



Yami's perception

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

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Samrat Rana clinches the men's 10m air pistol gold and make history at the prestigious ISSF World Championships

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NUAPADA TO VOTE TODAY

PNN & AGENCIES

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



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

exercise their franchise. Key candidates are BJD's Snehangini Chhuria, BJP's Jay Dholakia, Congress' Ghasiram Majhi, and Samajwadi Party's Ramakanta Hati. Hemant Tandi of the Bahujan Mukti Party and Shukadhar Dandsena of Odisha Janata Dal are also in the fray. Eight Independents — Ashraya Mahandan, Chakranta Jena, Bhuvan Lal Sahu, Kishore Kumar Bag, Nita Bag, Lakshmi-kant Tandi, Bhaktabandhu Dharua, and Lochan Majhi — are contesting as well. 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 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

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 Pattanayak received 15,501 votes. Nuapada recorded a 75.44 per cent voter turnout in that election.

Blast near Red Fort kills 8



AGENCIES

New Delhi, Nov 10: A high-intensity explosion ripped 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 LNJ hospital, a few kilometres away. Delhi Police Commissioner Satish Golcha said the car, in which the blast took place, had some occupants. 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 following 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. 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

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 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," 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.

ODISHA PUT ON HIGH ALERT

BHUBANESWAR: Chief Minister Mohan Charan Majhi Monday directed Odisha Police to make extensive security arrangements across the state, especially on major festivals like the ongoing Balli Jatra held in Cuttack. The Chief Minister's direction came hours after an explosion in Delhi's Red Fort area claimed at least eight lives and injured 24 others. "I strongly condemn the incident. India has never tolerated such inhumane incidents, and nor will it," the CM said. Majhi expressed his firm confidence that the Central government, under the leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi, will definitely conduct a proper investigation into this incident and punish the guilty.

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. **MORE P9**

2,900 KG EXPLOSIVES SEIZED; 8 HELD

White collar terror module busted

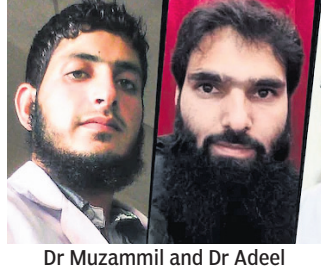
PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

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 Ganaie'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 Aghar 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 Bunkpora 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



Seized weapons

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



This train was really special—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 couple posing together — hands entwined, masks on — proving that in Delhi, even love needs life support. One meme on X shows Superman sitting in a hospital bed wearing an oxygen mask, captioned "Superman after flying through Delhi's air for 10



minutes". 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 "severe" 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.

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ARIES
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.

TAURUS
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.

GEMINI
You will spend your day fulfilling the demands made upon you by your family members and colleagues. You will need to 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, says Ganesha.

CANCER
Watch out for winds of change and ac accordingly. 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.

LEO
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.

VIRGO
Though you are a Cancerian, 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.

LIBRA
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 professional. 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.



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.

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.



Yami's take on feminism

MUMBAI: Actress Yami Gautam, 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.

