlet. The response from our customers has always been

range of stylish and quality footwear." Also present at the event was

Tarun Guha, Metro's Area Manager. The brand offers a comprehensive

selection across categories—casual, formal, and festive wear—along with

handbags, belts, and wallets. Metro retails both its in-house brands like

Metro, Mochi, Walkway, Da Vinchi, and J. Fontini, as well as international

Puma, and Adidas, Curating its collection to match regional preferences.

and third-party brands such as Crocs, Fitflon, Fila, Clarks, Skechers,

Metro aims to cater to diverse consumer tastes across India.

Sulochana Das, who graced the occasion as the Chief Guest here Friday,

memory, with strong traction in commuter bikes and scooters, alongside rising EV interest, he added. Similarly, three-wheeler and commercial vehicle registrations rose 9 per cent and 15 per cent, respectively during the 42-day period.

"This season's success has reaffirmed that the GST 2.0 reform is not just a tax simplification, but a catalyst for consumer-led growth and national prosperity. It has lowered ownership costs, energised Bharat's economy, and rekindled aspiration in every segment of society," Vigneshwar stated.

For the month of October, automobile retail sales rose 41 per cent year-on-year to 40,23,923 units, driven by all-time high monthly sales of both passenger vehicles and two-wheelers.

Passenger vehicle registrations rose to 5,57,373 units last month, up 11 per cent against 5,00,578 units sold in October

Similarly, two-wheeler sales surged 52 per cent year-on-year to 31.49.846 units in October as against 20,75,578 units in the same month last year

Three-wheeler retails grew 5 per cent year-on-year to 1,29,517 units in October, while commercial vehicle sales posted an 18 per cent growth over the same period last month.

"The outlook for India's auto retail over the next three months remains decisively positive, backed by the continued impact of GST 2.0, steady rural income, and seasonal demand from weddings and harvests,' FADA stated.

Festive spillover bookings. better stock availability, and new model launches are expected to sustain retail momentum supported by year-end offers and new-year registrations, it added.

# Foreign fund outflows send D-St on freefall

*In a holiday-shortened week, BSE tanked 722.43 points* or 0.86%, and the Nifty declined 229.8 points or 0.89%







CHANGE: -94.73 (-0.11%)

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M&M	+2.03 %	GAINERS	LOSERS	
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PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

Mumbai, Nov 7: Falling for the third straight day, benchmark index Sensex declined by nearly 95 points while Nifty slipped below 25,500 Friday as relentless foreign fund outflows and weak trends in global markets hit investors' sentiment. The 30-share BSE Sensex

declined 94.73 points, or 0.11 per cent, to settle at 83,216.28. During the day, it tanked 640.06 points, or 0.76 per cent, to 82,670.95. The 50-share

NSE Nifty dipped 17.40 points, or 0.07 per cent, to 25,492.30.

Among Sensex firms, Bharti Airtel tumbled 4.46 per cent after Singtel said it has sold about 0.8 per cent stake in the firm for Rs 10,353 crore (SGD 1.5 billion).

Tech Mahindra, Trent, Reliance Industries, HCL Tech, Hindustan Unilever, and ITC were also among the laggards. However, Bajaj Finance, Tata Steel. Mahindra & Mahindra, and Bajaj Finserv were among the gainers.

"Domestic equities rebounded from early losses as buying emerged at key support levels, though it may be premature to call this a trend reversal amid

mixed earnings, cautious global cues, and persistent FII outflows. Going forward, markets will closely monitor US shutdown and tariff-related developments with US-India and US-China deals to assess the durability of the current momentum," Vinod Nair, Head of Research, Geojit Investments Limited, said.

