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Actor Yami Gautam says feminism has many definitions today, and she may not agree with all of them

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### NUAPADA TO VOTE TO

Nuapada, Nov 10: Amid tight security arrangements in Nuapada district, over 2.53 lakh voters are set to cast their votes in the Assembly bypoll Tuesday to decide the fate of 14 candidates.

The bypoll was necessitated following the death of sitting BJD MLA Rajendra Dholakia September 8.

Keeping in view the political sensitivity of the constituency and Maoist presence, particularly in Sunabeda wildlife sanctuary area, the Election Commission has deployed 14 companies of the Central Armed Police Force (CAPF) to ensure smooth voting, Nuapada SP Amritpal Singh said.

Apart from the central forces. 35 mobile patrolling parties and seven quick response teams (QRTs) have been stationed to address any irregularities, Singh added.

Erick Gilbert Jose, a commandant of the Central Reserve Police Force (CRPF) in Nuapada, said, "We are well prepared for peaceful voting Tuesday. IAF helicopters have dropped polling officials and jawans in Naxal-hit areas. We have already dominated the LWE-hit areas and ensured that no Naxals could reach polling stations.

Nuapada District Collector

exercise their franchise.

Key candidates are BJD's Snehangini Chhuria, BJP's Jay Dholakia, Congress' Ghasiram Majhi, and Samajwadi Party's

Hemant Tandi of the Bahujan Mukti Party and Shukadhar Dandsena of Odisha Janata Dal

Eight Independents — Ashraya Mahandan, Chakranta Jena, Bhuvan Lal Sahu, Kishore Kumar Bag, Nita Bag, Lakshmikant Tandi, Bhaktabandhu Dharua, and Lochan Majhi are contesting as well.

from elsewhere, he said.

Meanwhile, Leader of Opposition and BJD supremo Naveen Patnaik Monday alleged serious violations during the 48-hour silence period. "The hallmark of a true democracy lies in the conduct of free and fair elections. However, it has come to our notice that in #Nuapada, serious violations are taking place during the legally mandated silence period — 48 hours before polling," Patnaik



and District Election Officer Madusudan Dash said polling officials, EVMs and VVPATs have reached all the 358 polling booths, including 47 sensitive ones.

"Personnel and officials were air-dropped by IAF helicopters in eight highly sensitive booths in the wildlife sanctuary where LWE presence was reported earlier. Voting will start at 7am after a mock poll at 5:30am. While polling in 311 booths will continue until 5pm, it will conclude at 4pm in LWE-affected areas," he added.

He said 2,53,624 voters, comprising 1.24.108 men and 1,29,495 women, are eligible to said in a post on X.

Patnaik sought the immediate intervention of the Election Commission of India and demanded strict enforcement of the 48-hour silence period in Nuapada.

In the 2024 elections, Rajendra Dholakia had won the Nuapada seat with 61,822 votes, followed by Independent candidate Ghasiram Majhi (now Congress nominee) with 50,941 votes. BJP candidate Abhinandan Panda secured 44,814 votes, while Congress's Sarat Pattnayak received 15.501 votes. Nuapada recorded a 75.44 per cent voter turnout in that election.

Ramakanta Hati.

are also in the fray.

Odisha Chief Electoral Officer RS Gopalan dismissed allegations that a truckload of EVMs was transported from Ganjam district to Nuapada Sunday, calling them "false and baseless". EVMs are stored in secured warehouses in each district, and it is impossible to move them

through a slow-moving car at a traffic signal near the Red Fort metro station Monday evening, killing at least eight people and gutting several vehicles, officials said. Twenty-four people were injured in the blast that took place on a busy evening when the area was milling with people. The injured were taken to the LNJP hospital, a few kilo-

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Delhi Police Commissioner Satish Golcha said the car, in which the blast took place, had some occupants.

New Delhi, Nov 10: A high-in-

tensity explosion ripped

According to a senior police officer, "The blast occurred in a moving Hyundai i20 car in which three people were sitting. We have not found any pellet or puncture in the body of the injured, which is unusual in a bomb blast. We are investigating all angles."

Police sources said the car was registered in the name of one Nadeem Khan and bore a Haryana number plate.

A high alert has been sounded in Delhi, and security has been beefed up at city border points, with vehicle checking intensified.

Panic gripped the area as fire billowed from burning cars fol-

lowing the explosion. Videos shared by the Chandni Chowk Traders' Association revealed the magnitude of the blast. A mangled body could be seen lying on a vehicle, while another clip showed a body on the road. Eyewitnesses said body parts could be seen scattered near the blast site.

#### VEHICLE OWNER DETAINED

**NEW DELHI:** The Delhi Police detained the owner of the car in which an explosion occurred near the Red Fort Monday evening, killing at least eight people and gutting several vehicles, an official said. The police have detained the car's owner, identified as Md Salman, in Haryana's Gurugram. Salman had sold his car to a person in Okhla, the official said, adding that the car was registered in his name and had a Haryana registration number plate. The blast occurred in a mov ing Hyundai i20 car in which three people were sitting. "We have not found any pellet or puncture in the body of the injured, which is unusual in a bomb blast. We are investigating all angles," the officer said. Delhi Police Commissioner Satish Golcha said the car, in which the blast took place, had some occupants. A high alert has been sounded in Delhi, and security has been beefed up at city border points, with vehicle checking intensified. Panic gripped the blast site as fire billowed from burning cars following the explosion

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Ten fire tenders were rushed to the spot as police cordoned off the area, the Delhi Fire Services said. The blaze caused by the blast was brought under control by 7.29pm, officials said.

Golcha told reporters that Union Home Minister Amit Shah is being regularly briefed about the incident.

"There was a blast around 6.52pm in a slow-moving vehicle at a traffic signal near the Red Fort metro station. There were passengers inside the vehicle. Other vehicles got affected. All agencies -- Delhi Police, Forensic Science Laboratory, National Investigation Agency (NIA), National Security Guard (NSG) -- have arrived and they are taking stock of the situation," he said.

Shah spoke to the Delhi Police chief and the director of the Intelligence Bureau to take

stock of the situation. He directed the chiefs of the NSG, NIA and forensic sciences to send expert teams to the blast site to assist the probe and collect evidence. No terror outfit has so far claimed responsibility for the attack.

Police are scanning CCTV footage to determine the route of the vehicle before the blast occurred.

Meanwhile, Prime Minister Narendra Modi took stock of the situation, expressed condolences over the deaths, and spoke with Home Minister Amit Shah, government sources said.

The blast in Delhi occurred hours after the recovery of around 360 kg of suspected ammonium nitrate and a cache of arms and ammunition from a Kashmiri doctor's rented accommodation in Faridabad, bordering Delhi.

2,900 KG EXPLOSIVES SEIZED; 8 HELD

### White collar terror module busted

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

Srinagar/Faridabad, Nov 10: Eight people, including three doctors, were arrested and 2,900 kg of explosives seized with the uncovering of a "white collar" terror module involving the Jaish-e-Mohammed and Ansar Ghazwat-ul-Hind and spanning Kashmir, Haryana and Uttar Pradesh, officials said Monday.

Among those arrested following a 15-day operation were Kashmir's Dr Muzammil Ganaie in Faridabad and Lucknow's Dr Shaheen who was brought by air to Srinagar for custodial interrogation, officials said. An AK-47 rifle was found in her car.

The joint operation by the police forces of Jammu and Kashmir, Uttar Pradesh and Haryana as well as central agencies have achieved a major breakthrough, officials said. They did not divulge details of exactly when the arrests took place.

With this, the police have successfully thwarted the destructive designs of both the terror groups, the banned Jaish-e-Mohammed (JeM) and Ansar Ghazwat-ul-Hind (AGuH), an offshoot of the ISIS in India.

The 2,900 kg of explosive materials include ammonium nitrate, potassium nitrate and sulphur. Of this, 360 kg of inflammable material suspected to be ammonium nitrate and some arms and ammunition were recovered from Ganaje's rented accommodation in Faridabad, said a statement from the Jammu and Kashmir police.

The recoveries from various places include a Chinese Star pistol with ammunition, a Beretta pistol with ammunition, an AK 56 rifle with ammunition, an AK Krinkov rifle with ammunition as well

as explosives, chemicals, reagents, inflammable material. electronic circuits, batteries. wires, remote control, timers and metal sheets, it said.

Ganaie, a teacher at the Al Falah University in the Haryana town abutting New Delhi was arrested after the Jammu and Kashmir police named him as a wanted person in a case involving putting up posters supporting the Jaish-e-Mohammed in Srinagar.

Of the eight arrested, seven are from Kashmir -- Arif Nisar Dar alias Sahil, Yasir-ul-Ashraf, and Maqsood Ahmad Dar alias Shahid from Nowgam in Srinagar; Maulvi Irfan Ahmad from Shopian; Zameer Ahmad Ahanger alias Mutlasha from Wakura area of Ganderbal; Dr Muzammil Ahmad Ganaie alias Musaib from Koil area of Pulwama, and Dr Adeel from Wanpora area of Kulgam. Dr Shaheen is based in Lucknow.

Several Pakistani numbers were found on the phones of Ganaie and Adeel, officials said. They could be the possible handlers of the network.

On October 19, multiple JeM posters were found pasted at different locations in Bunpora Nowgam area of the city here. threatening and intimidating police and security forces. That was the starting point of the investigation, leading to the unravelling of the interstate terror network



Dr Muzammil and Dr Adeel



#### **COP30 opens in Brazil**

New Delhi: UN Climate Change Executive Secretary Simon Stiell Monday opened COP30 with a sharp warning that while the world has managed to bend the emissions curve downwards since the Paris Agreement, far stronger and faster action is needed to avert escalating climate disasters. Stiell, in his opening address at the UN climate summit in Belem, Brazil, said countries must move much, much faster, both on cutting emissions and building resilience, warning that failing to do so will have severe economic, social and political costs. P10

#### IRREGULAR by MANJUL



smooth and comfortable. Not like the Chhath special... this was voter special

### Breathless Delhiites find solace in satire

*In the midst of Delhi's* choking smog, a "wedding with oxygen masks" video has gone viral -- proving that in the national capital, even love needs life support

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

New Delhi, Nov 10: Delhi's plummeting air quality is not only dominating news but is also top of the trending list on social media as Delhiites are using satire to vent their ire against the city's toxic pollution levels.

In the midst of Delhi's choking smog, a "wedding with oxygen masks" video has gone viral -- blending romance with

the city's grim pollution reality. The clip features a bride and groom romancing while wearing oxygen masks, capturing



the absurdity of love and life

in the metropolitan city. Unlike a typical dreamy wedding video, the reel takes a hilarious twist. The groom isn't showering the bride with flowers - he's throwing medicine strips towards her.

Instead of a royal palace or garden, their final wedding portraits are shot in what looks like a hospital room -- complete with oxygen cylinders in the

background and the bride administering CPR to the groom who is gasping for breath. The video ends with the cou-

life support.

ple posing together—hands entwined, masks on—proving that in Delhi, even love needs One meme on X shows Superman sitting in a hospital

bed wearing an oxygen mask.

captioned "Superman after fly-

ing through Delhi's air for 10



An Instagram reel playing a song from Bollywood movie 'Delhi-6' – 'Yeh Dilli Hai Mere Yaar' in the background, with the caption: Delhi mein itna pollution hai ki log pooch rahe hain "Tu jaanta hai mera baap kahan hai?" (There is so much pollution in Delhi that people are asking, "Do you know where my father is?")

The caption takes a hilarious

twist to the often bandied about threat in Delhi, "Tu jaanta nahi mera baap kaun hai".

Amid demands for renaming Delhi as Indraprastha, a social media user commented, "Delhi is going to be renamed as Indraprastha, now pollution and crime will also go back to 14th century

Netizens also poked fun at politics and pollution together with one poster circulating on Instagram that read "Ab ki baar, 1000 AQI paar". Another meme shows a man holding a placard

that says "I miss breathing". Since Diwali, the national capital's air quality has consistently remained in the "poor" or "very poor" category, occasionally slipping into the "se-

vere" zone. As per CPCB standards, an AQI between 0-50 is considered 'good', 51-100 'satisfactory', 101-200 'moderate', 201-300 'poor', 301-400 'very poor', and 401-500 'severe'.

#### Prez Murmu to address Assembly in Winter Session

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

Bhubaneswar, Nov 10: President Droupadi Murmu is scheduled to address the opening day of the fifth session of the Odisha Assembly November 27, an official notification said Monday According to a provisional

calendar issued by the Assembly secretariat, the Winter Session will continue till December 31 with some breaks for holidays and Sundays

No other business is scheduled for November 27 following the President's address.

The calendar earmarks 19 days for official business and five days for private members' business including Bills and Resolutions Chief Minister Mohan Charan Majhi, who is also in-charge of the Finance department, will present the first Supplementary Statement of Expenditure for 2025-26 November 28.

### leisure



#### **DWAYNE JOHNSON BATTLED DEPRESSION AFTER DIVORCE**

Wrestler-turned-actor Dwayne 'The Rock' Johnson has revealed he battled a bout of depression following his divorce from Dany Garcia in 2008 - admitting the breakdown of his marriage 'rocked' him.

Heritage Foundation (FHF),

in association with the Inter-

national Federation of Film

Archives (FIAF), announced

the 10th edition of the Film

Preservation & Restoration

Workshop India (FPRWI 2025)

to be held here from November

12 to 19, 2025, at Kalabhoomi

The international workshop

organised in partnership with

the Department of Handlooms,

Textiles & Handicrafts and the

Department of Tourism, Gov-

ernment of Odisha, marks

the first time this flagship in-

itiative will be hosted in the

state. The event aims to raise

awareness about the urgent

need to preserve India's cine-

matic legacy while equipping

participants with skills in film

preservation and restoration.

see Chief Minister Mohan

Charan Majhi, legendary ac-

tress Waheeda Rehman, and a

MUMBAI: Veteran Bollywood star Dharmendra,

aged 89, is currently on ventilator support at Mum-bai's Breach Candy Hospital, according to sources

The octogenarian was admitted to Breach Candy Hospital in Mumbai few days ago. Sources close to

Dharam

on life

support: Reports

The opening ceremony will

Odisha Crafts Museum.

#### **BANDAIDS: KATY PERRY GRATEFUL FOR FANS' LOVE**

Pop icon Katy Perry has showcased her gratitude for the love pouring in for her latest release, Bandaids, sharing that it wasn't easy for her to put the deeply personal track out into the world. The Roar hitmaker took to social media to thank fans for their support.



Today you will feel mushy and forlorn. Ganesha says you will make special efforts to strengthen your relationships. You look upon commitment as a security for the future. As a result, you will develop strong, long-term bondings.

You will be fondly thinking about your close friends. particularly about the opposite. It may suddenly dawn upon you that you are in love, says Ganesha. If per chance there is a romantic encounter, go ahead and dive fearlessly in the pool of love. It is near certain that the wedding bells will be ringing for you sooner than you think.

You will spend your day fulfilling the demands made upon you by your family members and colleagues. You will need o devote time to matters at home. Pay attention to the needs of your relatives for they will be helpful to you in the near future. savs Ganesha

#### CANCER

Watch out for winds of change and ac accordingy. Ganesha warns you of drowning in a strong current. Your task will be easier if you adjust to circumstances. Fun and entertainment are today's password. In the social sector business, you will have success. This is the right time to enhance social prestige.

Financial gains in shares and stocks are indicated. If you are an investor, your investments will yield substantial profits. Long-standing debts are also likely to be cleared, and pending dues will be settled. Expenses for the purposes of entertainment are a possibility, says Ganesha.

#### Though you are a Cance-

rian, you will not bother people too much today. On the other hand, they will show more empathy for you. Ganesha says that you are too stubborn while carrying out your responsibilities, and also hold very strong convictions. At home, you will be demonstrative and will get more intimate with your kith and kin.

#### Ganesha says you will give

more importance to your family and there may be concerns about the health of a family member. There may be news from abroad regarding the health of a close family member, which may disturb you today.

#### **SCORPIO**

You are all set to paint the town red as you feel romance and love creeping into your life slowly. You may bump into 'someone special' today and see love blooming for you. There are also chances of marriage proposals and meeting prospective candidates, says Ganesha.

#### **SAGITTARIUS**

You are all set to groom your skills as a profession al. Talking about work. determination and dedication are likely to rule you today. Putting your heart and soul, your work speaks volumes about your efforts. Appreciation, though slow in pace, is on its way to encourage you.

#### **CAPRICORN**

You'll be popular today at your workplace. Your honesty and efforts will be recognised, which will be fulfilling for you. But, tomorrow will be a different day and times may not be favourable for you. It is, therefore, necessary for you to understand the importance of today and

utilise it to the maximum, advises Ganesha.

#### **AQUARIUS**

You know how to examine the nuts and bolts of every assignment or project, and it consumes your resources to a great extent. But, like a stitch in time saves nine, your meticulous planning minimises the chances of a loss or a failure, feels Ganesha. Not many are good at this, and such efficient planning gives you an upper hand over others when the competition is tight.

#### PISCES

You will communicate with your friends or relatives living abroad today. There is a chance that these communications could translate directly into substantial gain for you. You will find yourself in the mood for socializing. You will likely invite friends over to dinner at your place in the evening, says Ganesha.

# Yami's take on feminism

tam, who essays the role of Shazia Bano in the recently released film Haq, has said that feminism as an ideology has many definitions today, and she may not agree with all of them. The actress spoke with this agency at a 5-star property in

the Juhu area of Mumbai dur-

ing the promotional leg of the

film. While she called Haq, a

deeply feminist film, she said

that the ideology of fem-

inism has evolved with

time, and entails a few

things which she may

Talking about the film, she said, "If you

have courage to tell

the story of, which is

inspired by a really

courageous woman.

woman of substance.

a woman of feminism, she is, I feel a

true blue example of what feminism is."

"There are

not agree with.

today, and I may not agree with some of them. True feminism is not fighting the other person, it is about standing up for yourself, for your children, for what you know is right, is rightfully yours, it is as basic as that, so then, yeah, so that is my approach", she





special live address by Amitabh Bachchan.

Speaking at the press meet at The Press Club of Odisha, Monday, filmmaker and FHF founder Shivendra Singh Dungarpur said, "During the restoration of Nirad Mohapatra's Maya Miriga, I realised that Odisha's film heritage is in dire straits. Odia cinema has

immense potential, yet many people remain unaware of it. So many milestone films were made here, but ACTOR AMITABH BACHCHAN we have lost touch

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with that rich legacy. These films need to FILM JOURNALISTS' FORUM be preserved, FOUNDER-SECRETARY SURYA as cinema is DEO AND FILM SCHOLAR SANJO a reflection of PATNAIK WILL BE HONOURED who we are, WITH THE CHAMPIONS OF it mirrors our identity and culture.

"The preservation of Odisha's film history is a cultural emergency. Through this initiative, we aim to raise awareness and share practical knowledge on how to begin this mission. As part of the workshop, students from different parts of the world will come together to learn from an esteemed international faculty. We will also have a special grand premiere screening of the wonderful Odia classic

Maya Miriga by Nirad Mohapatra on November 13 and 14 at Keshari Talkies" he further adds. As part of the

workshop, FHF will also honour film scholar Sanjoy Patnaik and Film Journalists' Forum Founder-Secre tary Surya Deo, with the Champions of Film Heritage Award.

The event will include workshop on preservation and restoration of celluloid and digital films and film related material as well as cataloguing, documentation, film programming and access. On concluding day there will be signing of a MoU between the Government of Odisha and Film Heritage Foundation to establish a Film Archive and Restoration Cen-

#### Rashmika yearns to be part of *K-drama* MUMBAI: Actress Rashmiwith Korean dramas.

ka Mandanna, who has often professed her love for Korean dramas, said she would love to be part of it but only if the project feels right for her. When asked if she would con-

sider doing a K-drama considering her love for variety in her filmography, Rashmika, an ardent K-Drama fan, told this agency: "Oh, of course,

I would want to do a Korean drama. Like, that'll be fun. But also, it depends on what they give me, because you know how picky I am with what I this agency shared a health update and said that Dharmendra is criticdo on screen.

The actress, who is basking in the success of her latest horror-comedy film Thamma, talked about her first tryst

"My love for Korean drama, I think, started during Covid only, because there was so much time on hand. And every K-drama has, like, 16 episodes, which means 16 hours you've got to spend watching it. I think that's when it started. I don't have a prominent memory as to when exactly it started, though. Talking about *Thamma*, the film

stars Nawazuddin Siddqui and Ayushmann Khur rana, and is set in a fictional world. It also sees a crossover Dhawan's Bhe-



#### **PEANUTS**



I'D GIVE ANYTHING TO KNOW WHAT YOU'RE KEEPING TRACK OF!





#### **CALVIN AND HOBBES**



#### **BREVITY**



#### POST **CROSSWORD**

Son Sunny Deol released

kept under strict medical observation by top doctors at Breach Candy Hospital in Mumbai. The exact cause of his illness is un-

clear; however, according to sources at that time stated that the veteran star visited the hospital for a routine check-up and had

been staying there since for additional examinations. The super-star's 90th birthday is on December 8.