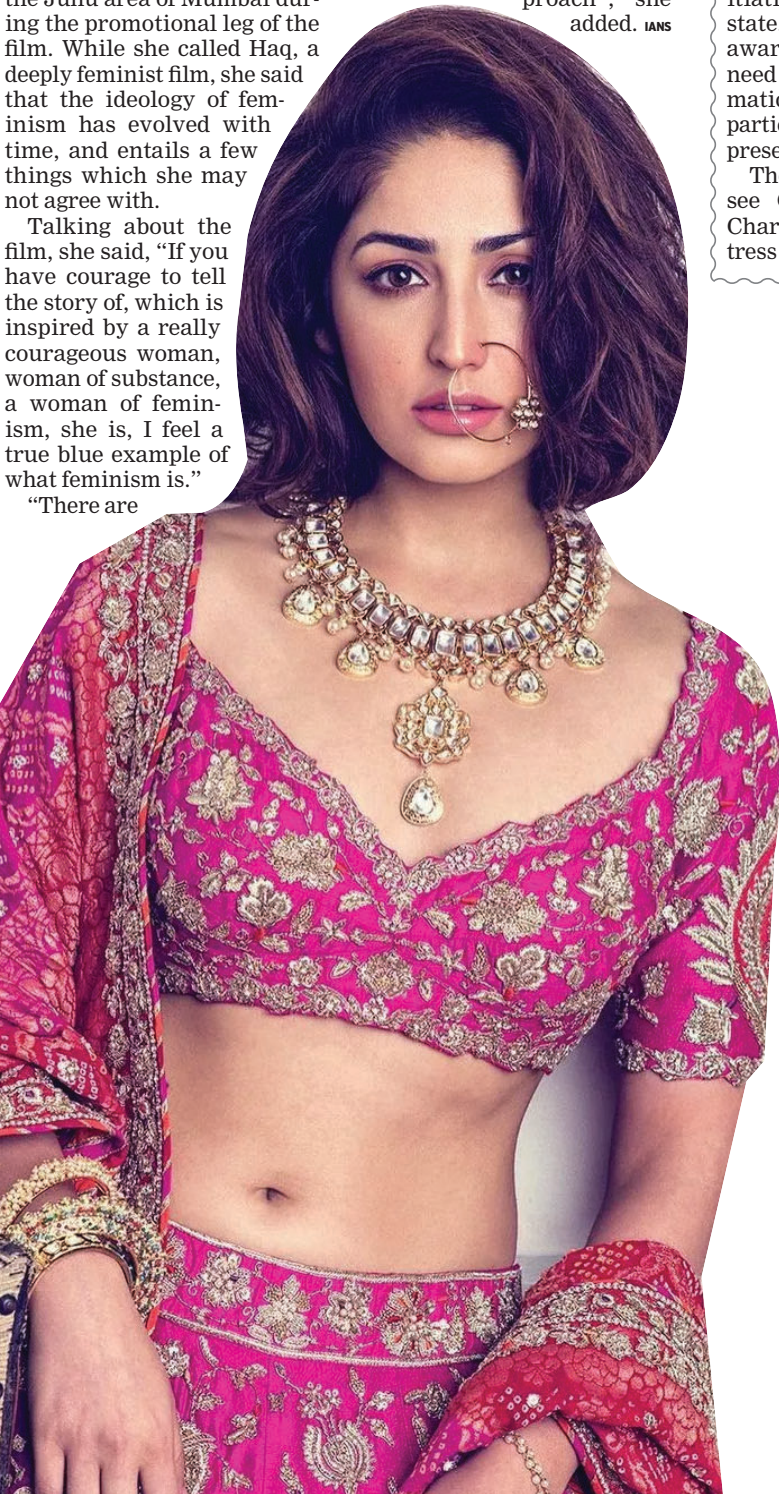
The actress spoke with this agency at a 5-star property in the Juhu area of Mumbai during the promotional leg of the film. While she called *Haq*, a deeply feminist film, she said that the ideology of feminism has evolved with time, and entails a few things which she may not agree with.

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

a lot of definitions of feminism 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 added.

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Waheeda to grace Film Preservation & Restoration Workshop

BHUBANESWAR: The Film Heritage Foundation (FHF), in association with the International 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 Odisha Crafts Museum.

The international workshop, organised in partnership with the Department of Handlooms, Textiles & Handicrafts and the Department of Tourism, Government of Odisha, marks the first time this flagship initiative will be hosted in the state. The event aims to raise awareness about the urgent need to preserve India's cinematic legacy while equipping participants with skills in film preservation and restoration.

The opening ceremony will see Chief Minister Mohan Charan Majhi, legendary actress Waheeda Rehman, and a



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 we have lost touch with that rich legacy. These films need to be preserved, as cinema is a reflection of who we are, 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 Founders-Secretary 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 Centre in the state.

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Rashmika yearns to be part of K-drama

MUMBAI: Actress Rashmika 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 consider 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 do on screen."

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

with Korean dramas.