-1.17 %

The BSE midcap gauge went up by markets d<mark>ecline</mark> 0.25 per cent. for 3rd consecutive while smallcap ended marginally lower by Sensex dips 94.73 points to settle at 83,216.28 0.01 per cent. Teck Nifty downs 17.40 points

dropped to end at 25,492.30 per cent, followed by telecommunication (1.19 per cent), power (0.52 per cent),

BSE Focused IT (0.50 per cent) IT (0.39 per cent) and services (0.37 per cent). However, metal jumped 1.41

per cent, financial services (0.74 per cent), commodities 0.65 per cent), auto (0.55 per cent) and bankex (0.31 per cent). A total of 2,105 stocks de-

clined while 2,069 advanced and 141 remained unchanged on the BSE On Thursday, the Sensex

declined 148.14 points, or 0.18 per cent, to settle at 83,311.01 The Nifty dipped 87.95 points. or 0.34 per cent, to 25,509.70.

### Forex reserves drop S5.6bn to S689.73bn

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

Mumbai, Nov 7: India's forex reserves dropped \$5.623 billion to \$689.733 billion for the week ended October 31, the Reserve Bank of India said Friday.

The overall reserves had declined by \$6.925 billion to \$695.355 billion.

For the week ended October 31, foreign currency assets, a major component of the reserves, decreased by \$1.957 billion to \$564.591 billion, the data released Friday showed.

Expressed in dollar terms, the foreign currency assets include the effect of appreciation or depreciation of non-US units, like the euro, pound and ven held in the foreign exchange reserves. The value



of the gold reserves declined by \$3.81 billion to \$101.726 billion during the week, the RBI said.

The Special Drawing Rights (SDRs) were down by \$19 million to \$18.644 billion, the apex bank noted.

India's reserve position with the IMF increased by \$164 million to \$4,772 billion in the reporting week, according to the data.

Indian drugmaker Cipla last

month to sell Mounjaro under

Globally, Lilly and Novo

have seen soaring demand for

their anti-obesity therapies,

prompting supply constraints

Both companies have struck

a deal with the Trump adminis-

tration to reduce prices of their

GLP-1 drugs for US government

programs, aiming to improve

access amid mounting pressure

a separate brand name.

and pricing scrutiny.

over affordability.

# Eli Lilly's weight-loss therapy Mounjaro tops India drug sales

Sreeleathers Bhubaneswar store gets makeover

Bhubaneswar: The Sreeleathers store in Ashok Nagar, Bhubaneswar,

attended by Satyabrata Dey, Managing Director of Sreeleathers Ltd, as

the chief guest. GK Behera, owner of the Bhubaneswar dealership, was

the key speaker, while Rochita Dey, Director represented the company

headquarters. Established July 3, 1996, the Bhubaneswar outlet has

grown from a modest 2,200 sq. ft. space to a sprawling 12,000 sq. ft.

showroom. The newly renovated store features dedicated sections-

ladies, kids, and accessories on the ground floor; gents' collections on

the first floor; and a premium footwear and accessories range on the

to make returns at any time before store closing hours. "The growth

journey of this store has been humbling. The continued patronage

of our customers has inspired us to expand and offer more variety

and comfort," said GK Behera. The newly refurbished Sreeleathers

Bhubaneswar store aims to offer an enhanced and hassle-free

shopping experience for its loyal customer base.

second floor. To enhance customer convenience, an escalator has been

installed, along with a dedicated exchange counter allowing customers

reopened its doors Friday with a grand inauguration ceremony

The US drugmaker's popular injectable therapy raked in Rs 1 billion (\$11.38 million) in October and outpaced Augmentin sales of Rs 800 million

Hyderabad, Nov 7: Eli Lillv's weight-loss therapy Mounjaro became India's top-selling drug by value in October, data showed Friday, overtaking GSK's widely used antibiotic Augmentin, as demand surges in the world's most populous nation.

The US drugmaker's popular injectable therapy raked in Rs 1 billion (\$11.38 million) in October, research firm Pharmarack said. That outpaced Augmentin sales of Rs 800 million last

By volume, Augmentin was way higher than Mounjaro with 5.8 million units sold during

85,000 units of Mounjaro, which is sold at a higher price point.

