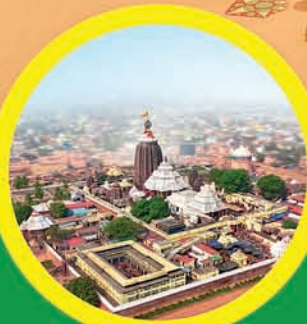


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The Divine Truth is greater than any religion or creed or scripture or idea or philosophy.

SRI AUROBINDO



Rahul Yatra 2.0

Congress leader Rahul Gandhi has embarked on his Bharat Jodo Nyay Yatra from strife-torn Manipur...



Jagdish Rattanani

THE CONGRESS HAS BEEN SLOW TO DISCARD DEADWOOD EVEN IN ITS HEY DAYS

The Congress has asserted that, in the course of the yatra, the party will present a new vision for India...

It seems appropriate for the Congress to take up this yatra to highlight the real issues plaguing the country...

At the launch of the yatra, Rahul had this to say: "Question arises why Nyay Yatra? Because we are going through a period of great injustice in India..."

While all this may sound soothing to the ears, it is also remembered that it is the Congress, as the leader of the UPA, that gave birth to all the evil that the nation is being plagued with now.

The Nyay Yatra will cover 100 Lok Sabha constituencies in 15 states and the Congress believes it will prove to be as "transformative" as Rahul's earlier cross-country march.

Meanwhile, it also needs to be mentioned that the party has given a strong message by deciding to skip the Ram temple inauguration event...

Whether the Congress, in its present state, will be successful in effectively countering the BJP's emotional narrative...

FOCUS POLITICS

ANOTHER OPPORTUNIST

There has been much political noise over the weekend exit of the former Union Minister of State Milind Deora from the Congress...



The Congress will be stronger if all workers know and understand that they have a national task far larger than their own ticket to fight for

The view that the Deora exit on 15 Jan was timed to overshadow the walkathon that Rahul Gandhi began in Manipur on the same day shows the pathetic side of the shenanigans being orchestrated...

standing of the aspirations of ordinary people. They may be powerful moneybags, well-connected networkers or lobbyists with narrow interests, seeking political sanctuary or an easy ladder to rise up within the vastness of a political party...

for this, not the least of which is that the party itself became known for corruption, and now it carries little leeway since it is anyway not in power...

Yet, the Congress has been slow to discard deadwood even in its hey days. In this, the BJP has been sharp, swift and very clear - you work for the party, and the reverse need not be true.

The Congress will know that it is important to listen, to have inner party democracy but not to be browbeaten by demands and threats.

But what is to be done, if it eventually is in the interest of the Congress and the larger Opposition not to give the ticket to Deora and to hand it instead to the two-time winner from the Thackeray-led Shiv Sena?

Something similar has happened to the Congress in recent times, and that shows up the party's weakness in some aspects and its strength in some others.

The writer is a journalist and faculty member at SPJIMR. Views are personal.

SPECTRUM HEALTHCARE

Medical oxygen remains essential

Among the most shocking images from the COVID-19 pandemic were of people gasping for air, unable to breathe, their blood oxygen so severely depleted that some died in ambulances lined up outside hospitals.



Peter Sands

THERE IS A COMPELLING CASE FOR EXPANDING ACCESS TO MEDICAL OXYGEN EVEN WITHOUT THE THREAT OF A PANDEMIC

Seeing people dying for lack of oxygen, the Global Fund to Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis, and Malaria, Unitaid, USAID, and other global agencies took action. Under the umbrella of the Access to COVID-19 Tools Accelerator, we established the Oxygen Emergency Taskforce to coordinate the emergency response, broaden access, and secure supplies.

stalling oxygen production machines (known as pressure swing adsorption plants), and offering specialised training for health workers.

Tragically, this response came too late for too many people, because the peak of the pandemic coincided with a worldwide shortage of oxygen cylinders. Furnishing a hospital with a sustainable oxygen supply takes many months...

Following the acute phase of the pandemic, the Oxygen Emergency Taskforce's focus shifted toward ensuring greater access to medical oxygen on a sustainable basis, so that what happened with COVID-19 is never repeated.

procedures for a wide range of conditions, including cancer, cannot be carried out without medical oxygen.

It would be difficult to identify a better example of an investment that simultaneously reinforces pandemic preparedness and saves lives now. Research by the Every Breath Counts Coalition shows that hospitals that offer paediatric care with a fully functioning supply of oxygen can reduce deaths due to child pneumonia by almost half...

To maintain the pace of progress in expanding access to medical oxygen, the Global Fund and Unitaid, alongside other partners, have transformed the Oxygen Emergency Taskforce into a Global Oxygen Alliance, known as GO2AL.

National governments are also taking the lead. For example, this past April, Kenyan President William Ruto and county governors set aside \$41.7 million for a programme to distribute medical oxygen cylinders and bulk storage tanks to the country's health-care centers.

other partners, Kenya also is building a nationwide network of oxygen-production plants, bulk-storage tanks, and cylinder distribution channels to ensure that hospitals and primary-care facilities have sufficient supplies.

Far too many people died from lack of oxygen during the COVID-19 pandemic, and far too many are dying unnecessarily today from other conditions because medical oxygen is not routinely available.

To date, and thanks to the generosity of donors led by the US and Germany, the Global Fund has invested \$617 million to support 98 countries and six regional projects in their efforts to increase access to oxygen.

Sadly, nothing will bring back the people who died gasping for air. But owing to our unified response to COVID-19, millions of others can be spared a similar fate.

The writer is Executive Director of the Global Fund.

Letters

TO THE EDITOR

Readers of Orissa POST are most welcome to contribute letters (200 words), articles and columns (between 750-1250 words). Contributors are requested to send their contact numbers and full postal address/email ID.

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Connecting Sri Lanka

Sir, Right from time immemorial bridges have changed history and the life of mankind. Bridges no wonder allow for safe and efficient travel over water, valleys, and other obstacles. Bridges reduce travel time, improve transportation options and provide access to inaccessible areas besides they are the paths to progress and prosperity.

Musical colossus

Sir, The passing away of acclaimed classical singer and researcher Dr Prabha Atrre at 92 has saddened music lovers. Atrre, nicknamed "Swarayoginee" and decorated with three Padma awards, was a doyen of the Kirana Gharana, among the country's most prominent lineages of Hindustani classical music.