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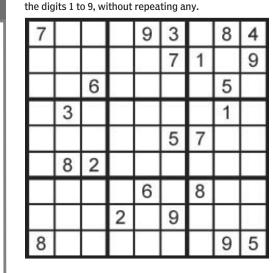
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#### SUDOKU

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#### FARMING MUSHROOM, CULTIVATING DREAMS

Jharsuguda makes her dream come true as she transforms to an agripreneur with mushroom farming at her backyard. She graduated from a 5-bedded farm to now a 500-bedded mushroom farm in no time, inspiring local women to take up farming and become self reliant.



## **CEO refutes BJD allegations of EVM shifting**

Bhubaneswar, Nov 10: Refuting Biju Janata Dal's (BJD's) allegations, Chief Electoral Officer (CEO) RS Gopalan Monday said no Electronic Voting Machines (EVMs) were covertly moved from Ganiam district to Nuapada November 9 ahead of the byelection to the constituency.

Addressing a press conference here, Gopalan said the CEO's office has received a complaint regarding the transportation of EVMs from Ganjam to Nuapada. "This allegation is completely baseless and impossible. We have verified the CCTV footage of the EVM warehouses at Ganjam, and there have been no such activities there," the CEO said.

He said, "No EVM has been brought from anywhere nor sent out of Nuapada district".

Gopalan said that each district has its own EVM warehouse, secured by police and CCTV surveillance. EVMs to be used in the Nuapada bypoll were procured only from those stored in the warehouse in the

"The allegation that the Nuapada Collector brought EVMs from Ganjam is entirely false. We also have the list of all EVMs used, even for training and creating awareness among the voters, and those are in our



custody. Voters should not believe in such allegations and news on television channels," he said. Gopalan further said that the warehouses in Ganjam were intact. There was no movement of any EVMs, he said, adding that though warehouses are opened every three months for inspection, it has not even been opened this month. "When we open the warehouses, the entire process is video recorded and carried out in the presence of representatives of all political parties. They are given a copy with serial numbers of all EVMs," he

However, BJD spokesper-

conference, rejected the CEO's

"With due respect to the CEO, we as a responsible political party want to say that the EVMs were transported from Ganjam district and set to be engaged in 32 specific booths in Nuapada. We have submitted the list of such booths where the new EVMs are planned to be planted," Mohanty claimed.

Asked about the CCTV footage claim of the CEO, the BJD leader said, "We have seen how CCTVs are functioning in the state. When a senior lawyer was killed in Berhampur, there was no CCTV footage. Similar-

during the Rath Yatra in Puri, the CCTVs were not working. One can conclude from these two incidents how one can rely on CCTVs in Ganjam EVM warehouses.

The BJD also raised a complaint on the activities of the Nuapada Collector, SP and the IGP of the region.

'These people are working for the ruling BJP and not for democracy," Mohanty alleged, though he said that the Opposition party has trust in the credibility of the CEO.

Apart from the EVM shifting allegations, the BJD also demanded strict security measures, including deployment of police and Central forces in all 32 identified sensitive booths to ensure a peaceful and fair polling.

In a memorandum submitted to the CEO, the BJD listed 32 highly sensitive polling booths in the Nuapada Assembly constituency, comprising 17 booths in Nuapada block and 15 in Komna block. The party expressed serious concern over the deteriorating law and order situation in the constituency, alleging that the aggressive and unlawful campaign practices of BJP candidate Jay Dholakia and other BJP leaders and workers have created a volatile

According to the memo-

behaviour and excessive enthusiasm" of BJP cadres have endangered the peace and sanctity of the democratic process in Nuapada.

The BJD delegation urged the CEO to take immediate and stringent measures, including the deployment of adequate police and Central forces in all 32 sensitive booths, to ensure free and fair polling.

Meanwhile, Nuapada district collector cum district election officer (DEO) Madhusudan Dash and SP Amritpal Singh said that all arrangements have been made in all the 358 polling booths, including 47 identified polling stations in the Left Wing Extremism hit areas.

Erick Gilbert Jose, a Commandant of the Central Reserve Police Force (CRPF), in Nuapada said, "We are well prepared for peaceful voting Tuesday Our choppers are dropping polling officials in Naxal-hit areas. We have already dominated the LWE hit places and ensured that no naxal could reach near polling stations. We have dominated the places much before the elections."

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# Odisha on high alert following Delhi blast



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Speaking to director general of police (DGP) YB Khurania, Majhi directed him to make ex-

Chouhan asks agri scientists to

across the state, particularly when festivals like Bali Yatra are being held in the Millenni um City of Cuttack. The Bali Ya tra in Cuttack, which witnesses the footfall of lakhs of people every day, is scheduled to end November 12.

The CM also asked the po lice to remain on full alert and tighten security arrangements in major cities and various sensitive places. Meanwhile the Odisha Police has sounded high alert at all major religious and strategic installations, in cluding the Srimandir in Puri an officer said. "All field units are on high alert. Srimandir, all other important religious places and vital installations are under security cover. Police patrolling has been enhanced," the officer told PTI.

Special security arrangements have also been made at the beach, railway station, bus stands, and other crowded areas

#### AIIMS-Bhubaneswar staff killer held

Bhubaneswar, Nov 10: The mastermind behind the killing of AIIMS staff Sudhanshu Khuntia, who was shot dead October 13 at Sarakantra area in the City, was arrested from Hanspal-Balianta road, police said Monday The accused have been iden-

tified as Sadasiba Pradhan (21), alias Siba, the mastermind behind the murder of Sudhanshu. According to sources, Siba was the neighbor of Sudhanshu and they belonged to the same family. However, they had a strong enmity over land dispute which is currently sub-judice in

Angered over the dispute, Siba allegedly plotted Sudhanshu's death and reportedly practiced shooting to successfully kill Sudhanshu.

After the killing, Siba absconded to escape arrest. However, the Khandagiri police traced and arrested him. The police seized the firearm used by him for the murder and a phone from his possession.

"There was a long-standing dispute between Sudhanshu and Siba over land. Though he fled the crime scene following the murder, he was finally arrested by a team of Khandagiri police Monday. A phone with a video of the accused practicing shooting before killing Sudhanshu, has been seized along with a firearm from his possession. Five persons have been arrested in the case," said Sub-Division III ACP Tapas Chandra

Earlier, the police had ar-

rested four accused in this connection. The number of total arrests rose to five with the arrest of Siba. The police have booked

the accused under sections 103(1)/3(5) BNS/Sec 25/27 Arms Act turned to Sec-103(1)/61(2) (a) BNS/Sec-25(1)(a)/27 Arms Act.

It is to be noted that Sudhanshu, who worked as a lab assistant at AIIMS Bhubaneswar was shot dead on October 13 while going to work.

# develop high-quality millet seeds

Union Agriculture and Farmers' Welfare Minister Shivrai Singh Chouhan waters a plant, in presence of Chief Minister Mohan Charan Majhi, Deputy CM and Agriculture & Farmers' Empowerment Minister KV Singh Deo, department Principal Secretary Arabinda Padhee and others, in Bhubaneswar, Monday

Bhubaneswar, Nov 10: Union Agriculture and Farmers' Welfare Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan, who was in the City addressing the international symposium on Shree Anna (Millet) and Woman Farmer here on the occasion of 'Mandia Divas' (Millets Day) Monday, asked agriculture scientists to develop high-quality millet seeds to make it a profitable crop so that farmers can pivot towards it.

'The farmers are always looking for crops which will give them better financial benefits. So, it is a challenge before us to make millet a profitable crop so that the farmers can pivot towards its cultivation," he said.

Odisha has done good work by enhancing the millet production from 6 quintal per hectare to 12 quintal per hectare and surpassed the national average, he said.

"Still, there is a huge task

before our scientists to further improve the quality of the millet seeds and reduce the cultivation cost to enhance the production. We will continue our efforts in this regard in the coming days,' the union minister said.

He also emphasised on processing of the crop so that farmers, especially women farmers get maximum benefit at the ground level. Further, the states need to procure millets from farmers to promote the crop. Chouhan said, adding, "Odisha is the only state in India that is procuring millets from farmers at minimum support price (MSP). Odisha has also served millet to school-going students under the mid-day meal scheme. It should be expanded to other states to promote a healthy habit among children, he stressed.

Stating that the Odisha government has taken a leadership role to show the path to other states in millets, the Union Agriculture minister said he

requests for scientific evi-

dence, ensuring the sanctity

of family relationships is not

compromised by speculative

or exploratory investiga-

The observations came on

a plea filed by a Tamil Na-

du-based doctor challenging

an order of the Madras High

Court which directed him to

appear before the Dean, Gov-

ernment Rajaji Hospital, Mad-

urai for collection of blood

samples for DNA profiling.

tions," the bench said.

will take the Odisha model on millets to the national level and also to other states.

"Fertilisers, chemicals and pesticides are not only bad for human health, but it also affect the health of our soil and also contributes towards climate

change," he pointed out. So, one day, all have to move towards organic farming and millet cultivation is a step in this direction, he added. He assured that the government of India will provide all support to the state for further promotion of millets. Speaking on the occasion, Chief Minister Mohan Charan Majhi said millet cultivation was initially started in about 30,000 hectares and now it has been expanded to all 30 districts of the state.

Millet or 'Madia', which was known as a tribal food, has now been promoted as a 'super food' by Prime Minister Narendra Modi, he said, adding that the tribal and women farmers will

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SHIVRAJ SINGH CHOUHAN I UNION AGRICULTUR & FARMERS' WELFARE MINISTER

benefit from the move.

The Odisha government had launched a millet mission to

promote the crop, and the state is providing input subsidy of ₹26,500 per hectare to the farmers, Majhi said. Deputy Chief Minister KV Singh Deo said Odisha is providing end-to-end

support to millet farmers with a comprehensive input subsidy "Millets are deeply rooted not iust in our soil but also in our culture and tradition. Women farmers are truly the heart of our agricultural legacy. They have been the guardians of seeds and biodiversity conservation across generations," he said.

Through SHGs and commu nity seed centres, the women farmers of the state are active ly conserving traditional crops and reviving culinary traditions that connect to our roots. They ensure the transfer of this in valuable knowledge to the next generation, said Singh Deo, in charge of the state Agriculture Department.

Among others, World Food Programme (WFP) country head Elisabeth Faure, chair person of M S Swaminathan Research Foundation, Soumya Swaminathan, and director general of International Rice Research Institute (IRRI) Yvonne Pinto spoke at the inaugural session of the two-day conference

### DNA testing can't be ordered in routine manner: SC

New Delhi, Nov 10: DNA testing cannot be ordered in a routine manner and must be subject to stringent safeguards to protect the dignity of individuals and the legitimacy of children born during the wedlock, the Supreme Court said Monday.

PULLING CROWD: Huge footfall at Bali Yatra in Cuttack, Monday

bench of Justices Prashant Kumar Mishra and Vipul Pancholi said the power to direct such tests must be exercised with utmost circumspection and only when the in-

terests of justice imperatively demand such an intrusive procedure.

The SC said forcefully subjecting an individual to DNA testing constitutes a grave intrusion upon privacy and personal liberty.

Such an encroachment can be justified only if it satisfies the threefold test of legality, legitimate State aim, and proportionality, it said.

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#### lant against fishing inquiries masquerading as legitimate

Bhubaneswar, Nov 10: The mercury dropped below 15 degrees Celsius at more than 10 places in Odisha Monday, with temperatures likely to dip further during the next two days, the IMD said.

G Udaygiri in Kandhamal district was the coldest place in the state, recording a minimum temperature of 8.4 degrees Celsius Monday, it said in a bulletin.

State capital Bhubaneswar recorded a minimum temperature of 14.8 degrees Celsius as against Sunday's 17.4 degrees Celsius, it said.

10 places record temp below 15°C

Places where the mercury fell below 15 degrees Celsius include Daringbadi (10 de grees Celsius), Phulbani (11 degrees Celsius), Chipilima (11.8 degrees Celsius), Semiliguda (12.2 degrees Celsius), Rourkela (12.5 degrees Celsius), Keonjhar (13.8 degrees Celsius) and Dhenkanal (13.5 degrees Celsius), the bulletin

The IMD forecast a further dip in minimum temperatures by 2-3 degrees Celsius during the next two days.

### CJI flags AI risks, to hear plea on judicial guidelines



New Delhi, Nov 10: Chief Justice of India BR Gavai Monday flagged the dangers of artificial intelligence, citing a morphed video circulating on social media that falsely depicted a shoe-throwing incident in his

A bench of the CJI and Justice K Vinod Chandran also agreed to list, after two weeks, a plea seeking guidelines to regulate the use of AI tools within the judiciary.

During the proceedings, a counsel for the petitioner cautioned against the unchecked adoption of AI tools in court processes, saying, "Even this court is using AI, but the ills are such...

COMPLEX DATAFICATION PROCESSES THAT CAN PRODUCE WORDS OR IMAGES UNINTENDED BY THE USER THE PLEA EMPHASISED THAT AI USED IN THE JUDICIARY MUST RELY ON UNBIASED DATA, WITH TRANSPARENT DATA OWNERSHIP TO ENSURE **ACCOUNTABILITY AMONG STAKEHOLDERS** 

THE PETITIONER ARGUED THAT

THE USE OF GENERATIVE AI IS

PROBLEMATIC AS IT INVOLVES

'We are aware of it· we have seen the morphed video of us (two)," the CJI said while referring to the fabricated clip circulating online.

The plea, filed through advocate Abhinav Shrivastava,

seeks a policy to govern the use of AI in judicial functions, warning that generative AI systems can embed "systemic biases" and operate as "black boxes" whose internal logic remains opaque even to their creators.

According to the petitioner, the use of generative AI is problematic as it entails a complex process of datafication, which may generate words and images not meant by the user.

The plea stated that AI integrated into the judiciary and judicial functions should have data that is free from bias, and data ownership should be transparent enough to ensure stakeholders' liability.

It argued that one of the biggest red flags of such integration is data opaqueness and warned that the use of generative AI within judicial work may lead to higher risks of cyberattacks.

On October 6, 71-year-old Rakesh Kishore, a lawyer, attempted to hurl a shoe towards the CJI in his courtroom, which prompted the Bar Council of India to suspend his license with immediate effect. The incident sparked widespread condemnation.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi, while condemning the incident, also spoke to the CJI.



SACRED RITUAL: Devotees having a glimpse of the Mahodadhi during the Pancha Tirtha ritual in Puri, Monday

### Chain snatcher held after 5 years in City

Bhubaneswar, Nov 10: A man absconding for the past five years in connection with a snatching case was finally arrested, police said Monday.

The accused has been identified as Md Sohail (30) of Jharpada under Laxmisagar police

According to reports, a complaint was lodged at Laxmisagar police station October 8, 2020, by a resident of Jharpada regarding a snatching incident.

Sohail, along with an associate, As per the complaint, while arrived on a motorcycle and snatched a gold chain from his neck before fleeing.

The complainant chased them up to the Laxmisagar Melan Padia area, where two of the accused's associates, already waiting at the spot, allegedly attacked him with sticks and stones, injuring him. The victim then returned home and later filed a complaint with the police.

During the incident, the snatchers managed to flee with a portion of the gold chain, while the remaining part stayed with the complainant.

Following the complaint police registered a case and launched an investigation. Despite several raids at various locations, the accused had been absconding since the day of the crime. Acting on a tip-off, police recently raided his residence and arrested Md Sohail.

During interrogation, the accused reportedly confessed to his involvement in the crime He was later produced in court and booked under Section 394 of the IPC. Police said further investigation into the case is underway.

#### Jatni police nab 2 with brown sugar in raid

BHUBANESWAR: A special team of Jatni police Monday conducted a surprise raid near Khudupur Square and apprehended two persons involved in the illegal drug trade, seizing 15 grams of brown sugar. The accused have been identified as Sk. Sahabuddin and Sk. Samsuddin, both residents of the district. According to reports, the duo was caught while attempting sources said they had been engaged in smuggling activities the contraband from Khurda for local sale. Apart from the brown interrogation, both admitted to their involvement in the illegal trade. Following the seizure, Jatni police registered a case under Section 21(b) of the NDPS Act and arrested the duo, who were

later forwarded to court.



RECRUITMENT DELAY: Aspirants of teaching and non-teaching posts with Odisha Adarsha Vidyalaya Sangathan (OAVS) stage a protest in front of the OAVS office at Maitree Vihar in Bhubaneswar, Monday, demanding

#### **EPFO zonal indoor tourney** concludes in Bhubaneswar

the victim was standing in front

of his house, the accused, Md

BHUBANESWAR: The three-day by the Employees' Provident Fund Organisation (EPFO) at the Biju Patnaik Multipurpose Indoor Hall concluded Sunday. Participants from the East Zone — including Odisha. West Bengal, Bihar, Jharkhand and the Northeast Region - competed for qualification to the All-India tournament in four indoor events: badminton, table tennis, carrom and Vijay Kumar Prasad presided over PF Commissioner-I, Rajarshi Chakma Promotion Board (Odisha) report guest of honour, presented trophies and mementos to the winners. Odisha players who qualified for the All-India meet to be held in Pune, Maharashtra, in January 2026 include Alka Sinha (chess), Ashalata Sahani (carrom singles), and Pragyanshree Rath (carrom doubles), and the same duo in badminton doubles. Regional PF Commissioners Surieet Kumar. Dasarathi Nag and Abesh Mishra were also present. Mausumilata Padhi proposed the vote of thanks while Enforcement Officer Alekh Ch. Sahoo anchored the event.

#### Suryasnata Tripathy to get SOA Yuva Sahitya Puraskar

Bhubaneswar, Nov 10: Acclaimed Odia poet and writer Survasnata Tripathy has been selected for the SOA Yuva Sahitya Puraskar 2025, which will be presented during the valedictory session of the 3rd SOA Literary Festival at Siksha 'O' Anusandhan (SOA) University here November 30.

Tripathy was unanimously selected by the Jury Board for his acclaimed short story collection 'Thia Puchi Naranga', published by Barsha Publication in 2024. The collection, comprising twelve stories, explores human emotions and contemporary life with remarkable depth.

Born in 1991, Tripathy currently serves as an Assistant Professor in Biomedical Engineering at IIT-Ropar. The Kendra Sahitya Akademi Yuva Puraskar (2017) recipient has authored seven poetry anthologies, a short story collection, and translated Dha ramvir Bharati's 'Kanupriya

into Odia.

He is also a noted playwrigh associated with Hyderabad-based theatre groups and has recently ventured into cinema with the Odia feature film "Indradhanu" and two short films. Instituted this year, the SOA Yuva Sahitva Puraskar carries a cash prize of ₹1 lakh, a citation, a silver plaque, and a shawl.

### over paddy procurement



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Bargarh, Nov 10: Hundreds of farmers in Bargarh district reportedly clashed with police personnel, while attempting to barge into the Collector's office, demanding registration of names to participate in paddy procurement during the kharif season.

Resentment among the farmers grew after the District-Level Paddy Procurement Committee (DLPC) meeting, scheduled to be held Monday, was postponed, they said.

When the farmers were trying to march towards the office of the District Collector, the police personnel prevented them, leading to a scuffle, an officer

Bargarh MLA Ashwini Kumar Sarangi claimed that over 4,500 farmers from the district were left out of the paddy procurement process, as they were not able to register themselves due to various reasons.

"It is a genuine demand of the farmers. I have requested the government to include the left-out farmers," he said.

District Collector Aditya Goyal said the DLPC meeting was postponed as the model code of conduct (MCC) is in force in neighbouring Nuapada for the by-election.

"As far as the farmers' registration is concerned, we have sent their details to the government department to take a call on it," Goyal said.

Bargarh is among those districts in Odisha where early paddy procurement begins every year.

### Farmers scuffle with cops over naddy procurement ECoR to upgrade Sambalpur div to 2x25 KV for efficiency

POST NEWS NETWORK

Bhubaneswar, Nov 10: East Coast Railway (ECoR) is set to further strengthen its traction power infrastructure by upgrading the existing 1x25 KV Overhead Electrification (OHE) system to an advanced 2x25 KV system in the Singapur Road-Titlagarh section, covering the Titlagarh-Badmal and Titlagarh-Muribahal triple line sections

under Sambalpur Division. The project, spanning 153 Route Kilometres (RKM) and 575 Track Kilometres (TKM), is estimated to cost ₹465.47 crore. It is part of a major Railway Board initiative to upgrade electric traction systems across Indian Railways, with a nationwide allocation of around ₹12,000 crore aimed at strengthening power supply infrastructure and enhancing the

capacity of electrified routes. The 2x25 KV traction system is an advanced electrification setup that transmits power at 50 KV and supplies 25 KV to trains via autotransformers installed at regular intervals. This configuration ensures stable voltage, reduces power



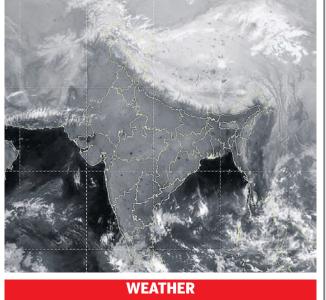
losses, and enhances the overall efficiency of electric locomotives. The upgraded system will support seamless operation of semi-high-speed passenger trains and heavy freight trains, improving reliability, hauling capacity, and reducing maintenance requirements.