INDOMACH Bhubaneswar 2025 expo inaugurated

Bhubaneswar: The three-day INDOMACH Bhubaneswar 2025, a mega industrial

machinery and engineering expo, was inaugurated at Baramunda Ground Friday.

Organised by IndoMach Business Solutions in association with the Orissa Small Scale

together over 150 leading companies from across India, representing diverse sectors

15,000 business visitors from industrial hubs such as Bhubaneswar, Cuttack, Rourkela,

Jharsuguda, and Angul are expected to participate, making it one of the largest B2B

and machinery goods are on display. It will be highly beneficial for our MSMEs. We

feel proud to be associated with INDOMACH," said Smarajit Mohanty, President of

OSSIA. Manish Sinha, Director of INDOMACH B2B Industrial & Machinery Expo 2025,

Industries Association (OSSIA), the event will continue till November 9. The expo brings

including automation, robotics, hydraulics, pneumatics, and material handling. More than

industrial gatherings in eastern India. "This is the first expo in Odisha where engineering

The news comes as India becomes a key battleground for drugmakers, looking to grab a slice of the burgeoning weightloss treatment market, which some analysts predict will generate \$150 billion a year or more by the end of the decade. Mounjaro, which helps con-

trol blood sugar and slow digestion, saw its sales double within months of its March launch in India, ahead of rival Novo Nordisk's Wegovy, which entered the market in June. The drug has generated 3.33

billion rupees in revenue till the end of October, according to Pharmarack. "Mounjaro's consumption in

India by volume was 10 times more than Wegovy in October, Sheetal Sapale, Pharmarack's

told the media Friday While Lilly sold 262,000

Mounjaro doses last month, Novo Nordisk sold 26,000 Wegovy doses

'For a like-to-like comparision, we've converted units to doses. For instance, one prefilled syringe has 4 doses, so we've calculated accordingly to be able to understand exact consumption," she said.

Both belong to a class of therapies known as GLP-1 receptor agonists, which help patients feel fuller for longer and are increasingly used to treat obe-

sity and diabetes. The rapid uptake of these drugs reflects growing demand

for weight-loss treatments in India, where lifestyle diseases are on the rise. Lilly also signed a deal with

Wegovy's active ingredient semaglutide will lose patent protection in India in March 2026 and that has prompted many Indian drugmakers to develop their own versions of the wildly in-demand drug.

October, compared with just

RxTirzepatide mounjaro<sup>®</sup> 2.5mg/0.5 ml vial 2.5 mg/0.5 mL Lilly

added, "Industries of the state, along with dealers and distributors, will immensely benefit from this event, Various advanced technologies and

demonstrations, new product launches, and exclusive B2B networking sessions aimed at strengthening Odisha's manufacturing ecosystem.

mechanisms are being displayed by more than 110 participants." Leading brands including Ashok Leyland, Taparia Tools, Messer Cutting Systems,

Salzer Electronics, Polymak Tools, and Tally Solutions are showcasing their latest products and innovations. The expo also features live machinery

RxTirzepatide **RxTirzepatide** Solution for injection Solution for injection mounjaro mounjaro<sup>®</sup> 2.5mg/0.5 ml vial 2.5mg/0.5 ml vial 2.5 mg/0.5 mL 2.5 mg/0.5 mL

Vice President (Commercial),

# India hockey celebrates centenary

New Delhi, Nov 7: The iconic Major Dhyan Chand National Stadium came alive Friday as Indian hockey celebrated 100 glorious years with legends of the sport, including Olympic gold medallists Gurbux Singh and Aslam Sher Khan, gracing the historic occasion.

Hockey India felicitated some of the game's most celebrated icons in recognition of their lasting contributions to the sport and for the inspiration they provided to the generations

Those honoured at the ceremony included Gurbux, Aslam, Harbinder Singh, Ajith Pal Singh, Ashok Kumar, BP Govinda, Zafar Iqbal, Brigadier Harcharan Singh, Vineet Kumar, Mir Ranjan Negi, Romeo James, Asunta Lakra, and Subhadra Pradhan.