NJ Ravi Chander, BANGALORE



Madras Regiment jawans perform 'Kalaripayattu', an Indian martial art form, during an Army day programme at Annadale Ground in Shimla, Himachal Pradesh

PTI



People try to take control of a bull as they participate in the 'Jallikattu' event as part of 'Pongal' celebrations, at Avaniyapuram in Madurai district, Tamil Nadu

PTI



From front row left, Denmark's Crown Prince Christian, King Frederik X and Queen Mary, back row from left, Princess Benedikte, Prince Joachim and Queen Margrethe attend Folketingsalen, the Danish Parliament, at Christiansborg Castle, in Copenhagen. Denmark's new King Frederik X has visited the Danish Parliament on his first formal day on the job

AP



A man clicks a selfie with a kite, bearing an image of Lord Ram, during a kite festival organised on the occasion of 'Makar Sankranti' at Marine Drive in Mumbai, Maharashtra

PTI



Opposition councillors shout slogans over special meetings on discussion on to vest the power of standing committee to the House till their formation and to discuss and decide issues relating to de-sealing at local shopping centres at the Civic Centre in New Delhi

PTI



Greek Orthodox faithful holds up a wooden crucifix after retrieving it in the Golden Horn during Epiphany day in Istanbul, Turkey. By tradition, a crucifix is cast into the waters of a lake or river, and it is believed that the person who retrieves it will be freed from evil spirits and will be healthy through the year

AP



Camel mounted contingent of Border Security Force (BSF) during rehearsal for the Republic Day Parade 2024 at the Kartavya Path in New Delhi

PTI



Our country with its diverse culture, different languages and religions is an outstanding example of unity in diversity
ARVIND KEJRIWAL | DELHI CM

AAP, CONG SEAL ALLIANCE FOR C'GARH MAYORAL POLLS

The AAP and the Congress forged an alliance Monday for the upcoming Chandigarh mayoral polls. Under the arrangement, the Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) will fight for the mayor's seat while the Congress will contest the posts of senior deputy mayor and deputy mayor, senior Congress leader Pawan Kumar Bansal said



of the day quote

I have received the invitation for the 'Pran Pratishtha' (consecration ceremony) programme to be held January 22 in Ayodhya. I have not taken any decision yet on attending the programme because right now I am very busy with my party's programmes
MAYAWATI | BSP SUPREMO

There is a ceasefire along the Line of Control (LoC), but from the attempts made to infiltrate, it is clear that the terror infrastructure across the border is intact. Attempts to infiltrate have been foiled by the Army
GENERAL MANOJ PANDE | CHIEF OF ARMY STAFF

The least developed countries and developing nations are suffering more. We have to become more resilient to climate change and hazards
KIREN RIJUJU | UNION MINISTER

SHORT TAKES

Nitish attends Lulu's Makar Sankranti feast

Patna: Bihar Chief Minister Nitish Kumar Monday treated himself to a Makar Sankranti feast hosted by RJD president Lulu Prasad, belying recent speculations that the alliance between the two had hit a rough patch. Prasad's younger son and heir apparent Tejashwi Yadav, who is also the state's deputy CM, expressed delight over the visit of the chief minister and made light of the speculations of a rift in the ruling Mahagathbandhan.

Haryana declares Jan 22 dry day

Chandigarh: The Haryana government has declared a 'dry day' January 22 in view of the 'Pran Pratishtha' ceremony at the Ram temple in Ayodhya. The announcement was made by Chief Minister Manohar Lal Khattar here Monday. An official release quoting Khattar said all liquor establishments in the state will be closed January 22.

8 ultras surrender

Agartala: Eight militants of the National Liberation Front of Tripura (NLFT) surrendered before security forces Monday, police said. With this, a total of 26 NLFT militants have laid down their arms since last year, they said. "Five hardcore NLFT militants surrendered before DIG (Intelligence) Krishnendu Chakraborty at the state police headquarters. They deposited one each Chinese pistol and rifle with 17 live rounds, Bangladeshi SIM cards and walkie-talkies," an officer said.

Uddhav faction moves SC

In his verdict last week, Maharashtra Assembly Speaker Rahul Narwekar had rejected the disqualification petitions filed by both Uddhav Thackeray's and Eknath Shinde's camps

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

New Delhi, Jan 15: The Uddhav Thackeray faction of the Shiv Sena Monday moved the Supreme Court challenging Maharashtra Legislative Assembly Speaker Rahul Narwekar's order declaring the Sena bloc led by Chief Minister Eknath Shinde as the "real political party" after its split in June 2022.

The speaker had also rejected the Thackeray faction's plea to disqualify 16 MLAs of the ruling camp, including Shinde.

In his ruling on the disqualification petitions January 10, the speaker had not disqualified any MLA from the rival camps.

The ruling further cemented Shinde's position as the chief minister, 18 months after he led a rebellion against Thackeray, and added to his political heft in the ruling coalition, which also consists of the BJP and the NCP (Ajit Pawar group), ahead of the Lok Sabha polls in summer and state assembly elections due in the second half of 2024.

Narwekar had said no party leadership can use provisions



Shinde-led Sena moves HC

Mumbai: Maharashtra Chief Minister Eknath Shinde's Shiv Sena has moved the Bombay High Court challenging the legality of the decision taken by the Maharashtra Assembly Speaker to not disqualify 14 MLAs belonging to the rival faction headed by former CM Uddhav Thackeray. Petitions filed January 12 by Bharat Gogavale, the chief whip of the ruling Shiv Sena against the 14 MLAs, said they were challenging the "legality, propriety and correctness" of the January 10 order passed by Speaker Rahul Narwekar dismissing the disqualification petitions submitted by him against the rival camp Assembly members. Gogavale has sought the HC to declare the Speaker's order as "bad in law", quash it and disqualify all the 14 MLAs of the Shiv Sena (UBT) from the lower house of the state legislature.

of the 10th Schedule of the Constitution (anti-defection law) to quell dissent or indiscipline within a party. The Shinde group had the support of 37 out of the

total 54 Sena MLAs when party split in June 2022, the speaker had noted.

The Election Commission had given the 'Shiv Sena' name and



Congress leader Rahul Gandhi with supporters during the 'Bharat Jodo Nyay Yatra' in Manipur

PTI PHOTO

APPROPRIATELY SENSITISE STAFF AT AIRPORTS: DGCA

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

New Delhi, Jan 15: Aviation watchdog DGCA Monday asked airlines to publish accurate real-time information regarding flight delays and appropriately sensitise staff at airports to suitably communicate with passengers amid fog-related disruptions at airports.