The Singapur Road-Titlagarh corridor is a key freight route under ECoR, vital for transporting minerals, coal, and other essential commodities. Upgrading to the 2x25 KV system will boost the section's hauling capacity, ensure better voltage regulation, and support future

growth in both passenger and freight traffic. The system will also enhance energy efficiency and environmental sustainability, aligning with Indian Railways' vision of greener and more efficient transport solutions

The initiative reaffirms Indian Railways' commitment to building a modern, high-capacity, and sustainable rail network. Its implementation will enable ECoR to further enhance efficient, reliable, and eco-friendly train operations, contributing to national progress and infrastructure modernisation.

#### BOURSES CURRENCY VARIATION **INDEX** VARIATION INDEX VARIATION DOLLAR 88.78 \$ 0.04 | SENSEX 83535.35 \$ 319.07 GOLD ₹123,226 ▲ ₹2,159 EURO **102.75** • 0.20 NIFTY **25574.35** \$2.05 SILVER ₹152,200 ▲ ₹4,472



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	BBSR	СТС	<b>FORECAST</b>
Max Temp	30.7°	28.6°	Mainly clear sky.
Min Temp	14.8°	16.0°	
Humidity	59%	71%	
Rainfall	Nil	Nil	

#### BOOKING

Acharya Vihar-Dayal Agency-9437135727, A.P. Tours and Travel, Maitri Vihar, C.S. Pur-9861301598, Aurobindo Market-Sai Audio & Electronics-9438304668, Airport Road-Sai Baba Variety Store-9090071530, Anish Infotech-Tankapani Road-9861341488

Bapuji Nagar- Dreamland Studio- 9777517314, Baramunda Rental Colony-Maa Ramchandi Communication-9658821469, Baramunda Housing Board Colony-Pappu Variety Store-9040500106, Cuttack Road-Alishan Snacks-8984236754, District Center (Chandrasekharpur)-Sai Google Mart-9776056507, Forest Park-DTDC Couriers & Services (HB Services)-7381024156, IRC Village-Bapi Xerox-9090090404, Gift Hut(Antriksh Gifts & Decors Pvt. Ltd.)-9954781084, Pruthvi Medicine-9853314816, Janpath-Krupajal Book Store-7978646669, Jaydev Vihar-AK Enterprises-7978116618, Subam Sai Books Store-8895550649, Swain Graphics- 9337121249, Jagannath Mobile Point- Janpath Road, Ram Mandir- 9938475415, Kanan Vihar-Auro Electronics-8260697560, Khandagiri- Swosti Mobile Centre- 7992914045, World Solution- 9938317559, KIIT Road-Jugad Jn-9338545031, Laxmi Sagar-Aditya Mobile-9438191836, Lewis Road-Spider Web-7809186415, Metro Satellite City-Arogya Mitra Medicine Store-9853621640, Madhusudan Nagar-Mohapatra Communication-9124446664, Maa Santoshi travels- Gajapati Nagar- 9777675867, Nayapalli- The Cake Room- 7873660137, Near Mayfair Lagoon-Cookieman-9439491273, Nigamananda Omm Sai Travels-9668284823, Nr Cosmopolis Main Gate- Shreeram Medical Store- 8763711714, Net Square- Niladri Vihar (C.S. Pur)- 7205634821, Priyadarshini Market-Astro Point-9938134346, R.N. General Store-Nilakantha Nagar-9438642501, Sahid Nagar- Maa Communication- 9437353424, Sahini General Store- Near Patia Railway Station, Mahavir Vihar- 9937586626, Satya Nagar-Baishnavi Mixture & Sweets-7894821764, Samantapur- Download Point-7504557743, Sailashree Vihar-Harsha Book Store-8093449515, Saheed Nagar-Jagannath Graphics-7978652670, Photo World-7978468191, Sainath Photo Studio-8984436129, Shanti & Co-9937071063, Siripur-Omm Maa Sarala Communication-9777682449, Sushree fashion-Jagmara-9938714347, Shree Vision- Sailashree Vihar-9861476678, Unit-3-LIC of India Premium Point-9337787080, Unit-7- LIC Premium Point- 9338227422, VSS Nagar-Friends Cake & Bake-8658200930, Jeet Infoworld-7205195782, XIMB Square-LD Books-9658061373.

# Climate change threatens Barunei Island in Kendrapara

Kendrapara, Nov 10: The centuries-old shrine of Goddess Maa Barunei, nestled on Barunei Island within Bhitarkanika National Park, is under threat from rising seas and climate change, locals and researchers say.

Once a revered but remote pilgrimage site, the shrine has become increasingly inaccessible due to shrinking landmass and severe coastal erosion. Locals fear the island could meet the same fate as Agaranashi, a nearby coastal site submerged in 2023.

Accessible only by water, the shrine lies at the confluence of the Rajnagar and Mahakalapara blocks in Kendrapara district, surrounded by Barunei beach and dense mangrove forest. To the north are the Olive Ridley turtle nesting grounds at Gahirmatha and the saltwater crocodile breeding center at Dangamal. To the south lie the Batighar lighthouse and Hukitola Island.

The Barunei estuary where the Hansua distributary of the Brahmani riv-



er meets the Bay of Bengal, ist Hemanta Kumar Rout, forms the natural setting and Prabhuprasad Moof the temple. Historical hapatra note that several ly, Maa Baruneiswari was texts refer to the goddess worshipped in a thatched as "Gadachandi." They say the deity was believed to shrine, now replaced by a cement platform. Forest have protected the Kanika officials revere her as the naval fleet, which defeated guardian deity of the rethe Nawabs of Cuttack in the 18th century. Over the past 150 years, In the 16th century, the

nearly 150 square kilometers of Barunei Island have been lost to the sea. The island's current area is estimated at just 50 square kilometers, down from 200 square kilometers in 1870. Researchers including

Dr Sarbeswar Sena, Dr PN Gourang, Prof Kshitish Kumar Singh, environmentaltury, the region included a coastal territory called Kaladwip, home to a natural harbour and an armoury guarded by Maa Barunei. This fact is supported in various books, including those by Jagabandhu Singh and Tatreib, while Saraswati Damodar has also mentioned about it in the book 'Bhania Kanika'.

historians alike.

1998 and designated a Ramsar Site — an internationally recognized wetland — in 2002. Researchers have suggested that facilities such as a ferry terminal, information center, rest house, tourism. They added that such development would bring both the natural and historical heritage of Barunei into public view.

They also emphasized the urgent need to restore mangrove forests to protect the coast from further

Rudrabhishek of

**Sansad Khel Mahotsav** 

to begin November 16

Mahotsav is all set to kick off from

November 16, Additional District

Magistrate (ADM) Pramod Kumar

Prusty alongside ADM Sunil Kumai Kerketa and District Sports Officer

Santosh Kumar Mishra informed,

will be divided into two categories

participants shall comprise partici

category will have participants

girls. Various sports are set to be organised during the period of

November 16 to 30, ADM Prusty fur-

ther said that the motive of these

games is to encourage the youth.

while addressing a press confer-

Chhatrapur: Sansad Khel

Despite this rich history. the shrine remains largely unknown to the public and

Bhitarkanika was declared a national park in and battery-operated boats for visitors to the Barunei Island ghat could boost

### Koraput JNV students walk 6 km to report grievances to Collector



IN FULL SWING: A female athlete takes part in the shot put event during the block-level Sansad Khel Mahotsav at VSS Stadium ir

Koraput, Nov 10: Discontent among students over teaching quality surfaced at the PM Shri Jawahar Navodaya Vidyalaya (JNV) in Koraput Monday as scores of students marched 6 km along National Highway 26 to the District Collector's office to voice their grievances.

The students alleged that their history teacher was not teaching effectively and that they could not understand the lessons. Despite repeatedly informing the school authorities about the issue and other problems since August, no action was takto approach the district administration directly.

More than 100 students, accompanied by the principal, walked from the school to the Collectorate. Sub-Collector Premalal Hial and SDPO Sanjay Kumar Mandal met them and attempted to mediate between the students and the school authorities. However, the students insisted that they would not leave until they spoke with the

District Collector. In the Collector's absence, Additional District Collector Bhaktabandhu Janardhan Dalei met the students and heard their complaints regarding the teacher's methods, as well as other issues at the school.

After reviewing the matter, Dalei assured the students that the concerned teacher would be imme diately relieved from duty and a permanent replace ment would be appointed soon. Until then, two gov ernment officials would visit the school regularly to assist with classes and en

sure smooth functioning. Following this assurance, the students agreed to return to the school The administration ar ranged a bus to transport them back safely.

#### S. E. RAILWAY – TENDER

Tender No. BR-HQ-KGP-25-26-07, date 07.11.2025. e-Tender is invited by General Manager (Engg.), S.E.Railway, Garder Reach, Kolkata-700043 for and on behal of the President of India for the followin 'Kharagpur Division–Regirdering of bridge for running of 25T Axle loaded freight train: @ 100 Kmph in (a) Bridge no. 4A0 (2x6.10m+1x30.5m) & 7AC (1x30.5m) ii between station Santragachi-Andu Bankranayabaz (b) Bridge no. 3AC (1x18.3m) and 2A (1x18.3m) in between station Santragachi-Andul-Bankranayaba (1x30.5m) in between station Galudih Ghatsila (d) Bridge No. 66 UP (1x30.5m and 66 DN (1x30.5m) in between statio Dhalbhumgarh-Ghatsila (e) Bridge No. 51 UP (7x30.5m) in between station Kulgachia Bagnan (f) Bridge no. 263 UP (4x18.3m-2x45.7m) in between station Haldipada Balasore (g) Bridge No. 215 DN (1x18.3m Raighat -Jaleswar (h) Bridge No. 215U 1x18.3m+11x45.7m+1x18.3m) in between station Jaleswar-Rajohat," Tender Value ₹ 279,57,39,480.46. Earnest Money: 1 00 00 000/- Tender Document Cost Nil. Tender Closing Date & Time

22.12.2025, 11.30 hrs. Period of

Completion: 30 (Thirty) Months. Interested

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#### ST COAST RAILWA **INDICATIVE NOTICE**

RE-ENGAGEMENT OF RETIRED PHYSIOTHERAPIST IN MEDICAL DEPARTMENT AT DIVISIONAL RAILWAY HOSPITAL

available in East Coast Railways website on the following Path: www.eastcoastrail.indianrailways.gov.in About us Division Sambalpur Division Recruitment Re-Engagement of Retired Railway Employees.

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### SAMBALPUR DIVISION, EAST COAST RAILWAY The detailed Notification No. DRM(P)/SBP/Staff/Med/

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#### **Ministry of Civil Aviation Government of India** Rajiv Gandhi Bhawan, New Delhi

Advertisement for the post of Member of the Airports Economic Regulatory Authority of India (AERA)

Extension of last date for submission of Application This is with reference to the advertisement published on 30th September 2025

inviting applications for selection to the post of Member, Airports Economic Regulatory Authority (AERA), a statutory body under the administrative control of the Ministry of Civil Aviation, Government of India.

2. Last date for submission of application, in the prescribed format and complete in all respects, is hereby extended till 24.11.2025. All other conditions shall remain unchanged. The details of age limit, Essential Qualification and Experience etc. along with prescribed format for application are available on the website of the Ministry of Civil Aviation at www.civilaviation.gov.in and Airports Economic Regulatory Authority of India at www.aera.gov.in. Sd./- (Rubina Ali)

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Joint Secretary

#### Odia girl adopted by US Woman gives birth two couple alleges torture

Appeals to Odisha CM for rescue The matter came

PNN AND AGENCIES

Balasore, Nov 10: An Odia-born girl adopted by an American couple has alleged severe physical and mental torture in the United States and has made an emotional plea to Odisha Chief Minister Mohan Charan Majhi for her immediate return to the state.

The young woman, identified as Puja alias Sejal from Balasore, claimed she has been enduring constant abuse at the hands of her adoptive mother in the



"I have no freedom. I am hardly allowed to go out. I'm deprived of proper food, rest, and sleep, yet forced to do all the household chores," Puja alleged in a tearful video message.

her visa expired in 2023, leaving her stranded in the U.S. without legal documents.

In the video, Puja said

She further claimed that her adoptive mother

to light after Puja shared her ordeal with her former orphanage mate **Amar Das through** social media

has been pressuring her to convert to another faith.

"I am tortured a lot here. I want to return to Odisha as soon as possible and sincerely request the Chief Minister to help me," she pleaded.

The matter came to light after Puja shared her ordeal with her former orphanage mate Amar Das through social media.

Amar subsequently brought the issue to the attention of authorities by submitting a memorandum to the district collector, addressed to the Chief Minister, seeking urgent intervention to rescue Puja.

According to reports, Puia had been staying in a Childline shelter home before being adopted by a U.S. couple in 2018.

Prior to that, she was rescued as a child after going missing during a train journey. She initially stayed at a girls' shelter in Nilagiri and later moved to a children's home in Naharkanta, Bhubaneswar, where she continued her education until her adoption.

Puja now says what once seemed like a dream opportunity has turned into a nightmare.

#### hours after husband's death in road accident

Kanika coast had a distinct

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and the northern sandbars

as Kanika Island. Scholar

Radha Charan Panda wrote

in "Utkal Sahitva" that be-

fore the Bhanja dynasty's

conquest in the 12th cen-

POST NEWS NETWORK

Sambalpur, Nov 10: In a heartbreaking turn of events, a woman in Sambalpur district gave birth to a baby girl just two hours after her husband died in a road accident. The tragedy occurred in the Naktideul area under Rairakhol subdivision.

According to sources, 26-year-old Sangeeta Dehuri of Jharbeda village under Sahebi gram panchayat was married to 30-year-old Manoi Maihi of Pipilikhani village in January 2025. Pregnant and living at her parents' home for the past three months, Sangeeta was admitted to the Nakati Deula community health centre November 7 night after experiencing labour pains.

Upon hearing the news, Manoj and his mother Manju Majhi travelled from Pipilikani to the hospital to be with her. After visiting Sangeeta, they set off for home on their motorcycle Sunday evening. However, a vehicle coming from the opposite direction collided with their bike near the Model School Square in Rairakhol, killing both Manoj and

his mother on the spot. Around 7pm, Manoj's death was confirmed. Barely two and a half hours later, at about 9:30pm, Sangeeta delivered a baby girl. The double tragedy has left both families devastated. Villagers described the incident as a "cruel play of fate," mourning the loss while praying for the newborn's wellbeing. Police have launched an investigation into the accident.

to monitor and protect the

birds. Painted storks have

Somnath Jyotirlinga held at Dhenkanal palace



POST NEWS NETWORK

Dhenkanal, Nov 10: The Rudrabhishek of Lord Somnath Jyotirlinga was performed at the Dhenkanal Palace Monday evening.

As advised by spiritual leader Sri Sri Ravi Shankar, the ceremony was organized in Odisha for the first time at the palace, replicating the ritual of the revered Somnath temple in Gujarat. According to Crown Prince Amarjyoti Singhdeo, a similar event will

next be held in Puri. Priests from the Department of Vedic Science, Sri Sri Vishva Vidyalaya, Naraaj, conducted the sacred rituals. A large number of devotees gathered to witness the darshan of the Jyotirlinga, filling the palace grounds with chants and creating a deeply spiritual atmosphere.

Among those present were former Union Minister Raja Kamakhya Prasad Singhdeo, Rani Savitri Devi, retired Air Force officer B.S. Singhdeo, Crown Prince Amarjyoti Singhdeo, Crown Princess Mrinal Kumari. Municipality Chairperson Jayanti Patra, and former minister Naveen Chandra Narayan Das.

Dhenkanal Collector Ashish Ishwar Patil, SP Abhinav Sonkar, DFO Sumit Kumar Kar, social worker Gangadhar Samal, and retired administrative officer Tapan Kumar Satapathy also attended the event. Trainers and members of the Art of Living Dhenkanal chapter participated in the ceremony.

### Painted Storks grace Gahirmatha shores

POST NEWS NETWORK

Mahakalapara, Nov 10: With the onset of winter, the picturesque mangrove forests of Gahirmatha Marine Sanctuary in Kendrapara district have once again become a haven for migratory birds, particularly painted storks. The serene estuarine ecosystem, dotted with salt-tolerant hental trees, has turned into a vibrant breeding and feeding ground for both native and foreign bird species.

Following the recent Montha cyclone, large flocks of painted storks were spotted Monday near the Tanda forest, the fringes of the hental mangroves.



and along the adjoining grove cover, finding the creeks. Known for their area secure from human pink plumage and blackdisturbance. and-white tails, these birds Forest department staff established base feed on small fish, snails, crabs, and aquatic insects. camps across Gahirmatha

They nest and rear their

young within the man-

la Reserve Forest, Sasanpe ta Forest, Launch Ghola Island, Shola estuary, and nearby sandy stretches. Environmentalists Samarendra Mahali,

also been sighted at Hukito-

Biranchi Narayan Das, Laxmidhara Swain, and Gautam Gayan noted that the birds prefer the mangrove-rich zones of Kansaradia, Heta Mundia, Bhitar Kharinasi, Jamboo, and Kantilo for nesting due to their safety.

Gahirmatha Range Officer Kapilendra Pradhan said strict surveillance has been put in place and urged vigilance against local bird hunters who use poison traps as migratory activity increases.

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THE MOTHER



### **President Groped**

isogyny and sexual assault on women have become a deeply ingrained male perversion across the globe. Neither the so-called developed nor developing countries are immune to this vice which does not seem to accept geographical frontiers. But when the body of the highest functionary of a country – a President – is subjected to similar violation in full public view, it means something is terribly wrong in the male psyche that centuries of education and refinement have failed to redress. No wonder the recent sexual assault on Claudia Sheinbaum, President of Mexico, has caused outrage domestically and internationally. A drunken man tried to kiss her neck and grabbed her chest from behind as she spoke to citizens in the capital's streets while making a shortcut to a ministry building. The horrendous crime was captured on camera and the picture went viral as proof that no woman is safe. The fact that even the most powerful person of a country was not spared by a man who felt entitled to grope her in public shows how deep rooted the malaise is. The remark of Sheinbaum herself said it all when she wondered, "If they do this to the President, then what will happen to all the young women in our country?"

One in five girls and women in Mexico said they had experienced sexual violence in some form or the other. In fact, Sheinbaum, like others. had noted before such a state of affairs, but is unable to curb the menace. Now she has herself become a victim. The irony is that as Mayor of Mexico City in the past she had referred to demonstrations by feminists against gender-based violence as "provocations" and indirectly endorsed police crackdown on the women protesters. The violation of her own body seems to have woken her up so much that she immediately termed it a criminal act. The offender was arrested and criminal proceedings have started.

The Opposition in Mexico tried to give an unwarranted political spin to the reprehensible act while misogyny continues to shape political life across Latin America. This has prompted several countries in the continent to take positive, legislative measures for gender equality. Over the past two decades, the region has implemented some of the world's most ambitious gender-parity laws. Countries including Mexico, Costa Rica and Argentina have introduced sweeping legislative reforms. May be for this reason, Latin America consistently ranks among the regions with the highest proportions of women in national legislatures. The region has also produced several high-profile female heads of state. In addition to Sheinbaum of Mexico, there has been Michelle Bachelet in Chile, Cristina Fernandez de Kirchner in Argentina and Dilma Rousseff in Brazil. There could have been one more addition to the list - this year's Nobel Peace laureate, Maria Corina Machado – who might have been President of Venezuela had the elections gone in a different way in that country.

Yet, these advances have not prevented virulent misogynistic backlash as the presence of women in power seems to be a grave threat to male domination in political life. Feminist scholars describe this phenomenon as "gendered political violence" which is not confined to physical assault alone. It also manifests in smear campaigns, sexualised caricature, digital harassment and threats targeting both female politicians and their families. It is still fresh in public memory how US President Donald Trump betrayed his misogyny when he used a plethora of epithets during his presidential campaign to attack his opponent Kamala Harris. In India however political leaders and parties seem very keen to extend sops to women voters as they seem more dependable as a support base

Sheinbaum's encounter illustrates this tendency with unusual clarity. The groping was not merely an act of individual misconduct but a symbolic assertion of power over a woman whose very position challenges longstanding gendered expectations. Research conducted in Quito (Ecuador), Buenos Aires (Argentina) and Santiago (Chile) indicates that street harassment is a pervasive facet of everyday life for women in the region's cities. If such a comparative study could be conducted in India, results may expose a far worse situation prevailing here. The study might show that in India it is not only groping but also terrible violence on the victim becomes a corollary. India too needs to revisit its laws, actions and inactions on violence against women post haste

#### **WISDOM CORNER**

There is nothing noble in being superior to your fellow men. True nobility lies in being superior to your former self.

Pop changes week to week, month to month. But great music is like literature.

The image is one thing and the human being is another. It's very hard to live up to an image, put it that way.