"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 Siddiqui and Ayushmann Khurrana, and is set in a fictional world. It also sees a crossover with Varun Dhawan's *Bhedhiya*.

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MUMBAI: Veteran Bollywood star Dharmendra, aged 89, is currently on ventilator support at Mumbai's Breach Candy Hospital, according to sources close to this agency.

The octogenarian was admitted to Breach Candy Hospital in Mumbai few days ago. Sources close to this agency shared a health update and said that Dharmendra is critical and on life support.

However, the family says the actor is stable.

Son Sunny Deol released a statement requesting privacy: "Mr. Dharmendra is stable and under observation. Further comments and updates will be shared as available. Request everyone to pray for his speedy recovery and respect the family's right to privacy."

On October 31, the actor, as per sources close to IANS, was kept under strict medical observation by top doctors at Breach Candy Hospital in Mumbai. The exact cause of his illness is unclear; 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 superstar's 90th birthday is on December 8.

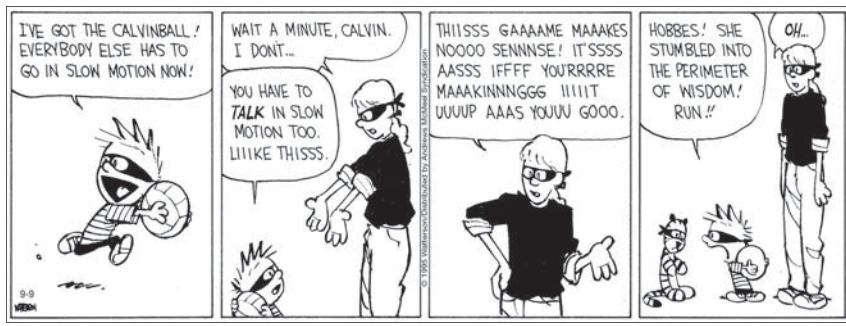
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Dharam on life support: Reports

PEANUTS



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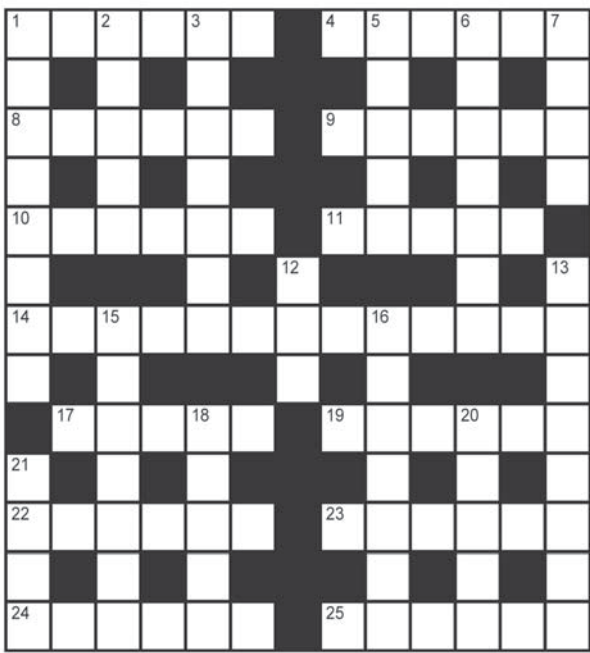


BREVITY



FUN post

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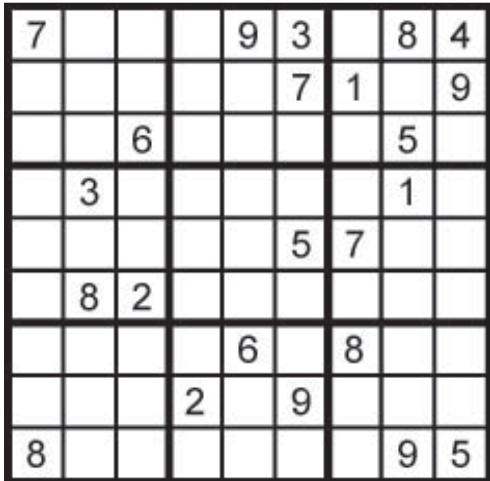
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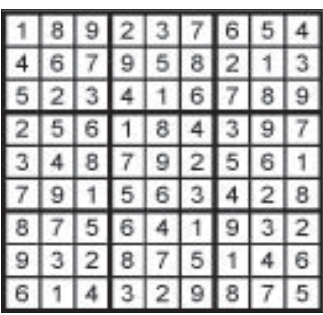
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- Redbird
- Bram Stoker character
- Blatant
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SUDOKU