Against the backdrop of a significant number of flights getting delayed and cancelled and passengers facing tough times, the regulator has come out with a set of Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs). Earlier in the day, Civil Aviation Minister Jyotiraditya Scindia said all stakeholders are working round-the-clock to minimise fog-related disruptions in flight operations and that DGCA will come out with SOPs to ensure "better communication and facilitation of passengers to minimise discomfort in view of flight cancellations and delays due to adverse weather". The Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA) Monday said that airlines should be required to publish accurate real-time information regarding delays in their flights.

There should also be appropriate sensitisation of the airline staff at the airports to suitably communicate with and continuously guide and inform the passengers about flight delays, according to a release. This also comes amid an incident of a passenger assaulting an IndiGo pilot as he was making a flight delay announcement onboard an aircraft that was bound for Goa.

UP Cong chief, other leaders pay obeisance to Ram Lalla

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Ayodhya, Jan 15: Uttar Pradesh Congress chief Ajay Rai and other party leaders paid obeisance to Ram Lalla in Ayodhya after taking a holy dip in the Sarayu river on Makar Sankranti festival Monday.

While the Congress top brass has declined an invitation to the January 22 consecration ceremony at the Ram temple in Ayodhya, the party's Uttar Pradesh unit stuck to its plan to offer prayers in the holy city on Makar Sankranti.

"I prayed to Lord Ram that God gives wisdom to everyone, everyone lives in peace and there is happiness and prosperity in the country," the UP Congress chief said after offering prayers.

Rai, Congress MP Deepender Hooda and AICC in-charge of Uttar Pradesh unit Avinash Pandey took a holy dip in Sarayu river and visited the makeshift temple of Ram Lalla and the Hanumangarhi temple.

The BJP took a swipe at the Congress leaders, calling them opportunists who can do anything for politics, but the oppo-

sition party hit back.

Hooda and Pande said they were on a religious trip and refused to answer media's questions regarding top party leaders declining the January 22 Pran Pratishtha ceremony invitation.

In his response, Rai said they have come to the pilgrim centre on the "more" auspicious occasion of Makar Sankranti.

"Isn't the statue of the deity Ram 'pran prathisti'... We have come to pay respect to the god on a more auspicious day of Makar Sankranti," Rai told reporters.

Over 24.8cr moved out of multidimensional poverty: Report

According to the NITI discussion paper, multidimensional poverty in India declined from 29.17% in 2013-14 to 11.28% in 2022-23, showing a reduction of 17.89 percentage points, with about 24.82 crore people moving out of the bracket during this period

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

New Delhi, Jan 15: As many as 24.82 crore people moved out of multidimensional poverty in nine years to 2022-23, with Uttar Pradesh, Bihar and Madhya Pradesh registering the largest decline, Niti Aayog said in a report Monday.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi in a tweet on X said: "Very encouraging, reflecting our commitment towards furthering inclusive growth and focussing on transformative changes to our economy. We will continue to work towards all-round development and to ensure a pros-

perous future for every Indian."

The national multidimensional poverty measures simultaneous deprivations across three equally weighted dimensions of health, education, and standard of living that are represented by 12 sustainable development goals-aligned indicators, according to NITI Aayog.

These include nutrition, child and adolescent mortality, maternal health, years of schooling, school attendance, cooking fuel, sanitation, drinking water, electricity, housing, assets, and bank accounts. The National Multidimensional Poverty Index (MPI) by Niti Aayog uses the



Alkire Foster methodology to assess the decline in poverty rates. However, the National MPI covers 12 indicators while global MPI covers 10 indicators.

At the state level, Uttar Pradesh topped the list with 5.94 crore people escaping poverty followed by Bihar at 3.77 crore and Madhya Pradesh at 2.30 crore. All 12 indicators of MPS have shown re-

markable improvement during this period. Addressing reporters here after the release of the paper, NITI Aayog member Ramesh Chand said 24.82 people who escaped multidimensional poverty in nine years translates into 2.75 crore people escaping multidimensional poverty every year.

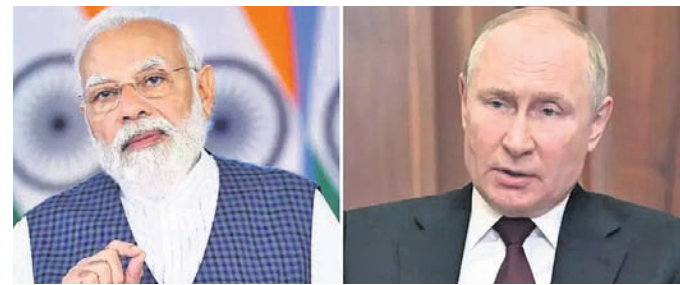
"Government has a goal to bring down multidimensional

poverty to below 1 per cent and all efforts are being made in that direction," NITI Aayog CEO BVR Subrahmanyam said. The paper said India is all set to reach single-digit poverty levels during 2024.

It also shows that the pace of decline in poverty head count ratio using the exponential method was much faster between 2015-16 to 2019-21 (10.66 per cent annual rate of decline) compared to the period 2005-06 to 2015-16 (7.69 per cent annual rate of decline). According to the paper, poorer states record a faster decline in poverty, indicating reduced disparities.

The paper also said India is likely to achieve Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) 1.2 (reducing multidimensional poverty by at least half) much ahead of 2030. According to Chand, growth in the agriculture sector in these nine years has accelerated compared to any other period.

Modi speaks to Putin; discusses global issues



Modi conveyed his best wishes for Russia's Presidency of BRICS in 2024 and assured India's full support, the MEA statement said, adding that the two leaders agreed to remain in touch. Russia assumed BRICS presidency from January 1

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New Delhi, Jan 15: Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Russian President Vladimir Putin Monday agreed to chalk out a roadmap for future initiatives to further strengthen the "special and privileged strategic partnership" between the two nations.

Modi said he had a "good conversation" with Putin and exchanged views on various regional and global issues, including Russia's Presidency of the BRICS in 2024.

Last month, External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar visited Russia, during which the two countries decided to step up military and technical cooperation, including manufacturing of modern weaponry.

"Had a good conversation with President Putin. We discussed various positive developments in our Special and Privileged Strategic Partnership and agreed to chalk out a roadmap for future initiatives. We also had a useful exchange of views on various regional and global issues, including Russia's Presidency of

the BRICS," the Prime Minister said on X.