Union Sports Minister Mansukh Mandaviya, who attended the event alongside Union Minority Affairs Minister Kiren Rijiju and Tamil Nadu Denuty Chief Minister Thiru Udhavanidhi Stalin, lauded the sport's illustrious journey and its deep-rooted connection with India's sporting pride.

"The sport has seen many phases, and it was through hockey at the Olympics that

INDIAN HOCKEY DOMINATED THE LAST CENTURY WITH EIGHT OLYMPIC GOLDS, GLOBAL SUPREMACY FROM 1928–1956, AND EVOLVING FROM NATURAL FLAIR TO MODERN, STRUCTURED PLAY STYLES



we showed the world what India can achieve in sports. We have never looked back since,' Mandaviya said.

The centenary celebrations began with an exhibition match between the Sports Minister's XI led by Mandaviya himself and the Hockey India XI captained by Hockey India President Dilip Tirkey. The friendly yet competitive game set the tone for the

day's festivities. The Sports Minister's XI registered a 3-1 victo-

ry, with goals from Beauty Dungdung, Salima Tete, and Krishna Pathak, while Manpreet Singh netted the lone goal for the Hockey India XI.

The match featured a mix of players from both the men's and women's national hockey teams. Adding to the

celebrations was

the launch of a com-

memorative book, "100 Years of Indian Hockey," chronicling the sport's century-long journey through triumphs, challenges, and revival.

A special photo exhibition



hockey is once again

rising and moving

towards another

Olympic medal

Champion: 2011, 2016, 2018, 2023 place: 2021

Hockey India President Dilip Tirkey looks at his photograph from his playing days during an event marking 100 years of Indian Hockey, at Major Dhyan Chand National Stadium **Commonwealth Games** 

**WOMEN'S HOCKEY TEAM Olympic Games** Best Finish: 4th place **World Cup** (1974, 2010)

**Asian Games** Gold: 1982; Silver: 1998 2018; Bronze: 1986, 2006, 2014, 2022

Champions: 2004, 2017; Runner-up: 1999, 2009, 2025: Third place: 1993 2013, 2022

Asian Champions Trophy Champions: 2016, 2023,

showcased rare archival photographs. Olympic memories and memorabilia tracing Indian hockey's evolution from its golden debut at the 1928 Amsterdam Olympics to its resurgence in the modern era.

Tirkey said it was deeply emotional to return to the venue where his own hockey journey began. "It is an honour for me to stand here at the very stadium where I attended my first camp and played my first major tournament. Today is a tribute to those who laid the foundation for Indian hockey a century ago and to every player who has brought glory to the nation

through this sport," Tirkey said. With Tamil Nadu gearing up to host the FIH Hockey Men's Junior World Cup 2025, the coveted trophy was also on display, marking the start of a 20-city trophy tour. Extending the centenary

spirit across the country, a nationwide hockey festival was organised simultaneously in 500 districts, engaging more than 36,000 players in over 1,000 exhibition matches. The initiative brought togeth-

er school athletes, veterans, and community teams, transforming the milestone into a true national celebration of the sport.

### SHORT **TAKES**

### SC notice to Shami

New Delhi: The Supreme Court

issued a notice to cricketer Mohammad Shami on Friday on a plea filed by his estranged wife, seeking enhancement of the interim maintenance granted to her and their minor daughter. A bench comprising Justices Manoi Misra and Uiial Bhuvan sought Shami's response on his wife's plea challenging two orders passed on July 1 and August 25 by the Calcutta High Court. The high court has enhanced the interim maintenance payable by Shami to Rs 1.5 lakh per month for his spouse and Rs 2.5 lakh per month for their daughter, while allowing the cricketer to clear the arrears in eight monthly instalments. She has sought a monthly maintenance of Rs 7 lakh for herself and Rs 3 lakh for their daughter.