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

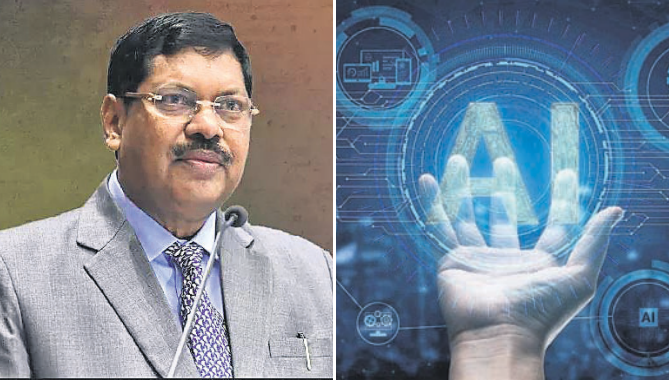


SOLUTIONS



CHECK FOR SOLUTIONS OF THE PUZZLES TOMORROW

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 courtroom.

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...”

THE PETITIONER ARGUED THAT THE USE OF GENERATIVE AI IS PROBLEMATIC AS IT INVOLVES 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

“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

OP PHOTO

Chain snatcher held after 5 years in City

POST NEWS NETWORK

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 limits.

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



the victim was standing in front of his house, the accused, Md Sohail, along with an associate, 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 to sell the contraband. Police sources said they had been engaged in smuggling activities for several days and procured the contraband from Khurda for local sale. Apart from the brown sugar, police also seized a scooter from their possession. During 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 immediate recruitment

OP PHOTO

EPFO zonal indoor tourney concludes in Bhubaneswar

BHUBANESWAR: The three-day zonal indoor tournament organised 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 chess. Regional PF Commissioner-I, Vijay Kumar Prasad presided over the closing ceremony, while Regional PF Commissioner-I, Rajarshi Chakma presented the Regional Sports Promotion Board (Odisha) report for 2025-26. KIIT VC Saranjit Singh, 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 Surjeet 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.

Farmers scuffle with cops over paddy procurement



PNN & AGENCIES

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 said.

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.

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.

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INDEX	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 ▲ 82.05	SILVER	₹152,200 ▲ ₹4,472

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	BBSR	CTC	FORECAST
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Climate change threatens Barunei Island in Kendrapara

POST NEWS NETWORK

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 Agarashahi, 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 Dangamali. To the south lie the Batighar lighthouse and Hukitola Island.

The Barunei estuary, where the Hansua distributary of the Brahmani river



er meets the Bay of Bengal, forms the natural setting of the temple. Historically, Maa Baruneiswari was worshipped in a thatched shrine, now replaced by a cement platform. Forest officials revere her as the guardian deity of the region.

Over the past 150 years, 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, environmental-

ist Hemanta Kumar Rout, and Prabhuprasad Mohapatra note that several texts refer to the goddess as "Gadachandi." They say the deity was believed to have protected the Kanika naval fleet, which defeated the Nawabs of Cuttack in the 18th century.

In the 16th century, the Kanika coast had a distinct identity — the Bay of Bengal was known locally as the Kanika Sea, the Dhamra river as the Kanika river, and the northern sandbars as Kanika Island. Scholar Radha Charan Panda wrote in "Utka Sahitya" that before the Bhanja dynasty's conquest in the 12th cen-

tury, 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 'Bhanja Kanika'.