ELVIS PRESLEY

#### THIS DAY **IN HISTORY**

- 1813: British troops under Colonel J.W. Morrison defeated U.S. forces led by General John Boyd at the Battle of Crysler's Farm during the War of 1812.
- 1918: At 5:00 am on this day in 1918, the Allied powers and Germany signed an armistice document in the railway carriage of Ferdinand Foch, the commander of the Allied armies, and six hours later World War I came
- **1966:** Gemini 12, the last spacecraft in the Gemini series and the first to make an automatically controlled reentry into Earth's atmosphere, was
- 1992: The Church of England voted to ordain women as priests; the first ordination took place two years later.

#### STOP BEING LATE TO WORK

om had this problem of getting up late in the morning and was always late for work. No wonder. his boss was mad at him more often than not and threatened to fire him if he didn't do something about it. Left with no choice. Tom went to his doctor who gave him a pill and told him to take it before he went to bed. Tom slept well and in



by almost two hours. He had a leisurely breakfast and drove cheerfully to work. "Boss", he said, "The pill actually worked!"

"That's all fine" said the boss, " But where were you yesterday?'

FOCUS INVESTMENT

### BIFURCATED SIGNAL

of gold and US stocks, especially tech-heavy indices, recently hitting record highs around the same time? Traditionally, gold surges when equities correct; but this time, both have risen together, defying conventional wisdom. Faced with what look like increasingly frothy pric $es, analysts \, and \, commentators \,$ are wondering which asset is more overvalued.

But short-term considerations aside, the simultaneous rise in gold and AI-themed tech stocks may signal something deeper, opening a window onto our economic future and revealing something that economists, policymakers, and investors should not ignore. The prevailing outlook steady GDP growth around 2% per year, with the inflation rate heading toward 2%, as projected by the Federal Reserve and others - does not align with a dual ascent for gold and stocks. Instead, the market is beginning to contemplate a future that is more complex.

As I show in the bookComing Into View: How AI and Other Megatrends Will Shape Your Investments, the odds of non-consensus outcomes for the US economy exceed 80% over the next five years. This high probability reflects the growing tug-of-war between the transformative potential of AI and the structural drag of mounting fiscal deficits. My research, based on 130 years of new data, points to a bifurcated economic diagnosis (one that is consistent with the rise in both gold and US stocks). Not only do two likely paths emerge, but neither is what most economists may expect.

The most likely outcome is an "AI-wins" scenario, where AI-enabled technology be-



If AI continues to transform the economy, investors might consider allocating more of their stock holdings outside Silicon Valley. In every technology cycle, the firms producing the new technology do initially outperform; but as the technology spreads, it is non-tech companies that benefit

comes a general-purpose force akin to the personal computer or the internet, lifting real (inflation-adjusted) GDP growth past 3% by 2030, and driving corporate earnings higher. The US equity market is increasingly anticipating this future, and many investors are fearful of missing out on what could be a once-in-a-generation opportunity.

Alternatively, in a more pessimistic "deficits-dominate" scenario, AI under-delivers, and the weight of fiscal imbalances - exacerbated by societal aging and geopolitical tensions - keeps interest rates high and drags down growth. Owing to gold's historical role as a store of value in times of monetary stress, many see it as a hedge for a future in which US economic exceptionalism wanes

If the economic outlook is as bifurcated as I suggest, how should investors position themselves for the next several years, given the push-pull

between productivity-driven optimism and debt-driven caution? Would a mix of gold and US tech stocks best balance these risks over the next 3-5 years? My research says no. Instead, if we start thinking about the second half of the chess board, we find more compelling investment opportunities.

If AI continues to transform the economy (as in the AI-wins scenario), investors might consider allocating more of their stock holdings outside Silicon Valley. In every technology cycle, the firms producing the new technology do initially outperform (sometimes by fantastic or even "irrational" levels); but as the technology spreads, it is non-tech companies that benefit.

That is what happened with manufacturers and service companies during the age of electricity. Similarly, in the age of AI, health care or financial companies could hold the most transformational potenstock outperformance, with the best returns shifting from technology stocks to other sectors. My research finds that much of the value premium shows up during the diffusion of general-purpose technologies.

The more pessimistic scenario also has an under-appreciated dynamic: gold may not be the optimal investment that many think it is. Our work shows the Fed most likely will fight to keep inflation at bay. As in the mid-1980s, higher short-term interest rates will help to offset (at least partly) the disappointment of a tepid equity market. In this world, gold would underperform. Even if AI disappoints, the Fed's inflation-fighting mandate is the Achilles' heel for gold buyers, but a boon for bond investors in an otherwise challenging investing environment. Here, again, non-US stocks and non-tech stocks could soften some of the blow.

In quantum mechanics, there is a concept known as superposition: a state in which an object can exist in multiple places simultaneously. Our economic future is following a similar pattern. The co-movement of gold and equities seems to defy conventional wisdom, but that is because the economic outlook is unconventional, too. It is easy to dismiss this dual rise, given apparent froth and momentum in the financial markets today. But it is sending a signal that economists, policymakers, and investors should heed: one way or another, structural economic change is coming.

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Joseph H Davis

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#### **GEOPOLITICS**

### Europe between Trump and Putin



Bruno Surdel

**FROM NEW DELHI'S** PERSPECTIVE, **EUROPE'S** CONTEST **OVER RUSSIA DIPLOMACY CARRIES SEVERAL LESSONS AND POTENTIAL** LEVERAGE POINTS

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vurope in 2025 has faced a complex puzzle: how to maintain pressure on Moscow while responding to unpredictable US-Russia diplomacy under President Donald Trump. Recall, the highstakes Trump-Putin summit in Anchorage in mid-August, framed as a reset but yielding little clarity, had left EU capitals watching anxiously. Since then, the American tone towards Moscow has fluctuated between pressure and rapprochement, unsettling allies who fear that engagement may look like appeasement.

Now the US has cancelled the planned Trump-Putin summit in Budapest after Russia's firm stance on Ukraine. The American President says he's not going to meet Putin unless a peace deal is near.

On 15 August 2025, Trump and Putin held a high-stakes summit in Alaska. The meeting was billed as a chance to break the impasse over Ukraine. But the result was ambiguous: Putin insisted Crimea stay Russian and demanded guarantees or neutral status for Ukraine.

European analysts greeted the summit with caution. Some saw it as President Trump attempting to reset

American engagement with Russia on his terms. Others worried that Moscow could exploit a US-Russia detente to divide Europe. Importantly, the summit served as a signal: Trump's transactional diplomacy, in which deals are shaped quickly and opportunistically. Some in Europe fret that Putin may court the US to reduce Western sanctions pressure, thereby peeling away European leverage.

In response to new US-Russia engagement, Europe has been pursuing a multi-track line: retain maximum sanctions pressure, strengthen its own defence posture, and seek to preserve diplomatic space.

Beginning of October, the European Parliament passed a call for a "unified EU response" to Russian provocations, including further sanctions and counter-measures to hybrid warfare at the borders of the Union.

Germany, France, and Italy have urged greater caution. emphasizing that engagements with Russia, direct or mediated through third parties, should not undermine unity or be exploited by Moscow. Poland, given its proximity to Russia and Belarus, is among the hardest hit when the strategic equilibrium wobbles. In 2025, Warsaw has insisted that Europe must not allow US-Russia talks to erode the position of Ukraine or dilute collective sanctions.

Warsaw has also accused Moscow of hybrid tactics—using drones, cyberattacks and clandestine sabotage—to probe NATO's resolve. Indeed, the early September 2025 Russian drone incursion into Poland (19 to 23 drones crossing into Polish airspace) heightened Warsaw's fears that the Kremlin is testing thresholds. Poland invoked Article 4 of NATO and pressed for rapid air policing support.

Īn parallel, Warsaw has rejected narratives that it obstructs EU unity on Russia.

Domestically, Warsaw has moved to strengthen its internal resilience: bolstering counterintelligence, passing laws to intercept drone incursions, and closing sections of its border with Belarus after drone routes were traced through Belarusian airspace. That closure disrupted rail traffic, including China-EU freight, underscoring how Poland acts when it believes the threat is imminent.

From New Delhi's perspective, Europe's contest over Russia diplomacy carries several lessons and potential leverage

First, Europe's determination to maintain sanctions and deterrence sometimes despite US diplomacy shows that soft power and economic tools matter. India, too, must consider how trade, finance and norms can be part of strategic posture. Second, Polish insistence both on the strategic alliance with Washington and the European capabilities offers a model: Warsaw does not depend entirely on US grand bargains but builds capacity and voice within multilateral systems. Third, in times when superpowers negotiate, regional actors become critical—Europe is pushing its own agenda even as at times President Trump courts Putin. India, in Asia's relations with

aim to be that agenda shaper. In the end, President Trump's preference for deals over principles serves as a reminder to democracies everywhere. Poland's stance in this regard remains firm and articulate, both a warning and an example in a world where diplomacy itself can be rewritten overnight.

China and other powers, should

#### More power to Pak

Sir, Pakistan's 27th Constitutional Amendment marks a turning point in its civil-military equation, placing all armed forces under one powerful command. The legislation elevates General Asim Munir to the newly created post of Chief of Defence Forces (CDF), merging it with his role as Army Chief. It also abolishes the Chairman, Joint Chiefs of Staff Committee, and revises Article 243, granting unified authority over the Army, Navy, and Air Force. Supporters call it a move for efficiency, but critics warn it dangerously concentrates power, weakens civilian oversight, and deepens military dominance. For India, it signals a more assertive Pakistan and possible escalation risks. India should enhance intelligence, refine deterrence strategy, strengthen regional cooperation, and advocate democratic stability to counter potential militarisation

and maintain peace in the subcontinent.

**RS Narula, PATIALA** 

#### Right choice

Sir, The capacity to learn is a gift, the ability to learn is a skill, but the willingness to learn is a choice. Empowering people and fostering peace through 'education and learning' cannot be overstressed. National Education Day is observed in India on November 11 to honour the scholar and freedom fighter Maulana Abul Kalam Azad, who was also the first education minister of independent India, on his birth anniversary. Though it is commonly said that education is a defining moment in shaping a person's life, opportunities should beckon youngsters to make the right choice.

Ganapathi Bhat, AKOLA

#### Foundation of learning

Sir, The rising cases of stress, anxiety, and even suicides among students highlight a crisis that goes beyond academics. Our education system measures performance but rarely nurtures emotional resilience. In today's hyper-competitive climate, young people need guidance, empathy, and safe spaces — not just report cards. The University Grants Commission's push for campus counselling centres is welcome, but implementation remains uneven. Every institution, public or private, must ensure trained counsellors, peer-support groups, and awareness sessions on mental health. Education must prepare students for life, not just for exams. Nurturing well-being is not a luxury — it is the foundation of learning

KR Gagan, TUMKUR( KARNATAKA)











### TWO STATES





#### In a first, geothermal pumping test kicks off in Arunachal's Dirang

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Itanagar, Nov 10: An autonomous organisation under the Arunachal government's Department of Science & Technology has initiated the pumping test of the first geothermal production well at Dirang sub-division in West Kameng district.

The aim of the pumping test is to assess the sustainability and productivity of the subsurface geothermal reservoir, ahead with applications such as building-sized heating and cooling systems, and agro-processing utilities, an official said.

Tana Tage, director of the Centre for Earth Sciences & Himalayan Studies (CESHS), said the test marks a transformative step toward clean, renewable and region-specific energy solutions in the Eastern Himalayas.

The Dirang site is already recognised as the region's first geothermal production well, following two years of detailed geochemical and structural surveys across western Arunachal Pradesh.

INDO-ASIAN NEWS SERVICE

Kohima, Nov 10: A research

team from Nagaland University,

the only Central university in

the state, has partnered with an

Assam-based private varsity to

carry out the first comprehensive

scientific study on Goniothalamus

simonsii, an endangered and en-

demic medicinal plant found in

Long used by indigenous com-

munities to treat gastrointesti-

the forests of Meghalaya.

**ANTI-INCUMBENCY VS INCUMBENCY** 

### **Civic polls turn into political test**

Political fronts in Kerala the NDA, LDF, and UDF have intensified preparations for the upcoming local body elections to be held in two phases December 9, 11

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welfare-driven governance.

For the ruling Left Democratic Front (LDF), which controls five of the six corporations and a majority of local bodies, the elections are a bid to reaffirm its political dominance and validate Chief Minister Pinarayi Vijayan's narrative

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tion, typhoid fever, and malaria,

this plant had never before been

studied for its scientific or phar-

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University officials said that the

study provides scientific validation

for the plant's traditional use and

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Using advanced analytical

tools and computational model-

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of continuity and social welfare.

on flagship schemes in housing, health, and infrastructure to proj-

However, both the Congress-led United Democratic Front (UDF) and the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) see an opportunity to tap the anti-incumbency sentiment.

in cooperative institutions, and hospital deaths linked to administrative lapses — portraying the government as fatigued and unaccountable.

The UDF, which has begun its

lost ground after setbacks in 2020 and 2021 Assembly polls.

With KS Sabarinadhan announced as its Thiruvananthapuram mayoral candidate, the Congress is trying to blend youth appeal with a message of moral restoration.

The BJP, meanwhile, aims to consolidate its limited but visible urban base, fielding high-profile entrants like former DGP R Sreelekha and Asian Games medallist Padmini Thomas, even as it faces friction with ally Bharath Dharma Jana Se na (BDJS) over seat-sharing.

Political observers see the civic polls as the semi-final to the 2026 Assembly elections, likely to indicate voter sentiment across the State's urban and rural divides.

According to the State Election Commission (SEC), polling will be held across 1,199 local bodies - including 941 grama panchayats, 152 block panchayats, 14 district pan chayats, 86 municipalities, and six corporations — with counting December 13.

#### Youngest Mayor Arya Rajendran bids emotional farewell

Thiruvananthapuram: Arya Rajendran, one of India's youngest Mayors, bid an emotional farewell as she vacated the Thiruvananthapuram Corporation chair on Monday following the announcement of local body elections by the State Election Commission. In a Facebook post, the CPI(M) leader reflected on her journey from a young student activist to becoming the Mayor of Kerala's capital city at the age of 21 in 2020. "When a 21-yearold girl from a leaking rented house became the Mayor of this great city, history will remember that it was only a party of ordinary people and workers that could make such a decision. I will continue to remain active among the people, fulfilling my organisational responsibilities," she wrote. Calling the past five years transformative, Rajendran said she would never forget the support of people who stood by her and her party amid "false propaganda, personal attacks, and baseless rumours.





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Bhubaneswar - 751 001

Subject: Diversion of 4.519 ha of forest land for construction of proposed Rail Corridor in village Kadei unde Tangi Choudwar Tahasil of Cuttack District in Cuttack Forest Division by M/s. My Home Industries

I am directed to refer to State Govt. letter No.FE-DIV-FLD-0106-2023-25213/FE&CC dated 05.12.2023 No.26151/FE&CC dated 30.12.2024, No.2072/FE&CC dated 21.01.2025 and Online Proposal No.FP/OR RAIL/438606/2023, wherein prior approval of the Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change for non forestry use of 4.519 ha of forest land for construction of proposed Rail Corridor in village Kadei under Tang Choudwar Tahasil of Cuttack District in Cuttack Forest Division by M/s My Home Industries Pvt. Ltd., wa sought in accordance with Section-2 (1)(ii) of the Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980 After due consideration of the proposal by the Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change, the in principle approval for diversion of the said forest land was accorded by Ministry vide this office letter of ever number dated 24.01.2025, subject to fulfillment of certain conditions. The State Government has furnished grant final approval of the proposal.

In this connection, I am directed to say that on the basis of the compliance report furnished by the Add PCCF & Nodal Officer (FCA), Odisha vide their letter No.19249/9F (Rail)-391/2023 dated 15.09.2025 and submission of the compliance report by the State Govt. in Parivesh web portal on 26.09.2025, Stage-II/fina approval of the Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change is hereby granted under Section 2 (1)(ii of the Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980 for non-forestry use of 4.519 ha of forest land for construction of proposed Rail Corridor in village Kadei under Tangi Choudwar Tahasil of Cuttack Distric in Cuttack Forest Division by M/s My Home Industries Pyt. Ltd., subject to the fulfillment of the following

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The State Govt. shall ensure that the legal status of diverted forest land shall remain unchanged. The State Govt. shall ensure that the user agency shall pay the additional amount of NPV, if so determined, as per the final decision of the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India.

The State Govt. should ensure that the non-forest land proposed for CA shall be notified as PF under Section 29 of the IFA, 1927 or local Act before handing over of the diverted forest land to the user agency and after notification of such non-forest land, the Nodal Officer, Odisha shall upload copy of said notification on the PARIVESH portal. The State Govt. shall ensure the compliance on FRA, 2006 as per Van (Sanrakshan Evan

Samvardhan) Rules and guidelines issued from time to time before handing over of the diverted forest land to user agency.

The State Govt. shall ensure that the KML files of the area to be diverted, CA and Addl. CA areas

shall be uploaded on the e-Green watch portal with all requisite details before handing over of the diverted forest land to the user agency. he State Govt. shall ensure that the boundary of the diverted forest land shall be demarcated

on ground at the project cost, by erecting four feet high reinforced cement concrete pillars, each inscribed with its serial number, distance from pillar to pillar and GPS co-ordinates The State Govt. shall ensure that the State Forest Department will raise compensatory afforestation over 4.654 ha identified in village Chhotapadagon under Tangi Choudwar Tahasil of Cuttack Distric

under Cuttack Forest Division within two years from the date of Stage-II Clearance and maintained thereafter by the State Forest Department as per approved plan/scheme and maintained thereafter at the cost of user agency. The State Govt. shall ensure that the State Forest Department will raise additional compensatory afforestation over 5.2 ha of degraded forest land identified in Kaliamba PRF of Dalijoda Range

thereafter by the State Forest Department as per approved plan/scheme and maintained thereafte at the cost of user agency.

The State Govt. shall ensure that the species to be planted in the CA and Addl. CA scheme shall be of native species of the area. At least 18 month old seedlings should be planted. Intensive monitoring

under Cuttack Forest Division within two years from the date of Stage-II Clearance and maintained

of the plantation needs to be done and documented using Geo tagging so that the increase of canopy density and survival and growth of plantation can be evaluated at regular intervals. The State Govt. shall ensure that State Forest Department shall implement the Site Specific Wildlife

Conservation Plan duly approved by Chief Wildlife Warden, Odisha the project cost. The State Govt. shall ensure controlled speed limit of 20 Km/Hr, if the trains passing through the forest portion to enable the trains drivers to react to the sudden appearance of the wild animals or

the track. As and when required speed of train shall be regulated in consultation with CWLW of the State Govt. There should be regular communication with the local forest department to know th The State Govt. and User Agency shall ensure that speed regulating signage will be erected along

the railway line at regular intervals in Protected Areas/Forest Areas. The State Govt. and the User Agency shall ensure that the designing of new culverts/bridges, if any

over the natural streams/ rivers/canals should be done in such a manner that it does not hamper the natural course of water, does not give rise to water-logging, so that it does not hamper movemer

The State Govt. and the User Agency shall ensure that the reclamation of quarry, if any, should be done under the supervision of the State Forest Department. The quarry shall be reclaimed and

afforested completely before the project is closed.

The State Govt. shall ensure that the user agency shall take up Avenue Plantation on either side of

alignment of the track at its own cost in consultation with the DFO. The State Govt. shall ensure that the user agency shall explore the possibility of successfu transplantation of maximum number of trees identified to be felled and shall ensure that any tree

felling shall be done only when it is unavoidable and that too under strict supervision of the State

The State Govt, shall ensure that the period of diversion under this approval shall be co-terminus with the period of lease granted in favour of user agency or the project life, whichever is less. The State Govt. shall ensure that no labour camp shall be established on the forest land and the

user agency shall provide fuels preferably alternate fuels to the labourers and staff working at the

site so as to avoid any damage and pressure on the nearby forest areas. The State Govt. and user agency shall ensure that while executing works, the user agency shall not fell any tree or damage forest growth in the surrounding forest area in any manner.

The State Govt. and user agency shall ensure that earth or any material shall neither be brought from nor the debris resulting during construction be disposed of in the adjoining forest area by the

user agency.

The State Govt, and user agency shall ensure that the layout plan of the proposal shall not be changed without prior approval of the Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change.

The State Govt. shall ensure that the forest land shall not be used for any purpose other than that

specified in the proposal and under no circumstances be transferred to any other user agency,

department or person without prior approval of the Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate The State Govt. shall ensure that no damage to the flora and fauna of the adjoining area shall be

caused The State Govt, shall ensure that the DFO concerned will monitor and take necessary mitigative

measures to ensure that there is no adverse impact on the forests in surrounding area.

The State Govt. shall ensure that the user agency shall submit annual self monitoring report on

compliance of stipulated conditions to the Nodal Officer (FCA) of the State and Integrated Regional

Office of this Ministry by the end of March every year regularly.