### Messi's Argentina return

Buenos Aires: Lionel Messi will lead Argentina in a November 14 friendly against Angola in Luanda, as manager Lionel Scaloni named a 24-man squad which includes three uncapped players. The November 14 clash in Luanda will be the South American team's only friendly of the upcoming FIFA international window. As expected, Messi headlines an attack that also features Lautaro Martinez and Julian Alvarez. The reigning World Cup and Copa America champions will be without goalkeeper Emiliano Martinez, who is recovering from a calf injury. Last month, Messi became the player with the most assists in men's international football after setting up two goals in Argentina's 6-0 thrashing of Puerto Rico in an international friendly at Chase Stadium.

### **India A in command**

Bangalore: Fast bowlers produced an excellent effort as India A made light of Margues Ackerman's masterly hundred to nose ahead of South Africa A on the second day of the second four-day match here Friday, Prasidh Krishna (3/35), Mohammad Siraj (2/61) and Akash Deep (2/28) used the pace and carry on the BCCI Centre of Excellence pitch to good effect to share seven wickets among them, bowling out SA for 221 in their first innings.

# Men in Blue target BLOOD; GUKESH HELD batting consistency

With an unassailable 2-1 lead in the five-match series, India have extended their 17-year streak of not losing a T20I series against Australia

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

Brisbane, Nov 7: On the cusp of another overseas series win. India will look to overcome batting inconsistencies and finish the tour of Australia with authority when the two sides clash in the fifth and final T20 International here Saturday

With an unassailable 2-1 lead in the five-match series, India have extended their 17-year streak of not losing a T20I series against Australia and Survakumar Yaday and Co. will look to finish strongly in this one too.

The focus will be on Shubman Gill and skipper Suryakumar Yadav's batting, while Australia will look to counter India's spin challenge when the two sides clash for the last time ahead of next year's T20 World Cup in India and Sri Lanka.

India showed better tactical awareness in the previous match, adjusting on a tricky Carrara pitch. Gill led the way in a promising start of 121 for 2 in 14 overs before a late collapse saw them lose four wickets for 15 runs.

For vice-captain Gill, it has been seven innings without a fifty, though his 46 in the fourth T20 was a sign of his returning form. Gill has not quite displayed the fluent touch that has defined his batting in recent years. He looked composed in the last match before being undone by a slower ball. The opener will be eager to sign off on a high and ease concerns within the team management.

Suryakumar has also shown flashes of brilliance across the series but has struggled to convert his starts. The captain would be expected to bat with more freedom and lead by example ahead of next month's South

Tilak Varma is another batter who is yet to find his rhythm, managing scores of 0, 29, and 5 in his last three outings.

The pressure will also be on wicketkeeper-batter Jitesh Sharma, who has featured ahead of Sanju Samson in the last two games but is yet to make a substantial impact.



Abhishek Sharma, however, has lived up to his reputation as the world's top-ranked T20 hitter, scoring a fluent half-century and providing brisk starts.

In the bowling department, Arshdeep Singh has once again proved his worth for India, picking up four wickets and forming an effective new-ball pairing with Jasprit Bumrah.

The spin trio of Varun, Axar, and Washington has been a major strength for India despite the absence of Kuldeep Yadav. Both Shivam Dube and Washington have been instrumental with bat and ball.

# ERIGAISI DRAWS FIRST

master Arjun Erigaisi continued with his fine form to beat his Uzbek counterpart Shamsiddin Vokhidov in a clean attacking game, while world champion D Gukesh played out a draw with Frederik Svane of Germany in the first game of the third round of Chess World Cup, here Friday.

Apart from Erigaisi, Grandmaster P Harikrishna also shot into lead with another finely-crafted victory at the expense of young GM Daniel Dardha of Belgium. With both Erigaisi and Harikrishna winning with white pieces, a draw would be enough for them to get over the line to the fourth round.

In the round of 64, R Praggnanandhaa also drew the first



game with Robert Hovhannisyan of Armenia to start easy with black pieces, while Vidit Gujrathi played out a draw with Sam Shankland to start his campaign for the fourth round.