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

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



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

Sansad Khel Mahotsav to begin November 16

Chhatrapur: Sansad Khel Mahotsav is all set to kick off from November 16. Additional District Magistrate (ADM) Pramod Kumar Prusty alongside ADM Sunil Kumar Kerketa and District Sports Officer Santosh Kumar Mishra informed, while addressing a press conference here Saturday. Participants will be divided into two categories based on their age. Junior category participants shall comprise participants aged 12 to 16 whereas senior category will have participants aged 17 to 24, for both boys and girls. Various sports are set to be organised during the period of November 16 to 30. ADM Prusty further said that the motive of these games is to encourage the youth.

Koraput JNV students walk 6 km to report grievances to Collector



POST NEWS NETWORK

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 taken, prompting the students

to 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 conduct and teaching

Odia girl adopted by US couple alleges torture

Appeals to Odisha CM for rescue

PNN AND AGENCIES

Balasure, 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 Balasure, claimed she has been enduring constant abuse at the hands of her adoptive mother in the U.S.



"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.

In the video, Puja said her visa expired in 2023, leaving her stranded in the U.S. without legal documents.

She further claimed that her adoptive mother

The matter came 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, Puja 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.

Woman gives birth two hours after husband's death in road accident

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 Jharbada village under Sahebi gram panchayat was married to 30-year-old Manoj Majhi 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.

Rudrabhishek of 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 creeks. Known for their pink plumage and black-and-white tails, these birds feed on small fish, snails, crabs, and aquatic insects. They nest and rear their young within the man-

grove cover, finding the area secure from human disturbance.

Forest department staff have established base camps across Gahirmatha to monitor and protect the birds. Painted storks have

also been sighted at Hukitola Reserve Forest, Sasanpeta Forest, Launch Gholia Island, Shola estuary, and nearby sandy stretches.

Environmentalists Samarendra Mahali, Biranchi Narayan Das, Laxmidhara Swain, and Gautam Gayan noted that the birds prefer the mangrove-rich zones of Kansaradia, Heta Mundia, Bhitarkharinasi, Jambou, 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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President Groped

Misogyny 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.

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1813: British troops under Colonel J.W. Morrison defeated U.S. forces led by General John Boyd at the Battle of Cryslers'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 to an end.

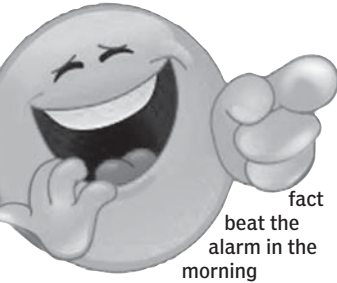
1966: Gemini 12, the last spacecraft in the Gemini series and the first to make an automatically controlled reentry into Earth's atmosphere, was launched.

1992: The Church of England voted to ordain women as priests; the first ordination took place two years later.

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STOP BEING LATE TO WORK

Tom 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



fact beat the alarm in the morning 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?"

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



Joseph H Davis

What are we to make 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 prices, 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-



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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 poten-

tial, implying a rotation in stock 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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Europe between Trump and Putin

Europe 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 high-stakes 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 equilib-

rium 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.

In 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 Rus-

sia diplomacy carries several lessons and potential leverage points.

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 China and other powers, should 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.

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Letters

TO THE EDITOR

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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

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Emerging countries are appearing in this COP with a different role. China is coming with solutions for everyone

ANDRE CORREA DO LAGO | PRESIDENT, COP30

Our engagement in Gaza will require the ability to work with international partners who enjoy the full support of the international community and full authorization to undertake their efforts

AJAY BANGA | PRESIDENT, WORLD BANK

The United States of America will not let the Hungarian opposition, or in fact Brussels blackmail Hungary financially

JANOS LAZAR | CONSTRUCTION AND TRANSPORT MINISTER, HUNGARY

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 Hanimaadhooh 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

Seoul: South Korea's ousted 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 him, his wife and associates.