The State Govt. shall ensure that any other conditions that the Ministry of Environment, Forests & Climate Change may impose from time to time in the interest of afforestation, conservation and

management of flora and fauna in the area, which shall be complied by the user agency. The State Govt. and user agency shall ensure compliance to provisions of the all Acts, Rules, Regulations, Guidelines, NGT Order (s) & Hon'ble Court Order (s) pertaining to this project, if any

for the time being in force, as applicable to the project. Any other direction issued by the Ministry as a result of Hon'ble Supreme Court order will have

bearing on this approval. Violation of any of these conditions will amount to violation of Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan)

Adhiniyam, 1980 and action would be taken as prescribed in Para 1.16 of Consolidated Guideline and Clarification issued under Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980 and Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Rules, 2023 vide Ministry's letter dated 29.12.2023.

**Specific Conditions** 

The Inspector General of Forests (ROHQ), Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change, Indira Paryavaran Bhawan, Jor Bagh Road, Aliganj, New Delhi – 110003.

The PCCF & Nodal Officer (FCA), Forest Department, Govt. of Odisha, Aranya Bhawan Chandrasekharpur, Bhubaneswar-751023. The Deputy General Manager (Projects), M/s My Home Industries Pvt. Ltd., 9th Floor, Block-3, My Home Hub, Madhapur, Hyderbad-500081, Telangana.

Assistant Commissioner (Forestry)



**MEDICINAL PROPERTIES** 

Thiruvananthapuram, Nov 10: The upcoming Kerala local body elections, to be held in two phases December 9 and 11, are shaping up as a battle between anti-incumbency and incumbency, a test of whether public discontent over controversies will outweigh the Left government's claims of

The government is banking

ect a record of tangible delivery even amid economic constraints.

They have built their campaigns around a string of recent controversies — including the Sabarimala gold theft, allegations of corruption

Nagaland researchers unlock secrets of Meghalaya plant ling, the team demonstrated how natural compounds from this species interact with cancer-related proteins, offering valuable leads

> ture-based therapeutic drugs. The Research was led by Dr Mayur Mausoom Phukan, faculty, Nagaland University, with his

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student Samson Rosly Sangma. Listed as 'Endangered' by the International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN), this remarkable plant now faces an urgent need for focused conservation efforts. Beyond its immediate medicinal implications, this study represents a model for how traditional ethnomedicinal knowledge can be combined with modern biotechnological and computational methods to unlock new possibilities for drug discovery.

It also reflects India's growing emphasis on using indigenous biodiversity as a foundation for affordable, accessible healthcare



Regional Office, Bhubaneswar, Odisha Online Proposal No.: FP/OR/RAIL/438606/2023

Forest, Environment & CC Deptt., Government of Odisha

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subject seeking prior approval of the Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change

under Section 2 of Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980. After due consideration of the proposal of the State Gove Environment, Forest & Climate Change hereby conveys 'Stage-I/in-principle' approval for diversion of 4.519 ha of forest land for construction of proposed Rail Corridor in village

Kadei under Tangi Choudwar Tahasil of Cuttack District in Cuttack Forest Division by M/s My Home Industries Pvt. Ltd., subject to the fulfillment of the following conditions General Conditions Conditions

The legal status of forest land proposed for diversion shall remain unchanged he user agency shall transfer online, the Net Present Value (NPV) of 4.519 ha forest land being diverted under this proposal, as per the Orders of Hon'ble Supreme Court of India dated 28.03.2008, 24.04.2008 and 09.05.2008 in Writ Petition (Civil) No.202/1995 and the guidelines issued by this Ministry vide its letter No.5-3/2011-FC (Vol-I) dated 06.01.2022 and 22.03.2022. The requisite funds shall be transferred through online portal in CAMPA account of the State concerned The non forest land of 4.654 ha identified in village Chhotapadagon under Tangi Choudwar Tahasil of Cuttack District under Cuttack Forest Division for raising compensatory afforestation shall be transferred and mutated in the name of Forest Department and notified as RF/PF prior to Stage-II approval. The user agency shall transfer the cost of raising and maintaining the CA/Addl CA at the current wage rate in consultation with State Forest Department in the

account of CAMPA of the concerned State through online portal. The Scheme may include appropriate provision for anticipated cost increase for works scheduled for Compensatory afforestation shall be raised over 4.654 ha identified in village Chhotapadagon under Tangi Choudwar Tahasil of Cuttack District under Cuttack Forest Division within two years from the date of Stage-II Clearance and

maintained thereafter by the State Forest Department as per approved plan/ scheme and maintained thereafter, at the cost of user agency.

Addl. Compensatory afforestation shall be raised over 5.2 ha of degraded forest land identified in Kaliamba PRF of Dalijoda Range under Cuttack Forest Division within two years from the date of Stage-II Clearance and maintained thereafter by the State Forest Department as per approved plan/scheme and maintained

thereafter, at the cost of user agency The species to be planted in the CA scheme shall be of native species of the area. At least 18 month old seedlings should be planted. Intensive monitoring of the plantation needs to be done and documented using Geo tagging so that the increase of canopy density and survival and growth of plantation can be evaluated

A Site Specific Wildlife Conservation Plan shall be prepared and duly approved by Chief Wildlife Warden, Odisha shall be implemented at project cost. The fund for implementation of Site Specific Wildlife Conservation shall be deposited by the user agency after duly vetted by Regional Office, MoEF&CC, Bhubaneswar. At the time of payment of Net Present Value (NPV) at the then prevailing rate, the user agency shall furnish an undertaking to pay the additional amount of NPV, if so determined, as per the final decision of the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India The KML files of the area to be diverted and the CA areas shall be uploaded on the e-Green watch portal with all requisite details before issuing working permission towards linear projects or submitting compliance report for seeking

Stage-II approval, as the case may be. All the funds received from the user agency under the project shall be transferred/ deposited in CAMPA account only through e-portal (https://parivesh.nic.in/). Amount deposited through other mode will not be accepted as compliance of the

Stage-I clearance. he compliance report of the Stage-I approval shall be uploaded on e-portal https://parivesh.nic.in/). The complete compliance of the FRA, 2006 shall be ensured by way of prescribed

certificate from the concerned District Collector The boundary of the proposed forest land for diversion, shall be demarcated on ground at the project cost, by erecting four feet high reinforced cement concrete pillars, each inscribed with its serial number, distance from pillar to pillar and GPS

The user agency shall obtain Environment Clearance as per the provisions of the Environmental (Protection) Act, 1986, if applicable

Speed regulating signage will be erected along the railway line at regular interval in Protected Areas/Forest Areas.

shall ensure controlled speed limit of 20 Km/Hr, if the trains passing through the forest portion to enable the trains drivers to react to the sudden appearance of the wild animals on the track. As and when required speed of train shall be regulated in consultation with CWLWL of the State Govt. There resence/movement of elephant near the track.

The designing of culverts/bridges, if any over the natural streams/rivers/canal should be done in such a manner that it does not hamper the natural course o water, does not give rise to water logging and also does not hamper move wild animals including elephant. The reclamation of quarry if any should be done under the supervision of the

State Forest Department. The quarry shall be reclaimed and afforested completely before the project is closed. The user agency shall take up Avenue Plantation on either side of alignment of the

track at its own cost in consultation with the DEO

The user agency shall explore the possibility of successful transplantation of maximum number of trees identified to be felled and shall ensure that any tree felling shall be done only when it is unavoidable and that too under stric supervision of the State Forest Department

No labour camp shall be established on the forest land and the user agency shal provide fuels preferably alternate fuels to the labourers and the staff working a the site so as to avoid any damage and pressure on the nearby forest areas. No additional or new path will be constructed inside the forest area for any activity

The user agency while executing works, shall not fell any tree or damage forest growth in the surrounding forest area in any manner.

The layout plan of the proposed forest land shall not be changed without the prior approval of Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change.

The forest land shall not be used for any purpose other than that specified in the proposal The forest land proposed to be diverted shall under no circumstances be transferred to any other user agency, department or person without the prior

approval of Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change

No damage to the flora and fauna of the adjoining area shall be caused.

The concerned Divisional Forest Officer, will monitor and take necessary mitigative measures to ensure that there is no adverse impact on the forests in the surrounding area. The user agency shall submit annual self monitoring report on compliance o

stipulated conditions to the Nodal Officer (FCA) of the State and concerned

Regional Office of this Ministry by the end of March every year.

Any other conditions that the Ministry of Environment, Forests & Climate Change may impose from time to time in the interest of afforestation, conservation and management of flora and fauna in the area, shall be complied by the user agency The State Govt. and user agency shall ensure compliance to provisions of the all Acts, Rules, Regulations, Guidelines, NGT Order (s) & Hon'ble Court Order (s)

pertaining to this project, if any, for the time being in force, as applicable to the Violation of any of these conditions will amount to violation of Van (Sanrakshar Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980 and action would be taken as prescribed in Para 1.16 of Consolidated Guidelines and Clarification issued under Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980 and Van (Sanrakshan Evan

Samvardhan) Rules, 2023 vide Ministry's letter dated 29.12.2023. Specific Conditions

After receipt of the report on compliance to the conditions stipulated above, from th State Government of Odisha, final/Stage-II approval for diversion of the said forest land under Section 2 of Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980 will b issued by this Ministry. Transfer of forest land to user agency should not be effected by the State Government of Odisha till final/Stage-II approval for its diversion is issued b the Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change.

"The State Govt. or a Senior Office not below the Rank of a Divisional Forest Office having jurisdiction over the forest land proposed to be diverted, duly authorized in this behalf by the State Govt. can pass an order for tree cutting and commencement of world of a linear project in forest land for a period of one year ("working permission" mean permission granted to linear project before final approval to mobilize the resources to commence the preliminary project work other than black topping, concretization, laying of railway tracks, charging of transmission lines, etc.). Such order shall be passed only after full realization of funds for compensatory afforestation, Net Present Value (NPV), Wildlife conservation Plan, plantation of dwarf species of medicinal plants and all other compensatory levies, specified in the Stage-I (in-principle) approval from the User Agency and where ever applicable, transfer and mutation of nonforest/ revenue forest land in favour of State Forest Department, declaration of PF/RF and compliance of other statues including ST&OTFD (Recognition of Forest Rights) Act, 2006" a stipulated in Para 11.1 of Chapter-11 of Consolidated Guidelines and Clarification issued under Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980 and Var (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Rules, 2023 vide Ministry's letter dated 29.12.2023 Copy To

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fishermen apprehended in 2024 are still under detention and totally 128 fishermen from **Tamil Nadu and 248** fishing boats remain under Sri Lankan custody

#### **NEPAL SEALS ITS BORDER WITH INDIA**

Nepal has sealed its border with India, restricting vehicular movement at the Birgunj-Raxaul border point from Saturday, ahead of the second phase of the Bihar Assembly elections, officials said



Children should not use mobile phones for more than 45 minutes a day and should only watch educational videos

AKHILESH YADAV | SP CHIEF

I am not talking about full statehood-I am talking about finding a solution to the problem of Jammu and Kashmir MEHBOOBA MUFTI | PDP PRESIDENT



vear. Therefore. the development plans should be comprehensive and focused on creating excellent facilities and ensuring security

DEVENDRA FADNAVIS | MAHARASHTRA CM

#### SHORT **TAKES**

#### **MP: Model dies after** being left at hospital

Bhopal: A 21-year-old model died Monday morning after she was left at a hospital in Bhainsakhedi area of Madhya Pradesh capital Bhopal, a police official said. Khushboo Ahirwar alias Khushi Verma was was brought to the hospital for admission by her friend and a bus conductor, Bairagarh Assistant Commissioner of Police Aditva Raj Singh said. "Khushi's friend Qasim has been taken into police custody and is being interrogated. Further investigation is underway in the case. We are waiting for post mortem report. The doctors at the hospital alerted police after she died," the ACP informed. She was a model for the last few years in Bhopal, he added.

#### T'gana state song poet Ande Sri dies

Hyderabad: Renowned poet Ande Sri, the author of Telangana's iconic state song 'Jaya Jaya he Telangana', died here Monday. He was 64. Prime Minister Narendra Modi, Telangana Chief Minister A Revanth Reddy, Congress president Mallikarjun Kharge, Union Ministers G Kishan Reddy and Bandi Sanjay Kumar, BRS president K Chandrasekhar Rao and leaders condoled the demise of Ande Sri. In a post on 'X', PM Modi said the passing of Ande Sri leaves a deep void in our cultural and intellectual landscape.

#### J'khand police seize illegal foreign liquor

Ranchi/Koderma: The police in Jharkhand's Ranchi and Koderma districts seized illegal foreign liquor worth over Rs 77.64 lakh from two trucks and arrested one of the drivers, officials said Monday. Both trucks were apparently headed for Bihar, a dry state. In Ranchi, a truck carrying around 1,000 cartons of foreign liquor, worth over Rs 61.14 lakh, was intercepted within Namkum police station limits Saturday night.

#### Smoke from pvt jet engine halts take-off

Kolkata: Smoke was seen billowing from the engine of a private jet just before take-off at the Kolkata airport Monday morning, following which the aircraft returned to the taxi bay for a thorough inspection, officials said. The pilot immediately alerted the Air Traffic Control (ATC), which instructed him to halt and return to the taxi bay, they said. Airport authorities at the NSC Bose International Airport swiftly brought the situation under control, the officials said.

### Bihar gears up for final phase voting

For the ruling NDA and the Opposition INDIA bloc, the final round of polling is being seen as a crucial test to retain the support of various groups with complex caste and community dynamics

Patna, Nov 10: Electoral fortunes of 1,302 candidates, including over half a dozen ministers in the Nitish Kumar government, will be sealed Tuesday with 3.70 crore voters eligible to exercise their franchise across 122 Assembly segments in the second and final phase of the high-stakes Bihar polls. For the ruling NDA and the

Opposition INDIA bloc, the final round of polling is being seen as a crucial test to retain the support of various groups with complex caste and community dynamics. The districts going to polls

November 11 include West Champaran, East Champaran, Sitamarhi, Madhubani, Supaul, Araria and Kishanganj, and all these share borders with Nepal.

Most of these districts fall in the Seemanchal region, which has a high concentration of Muslim population, making it a highstakes battle for both the INDIA bloc, which banks on the support of the minority community, as well as the ruling NDA, which alleges that the Opposition is "protecting infiltrators"

Security has been beefed up across Bihar for the second phase of the Assembly polls with over 4 lakh personnel en-



Security officials carry EVMs as part of preparations on the eve of the second phase of voting in the Bihar Assembly elections in Gaya

gaged in election duties, officials said. Prominent candidates include Bijendra Prasad Yadav, a veteran JD(U) leader and the most senior member of the state cabinet, who seeks to retain his Supaul seat for a record eighth term. Similar is the case of his cabinet colleague Prem Kumar, who belongs to the BJP and is trying his luck from Gaya Town, which he has won seven times, on the trot, since 1990. Other ministers whose electoral fates are on stake include BJP's Renu Devi (Bettiah) and Neeraj Kumar Singh "Bablu" (Chhatapur), and JD(U)'s Leshi Singh (Dham-

daha), Sheela Mandal (Phulparas) and Zama Khan (Chainpur). Another prominent BJP leader who is in the fray is former deputy chief minister Tarkishore Prasad, who seeks to retain the Katihar seat for a

fifth consecutive term. Katihar district is also home to Balrampur and Kadwa assembly seats, where a hat-trick is being aimed at by Mehboob Alam and Shakeel Ahmed Khan, respectively, the legislative party leaders of CPI(ML) Liberation and the Congress.

The second and final phase is also being seen as a veritable test of strength for minor NDA partners Hindustani Awam Morcha, headed by Union minister Jitan Ram Manjhi, and Rajya Sabha MP Upendra Kushwaha's Rashtriya Lok Morcha, both of which have got six seats each. All six seats contested by

HAM are going to the polls in the second phase. Four of these, Imamganj, Barachatti, Tikari and Sikandra, are currently held by the party, and the sitting MLAs have been given the chance to try their luck again.

Notably, Manjhi held the Imamganj seat till he got elected to the Lok Sabha from Gaya last year, and it was retained, in the ensuing by-poll, by his daughterin-law Dipa. Barachatti is held by Dipa's mother Jyoti Devi.

Candidates of the RLM, which was floated barely a couple of years ago and has no representation in the state legislature, include Kushwaha's wife Snehlata and his most trusted aide Madhaw Anand, who are making their debut from Sasaram and Madhubani, respectively. Four of the six candidates fielded by the party are going to the polls in the second phase. Another important candidate in the fray is state Congress president Rajesh Kumar, who hopes to retain the reserved seat of Kutumba for a second consecutive term.

### Joint panel set for Bill on removing arrested PM, CMs

conference, the Lok Sabha Speaker said parliamentary panels should not be viewed through the prism of politics, as these committees discuss issues rising above political lines

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

Kohima, Nov 10: With decks cleared to set up a Joint Committee of Parliament to examine Bills to remove prime minister, chief ministers and ministers under arrest for 30 days straight on serious charges, Lok Sabha Speaker Om Birla Monday said he has been striving to ensure all parties are represented in the proposed panel.

Addressing a press conference here, the Lok Sabha Speaker said parliamentary panels should not be viewed through the prism of politics, as these committees discuss issues rising above political lines.

"We are making efforts to ensure all political parties are represented in the committee,' Birla told reporters here. The panel is expected to be constituted soon. Several opposition parties, such as the Congress and Trinamool Congress, have decided not to be part of the Joint Committee of Parliament to examine the 130th Constitution Amendment Bill. BJD and BRS are unlikely to be part of the committee. This constitution amendment Bill and two other proposed legislations were introduced on the last day of the Monsoon Session of Parliament August 20. A motion was adopted by the Lok Sabha to refer the three bills to a joint committee of parliament.

Breaking ranks with other opposition parties, NCP-SP has decided to be part of the 31-member committee. The YRSCP, too, is expected to be a part of it.

"These committees are like



mini-parliament as members discuss issues rising above po litical lines. These should not be viewed from the prism of politics; we are trying to ensure participation of all political parties," Birla told reporters.

Opposition leaders argue that the Bills violate the fundamental principle of law of a person being innocent until proven guilty and resort to automatic sacking of the prime minister, chief ministers and ministers if they fail to get bail within a month of ar rest in serious criminal matters.

BJP leader Aparajita Sarangi from Odisha is likely to chair the panel.

### CPM in SC against SIR

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

New Delhi, Nov 10: The Communist Party of India (Marxist) has moved the Supreme Court challenging the constitutional validity of the Election Commission's directive for a Special Intensive Revision (SIR) of electoral rolls in Tamil Nadu, terming the exercise "arbitrary, illegal, and unconstitutional".

A bench comprising Chief Justice B R Gavai and Justice K Vinod Chandram was also urged by a lawyer, appearing for the CPI(M), that the plea be heard Tuesday along with a senarate plea filed by the DMK against the SIR in the state.

"We will see," the CJI said. Last week, the DMK filed a petition challenging the SIR notification, which the top court has listed for hearing November 11.

The CPI(M) petition, filed by P Shanmugam, secretary of the party's Tamil Nadu State Committee, has sought to quash the Election Commission's order dated October 27, 2025, which



**The Supreme Court** is scheduled to commence hearing pleas challenging the **Election Commission's** decision to conduct pan-India Special **Intensive Revision of** electoral rolls Tuesday

mandated completion of the SIR within a month.

The plea contends that of Electors Rules, 1960'

in Tamil Nadu



The petitioner alleged that

the EC's move is "arbitrary, illegal, and unconstitutional".

while the objective of ensuring purity and inclusiveness of electoral rolls is not disputed, the manner and timeline prescribed are "manifestly impractical, humanly impossible, and contrary to law under the Representation of the People Act, 1950 and the Registration

According to the petition, the SIR notification directs enumeration between November 4 and December 4, 2025. covering over 6.18 crore voters

Each Booth Level Officer (BLO) has been tasked with visiting nearly 500 households per day, a target the petitioner says is "humanly impossible". as a BLO can meaningfully visit only 40-50 houses daily, deeming the exercise "manifestly



### SC seeks Centre's reply on plea for of women's quota law

New Delhi, Nov 10: The Supreme Court Monday sought the response of the Centre to examine a plea seeking implementation of the 2023 Nari Shakti Vandan Act which reserves onethird seats for women in the Lok

Sabha and the state assemblies. A bench of Justices B V Nagarathna and R Mahadevan issued notice to the Centre while observing that women were the largest minority in the country. "Our Preamble to the Constitu-

tion of India says all citizens are entitled to political and social equality. Who is the largest minority in this country? It is the women. It's almost 48 per cent. This is about the political equality of women," Justice Nagarathna said.

Appearing for petitioner Jaya Thakur, senior advocate Shobha Gupta said it is unfortunate that women have to move the court for representation after 75 years of independence of the country. She submitted that the Act reserves one-third of the

total seats in the Lok Sabha and the state legislative assemblies based on data.

The bench said enforcement of the law is the prerogative of the executive and no mandamus can be issued in these matters. Jaya Thakur, in her plea filed through advocate Varun Thakur, has sought the implementation of the Act without waiting for the conduct of a fresh delimitation exercise.