Later in a statement, the Ministry of External Affairs said Modi and Putin reviewed progress on a number of issues of bilateral cooperation in follow-up to recent high-level exchanges between the two countries.

"They positively assessed the developments in bilateral relations and agreed to develop a roadmap for future initiatives to further strengthen the India-Russia Special and Privileged Strategic Partnership," the MEA statement said.

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During his visit to Russia last month, Jaishankar held a "wide-ranging and useful" meeting with his Russian counterpart Sergey Lavrov.

Jaishankar said he and Lavrov discussed the international situation and contemporary issues and exchanged views on the Indo-Pacific, the Ukraine conflict, the Gaza situation, Afghanistan and Central Asia, BRICS, SCO, G20 and the UN.

Addressing a joint press conference with Jaishankar in Moscow, Lavrov had said he had talked with Jaishankar about the prospects of military and technical cooperation, including the manufacturing of modern weaponry. "We also have [taken] specific steps in this area," Lavrov had said.

Jaishankar had also called on Putin, who invited Modi to visit Russia.

SNIPPETS

Delhi excise policy: ED summons Kavitha

New Delhi: The Enforcement Directorate has summoned BRS leader K Kavitha for a fresh round of questioning in connection with its probe into the Delhi excise policy-linked money laundering case, official sources said Monday. The 45-year-old daughter of former Telangana CM K Chandrababhan Naidu has been asked to appear before the agency in Delhi Tuesday, they said. Sources, however, said that she may not appear before the agency and has communicated her decision to the investigating officer through an email. "There is a Supreme Court order that has said that the ED cannot summon K Kavitha in this case," her lawyer Nitesh Rana told PTI.

4 killed over parking dispute in Bihar

Aurangabad (Bihar): Four persons, three of them travellers from adjoining Jharkhand, were Monday killed in Bihar's Aurangabad district where a dispute over car parking snowballed into a full-blown clash between two sides, a police officer said. According to Aurangabad DSP Mohd Amanullah Khan, the incident took place in Nabnagar locality where a shopkeeper took exception to a motorist parking his car in front of his premises. An occupant of the car allegedly pulled out a gun and opened fire, killing an elderly person, which provoked locals who beat up the occupants of the car, three of whom have died while two sustained injuries, the DSP said.

AI start up CEO non-cooperative, say cops

Panaji: The police custody of AI start up CEO Suchana Seth, accused of killing her four-year-old son, was extended by five days Monday after a Goa court was told she was not cooperating with the probe. Seth was produced before Goa Children's Court after her initial remand of six days expired. Police told the court it was yet to find the motive of the crime and also needed to confront her with details of the statement provided by her estranged husband Venkat Raman. Seth (39) was arrested from Chitradurga in Karnataka on January 8 while she was travelling in a taxi with the body of her son, who she is alleged to have smothered to death in a Candolim-based service apartment, stuffed in a bag. She was brought back to Goa and a court in Mapusa town had remanded her in police custody for six days.

PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice is hereby given to all concerned that, Smt. Salita Nag, W/o. Saroj Kumar Nag, Ro.-Thakurpali, PO-Sargarh, PS- Loisingha, Dist- Balangir has sworn an affidavit on dt. 19.12.2023 and has reported to IIC, Loisingha PS, Balangir on dt.26.12.2023 regarding loss of original link Regd. Sale Deed No. 3022 dt.25.06.1979 of Registering Officer, Loisingha. Smt. Salita Nag, W/o. Saroj Kumar Nag has applied to the LIC HOUSING FINANCE LTD, Sambalpur to avail loan on the above property by mortgaging the said property documents. All concerned therefore, having any claim over the property purchased under the said document Regd. Sale Deed No. 3022 dt.25.06.1979 of Registering Officer, Loisingha is required to file her claim with the undersigned within 15(Fifteen) days from the date of publication of this notice, failing which it will be presumed that, the property having link with the said document/s is/are free from encumbrances and any claim in respect thereof against the applicant as a mortgager and the company as the mortgagee shall be void and ineffective after the lapse of 15(Fifteen) days of publication of this notice. Sd./- A.K. Debta, Advocate, Sambalpur, LIC Housing Finance Ltd, At/PO.- Modipara, PS.- Dt. 11.01.2024 Town, Dist.-Sambalpur, Mobile No.9437158519.

international



At this moment, what is required is, first of all, to cover the expenses of the war and to allow us to continue the war and complete it
BENJAMIN NETANYAHU | ISRAEL PM

UN SEEKS \$4.2 BN FOR UKRAINE

The United Nations appealed Monday for \$4.2 billion to help people in Ukraine and displaced outside the country this year, saying that people on the front lines have 'exhausted their meagre resources' and many refugees also are vulnerable



of the day quote

Taiwan's democracy has set a shining example for the world, a democratic success story based on transparency, the rule of law and respect for human rights and freedoms
STEPHEN HADLEY | FORMER NATIONAL SECURITY ADVISOR OF THE US



I'm not interested in being vice president. I'm running to be president, and I'm running to win, and we will
NIKKI HALEY | INDIAN-AMERICAN SENIOR REPUBLICAN PARTY LEADER



I am worried about Argentina's people because they are suffering much
POPE FRANCIS



Houthi missile hits US ship off Yemen coast

ASSOCIATED PRESS

Jerusalem, Jan 15: A missile fired from Yemen struck a US-owned ship just off the coast of Yemen in the Gulf of Aden, less than a day after Yemen's Houthi rebels fired an anti-ship cruise missile toward an American destroyer in the Red Sea, officials said.

Suspicion immediately fell on the Iranian-backed Houthis, though the rebels did not immediately acknowledge carrying out the assault on the Gibraltar Eagle. It marked the latest attack roiling global shipping amid Israel's war with Hamas in the Gaza Strip.

The Houthis have targeted that crucial corridor linking Asian and Mideast energy and cargo shipments to the Suez Canal onward to Europe over the war, attacks that threaten to widen that conflict into a regional conflagration.

The United Kingdom Maritime Trade Operations, which oversees Mideast waters, said Monday's attack happened some 110 miles (177 kilometers) miles southeast of Aden. It said the ship's captain reported that the "port side of vessel hit from above by a missile".

Private security firms Ambery and Dryad Global told The Associated Press that the vessel was the Eagle Gibraltar, a Marshall Islands-flagged bulk carrier. The ship is owned by Eagle Bulk, a Stamford, Connecticut-based firm traded on the New York Stock Exchange. The firm did not respond to repeated requests for comment.