23-year-old Indian student dies in US

New York: A 23-year-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. Rajyalakshmi Yarlagadda, alias Raji, 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 Karmachedu 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 in-



VOLODYMYR ZELENSKY | PRESIDENT, UKRAINE

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

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 Tatar, while Senate Chairman Yusuf Raza Gilani presided over the proceedings.

The government and its coalition partners secured a two-thirds 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 related to the constitution, while the existing Supreme Court would deal only with traditional civil and criminal cases.

"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.

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



India, Russia to sign labour mobility pact



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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 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.

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 emergency" as "blatant interference of China's internal affairs and vi-



olation of sovereignty" that require a retraction and apology.

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.

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 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.



CHINA WANTS MORE FOREIGN 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 Chinese 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 sent 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 Indian H-1B 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 job-seekers still are likely to aim for jobs in leading global companies outside China.

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Gold gained as a weak dollar cues and positive sentiment following the reopening of the US government lifted prices. The focus now shifts 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 deliberations focused on strengthening the policy ecosystem, regulatory processes and digital infrastructure to catalyse investment in next-generation technologies

PIYUSH GOYAL |
COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY MINISTER

Progress is embodied by the launch of the revamped FPI and FVCI portals. This is not just an upgrade; it's a powerful commitment from NSDL to empower participants with world-class digital infrastructure

VIJAY CHANDOK | MD AND CEO, NSDL

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 added. The company's revenue 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.



Russia has been an important business partner for India, and the engineering and tools sector presents significant potential for collaboration. Our engineering exports to Russia are growing rapidly and expected to reach \$1.75 billion this year

RAJESH AGRAWAL | COMMERCE SECRETARY

SENSEX JUMPS 319 POINTS

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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, Infosys, 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-

cap ended 0.28 per cent lower.

Focused 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 per cent.

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 declined 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 Friday, while Domestic Institutional Investors outnumbered the FIIs by acquiring the stocks worth Rs 6,674.77 crore, according to the exchange data.

AM/NS India accelerates low-carbon 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 average.

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 Gujarat 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.

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

Khimji holds blood donation camp with IRCS

BHUBANESWAR: Khimji 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, Khimji 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 power 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



BHUBANESWAR: Vedanta Aluminium is promoting health, nutrition, and sustainability among rural communities through its community development initiative, Project Sampark. The programme has empowered over 1,000 women from the villages of Banjari, Kudaloli, and Pipilimai in Odisha to adopt kitchen gardening and organic food practices. Under the initiative, each participant received a kitchen garden 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 Vedanta Aluminium, we believe sustainable development begins 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, Sarojini Mahanad, a resident of Banjari village, shared, "These sessions have taught us easy ways to grow our own vegetables at home. I now feel confident about 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 comfort and convenience. Under this long-term programme, 72 stations of the South Eastern Railway are being redeveloped in phases, with each plan tailored to the specific needs of individual stations. The objective is to create cleaner, more comfortable, and user-friendly railway stations. The project includes the renovation of the station building, construction of two new lifts, a foot overbridge, and a new parking area. 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 facade and porch painted with local art and culture themes, 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.

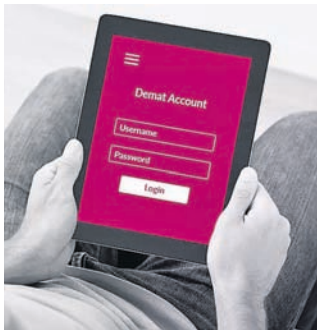
In October, India's primary market saw a record number of mainboard IPOs, with 10 offerings aiming to raise over Rs

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-

India among leading data center markets of Asia

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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

TRAI to review all existing interconnection regulations



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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 services 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 emerging platforms such as satellite-based telecommunications networks, wherein key aspects include the nature and location of Points of Interconnect (PO) is, particularly those involving satellite earth station gateways and their interconnection with other satellite, mobile and fixed-line networks," the regulator said in a release floating consultation paper.

The paper reviewing all existing interconnection regulations, nine in all, seeks stakeholders 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 successfully addressed interconnection related issues and challenges which can be adapted in the Indian telecom sector.