She said in her plea, "The petitioner herein prefers the present writ petition under

Article 32 of the Constitution of India for the mandamus direction to declare the clog i.e. after delimitation is undertaken for this purposes after the relevant figures for the first census of 'One Hundred and Sixth Amendment Act 2023' as 'void-ab-initio' for immediate implementation of the 33 per cent Women Reservation, as per the constitution (One Hundred and Twenty Eight Amendment) Act, 2023 (Nari Shakti Vandan Adhiniyam) in its true letter

### UP to make singing 'Vande Mataram' compulsory in schools

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Gorakhpur (UP), Nov 10: Singing the "Vande Mataram" will be made compulsory in every school and educational institution of the state, Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Yogi Aditvanath said Monday.

Debate over India's national song rekindled last week when Prime Minister Narendra Modi said after inaugurating the year-long commemoration of 150 years of "Vande Mataram" that dropping key stanzas in 1937 had "sown the seeds of

Partition". Such a "divisive mindset" remained a challenge for the country, he said in remarks seen as an attack on the Congress.

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Latching on to PM Modi's remarks, the BJP accused the Congress of pandering to

a "communal agenda" under Jawaharlal Nehru's leadership by adopting a truncated version of the song that year. The Congress hit back sharply,

alleging that Modi had "insulted" the 1937 Congress Working Committee and Rabindranath Tagore, who had suggested adopting only the first two stanzas.

Penned by Bankim Chandra Chattopadhyay in 1875, "Vande Mataram"

was officially adopted as India's national song by the

Constituent Assembly January 24, 1950. Recalling the role of "Vande Mataram" in the freedom movement, Adityanath said, "It was this song that awakened the nation's consciousness. Every revolutionary, the youth, women, and children who fought for freedom did so with Vande Mataram on their lips.

If the Congress had upheld the national song then. India might not have been divided.

the chief minister claimed. Adityanath also accused the Samajwadi Party of continuing the "legacy of opposing national unity", saying, "Some people refuse to attend Patel's birth anniversary but do not hesitate to honour (Mohammed Ali) Jinnah (All India Muslim League leader). Such double standards are dangerous for national integrity." The chief minister

warned against "forces that di-

vide society on caste, language,

or regional lines". Samajwadi Party MP from Sambhal, Ziaur Rahman Barq, had recently said that no Muslim can be compelled to sing Vande Mataram as some of its words are not in accordance with the teachings of their re-

Taking a swipe at his remark, Adityanath said, 'Those who insult India's great leaders and revolutionaries, in a way, strengthen the confidence of separatist forces that challenge the country's

unity and nationalism." During the event here Monday, where a collective singing of "Vande Mataram" was also done, Adityanath launched the 'Ekta Yatra' (Unity March) from Gorakhpur, calling for renewed respect for national heroes and symbols of unity.

#### Youth hacked to death in police quarters in TN

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Tiruchirappalli (Tamil Nadu), Nov 10: A youth was chased and brutally hacked to death inside police quarters here Monday by a five-member gang, allegedly due to professional rivalry, police said.

Five people have been secured in connection with the gruesome murder, a police official said.

The five assailants, who came on two two-wheelers, rammed into the motorcycle on which the victim, later identified as Thamarai Selvan, 25, of Bheema Nagar, was riding near Marsingpet.

When the gang started at tacking him indiscriminately after he fell down, Selvan somehow managed to escape and ran towards the police quarters nearby, the official said.

# national



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#### **DELHI HC PROTECTS JAYA'S PERSONALITY RIGHTS**

In a significant order, the Delhi High Court Monday protected the personality rights of actor-turned-Rajya Sabha MP Jaya Bachchan to prevent websites and online platforms from using her name, image, dialogues and likeness for commercial gains without her consent





The Election Commission has not given justice to Bihar D K SHIVAKUMAR



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Farming is a science, and without using technology effectively, productivity cannot rise. Use of modern technology and Artificial Intelligence (AI) in the agricultural sector has become essential if farmers are to get their due NITIN GADKARI | UNION MINISTER

A corrupt, dynastic, Hindu tormentor and revengeful regime has taken over since 2011 exploiting the Nandigram movement. We have not

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#### SHORT **TAKES**

#### TN cop held under POCSO

**Villupuram:** A police constable was arrested under the Protection of Children from Sexual Offences (POCSO) Act for sexually harassing a teen girl, police said Monday. The constable, attached to the Brahmadesam police station in the district, offered to drop the victim, walking on the Tindivanam-Marakkanam Road November 5, on his motorcycle and sexually

#### Delhi Police gets 75 surveillance drones

harassed her, an official said.

New Delhi: The Delhi Police has received 75 surveillance drones from the Indira Gandhi Delhi Technical University for Women (IGDTUW) as part of an initiative to strengthen technology-driven policing and enhance public safety, an official said Monday. A Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) was signed between Delhi Police and IGDTUW in the presence of Lieutenant Governor V K Saxena, who is also the university's chancellor, and Delhi Police Commissioner Satish Golcha

#### Naxal surrenders

Gondia: A hardcore Naxal carrying a reward of ₹3.5 lakh on his head laid down arms in Gondia district in Maharashtra, a police official said Monday. Wargesh alias Kosa Manglu Uika (26), a native of Bedre in Kanta tehsil in Chhattisgarh's Sukma district, surrendered in front of Gondia collector Prajit Nair and Superintendent of Police Gorakh Bhamre November 10, the official informed.

#### **BLAST NEAR RED FORT**

# Several states on high alert



New Delhi, Nov 10: A powerful explosion outside Delhi's Red Fort Metro Station Monday evening sent shockwaves across the country, prompting multiple states to heighten

The blast, which occurred near Gate No. 1, killed at least 8 people and injured 24.

The area around Chandni Chowk and the metro station was immediately cordoned off by Delhi Police, specialised teams, and the National Security Guard (NSG). Forensic experts are examining debris to determine the cause of the

In the national capital, every key installation—Metro stations, government buildings, the Red Fort itself, and the IGI Airport—has been placed under high alert with continuous monitoring by CISF. Security measures spread far beyond Delhi.

Kolkata Police activated all units, launched citywide checking, and stepped up patrolling. Similar directions came from the Haryana government, which asked all districts to stay on guard, particularly in border regions and crowded or historic sites. In Gurugram,

the Delhi Police detained Md Salman, the registered owner of the car that exploded. He reportedly sold the vehicle to someone in Okhla, though the car still carried a Haryana registration plate.

Several vehicles near the blast site were gutted in the fire. Uttar Pradesh Police launched statewide checking drives, deployed forces in sensitive zones, and tightened security at the Delhi-Noida

Smart city control rooms are monitoring public spaces, while agencies have been instructed to stay alert at religious sites, district headquarters, and busy markets. States currently in election

mode also went on alert. In pollbound Bihar, Director General of Police Vinay Kumar said that security-already tight for the second and final phase of voting-has been further intensified across districts.

In Odisha, Chief Minister Mohan Charan Majhi ordered heightened security, especially around the ongoing Bali Jatra festival in Cuttack.

Meanwhile, Maharashtra, strengthened security across Mumbai and other vulnerable zones. Gujarat Police instructed



and keep a 24-hour vigil. Rajasthan, Bangalore too, has been placed on high alert.

Delhi Chief Minister Rekha Gupta expressed grief over the loss of lives and appealed to ciizens to remain calm and avoid rumours. As states battle panic and

police probe deeper into the blast and its possible links to the busted terror module, the capital and several neighbouring regions remain on edge—locked in vigilance, awaiting answers.

The panic grew after the blast coincided with a major breakthrough in a terror investigation. Police announced they had busted an interstate module linked to banned organisations and recovered over 2,900 kg of suspected ammonium nitrate—enough to prepare hundreds of pow-

Meanwhile, the Railway Protection Force (RPF), in close coordination with the Government Railway Police (GRP), is on high alert with strict security arrangements at all stations in the Delhi-NCR region.

The CISF has put all the Delhi-NCR installations under its security cover on "high alert", the central armed police



#### **Agencies probing blast** with full intensity: Shah

New Delhi: Union Home Minister Amit Shah Monday said that top investigating agencies are probing the blast, and will go in-depth into the explosion which took place in a Hyundai i20 car. Citing hospital authorities, the home minister said eight people lost their lives while several others received injuries in the blast, and the investigators are keeping



all options open while probing the incident. Top agencies are investigating the incident with full intensity, and they will go in-depth into the incident, Shah said. All angles are being probed by the investigators, and no possibility is being ruled out, he said after meeting some of the injured persons at the LNJP Hospital. Asked if it was a terror attack, Shah said, "It is difficult to say what caused the incident. Until the samples recovered from the blast site are analysed by forensic authorities and NSG, we can't say anything. But we are not ruling out anything, and investigating the matter from all angles.

### **Eyewitnesses: Body parts** scattered everywhere

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New Delhi, Nov 10: Mangled bodies lying on vehicles and road, pieces of flesh scattered on the streets and flames rising up to the sky. Witnesses recalled in graphic detail the aftermath of a high-intensity explosion that ripped through a slow-moving car close to the Red Fort metro station here Monday

While I was standing and talking to someone, a body part... a hand, with the man's shirt still on it, fell right behind me, Amit Mudgal (36) told PTI. Recalling the terrifying mo-

ments following the explosion, he said, "About 20 minutes ago, the situation was unbelievable. There was a huge blast, and within seconds, the sky was covered in red smoke," he said. He said the impact was so se-

vere that human remains were scattered across the street. "As I moved towards the fire, I helped several people get into ambulances. An injured eyewitness, who

had a wound on his forehead, said the explosion appeared to have originated from a car parked nearby. "I am an auto rickshaw

driver. There was a car in front of my auto, most probably a Maruti Swift. I don't know how it happened, but something in that car suddenly blasted," he said.

Eyewitnesses said several vehicles were destroyed and glass panes of shops and even those at the nearby metro station were shattered. A shopkeeper said the tremors were powerful enough to shake entire buildings.

"I had come here to buy something when I heard a huge blast. The whole shop trembled," he said. "Several people were injured, and many were being taken away from the spot soon after.'

Manoj, who runs a pani puri stall near Jama Masjid, said he felt the intensity of the blast from over a kilometre away.

Another witness, Bhupinder Singh, who was driving a load ing vehicle, said the explosion occurred just as the traffic signal turned green.

Irfan, another eyewitness, said the scene was horrific. "We saw severed hands,

fingers, and even the steering wheel of a car blown off. There were handcart pullers and taxi drivers caught in the blast. some of them didn't survive,' he said. Videos circulating on social media showed panicked locals shouting "Bomb phat ga ya!" (A bomb has exploded!) and "Kata hua haath hai!" (There's a severed hand!) as flames rose from the burning vehicles.

According to officials, the explosion occurred in a car parked near Gate No. 1 of the Red Fort metro station. "The intensity was quite high. Injuries are feared," said a senior Delhi Fire Service officer.

Ten fire tenders were rushed to the spot with police cordoning off the area, the Delhi Fire Services said. The fire, officials said, was brought under control by 7.29 pm.

A high alert has been sounded in Delhi. Delhi Police's Special Cell and anti-terror squads cordoned off the area and forensic teams began collecting samples from the wreckage.



### Oppn seeks thorough, speedy probe; raises security concerns

New Delhi: The Opposition parties Monday demanded a thorough and speedy investigation into the car blast, and raised concerns over the security situation in the national capital. The Congress said the alleged security lapse exposed Delhi government's "shocking complacency", and asked whether Delhi is a "secure capital" as claimed by the home ministry. Congress president Mallikarjun Kharge said the government must ensure a prompt and thorough investigation into the blast so that those responsible for this "lapse" are held accountable. Samajwadi Party chief Akhilesh Yadav also termed the Delhi blast extremely tragic and serious incident. Shiv Sena (UBT) leader Priyanka Chaturvedi said, "The blast in India's capital city at a super-busy location is a source of concern and yet again raises questions about our intelligence gathering and preparedness." AIMIM leader Asaduddin Owaisi said, "I hope for a thorough and swift investigation. Those responsible for this condemnable act must receive the maximum punishment under the law." AAP leader Arvind Kejriwal said police and the government should immediately investigate how this explosion occurred and whether there was any larger conspiracy behind it. Former Chhattisgarh chief minister and Congress leader Bhupesh Baghel asked, "Should such a massive explosion occur in the nation's capital, Delhi, and we remain silent?"

### PU students protest for senate election

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Chandigarh, Nov 10: Panjab University students Monday held a massive protest on the campus here demanding the announcement of Senate polls. with some breaking through barricades, and jostling with security personnel, who resorted to lathicharge to restore order.

The students' call for the protest became a rallying point for Punjab's political parties, and farmers' bodies, who accused the Centre of trying to "capture" the educational institution.

The PU was turned into a fortress as heavy deployment of police was made on and around the varsity campus. The university's entry points were barricaded and checkpoints were set up on roads leading to the building in the wake of a protest call. Police refused students entry through Gate number-1 of the university Monday morning, forcing many to shout "Go Back Chandigarh

#### PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

Patna, Nov 10: RJD leader and INDIA bloc chief ministerial face Tejashwi Yadav Monday criticised the Election Commission of India (ECI) for "not disclosing gender-wise data" of electors who cast their votes in the first phase of the Bihar Assembly polls, even after four days of the voting.

An ECI official, however, said gender wise information is provided at the time of final turnout. The second and final phase of polling will be held Tuesday. Addressing a press conference here, he claimed that the RJDhelmed Opposition coalition will not allow "vote theft or

dishonesty" "The EC has not disclosed the gender-wise data of electors who cast their votes November 6 even after four days have passed from the first phase of assembly polls. This is happening for the first time. Earlier, it was given immediately," he claimed.

Yadav also alleged that the poll panel has stopped functioning properly under the leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Union Home Minister Amit Shah.

He also warned "officials of dire consequences, if they try to create trouble in collusion with the EC or union Home Minister Amit Shah"

#### India repatriates 197 nationals from Thailand after Myanmar scam

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New Delhi, Nov 10: India Monday repatriated a second batch of 197 of its nationals from Thailand in two military aircraft, days after they fled to Thai border town of Mae Sot from a notorious scam centre in Myanmar. India brought back the first batch of 270 Indians from

Thailand Thursday. The Indians were among 1,500 people from 28 countries who crossed over to Thailand late last month following the raid on the cybercrime hub of KK Park in Myanmarese city of

Myawaddy. "Today 197 Indian nation als have been repatriated to India from Mae Sot, Thailand by two special flights operated by the Indian Air Force,' the Indian embassy in Bang

kok said. Charnvirakul "Anutin Prime Minister of Thailand visited Mae Sot this afternoon to oversee this operation," the embassy said on social media.

It said the Prime Minister conveyed Thailand's deep appreciation to the Indian government for its prompt repatriation of the detainees from Mae Sot.

#### Delhiites rush to buy 'air-purifying' plants tain indoor and traditional es depend on size and variety.

Meanwhile, experts say certain indoor and traditional plants can play a vital role in combating rising air pollution by absorbing harmful gases, filtering particulate matter, and improving overall air quality

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New Delhi, Nov 10: As Delhi's air quality dips to hazardous levels, "air-purifying" indoor plants are witnessing a surge in demand. Nurseries across the city say customers are increasingly turning to these

plants to improve indoor air quality. Ashok Kumar of Saini Plant

Home in Connaught Place said



the demand for air-purifying plants has jumped in recent

"Earlier, we used to sell around 50 to 60 such plants daily but as the pollution season nears the sales double as we sell more than 100 air purifying plants every day," he told PTI.

With Delhi's air pollution oscillating between 'poor' and

'very poor' conditions, nursery

owners said buyers now walk

in with a clear idea of what they want -- plants that promise cleaner indoor air. The most sought-after variet-

ies include Snake Plant, Peace Lily, Areca Palm, Money Plant, Spider Plant, Aglaonema, Rubber Plant and Boston Fern.

At Greenways Nursery in Dera Village, staff members said the rush has increased since pollution levels spiked.

Meanwhile, experts say cer-

plants can play a vital role in combating rising air pollution by absorbing harmful gases, filtering particulate matter, and improving overall air According to Professor

Anand Sonkar, Department of Botany, Hansraj College, University of Delhi, "Plants like the spider plant, peace lily, and areca palm are excellent natural air purifiers that help mitigate pollution by absorbing harmful gases and releasing oxygen." Explaining their role in curb-

ing pollution he said that they absorb pollutants such as carbon dioxide, nitrogen oxides sulfur dioxide, and ozone through their leaves and stomata, while their leaf surfaces trap dust, smoke, and other airborne

particles, reducing particulate matter in the air. At Sundar Nursery in Laxmi Nagar, a salesperson said pric-

They added that people are spending based on the size of their homes. 'Some buy four to five plants,

while others, especially those in larger houses, pick 30 or 40 at once. That makes spending go from just a few hundred rupees to as high as ₹10,000. Zahirul Hasan of Rajdhani

Nursery in Jor Bagh said awareness about indoor plants has grown significantly. Explaining further, Hasan

said customers now arrive with references and pictures. "They show us posts and videos, asking for the same plants. They already know names like Areca Palm or Snake Plant. Earlier we had to explain which ones worked, now they come ready to buy," he added.

At Balaji Nursery in Delhi's Rohini, Naina said the demand for indoor plants stays steady throughout the year.

The Thai Prime Minister also assured of continued cooperation from Thai authorities in facilitating repa triation of Indian nationals released from scam centres in Myanmar, the Indian mission said.

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Patriot systems are expensive and that such a large batch could take years to manufacture. But European countries could give their Patriots to Ukraine and await replacements, we would not like to wait

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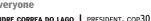
### INDONESIA GRANTS NATIONAL HERO STATUS TO SUHARTO

Indonesia awarded the title of national hero to late President Suharto, whose 32-year rule ended amid 1998 protests. President Prabowo Subianto, Suharto's former son-in-law, conferred the title despite criticism from activists and victims' families over past human rights abuses

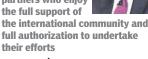


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**SHORT TAKES** 

#### Maldives inaugurates India-funded airport

Male: Maldives President Mohamed Muizzu and India's Minister of Civil Aviation Kinjarapu Ram Mohan Naidu jointly inaugurated the Hanimaadhoo International Airport, a project completed with India's financial assistance. In his address at the inauguration ceremony Sunday, Muizzu described the airport as a "catalyst for unlocking the potential of the northern Maldives and enhancing global connectivity", according to a statement by the President's Office. Calling it a "gateway to prosperity" for the north, he said, "This is not just an airport, it is a symbol of economic transformation." Muizzu said that the newly opened airport would bring further advancement to tourism, agriculture, fisheries, and the economy, as well as social development to the north, the Sun.mv news portal reported.

#### More trouble for SK Oppn Leader

conservative President Yoon Suk Yeol faces more criminal charges as prosecutors alleged Monday that he ordered drone flights over North Korea in a deliberate bid to stoke tensions and justify his plans to declare martial law. Yoon set off the most serious political crisis in South Korea's recent history when he imposed martial law Dec 3, 2024, and sent troops to surround the National Assembly. He was later impeached and removed from office, and is in jail, standing trial on charges including masterminding a rebellion. His successor and liberal rival, President Lee Jae Myung, approved legislation that launched independent investigations into Yoon's martial law stunt and other criminal allegations involving

### 23-year-old Indian student dies in US

him, his wife and associates.

New York: A 23-vear-old Indian student, who graduated recently and was looking for a job, has died after reportedly being sick with a severe cough and chest pain, Raivalakshmi Yarlagadda, alias Raii, from Andhra Pradesh graduated recently from Texas A&M University Corpus Christi. according to a GoFundMe campaign launched by her cousin Chaitanya YVK in Denton city, Texas. She came to the US with hopes of building a bright future for her family who are marginal farmers in Karmechedu village of Bapatla district, according to the fundraiser. The fundraising campaign aims to raise USD 125,000 to help cover her funeral expenses, educational loans and help bring her body back home and some financial support for her family.

# Fight climate crisis, not each other: Stiell

UN climate chief urges nations to 'fight climate crisis, not each other' as COP30 opens in Brazil

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New Delhi, Nov 10: UN Climate Change Executive Secretary Simon Stiell Monday opened COP30 with a sharp warning that while the world has managed to bend the emissions curve downwards since the Paris Agreement, far stronger and faster action is needed to avert escalating climate disasters.

Stiell, in his opening address at the UN climate summit in Belem, Brazil, said countries must move "much, much faster", both on cutting emissions and building resilience, warning that failing to do so will have severe economic, social and political costs.

"The emissions curve has been bent downwards... but I am not sugar-coating it. We have so much more work to do," he said.

"The science is clear: we can and must bring temperatures back down to 1.5 degrees Celsius after any temporary overshoot. Lamenting is not a strategy. We need solutions," he said, calling on leaders to turn their existing pledges into immediate action.

Speaking at the mouth of the Amazon River, Stiell used the river as a metaphor for international cooperation, saying the COP process, like the Amazon's thousand tributaries, must be powered by "many streams" of



collaboration.

"Individual national commitments alone are not cutting emissions fast enough," he said, adding that no country can afford to delay as climate disasters devastate lives and economies.