Erigaisi was great for the third time running, scoring his third straight win in the knockout event. Playing white, it was a Queen-pawn opening

wherein Erigaisi found some nice resources in the opening and crushed Vokhidov in a one-sided affair.

Harikrishna continued his success story with the seasoned Grandmaster, who famously assisted Gukesh in the World Championship title match, showcasing his skills as a brilliant attacker.

## Women's ODI WC expands from eight teams to ten

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

Dubai, Nov 7: The International Cricket Council (ICC) on Friday announced that the next edition of the Women's ODI World Cup in 2029 will feature 10 teams, expanding from the existing eight-team format.

India won its first ever global trophy in women's cricket, beating South Africa by 52 runs in the final played in Navi Mumbai November 2. "The ICC board, keen to build on the success of the event, agreed to expand the next edition of the tournament to 10 teams (from 8 teams in 2025)," an ICC press release stated

### **RECORD VIEWERSHIP**

India's historic title victory in the Women's ODI World Cup saw new benchmarks being set for cricket broadcast in the country, with the official broadcaster recording an over-



JioHotstar said in a release

Friday that the Women's World Cup final, which India won by defeating South Africa, was watched by 185 million users on its platform.

The viewership in the final exceeded the daily average reach of the Indian Premier League, while it also equalled the viewership recorded during last year's men's T20 World Cup final between India and South

### **NEW ERA IN INDIAN FOOTBALL**

# Williams, Bharti give up foreign citizenship to join India camp

**AIFF opens door for Indian-origin** overseas-basedplayers to play for the Blue Tigers

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

New Delhi, Nov 7: In what could mark a new beginning for Indian football, the game's national federation AIFF has roped in two overseas-based players -- Ryan Williams and Abneet Bharti -- for the national camp ahead of the AFC Asian Cup qualifier against Bangladesh in Dhaka November 18.

The move reflects a bold shift in approach by the federation, opening the door for Indian-origin players and those willing to give up foreign citizenship to represent the country.

If cleared, both players will join the squad in Dhaka for the November 18 qualifier in a development that could open the door for many more such aspirants and signal a new, inclusive phase for Indian football.

Williams, a 31-year-old midfielder born in Perth represented Australia at U-20, U-23 levels and the senior team as a second half substitute during a friendly against South Korea in 2019. He also represented English clubs Fulham and Portsmouth before joining former Indian Super League champions Bengaluru FC in 2023.

In a humourous Instagram video, Williams was seen taking a mock "citizenship interview" conducted by Sunil Chhetri, who tested him with tongue-incheek India-specific questions



AUSTRALIA AT U-20, U-23 LEVELS AND THE SENIOR TEAM. HE HAS REPRESENTED FULHAM, PORTSMOUTH

like "Haar ke jeetne wale ko kya kehte hain?" and "Rishtey mein hum tumhare...?

The light-hearted clip ends with Williams proudly collecting his Indian passport.

what's long felt true. Grateful for

"Honoured to make official

the love, the opportunity, and the sense of belonging this country has given me. "As you can see, the last round of interviews was the hardest. India, I'm one of your own!" Williams posted.

AIFF president Kalvan Chaubey said the idea was first

brought up by Indian star Chhetri during the national camp in Kolkata in May this year.

"Sunil Chhetri gave the first information about Ryan Williams, who wants to play for India by giving up his Australian passport. From then on, the process started," AIFF president Kalyan Chaubey told PTI.

On the other hand Bharti, a 27-year-old defender, is an Indian citizen based in Brazil and plays for Academia del Balompié Boliviano (ABB), a first-division

club in Bolivia. Having kickstarted his career with Shastri FC in New Delhi. Bharti joined Geylang International's youth setup in Singapore. Then he played across Poland, Portugal, Mexico, Ar gentina, the Czech Republic and Bolivia as he also played for Kerala Blasters in the ISL 2019-20.

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