Satellite-tracking data analysed by the AP showed the Eagle Gibraltar had been bound for the Suez Canal, but rapidly turned around at the time of the attack. The US Navy's Mideast-based 5th Fleet did not immediately respond to a request for



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comment. Yemen's Houthi rebels did not acknowledge any attack, though they have fired missiles previously in that area.

Sunday's attack toward the American warship also marked the first US-acknowledged fire by the Houthis since America and allied nations began strikes Friday on the rebels following weeks of assaults on shipping in the Red Sea.

It wasn't presently clear whether the US would retaliate for the latest attacks, though President Joe Biden has said he "will not hesitate to direct further measures to protect our people and the free flow of international commerce as necessary".

The Houthi fire Sunday went in the direction of the USS Laboon, an Arleigh Burke-class destroyer operating in the southern reaches of the Red Sea, the US military's Central Command said in a statement. The Houthis did not immediately acknowledge that attack either.

The missile came from near Hodeida, a Red Sea port city long held by the Houthis, the US said. "An anti-ship cruise missile was fired from Iranian-backed Houthi militant areas of Yemen toward USS Laboon," Central Command said. "There were no injuries or damage reported."

The first day of US-led strikes Friday hit 28 locations and struck more than 60 targets with cruise missiles and bombs launched by fighter jets, warships and a submarine. Sites hit included weapon depots, radars and command centres, including in remote mountain areas, the US has said.

The Houthis have yet to acknowledge how severe the damage was from the strikes, which they said killed five of their troops and wounded six others. US forces followed up with a strike Saturday on a Houthi radar site. Shipping through the Red Sea has slowed over the attacks.

Arevalo sworn in as Guatemala President

ASSOCIATED PRESS

Guatemala City, Jan 15: Bernardo Arevalo was sworn in as Guatemala's President Monday minutes after midnight despite months of efforts to derail his inauguration, including foot-dragging and rising tensions right up until the transfer of power.

Arevalo arrives in the presidency after winning August's elections by a comfortable margin. But nothing has been straightforward since, with Attorney General Consuelo Porras and the establishment forces observers say she represents throwing one legal challenge after another at Arevalo and his party.

Despite hundreds of Arevalo's supporters pressuring lawmakers to follow the constitution, even clashing with riot police outside the congress building Sunday, the inauguration process dragged for hours into the night before he took the oath of office just past midnight.

A progressive academic-turned-politician and son of a Guatemalan President credited with implementing key social reforms in the mid-20th century, Arevalo takes office with expectations of confronting Guatemala's entrenched corruption. But it will not be easy.

He has little support in congress and Porras' term as the country's top law enforcement official extends to 2026, though Arevalo has said one of his first orders of business will be to request her resignation.



Taiwan loses Nauru

THE GOVERNMENT OF THE TINY PACIFIC ISLAND NATION OF NAURU SAID THAT 'IN THE BEST INTERESTS' OF THE COUNTRY AND ITS PEOPLE IT WAS SEEKING FULL RESUMPTION OF DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS WITH CHINA AND WOULD CUT TIES WITH TAIWAN

REUTERS

Sydney/Taipei, Jan 15: Taiwan lost one of its few remaining diplomatic allies Nauru to China Monday, just days after it elected a new president, and accused China of attempting to pressure it while it affirmed the will of Taiwanese to go out into the world.

China claims Taiwan as its own territory with no right to state-to-state ties, a position Taiwan strongly disputes, and the two have for years traded accusations of "dollar diplomacy" as they compete for diplomatic recognition.

Taiwan security officials said before Saturday's election that China was likely to continue to whittle away at the handful of countries - now down to a dozen - that maintain formal diplomatic ties with Taipei. Lai Ching-te, repeatedly criticised by China before the poll as a dangerous separatist, won the election for the ruling Democratic Progressive Party (DPP) and will take office May 20.

The government of the tiny Pacific Island nation of Nauru said that "in the best interests" of the country and its people it was seeking full resumption of diplomatic relations with China and would cut ties with Taiwan. Nauru has recognised China before, between 2002 and 2005.



China and the United States have in recent years stepped up their competition for influence in the Pacific. In 2019, Kiribati and the Solomon Islands both ditched Taiwan for China in the space of a week. The US affirmed its commitment to Taiwan as "rock solid" after Saturday's election, in comments delivered by former US National Security Advisor Stephen Hadley Monday during a trip to the island.

Taiwan's Deputy Foreign Minister Tien Chung-kwang told a hastily arranged media briefing after Nauru's announcement that the news had come suddenly. Beijing specifically chose the sensitive timing after the election to target Nauru, Tien said, calling the move "ambush-like" and equivalent to a "blatant attack on democracy", just as many countries were offering congratulations to Taiwan on the smooth voting process.

"Taiwan did not bow to the pressure. We elected what we want to elect. That's unbearable for them," he added.

China had offered Nauru, with a population of 12,500, money far in excess of what Taiwan provides its allies, Tien said.

"Once again, it proves that China's trying everything they can - money diplomacy - to repress us," he said.

A senior Taiwan official briefed on the matter, speaking on condition of anonymity as they were not authorised to speak to the media, said Beijing is offering Nauru \$100 million a year.

SHORT TAKES

Two students found dead in US

Amaravati/Hyderabad: Two students - one from Wanaparthy in Telangana and another from Srikakulam in Andhra Pradesh - were found dead in their Connecticut accommodation in the US recently, a family member said Monday. The students were identified as G Dinesh (22) from Wanaparthy in Telangana and Nikesh (21) from Srikakulam in Andhra Pradesh. Family members of the Telangana student are clueless about the cause of his death and also of his roommate's.

Polls can't be postponed: ECP

Islamabad: Pakistan's election commission Monday rejected a resolution passed by the Senate earlier this month seeking a delay in the February 8 general election, stating that all arrangements have been completed and it won't be "advisable" to put off the planned polls. January 5, the upper House of Parliament passed a non-binding resolution seeking a delay in the general election, citing cold weather and security concerns, increasing the political uncertainty in the country. The resolution, tabled by independent Senator Dilawar Khan, received overwhelming support in the Senate but was slammed as "unconstitutional" by major political parties. It was passed with only 14 lawmakers out of the Senate's 100 members in attendance.