"To falter whilst mega-droughts wreck national harvests, sending food prices soaring, makes zero sense, economically or politically," Stiell said. "To squabble while famines take hold, forcing millions to flee their homelands... this will never be forgotten."

Quoting former US president Franklin Roosevelt, Stiell urged negotiators to be "in the arena" and work together instead of against one another.

"Your job here is not to fight one another – your job is to fight this climate crisis, together," he said. Highlighting that the transition to clean energy is already underway, Stiell pointed to record investment in renewables and their economic viability.

"Solar and wind are now the lowest-cost power in 90 per cent of the world. Renewables overtook coal this year as the world's top energy source," he said, adding that global investment in clean energy now outpaces fossil fuels two to one.

He urged negotiators in Belem to focus on how to deliver on what the world has already agreed, a transition away from fossil fuels, a just and inclusive economic transformation and stronger action on adaptation and technology.

"We have already agreed to deliver at least USD 300 billion in climate finance... now we need to start moving towards the USD 1.3 trillion," he said, referring to the 'Baku to Belem Roadmap' for scaling up support. Stiell also called for concrete steps to operationalise the global goal on adaptation, implement the technology programme and link negotiations to real-world outcomes.

"Strong and clear outcomes on all these issues are essential. This is how we signal to the world that climate cooperation is delivering results," he said.

Describing the energy transition as the "growth story of the 21st century", Stiell said every gigawatt of clean power means more jobs and less pollution, while every action to build resilience saves lives and protects economies

#### Pakistan passes 27th Constitutional Amendment

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Islamabad, Nov 10: Pakistan's Senate, the upper house of parliament, Monday gave a nod to the controversial 27th Constitutional Amendment to create a new post of Chief of Defence Forces and set up a constitutional court.

The bill, which had stirred controversy for weeks, was presented in the Senate by Law Minister Azam Nazeer Tarar, while Senate Chairman Yusuf Raza Gilani presided over the proceedings.

The government and its coalition partners secured a twothirds majority of 64 in the vote after it received the support of two opposition members.

Under the amendment bill, the President will appoint the Army Chief and the Chief of Defence Force on the advice of the Prime Minister. It also proposes that the post of Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff Committee will expire November 27, 2025.

The Chief of Army Staff, who will also be the Chief of Defence Forces, will appoint the head of the National Strategic Command in consultation with the Prime Minister, and the head of the National Strategic Command will be from the Pakistan Army.

The government will be able to promote individuals from the armed forces to the ranks of Field Marshal, Marshal of the Air Force and Admiral of the Fleet. The rank and privileges of Field Marshal will be for life, meaning that Field Marshals will remain Field Marshals for life. The bill also proposes to set up a Federal Constitutional Court to deal with matters relat ed to the constitution, while the existing Supreme Court would deal only with traditional civil and criminal cases.

# India, Russia to sign labour mobility pact



By the end of the year, over 70,000 Indian nationals are expected to be officially employed across Russia under the quotas managed by the Russian Ministry

of Labour

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Moscow, Nov 10: India and Russia are expected to sign a bilateral mobility agreement during President Vladimir Putin's visit to New Delhi in the first week of December.

This accord will establish a framework for legal migration, protection of workers' rights and expansion of skilled Indian manpower in Russia as the post-Communist nation is feeling an acute shortage of qualified and skilled workers in its expanding economy.

According to reports, the

agreement will ensure legal protection for existing Indian workers and open pathways for thousands of new professionals in industries such as construction, textiles, engineering and electronics.

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across Russia under the quotas managed by the Russian Ministry of Labour.

The Moscow-based Indian Business Alliance (IBA) has welcomed the forthcoming India-Russia Mobility Agreement and considers this initiative a strategic milestone in expanding India-Russia relations.

"India has one of the world's most dynamic and skilled workforce and Russia is undergoing a major industrial transformation. This agreement creates a win-win opportunity for both sides — providing skilled manpower for Russia's economy while ensuring secure and dignified employment for Indian professionals," said IBA President Sammy Manoj Kotwani.

To avoid past cases of violation of immigration laws by Indian nationals recruited by Indian nationals recruited by fraudsters, the IBA has expressed its readiness to collaborate with both governments and business partners to organise orientation and language programmes for incoming Indian workers and promote fair recruitment channels and ethical employment standards.

The IBA will also coordinate with the Embassy of India in Moscow and regional Russian authorities to ensure smooth integration and welfare of Indian citizens working in Russia.

#### **SNIPPETS**

### 8 dead, 1.4mn displaced as typhoon Fung-wong hits Phillipines

Manila, Nov 10: Typhoon Fung-wong blew out of the northwestern Philippines Monday after setting off floods and landslides, knocking out power to entire provinces, killing at least eight people and displacing more than 1.4 million others. The typhoor was forecast to head northwest toward Taiwan. Fung-wong lashed the northern Philippines while the country was still dealing with the devastation wrought by Typhoon Kalmaegi, which left at least 224 people dead in central provinces Tuesday before pummeling Vietnam, where at least five were killed. Fung-wong slammed ashore in northeastern Aurora province Sunday night as a super typhoon with sustained winds of up to 185 kph (115 mph) and gusts of up to 230 kph (143 mph).

#### China, US suspend port fees for vessels

Beijing: China and the US have suspended the special fee for their ships berthing in each other's ports following the understanding reached during their recent trade talks to finalise an agreement on tariffs. China's Ministry of Transport Monday announced a one-year suspension of special port fees for ships owned or operated by US enterprises, organisations and individuals. The suspension comes into effect from Monday. Simultaneously, the ministry announced a one-year suspension of its probe into how the US Section 301 investigation affects the security and development interests of China's shipping and shipbuilding sectors, as well as related industrial and supply chains, official media here reported.

#### France's Sarkozy back home

Paris: Former French President Nicolas Sarkozy was freed from jail and went home Monday, after a Paris court ruled he could be released while he appeals against his conviction for conspiring to raise funds from Libya. Sarkozy was sent to prison October 21 after he was found guilty in September of criminal conspiracy over efforts by close aides to procure funds for his 2007 presidential bid from late Libyan leader Muammar Gaddafi. The former conservative leader, who was president from 2007 to 2012, told the court that being in jail had been tough. The court said he did not represent a flight risk and therefore did not have to remain in prison until his appeal. His release was based on specific criteria, such as whether there was a risk he could flee, and is no indication of whether his appeal is likely to succeed.

### Japan, China exchange barbs over Taiwan

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Tokyo, Nov 10: Japan was involved in a war of words with China Monday after Prime Minister Sanae Takaichi's said a Chinese attack on Taiwan could constitute "a survival-threatening situation" for Japan requiring the use of force.

Takaichi, who is known to be pro-Taipei, said Friday that Chinese use of force around Taiwan would qualify as "an existential threat"

Her comment sparked sharp criticisms from Beijing over the weekend. "We have no choice but cut off that dirty neck that has been lunged at us without hesitation. Are you ready?" Chinese Consul General Xue Jian said in a message posted on X, which was later deleted. Xue also criticised past remarks made by former Prime Minister Shinzo Abe and other Japanese lawmakers that of "Taiwan emergency is Japan emergencv" as "blatant interference of Chinese internal affairs and vi-



olation of sovereignty" that require a retraction and apology.

Japan's Chief Cabinet Secre-

Japan's Chief Cabinet Secretary Minoru Kihara said Tokyo had protested to Beijing over Xue's X message Monday.

"While the intent of (Xue's) post is not entirely clear, we must say the comment ... was extremely inappropriate," Kihara said. Japan's Foreign Ministry has since lodged a "strong protest" and demanded the post deleted. Kihara urged China to provide an explanation.

The row suggests that Japan-China relations may not be smooth under Takaichi, despite what appeared to be a cordial meeting with Chinese leader Xi Jinping in South Korea during the recent Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation summit. The new Japanese leader has committed to beefing up the military and met Taiwan's representative to the summit the day after she met Xi, angering China.

In Beijing, Chinese Foreign

Ministry spokesperson Lin Jian said Xue's post was a personal one "directed at the erroneous and dangerous remarks that attempt to separate Taiwan from China's territory and advocate military intervention in the Taiwan Strait."

He blamed some Japanese politicians and media for hyping the issue to confuse public perception and divert attention.

China has lodged "solemn complaints and protests" with Japan over Takaichi's remarks, Lin said. "Is Japan attempting to challenge China's core interests and obstruct the great cause of China's reunification?" he said. "Where does Japan intend

to take China-Japan relations?"
China regards Taiwan part
of its territory and has not renounced the use of force to bring
the self-governing island under
its control.

The latest diplomatic spat started Friday when Takaichi was asked in parliament about scenarios that would constitute a threat to Japan.

### China creates new visa, competing with US in wooing global tech talent

The K-visa rolled out by Beijing last month is part of China's widening effort to catch up with the US in the race for global talent and cutting edge technology

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Hong Kong, Nov 10: Vaishnavi Srinivasagopalan, a skilled Indian IT professional who has worked in both India and the US, has been looking for work in China. Beijing's new K-visa programme targeting science and technology workers could turn that dream into a reality.

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The K-visa rolled out by Beijing last month is part of China's widening effort to catch up with the US in the race for global talent and cutting edge technology. It coincides with uncertainties over the US' H-1B programme under tightened immigrations policies implemented by President Donald

Trump.
"(The) K-visa for China (is)
an equivalent to the H-1B for

the US," said Srinivasagopalan, who is intrigued by China's working environment and culture after her father worked at a Chinese university a few years back. "It is a good option for people like me to work abroad."

The K-visa supplements

China's existing visa schemes including the R-visa for foreign professionals, but with loosened requirements, such as not requiring an applicant to have a job offer before applying.

Stricter US policies toward

Stricter US policies toward foreign students and scholars under Trump, including the raising of fees for the H-1B visa for foreign skilled workers to \$100,000 for new applicants, are leading some non-American professionals and students to consider going elsewhere.



#### TECH PROFESSIONALS

China is striking while the iron is hot. The ruling Communist Party has made global leadership in advanced technologies a top priority, paying massive government subsidies to support research and development of areas such as artificial intelligence, semiconductors and robotics.

"Beijing perceives the tightening of immigration policies in the US as an opportunity to position itself globally as welcoming foreign talent and investment more broadly," said Barbara Kelemen, associate director and head of Asia at security intelligence firm Dragonfly. Unemployment among Chi-

nese graduates remains high,

and competition is intense for jobs in scientific and technical fields. But there is a skills gap China's leadership is eager to fill. For decades, China has been losing top talent to developed countries as many stayed and worked in the US and Europe after they finished studies there.

The brain drain has not fully reversed. Many Chinese parents still see Western education as advanced and are eager to send their children abroad, said Alfred Wu, an associate professor at the National University of Singapore.

Still, in recent years, a growing number of professionals including AI experts, scientists and engineers have moved to China from the US, including Chinese-Americans.

#### CHINA'S DISADVANTAGES EVEN WITH THE NEW VISAS

Recruitment and immigration specialists say foreign workers face various hurdles in China. One is the language barrier. The ruling Communist Party's internet censorship, known as the "Great Firewall," is another drawback.

A country of about 1.4 billion, China had only an estimated 711,000 foreign workers residing in the country as of 2023.

The US still leads in research and has the advantage of using English widely. There's also still a relatively clearer pathway to residency for many, said David Stepat, country director for Singapore at the consultancy Dezan Shira & Associates.

Nikhil Swaminathan, an In-

dian H1-B visa holder working for a US non-profit organisation after finishing graduate school there, is interested in China's K-visa but sceptical. "I would've considered it. China's a great place to work in tech, if not for the difficult relationship between India and China," he said.

Given a choice, many jobseekers still are likely to aim for jobs in leading global companies outside China.

# business



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#### **PAYTM UNVEILS ALL-NEW APP**

Paytm (One 97 Communications Ltd), India's full-stack merchant payments leader serving MSMEs and enterprises, has launched a fully redesigned version of its flagship app, integrating artificial intelligence-driven features to streamline and personalise everyday transactions for its users. The update introduces a cleaner user interface alongside over 15 new features that seek to make payments faster and smarter for customers across the country, including Non-Resident Indians (NRIs) in 12 countries



**Gold gained** dollar cues and positive sen timent following

to key inflation data, including Consumer Price Index (CPI) and Core CPI in the US, and CPI & WPI inflation data in India, which will guide short-term market direction

JATEEN TRIVEDI VP RESEARCH ANALYST, LKP SECURITIES

The delibera tions focused on strengthening the policy ecosystem, regula tory processes and digital infrastructure to catalyse investment in



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#### SHORT **TAKES**

#### Bajaj Consumer **Care net rises**

New Delhi: FMCG firm Bajaj Consumer Care Ltd, Monday reported a 33 per cent rise in consolidated net profit to Rs 42.3 crore in the second quarter ended September 30, helped by higher sales. The company had posted a consolidated net profit of Rs 31.85 crore in the corresponding period of the last fiscal, Bajaj Consumer Care Ltd said in a regulatory filing. Its consolidated total revenue from operations in the second quarter stood at Rs 265.27 crore compared to Rs 233.98 crore in the year-ago period, it from sales of goods was higher at Rs 261.41 crore against Rs 230.63 crore a year ago

#### WeWork profit plunges

New Delhi: Realty firm WeWork India Management Ltd, Monday reported a sharp plunge in consolidated net profit to Rs 6.4 crore in the latest quarter ended September, on a higher base effect. Its net profit stood at Rs 203.74 crore in the year-ago period, driven by a deferred tax credit. Total income, however. rose to Rs 585.54 crore during the July-September period of this fiscal, from Rs 499,47 crore in the corresponding period of the preceding year, according to a regulatory filing.

#### JK Tyre's investment

New Delhi: JK Tyre and Industries is gearing up to invest another Rs 5,000 crore over the next 5-6 years to expand its production capacity, including some dedicated lines for export markets, according to Chairman and Managing Director Raghupati Singhania. The company introduced India's first embedded smart tyres for passenger vehicles, is currently in the process of investing Rs 4,000 crore to ramp up its manufacturing infrastructure. The ongoing investment cycle, which commenced around 4 years ago, is expected to end next quarter.

#### V-Mart retail narrows

New Delhi: V-Mart Retail Ltd. Monday reported a narrowing of net loss to Rs 8.87 crore in the second quarter ended September 30, 2025, helped by rising retail trade revenue. The company had posted a net loss of Rs 56.51 crore in the second quarter of the last fiscal year, V-Mart Retail Ltd said in a regulatory filing. Revenue from operations in the second quarter stood at Rs 806.87 crore, as against Rs 660.97 crore in the year-ago period, it added.

### SENSEX JUMPS 319 POINTS TRAI to review all existing

Mumbai, Nov 10: Benchmark stock indices Sensex and Nifty bounced back, Monday after three straight days of losses following buying in IT and financial shares and a rally in global peers after a breakthrough in the US government shutdown.

The 30-share BSE Sensex benchmark climbed 319.07 points, or 0.38 per cent, to close at 83,535.35. In the intraday session, the index rallied 538.21 points, or 0.64 per cent, to hit a high of 83,754.49. The NSE Nifty advanced

82.05 points, or 0.32 per cent, to settle at 25,574.35. During the day, it climbed 161.15 points or 0.63 per cent to hit an intraday high of 25,653.45. Among the Sensex firms, In-

fosys, HCL Technologies, Bajaj Finance, Asian Paints, Tata Motors Passenger Vehicles, Tata Consultancy Services, Bharti Airtel, Titan, Bajaj Finserv, Reliance Industries and Larsen & Toubro were the gainers.

Trent Ltd, Eternal, Power

Grid, UltraTech Cement, Mahindra & Mahindra, Axis Bank, State Bank of India, Adani Ports, Hindustan Unilever and NTPC were the laggards.

The potential resolution of the US government shutdown, coupled with renewed FIIs buying driven by a favourable Q2 earnings season, supported a positive sentiment in the market. The rise in the US 10-year Treasury yield reflects improving risk sentiment toward eq-

uities with the reopening of the federal government, Vinod Nair, Head of Research, Geojit Investments, said.

Domestically, strengthening macroeconomic indicators are expected to underpin upward revisions in earnings estimates for H2FY26. This reinforces the current valuations and is likely to attract incremental liquidity, Nair added.

The BSE midcap gauge went up by 0.62 per cent, while smallFocussed IT climbed 1.66 per

cent, followed by information technology by 1.57 per cent, Teck by 1.43 per cent, Capital Goods by 1.24 per cent, Industrials by 0.66 per cent, Consumer Durables 0.62 per cent. Metal by 0.51 per cent and Energy by 0.36

On the other hand, Utilities slipped by 0.36 per cent, Realty (0.29 per cent), Services(0.25 per cent), Consumer Discretionary (0.13 per cent), FMCG (0.11 per cent), and Telecommunication (0.09 per cent).

A total of 2,372 stocks de clined while 1,962 advanced and 179 remained unchanged on the BSE. Markets in Europe were trading mostly higher. The US markets ended largely higher Friday.

Foreign Institutional Investors (FIIs) bought equities worth Rs 4,581.34 crore on Fri day, while Domestic Institutional Investors outnumbered the FIIs by acquiring the stocks worth Rs 6,674.77 crore, accord ing to the exchange data.

# interconnection regulations



PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

New Delhi, Nov 10: Telecom regulator TRAI is reviewing all nine existing interconnection regulations and has sought stakeholder views on multiple aspects, including the interconnect framework for satellite-based telecommunications networks with other telecom networks.

Overall, the review aims to ensure that the regulatory framework takes into account evolution of technology and changes in the telecommunications sector, the Telecom Regulatory Authority of India (TRAI) said.

The regulatory aspects pertaining to various charges presently applicable during interconnection between service providers such as interconnection charges, interconnection usage charges (origination charges, transit charges, carriage charges, transit carriage charges, termination charges, and international termination charges) and Reference Interconnect Offer (RIO) framework are also being examined through the consultation paper.

TRAI said its review focuses on the examination of IP-based interconnection which becomes more pertinent as accelerating 4G/5G rollout requires it for better service quality, levels of interconnection which are currently at LSA (Licensed service area) levels for Mobile Network interconnections and at District/Tehsil levels for fixed-line Telephone Network interconnections.

Put simply, interconnection links different telecommunication networks, enabling seamless communication between the users, serving quite literally as the backbone of networks. It involves commercial and technical arrangements under which network providers connect their networks and ser vices to enable their customers to have access to the customers and services of other network providers.

"The current review also aims to examine interconnection issues related to emerg ing platforms such as satellite-based telecommunications networks, wherein key aspects include the nature and location of Points of Interconnect (PC) is, particularly those involve ing satellite earth station gateways and their interconnection with other satellite, mobile and fixed-line networks." the regu lator said in a release floating consultation paper.

The paper reviewing all existing interconnection regulations, nine in all, seeks stake holders view on what should be the interconnection framework for satellite-based telecommunications networks with other telecom networks.

"Further, whether the interconnection frameworks for MSS (Mobile Satellite Service) and FSS (Fixed-Satellite Service) satellite-based telecommunications networks should be distinct," TRAI asked.

TRAI also asked for specific regulatory models from other countries that have successful ly addressed interconnection related issues and challenges which can be adapted in the Indian telecom sector.

"The existing interconnec-

tion regulatory framework provides for application of origination, carriage, transit, transit carriage and ter mination charges for various levels of interconnections for PSTN-PSTN, PLMN-PLMN, PLMN-PSTN. Based on the interconnection regulatory framework suggested...should there be a review of these charges," it has asked.

#### **AM/NS India** accelerates lowcarbon steelmaking

POST NEWS NETWORK

Mumbai/Delhi, November 10: ArcelorMittal Nippon Steel India (AM/NS India) has released its Sustainability Report for FY 2024-25, outlining significant progress in decarbonisation, circularity, and community development. The company has achieved more than a one-third reduction in CO emissions intensity since 2015, making it one of India's lowest carbon-emitting integrated steel producers- 14 per cent below the national

Highlighting its focus on renewable energy, 26 per cent of AM/NS India's total electricity consumption now comes from renewable sources. This includes clean energy supplied to its flagship Hazira plant in Guiarat through a 1-GW hybrid renewable energy project in Andhra Pradesh, developed by AM Green Energy.

The company also achieved zero liquid discharge across operations and harvested 350 million litres of rainwater during the year. Strengthening its circular economy practices, AM/NS India utilised over 4.1 lakh tonnes of steel scrap in FY 2024-25, accounting for 5.7 per cent of its total steel production. Its scrap processing facility in Khopoli, Maharashtra, is helping the company move toward its 10 per cent scrap mix target by 2030.

"Sustainability is integral to our business strategy, promoting innovation, contributing to national climate goals, and ensuring the well-being of our people and communities," said DilipOommen, CEO, AM/NS India. "The past year marked a turning point in our journey as we advanced our commitment to producing high-quality, low-carbon steel more responsibly.

The report aligns with global frameworks such as GRI 2021, ESRS, Integrated Reporting, and BRSR standards.