"The existing interconnection regulatory framework provides for application of origination, carriage, transit, transit carriage and termination 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.

Rupee falls 8 paise

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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 rupee'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 settled 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. Importers' 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 Choudhary, Research Analyst, Mirae Asset ShareKhan.

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

Samrat's historic golden shot

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

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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 medals.

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

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 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.

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

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 the leaderboard. 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 for the second-place finish.

Double Olympic-medallist shooter Manu Bhaker and multiple Asian Games medal winner Esha Singh suffered a meltdown in the women's 10m air pistol

Samrat becomes only the fifth Indian shooter to win a world title in an Olympic event, joining the elite list of Abhinav Bindra, Rudranksh Patil, Tejaswini Sawant, and the mixed team pair of Shiva Narwal and Esha Singh

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tol final as the country's top-two shooters could not win a medal.

Manu, winner of the 10m air 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 for the second-place finish.

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Archers aim gold in Asian finals



India will feature in both the recurve men's and compound women's team finals, keeping alive hopes of multiple gold medals at the ongoing continental meet

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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

compound women's team also stormed into their successive final as India assured of two medals in the continental meet.

The men's recurve trio of Yashdeep Bhoge, Atanu Das and Rahul displayed grit and composure to overcome a third set scare and down Kazakhstan 5-3 in a tense four-set encounter.

The Indians took the opening set 54-52, edging their rivals by two points. The Kazakh trio of Ilfat Abdullin, Dastan Karimov and Alexandr Yermenko bounced back strongly in the second, firing four 10s to draw level at 58-58.

The pressure was evident on the Indians in the third set as an errant 8 proved costly, allowing Kazakhstan to take it 56-54 and make it three-all.

INDIAN RECURVE ARCHERS POISED TO END MEDAL DROUGHT

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 opponents to 52 to clinch the match 5-3 and secure a place in the final where they will face heavyweights South Korea, who go the better of Uzbekistan 6-2.

The South Koreans have sent a second-string side with lesser-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 underway.

At the Bangkok Asian Championships 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.

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 here Tuesday. Lakshya, who endured a lean patch before rediscovering his touch with a runner-up finish at the Hong Kong Open followed by quarterfinal appearances at the Denmark and Hylo Open, will be keen to build on that momentum. Prannoy, a 2023 World Championships bronze-medallist, has struggled since his pre-Olympic bout of chikungunya hampered his preparation for Paris, where he played through pain but exited early. Among the next generation, US Open winner Ayush Shetty, who stunned former world champion Loh Kean Yew of Singapore en route the Hylo Open quarterfinals, will face top seed Kunlavut Vitidsarn of Thailand in the first round.

Jr WC: Jyoti to lead squad

New Delhi: Jyoti Singh will continue to lead the Indian team as Hockey 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 and two alternates. India have been placed in Pool C and will open 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 from December 7 to 13.

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 momentum.

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. Subhramshu 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

AGENCIES

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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LANDO NORRIS

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.

PREMIER LEAGUE

GUARDIOLA'S CITY CRUSH LIVERPOOL

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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 Liverpool Sunday was win No 716 for Guardiola and likely one of the most satisfying of his trophy-laden career.

Not only did City totally 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 my time here by far," the City manager said afterward.

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.



MILESTONE MOMENT

Arshi first female National Karting champ

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

New Delhi, Nov 10: Nine-year-old 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 Meritux Cup in 2024, Arshi soon moved into the Rotax Nationals, making her the youngest female to compete in the National Karting Championship.

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 BCCI 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.



Apart from his current work in the Bangladesh set-up, Kiely has worked as an assistant strength and conditioning coach with the New South Wales (NSW) cricket team and served as physical performance coach of the Sydney Sixers in

the Women's Big Bash League (WBBL).

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 condi-

tioning coach for the last few months and played a major role in ensuring the team was fit in their quest to win the World Cup title.

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

The Indian men's team currently has Adrian Le Roux in the role, and is now in his second 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 series against Bangladesh in December, before joining their respective franchises for the 2026 season of the Women's Premier League (WPL).