Lanka arrests 10 Indian fishermen

Colombo: The Sri Lankan Navy has arrested 10 Indian fishermen and seized their trawler for allegedly poaching in the island nation's waters, an official statement said Monday, two days after 12 fishermen from India were apprehended on similar charges. The fishermen were arrested, and their trawler seized Sunday north of Point Pedro, Jaffna, the Sri Lanka Navy said in a press release.

Jaishankar meets Iranian counterpart

Tehran: External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar Monday held wide ranging discussions with Iranian counterpart Hossein Amirabdollahian here and their discussion focused on the long term framework for India's involvement with the strategically vital Chabahar port and the North-South connectivity project. Jaishankar, who is in the Iranian capital as part of the ongoing high-level exchanges between the two sides, also called on Iranian President Dr Ebrahim Raisi and conveyed the greetings of Prime Minister Narendra Modi.

Ukraine destroys Russian spy plane



REUTERS

Kyiv, Jan 15: Ukraine said Monday it had destroyed a Russian Beriev A-50 spy plane and an Ilyushin Il-22 airborne command post in the Sea of Azov area, dealing a blow to Russian military operations in occupied southern Ukraine.

"Ukraine's Air Force destroyed an enemy A-50 long-range radar detection aircraft and an enemy Il-22 air control centre," army chief Valeriy Zaluzhnyi wrote on the Telegram messaging app. "I am grateful to the Air Force for the perfectly planned and executed operation in the Azov Sea region!"

Reuters was unable to verify the statement independently. The Russian defence ministry did

not immediately respond to a written request for comment. The Ukrainian defence ministry valued the A-50 aircraft at \$330 million. Kyiv's statements did not say how the planes had been destroyed.

The A-50, which first came into service near the end of the Soviet era, is a large Airborne Early Warning and Control aircraft that can scan an area several hundred kilometres across for enemy aircraft, ships and missiles.

Some Russian military bloggers said the downing of the aircraft would be a huge loss for Russia's air force, since there was a limited number of the planes in service. "It will be another dark day for the Russian Aerospace Forces and Air Defense," wrote Rybar, a blogger with nearly 1.2 million subscribers that supports and provides running commentary on Russia's war in Ukraine.

"There are not many A-50s. And the specialists operating them are generally rare. If an aircraft of this type is hit, the crew will not be able to escape." It was not clear how many A-50s Russia has in service.



Supporters of Jamaat-e-Islami chant slogans during a protest against Israeli airstrikes and to show solidarity with Palestinian people living in Gaza, in Karachi, Pakistan

9-year-old Indian-American girl one of 'world's brightest'

PREESHA FIGURED IN THE LIST AFTER THE RESULTS OF ABOVE-GRADE-LEVEL TESTS OF OVER 16,000 STUDENTS FROM MORE THAN 90 COUNTRIES AROUND THE WORLD WERE ASSESSED

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

Washington, Jan 15: Preesha Chakraborty, a nine-year-old Indian-American schoolgirl, was named in the 'world's brightest' students list by the prestigious Johns Hopkins Centre for Talented Youth, based on the results of above-grade-level tests of over 16,000 students across 90 countries.

Preesha is a Warm Spring Elementary school student in

Fremont, California, and took the US-based Johns Hopkins Centre for Talented Youth (JH-CTY) test in Summer 2023 as a Grade 3 student, a media release said Monday.

Preesha figured in the list after the results of above-grade-level tests of over 16,000 students from more than 90 countries around the world were assessed, it said.

She was honoured for her exceptional performance on the



SAT (Scholastic Assessment Test), ACT (American College Testing), School and College Ability Test, or similar assessments as part of the CTY Talent Search.

Less than 30 per cent of students qualify each year for either High Honors or Grand Honors/SET based on their test scores. She aced in the test's verbal and quantitative sections - on par with the 99th percentile of advanced Grade 5 performances - and bagged the Grand Honors, according to the press release.

The achievement qualifies Preesha for more than 250 Johns Hopkins CTY's Online and On-Campus Programmes for advanced students in grades 2-12 in mathematics, computer programming, chemistry, physics, reading, and writing.

Preesha is a lifetime member of the universally renowned Mensa Foundation, the oldest

high-IQ society in the world, where membership is open to people who score at the 98th percentile or higher on a standardised, supervised IQ or other approved intelligence test.

She achieved this accomplishment at age six by securing 99 percentiles in the national level NNAT (Naglieri Nonverbal Ability Test), which assesses K-12 students for gifted and talented programmes. Preesha loves travelling, hiking, and mixed martial arts outside of studies.

According to her parents, Preesha has always been passionate about learning and has consistently displayed exceptional academic abilities. "This is not just recognition of stu-

dents' performance on one test, but a testament to their curiosity and capacity for learning," Amy Shelton, Executive Director of the CTY, said.

"These students have demonstrated enormous potential, and now we encourage them to seek out experiences and communities that help them challenge and stretch their knowledge, connect with other young scholars, understand diverse perspectives, think critically, and pursue their goals confidently," Shelton said.

Founded in 1979, CTY is a centre for innovation dedicated to advancing the field of gifted education through research on testing, programmes, and other support for advanced learners.