#### Khimji holds blood donation camp with IRCS BHUBANESWAR: Khimii Group reaffirmed its commitment to social welfare

by organising a blood donation camp in collaboration with the Indian Red Cross Society (IRCS), Odisha State Branch. The camp was held at the Khimji Group's Corporate Office in the NSIC Building, Bhubaneswar. The event was inaugurated by Mitesh Khimji, Managing Director of Khimji Group, and Raghunath Behera, Medical Officer, IRCS, in the presence of Gulshan Kumar Dash, Red Cross representative, Trilochan Dash, Coordinator, Odisha Rakta Sanchara Maha Sangha, and senior representatives from Khimji Jewellers, Kh imji Finserv, and Khimji Foundation. Speaking on the occasion, Mitesh Khimji said, "Blood is red gold, and its value is truly known in times of emergency. Every single unit of blood has the powe

to save three precious lives. This initiative reflects our enduring values of compassion, care, and giving back to the society that has trusted us for generations." The drive saw enthusiastic participation, collecting 34 units of blood, including contributions from 24 Khimji employees and 10 external donors from the NSIC premises. The initiative reinforces Khimji Group's ongoing commitment to community health and humanitarian causes across Odisha.

#### Vedanta promotes health, life, & sustainability



Aluminium ing health,

BHUBANE-

velopment initiative, Project Sampark. The programme has empowered over 1,000 women from the villages of Banjari, Kudaloi, and Piplimal in Odisha to adopt kitchen gardening and organic food practices. Under den kit containing 10 varieties of vegetable seeds along with organic manure. More than 10,000 seed packets were distributed to women and Anganwadi workers Rajiv Kumar, CEO of Vedanta Aluminium, said, "At Ve danta Aluminium, we believe sustainable development pegins with empowering communities. Through Project Sampark, we are enabling women in rural Odisha to take charge of their family's nutrition and well-being by cultivating kitchen gardens." Echoing the impact, arojini Mahanad, a resident of Banjari village, shared These sessions have taught us easy ways to grow providing fresh and healthy food for my family.'

#### **Tamluk railway station** undergoes major revamp

KOLKATA: The Amrit Bharat Station Scheme, a flagship initiative of Indian Railways, aims to modernise railway infrastructure across the nation to enhance passenger gramme, 72 stations of the South Eastern Railway are the specific needs of individual stations. The objective cleaner, more

comfortable, and userfriendly railway stations. includes the renovation of the station building, construction



Other improvements include revamped waiting rooms and toilets, enhanced circulating areas, new entry and exit gates, better platform shelters tactile and Braille signage, and Divyangjan-friendly facilities. The station will also feature a new façade and porch painted with local art and culture theme along with a baby feeding room, offering a modern and inclusive passenger experience.

### Demat accounts opened in October touch 10-month high

INDO-ASIAN NEWS SERVICE

Mumbai, Nov 10: New demat accounts opened in October exceeded 30 lakh, marking a 10-month high and a 22 per cent increase from 24.6 lakh in September, data from depositories

showed. Analysts attributed the surge to a rebound in equity markets, return of foreign fund inflows. and flood of initial public offerings (IPO) that has heightened investor interest. Total demat accounts reached a record 21 crore, up from 20.7 crore the previous month.

In October, India's primary market saw a record number of mainboard IPOs, with 10 offerings aiming to raise over Rs 44,930 crore, marking the largest monthly fundraising target in the country's capital-market

history. Analysts also attributed the spike to robust market conditions across broader indices. Equity benchmarks Sensex and Nifty rose in October, approximately 3 per cent, while the BSE Midcap and Smallcap indices gained 4 per cent and 3 per cent, respectively

Foreign institutional investors, who had been net sellers for several months, turned buyers and invested around \$1.6 billion in domestic equities.

The domestic stock market is expected to remain sideways to a consolidating phase as the equity indices show mild selling



pressure at a higher level in the weekly chart.

On the domestic front, investors will be focused on India's CPI and WPI inflation figures this week, which are expected to shed light on the inflation trend and future policy direc-

Global investment bank Goldman Sachs (GS) has turned bullish on India, upgrading its rating on Indian equities to "Overweight" and setting a Nifty target of 29,000 by end-2026, implying a potential 14 per cent upside from current levels.

Goldman Sachs said recent trends suggest a turnaround in sentiment as valuations have cooled and foreign risk appetite improves.

The investment bank said growth will be supported by the Reserve Bank of India's easing measures, including rate cuts, improved liquidity, and bank deregulation, along with GST reductions and slower fiscal consolidation.

### Rupee falls 8 paise

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

Mumbai, Nov 10: The rupee depreciated 8 paise to settle at 88.73 against the US dollar in a muted session, Monday weighed down by elevated crude oil prices.

However, positive domestic equity markets and a soft US dollar cushioned the runee's downside, forex traders said.

At the interbank foreign exchange market, the rupee opened at 88.64 against the American currency, and touched an intraday high of 88.64 and a low of 88.73 against the greenback during the day.

The domestic unit finally set tled for the day at 88.73, lower by 8 paise from its previous close Friday, the rupee slipped 2 paise to 88.65 against the US dollar.

We expect the rupee to trade with a slight negative bias on rising global markets and a surge in crude oil prices. Im porters' demand for the US dollar may also put pressure on the rupee.

However, any weakening of the US dollar amid concerns over the long-term health of the US economy may support the rupee at lower levels. Markets may remain volatile as the US Government shutdown nears an end. USDINR spot price is expected to trade in a range of 88.50 to 89, said Anuj Choud hary, Research Analyst, Mirae Asset ShareKhan.

Meanwhile, the dollar index, which gauges the greenback's strength against a bas ket of six currencies, fell 0.04 per cent to 99.55.

### India among leading data center markets of Asia

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

New Delhi, Nov 10: India has emerged as one of the world's most attractive markets for data centre investment, with Mumbai ranking as the second-lowest-cost region globally for data centre construction in 2025, according to the latest Turner & Townsend Data Centre Construction Cost Index.

The report states that Mumbai's data centre construction cost is just \$6.64 per watt, positioning the city 51st out of 52 global markets assessed.

The ranking is based on the cost per watt to build data centres, with 1st rank representing



the highest construction costs and 52nd the lowest.

Thus, Mumbai's 51st position

indicates it is the second most cost-effective city in the world for data centre construction,

offering significantly lower costs compared to most other markets. This low-cost environment gives India a strategic edge for investment, substantially lower than other major hubs such as Tokyo, Singapore, and Zurich, where costs per watt are at least twice as high. Mumbai also benefits from a

cheaper electricity tariff at 6.71 \$ cents/kWh, which is over 50 per cent lower than Shanghai, further improving its operational cost base.

India produces 20 per cent of the world's data but has only 3 per cent of global data centre capacity, highlighting critical reliance on foreign hosting and signalling massive domestic market expansion potential.

India, alongside Japan and Singapore, is already among the largest data centre markets in the Asia-Pacific region after

India will require an investment of \$156 billion for regional buildout. "India sits at a crucial global inflection point, with markets

Mainland China. Estimates say

like Mumbai offering a potent combination of competitive construction costs, ranked the second lowest globally, and a massive projected market opportunity, with an estimated \$156 billion required for regional buildout. This low-cost base provides India with a salient advantage for data centre investment," Sumit Mukherjee, Managing Director for Real Estate in Asia at Turner & Townsend, said.

#### TUESDAY | NOVEMBER 11, 2025 | BHUBANESWAR

# Samrat's historic golden shot Archers aim gold in Asian finals

Rudrankksh Patil, Teiaswini

Sawant, and the mixed team pair

of Shiva Narwal and Esha Singh

With three gold, three silver and as many bronze, India

jumped from fifth spot to third

as China led the table with six

gold, four silver and two bronze

But Monday, he left no room

for any doubt as he showed his

intentions in the qualification

round with a excellent 586,

which placed him at the top of

India clinched the team gold

with the trio of Samrat (586),

Varun (586) and Shravan (582)

aggregating 1754. Italy were a

distant second with 17467, while

Double Olympic-medallist

suffered a meltdown in

the women's

10m air pis-

Germany (1740) took bronze.

shooter Manu Bhaker and

multiple Asian Games

medal winner Esha Singh

the leaderboard.

20-year-old Samrat becomes the first Indian pistol shooter in an Olympic discipline to become world champion

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

Cairo, Nov 10: Young Indian shooter Samrat Rana came up with breathtaking show of marksmanship to clinch the men's 10m air pistol gold and make history at the prestigious ISSF World Championships here Monday

The 20-year-old Samrat became the first Indian pistol shooter in an Olympic discipline to become world champion and, in the process, also helped India win

the team gold in the event.

With three gold, three silver and as many bronze, India jumped from fifth spot to third as China led the table with six gold, four silver and two bronze

Samrat, who hails from Karnal, shot an amazing 243.7 in the final to beat back the challenge of China's Hu Kai, who took the silver in a nerve-wracking medal round with a score of 243.3.

India's Varun Tomar, who comes from a small village in Baghpat district of Uttar Pradesh and is a cousin of

SHORT **TAKES** 

Shuttlers eye turnaround Kumamoto: Indian shuttlers HS

Prannoy and Lakshya Sen will look to rediscover their touch, while

the emerging crop will aim to turn

promise into performance at the \$475,000 Kumamoto Masters Japan

Super 500 tournament beginning

a lean patch before rediscovering

his touch with a runner-up finish

at the Hong Kong Open followed

momentum. Prannoy, a 2023 World

has struggled since his pre-Olympic

his preparation for Paris, where he

played through pain but exited early.

Among the next generation, US Open

winner Ayush Shetty, who stunned

Yew of Singapore en route the Hylo

seed Kunlavut Vitidsarn of Thailand

Jr WC: Jvoti to lead squad

New Delhi: Jyoti Singh will continue

India named a 20-member squad for

the upcoming FIH Women's Junior

World Cup, scheduled to be held in Santiago, Chile from November 25 to

December 13. The 20-member squad,

coached by former India international

Tushar Khandker, features 18 players

been placed in Pool C and will open

and two alternates. India have

their campaign against Namibia

December 1, followed by matches

against Germany December 3 and

Ireland December 5. The top teams

from each pool will progress to the

knockout stages, which will be played

to lead the Indian team as Hockey

former world champion Loh Kean

Open quarterfinals, will face top

bout of chikungunya hampered

by quarterfinal appearances at

the Denmark and Hylo Open,

will be keen to build on that

here Tuesday. Lakshya, who endured

Olympian pistol ace Saurabh Chaudhary, shot 221.7 to take the bronze in a high-intensity final, which saw the lead changing hands among the three shooters multiple times.

However, it was Samrat who stuck to basics and never flinched even once as he converted his junior success into triumph at the senior level at the same venue where he had won two gold medals -- junior air pistol team and junior mixed team -- at the the 2022 World Championships.

This is also the first time two Indian shooters won medals in the same event at the World Championships.

Coached by his father since 2018, Samrat had been knocking at the doorsteps of success at the senior level for the last one year. A student of DAV

College, Karnal, Samrat clinched the World University gold last year and recently

missed qualifying for the ISSF World Cup final in Ningbo, China by the thinnest of margins.

still can't believe it. It was my first senior World C'ships and vinning gold is unbelievable. I was just ocusing on my technique, not looking at the screen and trying to repeat the process

Samrat becomes only the fifth Indian shooter to win a world tol final as the country's top-two shooters could not win a medal. Manu, winner of the 10m air title in an Olympic event, joining the elite list of Abhinav Bindra,

pistol individual and mixed team bronze at Paris Olympics, had things going her way in the final before a poor 8.8 on the 14th shot saw her take a mighty tumble from the top spot to seventh as she finished with a score of 139.5. Esha, who recently won the World Cup gold in Ningbo, could not turn her dream runs into a medal as inconsistencies and nerves got the better of her on the big stage as she faltered with an 8.4 on 14th shot after a superb 10.7 to finish sixth in the eight-shooter final. India got a small consolation by winning a team silver with Esha (583), Manu (580) and world No 1 Suruchi Inder Singh (577) aggregating 1740 the second-place



Dhaka, Nov 10: Indian recurve archers are on the verge of ending their long medal drought at the Asian Archery Championships, setting up a gold medal clash with South Korea after a hard-fought semifinal win Monday.

The defending champions

POISED TO END MEDAL

DEFENDING CHAMPIONS COMPOUND WOMEN'S **TEAM IN FINAL** 

However, Bhoge and his teammates showed fine temperament under pressure, shooting a near-perfect 57 in the fourth set while restricting their oppo nents to 52 to clinch the match 5-3 and secure a place in the fi nal where they will face heavy weights South Korea, who got the better of Uzbekistan 6-2.

The South Koreans have sent a second-string side with less er-known names and it remains to be seen if India are able to overcome their long-standing nemesis.

It was business as usual for the formidable Indian compound women's team, who are eyeing back-to-back continental titles.

The trio of Deepshikha Jyothi Surekha Vennam and Prathika Pradeep comfortably defeated hosts Bangladesh 234 227 to enter the final.

They will now face second seeds Korea, who overcame Iran 237-227 in the other semifinal. The individual and mixed team events are yet to get un-

At the Bangkok Asian Champoinships two years back, India had finished second behind Korea, returning with three gold one silver and three bronze.

Six of the seven medals had come in compound events. The women's team had bagged the solitary medal, a bronze, in the recurve section.

#### PREMIER LEAGUE

#### **GUARDIOLA'S CITY CRUSH LIVERPOOL**

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

Manchester, Nov 10: In his 1,000th game as a manager, Pep Guardiola celebrated victory as if it was his first. Manchester City's 3-0 triumph over Liver pool Sunday was win No 716 for Guardiola and likely one of the most satisfying of his trophy-laden career.

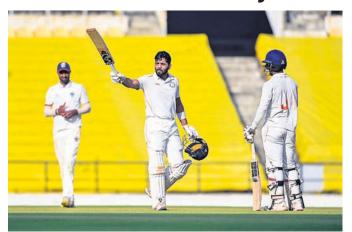
dominate the defending Premier League champion and one of Guardiola's fiercest rivals in a career spanning Spain, Germany and England - but the result firmly established his team as a genuine contender for the title this season. "Thank you to the players and staff for giving me that incredible present (against) the most important opponent in

City moved up to second in the standings - just four points behind leader Arsenal, with a well-established record when it comes to chasing down Mikel Arteta's team. By contrast, Liverpool, which was the runaway champion just six months ago, is slipping further adrift.

manager said afterward.



# Vidarbha tighten grip as Odisha battle to stay alive



POST NEWS NETWORK

Nagpur, Nov 10: At the Vidarbha Cricket Association Stadium in Jamtha, Nagpur, the third day of the Ranji Trophy clash between Odisha and Vidarbha unfolded with gripping drama and shifting mo-

After winning the toss and choosing to field, Vidarbha's bowlers executed their plans to perfection, dismissing Odisha for 160 runs in the first innings. Subhranshu Senapati fought valiantly with 41 off 112 balls, but Gaurav Farde and PR Rekhade's disciplined spells, taking three wickets each, kept Odisha in check.

In reply, Vidarbha's batting was anchored by the resolute Dhruv Shorey, who compiled a magnificent 144 off 298 balls, ably supported by Samarth R's 49. Their 286-run total gave

Vidarbha a first-innings lead of 126 runs. Odisha, under pressure, faltered again in their second innings, collapsing to 122/6 by stumps on Day 2. The Vidarbha bowlers, led once again by Farde, continued to dominate.

On Day 3, Vidarbha pressed for an outright win. Declaring at 218/2 in just 59 overs, thanks to A Mokhade's unbeaten 101, they set Odisha a daunting target of 345 runs. By stumps, Odisha had reached 44/0, with openers Swastik Samal and Gaurav Choudhury showing resilience after three days of

relentless pressure. As the final day looms, Odisha face an uphill battle—needing 301 runs with all wickets intact-while Vidarbha stand just ten wickets away from a commanding victory. The stage is set for an intense finish in this captivating Ranji encounter.

#### SAU PAULO GRAND PRIX

### Norris bags seventh win of season

**Nightmare for Piastri as F1 title hopes slip** 

Sao paulo, Nov 10: McLaren's Lando Norris won the Sao Paulo Grand Prix to surge 24 points clear in the Formula One championship Sunday while teammate and title rival Oscar Piastri finished fifth after being penalised for causing a collision.

Mercedes' teenage rookie Kimi Antonelli hung on for a career-best second place with Max Verstappen an astonishing third for Red Bull after starting from the pitlane.

Verstappen's performance was all the more impressive after the four-times world champion, who won from 17th at Interlagos last year, suffered an early slow puncture and had

to fight back from 18th. "Crazy race," said Norris of his second successive win and seventh of the season after snatching the championship lead from Piastri in Mexico

last month . "To be honest, I don't think we were the quickest today but I'm glad to take home the win. It's a great win. But seeing how quick Max was, it's disappointing we were not quicker,"

he added. Piastri, who started fourth with Norris on pole, served a 10-second penalty for an early clash with Antonelli that put Ferrari's Charles Leclerc out



—□ Norris wins in Brazil to go 24 points clear at top

- Piastri only fifth at Interlagos ─□ Verstappen goes from pitlane to third

Antonelli a career-high second

of the race after they went

three-abreast. It was another massive blow for the Australian, who crashed out of the Saturday sprint that Norris won on a perfect weekend for the Briton who has moved up a gear and is the clear title favourite.

With three races and a Saturday sprint remaining, Norris has 390 points to Piastri's 366 with Verstappen falling further behind on 341 and his hopes looking slim despite all the superlatives of his drive.

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The men's recurve trio of

Yashdeep Bhoge, Atanu Das

and Rahul displayed grit and

composure to overcome a

third set scare and down Ka-

zakhstan 5-3 in a tense four-set

The Indians took the opening

set 54-52, edging their rivals by

two points. The Kazakh trio

of Ilfat Abdullin, Dastan Kari-

mov and Alexandr Yeremenko

bounced back strongly in the

second, firing four 10s to draw

The pressure was evident on

the Indians in the third set as

an errant 8 proved costly, allow-

ing Kazakhstan to take it 56-54

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The crash brought out the safety car, with Ferrari's Lewis Hamilton pitting for a new front wing after he collided with Williams' Carlos Sainz and Alpine's Franco Colapinto.

The seven-times world champion and honorary Brazilian continued with a damaged floor but was given a five-second penalty for causing a collision and then retired.

The double driver retirement was Ferrari's third of the season and dropped them down to fourth, behind Red Bull in third

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#### **MILESTONE MOMENT**

### Arshi first female National Karting champ

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

from December 7 to 13.

New Delhi, Nov 10: Nine-yearold Arshi Gupta of Delhi Public School, Faridabad created history by becoming the first-ever female racer to win a National Karting Championship title.

Competing in the Micro Max class in a mixed grid of boys and girls, Arshi clinched the 2025 FMSCI Indian Rotax Max National Karting Championship at the Meco Kartopia circuit in Bangalore.

Born October 18, 2016, in Faridabad, Arshi races under Leapfrog Racing and has achieved this extraordinary feat in just her second year of competitive racing.

Earlier in the season, she stunned the motorsport fraternity by winning Round 3 at the Madras International Karting Arena (MIKA), the FIA-homologated track at Irungattukottai. August 31. She later won a dou-



ble at Coimbatore too.

Displaying remarkable poise and precision in the final round, Arshi won both the Pre-Final and the Final in Micro Max class (8 to 12 years category) and won the National crown.

This triumph makes Arshi the first girl to win a National

Karting championship in the 21-year history of the Indian Rotax series.

Starting with the Meritus Cup in 2024, Arshi soon moved into the Rotax Nationals, making her the youngest female to compete in the National Karting Championship.

### Post-WC triumph, eves eye foreign coach

In a first, Women in Blue look for a foreign strength and conditioning coach

INDO-ASIAN NEWS SERVICE

New Delhi, Nov 10: Following their historic Women's ODI World Cup triumph, the Indian team is likely to have a foreign strength and conditioning coach as part of its backroom staff for the very first time.

In April this year, the BC-CI had invited applications for head physiotherapist and strength and conditioning coach for the women's team for its various matches and tournaments. Shortly after, the interviews for the same are believed to have happened in Bangalore.

Sources familiar with the matter have told IANS on Monday that Nathan Kiely, currently the head of strength and conditioning at the Bangladesh Cricket Board (BCB), is most likely to join the Indian women's team as their new strength and conditioning coach.



the Women's Big Bash League Apart from his current work (WBBL). in the Bangladesh set-up, Kiely has worked as an assistant strength and conditioning

He's also worked with professional rugby league football clubs Sydney Roosters and the Brisbane Broncos. The Indian women's team had AI Harrsha as their strength and conditioning coach for the last few months and played a major role in ensuring the team was fit in their quest to win the World

But it is understood that Harrsha, who's attached with the BCCI Centre of Excellence (CoE) in Bengaluru, will be given other assignments, consider ing the hectic international calendar across age-groups in both men's and women's cricket.

The Indian men's team cur rently has Adrian Le Roux in the role, and is now in his sec ond stint as the side's strength and conditioning coach. The Indian women's team, led by Harmanpreet Kaur, will be seen in international action during a home white-ball se ries against Bangladesh in De cember, before joining their re spective franchises for the 2026 season of the Women's Premier League (WPL).

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