COCO ADVANCES IN OZ OPEN

Double delight for Yogesh, India's gold rush continues

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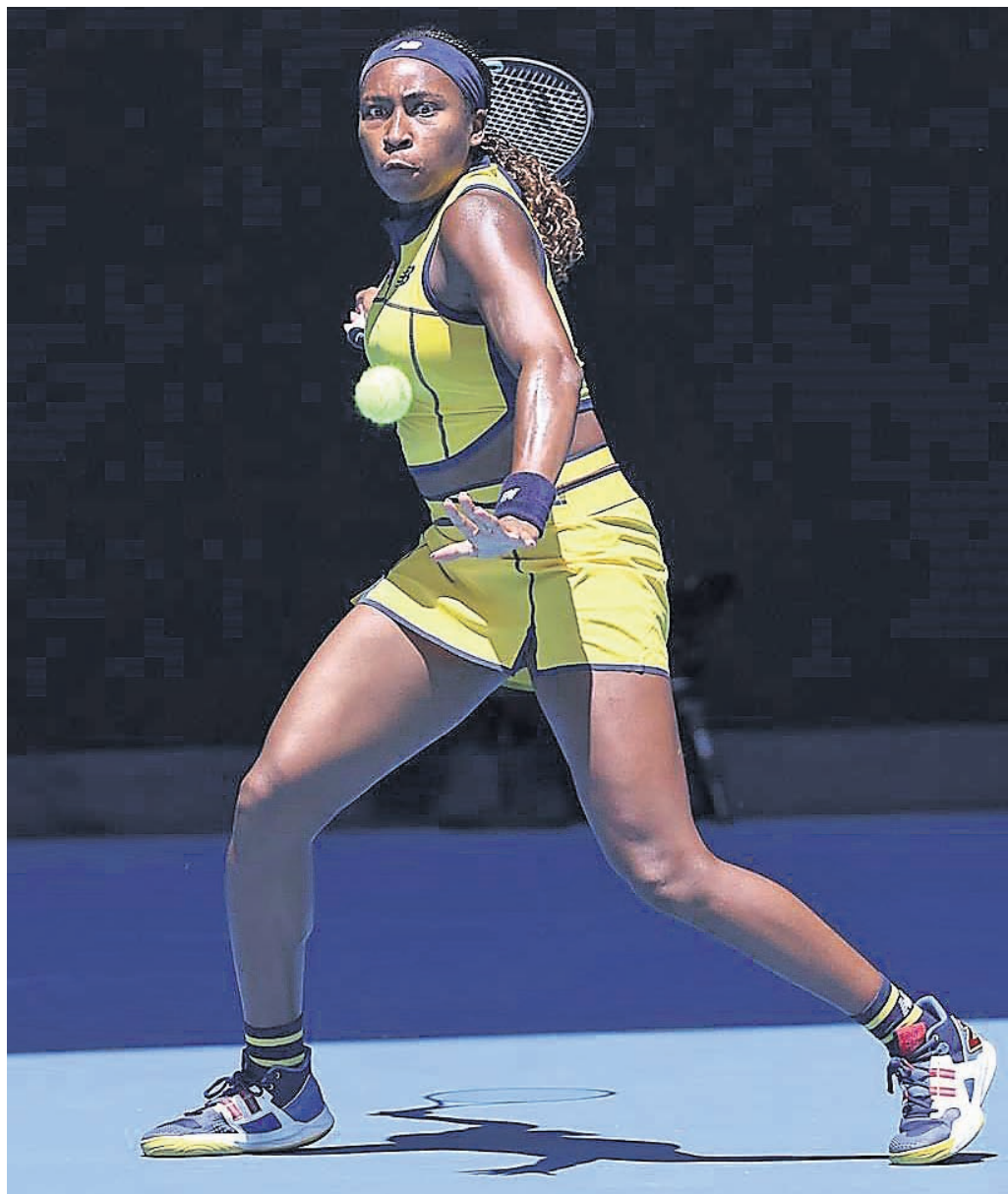
Melbourne, Jan 15: With increased confidence in her serve thanks to some advice from Andy Roddick, Coco Gauff began her quest for back-to-back Grand Slam singles titles with a 6-3, 6-0 victory over Anna Karolína Schmiedlová at the Australian Open Monday.

The 19-year-old American, who won her first major at the US Open in September, wrapped up victory in exactly one hour. "I was a little nervous the first set," fourth-seeded Gauff said. "I think I did well returning, then I found my serve toward the end (of the set). When I was nervous at 3-3, I told myself: I feel good, I look good, so just have fun. That was able to relax me a little bit."

Gauff dropped just one point on her serve in the second set and said that former No.1 Roddick had recently given her some serving tips.

"It was really cool," she said. "He's a really chill guy. I met him before but never to that level. I went to Charlotte (North Carolina) for two days. It was a really good two days. I think that my serve has improved. He's probably one of the best servers in history."

Wimbledon champion Marketa Vondrousova was beaten 6-1, 6-2 by Dayana Yastremska. Seventh-seeded Vondrousova missed the Adelaide tune-up event with a hip injury and struggled on serve throughout, hitting seven double faults. "I didn't practice because I was injured," she said. "I think that



was the important thing, I lost myself at the beginning."

Third-seeded Daniil Medvedev, the 2021 and 2022 finalist at Melbourne Park, advanced to the second round when his opponent Terence Atmane retired early in the fourth set suffering from cramps. Medvedev had dropped the first set but was leading 5-7, 6-2, 6-4, 1-0 when the 22-year-old Atmane quit.

"It's quite funny because when I was feeling tired in the third set, I looked up the other end and saw he was cramping," Medvedev said. "The conditions were fine but it has not been hot these seven days and then it was hot today, so you get more stressed."

Stefanos Tsitsipas, who lost last year's Australian final to Novak Djokovic in three sets, advanced with a 5-7, 6-1, 6-1, 6-3 win over Zizou Bergs. Stan Wawrinka, the 2014 Australian Open champion and three-time Grand Slam winner, was beaten 6-4, 3-6, 5-7, 6-3, 6-0 by Adrian Mannarino.

Ben Shelton, a quarterfinalist here 12 months ago, beat Roberto Bautista Agut 6-2, 7-6(7-2), 7-5. Another American, 25th-seeded Seb Korda, defeated Vit Koprieva 6-1, 6-4, 2-6, 4-6, 6-2. Five-time finalist Andy Murray lost to Tomas Martin Etcheverry 6-4, 6-2, 6-2 while Gael Monfils defeated Yannick Hanfmann 6-4, 6-3, 7-5.

Four-time major winner Naomi Osaka later makes her much-anticipated comeback to Grand Slam tennis after the birth of her daughter. The Japanese player takes on Caroline Garcia of France in the first round in the last match on Rod Laver Arena.



PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

Jakarta, Jan 15: Indian shooters' gold rush continued in the Asia Olympic Qualifiers with Yogesh Singh winning the top prize in individual as well as team event of the men's 25m centre fire pistol competition here Monday.

Yogesh claimed the individual gold medal after shooting 573, finishing ahead of silver winner Muad Al Balushi of Oman (570) and Indonesia's Anang Yulianto (567). The other two Indian participants in the event, Pankaj Yadav (567) and Akshay Jain (564), ended fourth and sixth respectively. The Indian trio aggregated 1704 to bag the team gold ahead of shooters from Oman and Indonesia.

In the qualifiers for shotgun in Kuwait City, Lakshay settled for the bronze medal after shooting 33 in the six-man final. He was

placed fourth in qualification with a score of 119. Iran's Mohammad Beyranvand (40) claimed the gold medal after prevailing in shoot-off with China's Yuhao Guo.

Commonwealth Games gold medalist Shreyasi Singh had to be content with a fifth-place finish in the final of women's trap, having managed 19 points. Shreyasi had qualified for the final in fourth position with a total of 115 across five rounds.

Taipei's Wan-Yu Liu (44) won the gold medal in women's trap and China's Xinqiu Zhang (39) settled for silver. Kazakhstan's Mariya Dmitriyenko (30) ended with bronze.

The Indian trio of Shreyasi, Manisha Keer and Bhavya Tripathi, however, won the silver medal in the women's trap team event with a total of 328, finishing behind China and ahead of Kazakhstan.

Journey to the dream goal in Indian colours

Vinicius hat-trick fashions Real triumph



POST NEWS NETWORK

Dreaming for something is quite easy, but to live the dream... is not everyone's cup of tea. One needs to sacrifice a lot, work way more than his/her ability to make the dream a reality.

Rohit Kullu, a 16-year-old from Sundargarh, is just doing that - trying to make his father's dream, which he now made his own, a reality. Starting from basic and making it to one of the best Hockey High-Performance Centers might be a tough task, but doing so in a short span of time is even tougher. And Rohit is proving that nothing is impossible if you have the hunger and dedication.

Rohit is now training at the Odisha Naval Tata Hockey High Performance Centre (ONTHHPC) and he has been selected for the upcoming Khelo India Youth Games, to be played in Tamil Nadu, January 19-31.

His journey is a tale of willpower and dedication converging. The teen hockey prodigy is demonstrating the belief that where there is a will, there is a way.

Rohit belongs to a family of five, including two siblings. His mother is a homemaker, while his father works in the railway. "It was fascinating for me when my father used to narrate stories of his hockey days. I wanted to make my father proud and turn his dream into reality," said Rohit.

The spark within Rohit ignited during the 2018 FIFA World Cup when his father shared stories of his state-level hockey adventures. Driven by a desire to make his father proud, Rohit immersed himself in grassroots hockey. Early mornings, with 3 or 4 am wake-up calls, one might

It's heartening to see a grassroots talent from Kahupani Center (Sundargarh) of our Hockey HPC making his way to bigger league from scratch in such short span of one year. His never say die attitude makes him a good prospect for time ahead
RAJIV SETHI
ONTHHPC Project Director

spot him in the hockey field.

Starting with humble beginnings, during extremely rough practices, Rohit would stitch his footwear, enduring the challenges of rigorous practice and even borrowed hockey sticks from friends. "There was a time when, due to tough training, my shoe would tear off within a week, and I would get scared to ask my parents for a new pair," shared Rohit.

Amid doubts and worries, Rohit's pillar of strength was his parents, who encouraged him to chase his goals. Rohit recollected moments of doubt when the weight of expectations loomed large. "I had my lows; there came a time when I didn't feel like practicing as it was not reaching up to the mark. However, I overcame the setbacks," said Rohit.

He turned resilient with the help of coach Laxmi's guidance. His selection for the Netherlands tour in October 2023 with the Indian sub-junior team became the talk of the town. He was one of the two Odisha players in the squad. During the Malaysia tour for the Mirnawan Cup 2023, Rohit brought golden success, adding another star to showcase.

Now, Rohit is all prepped up and is focusing on the upcoming KIYG. His journey stands as a testament to the victory of passion over difficulty.

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Riyadh (Saudi Arabia), Jan 15: Vinicius Junior did his best Cristiano Ronaldo impression in Saudi Arabia, scoring a hat-trick and leading Real Madrid to a 4-1 rout of Barcelona and the Spanish Super Cup trophy.

Vinicius scored his three goals in the first half as Real beat Barcelona to lift their first trophy of the season Sunday. After his first goal, the Brazil forward imitated the trademark celebration of the former Real great, with Ronaldo reportedly at the Riyadh stadium. "It was for Cris, because he is my idol and now he is playing here," said Vinicius.

Rodrygo also scored for Real, who now have 13 Super Cup trophies, one less than the Catalan club. It was Real's second Super Cup triumph since the tournament was moved to Saudi Arabia four years ago. Robert Lewandowski scored Barcelona's goal to make it 2-1 in the first half.

The "clasico" between the Spanish powerhouses was a rematch of last year's Super Cup final that Barcelona won 3-1 for their first trophy with coach Xavi Hernandez and without Lionel Messi. Madrid had also won at Barcelona in the first "clasico" of the season in October in the Spanish league.

Barcelona played a man down from the 71st after defender



STUNNING OUTING: Vinicius Junior (2nd from left) celebrates Real Madrid's victory with his teammates, Sunday

Ronald Araujo was shown a second yellow card for a foul on Vinicius. Real were already winning 4-1 at the time.

The victory added to Real's momentum as Carlo Ancelotti's team remain unbeaten in 21 consecutive games in all competitions. Their last setback was a 1-3 loss at Atletico Madrid in the Spanish league in September.

In contrast, the defeat adds to Barcelona's troubles and increases the pressure on Xavi, whose team haven't played well recently. They trail second-placed

Real by seven points in the Spanish league, with Catalan opponent Girona another point ahead at the top having played an extra game.

It didn't take long for Real to take control of the match, with Vinicius scoring his first goals since a long injury absence in the seventh, 10th and 39th minutes. It was Vinicius' third match since being out from November because of an injury picked up with Brazil's national team in a World Cup qualifier.

Vinicius opened the scoring

after an assist by Jude Bellingham, dribbling past Barcelona goalkeeper Inaki Pena before finding the open net. The second goal came in a breakaway after an assist by Rodrygo, and the third was a penalty kick he converted after being pulled down by Araujo.

Lewandowski had moved Barcelona within a goal with a shot from inside the area in the 33rd. Rodrygo's goal came in the 64th after a pass by Vinicius was deflected by Barcelona defender Jules Kounde inside the area.

Odisha bag three points after their draw against MP

POST NEWS NETWORK

Bhubaneswar, Jan 15: Odisha opened their account in the Ranji Trophy 2024 after they played out a draw against Madhya Pradesh in their second Elite Group D match in Indore, Monday. Odisha have now three points, thanks to their first innings lead against MP. They had lost to Baroda in their campaign opener.

Resuming the day on 246/6, MP were bowled out for 318 with overnight batter Harsh Gawli (167, 276b, 25x4) being the top scorer. Sunil Roul (5/100) bagged a five-wicket haul. With 180-run behind Odisha's first innings total of 498, MP were enforced follow-on.

MP declared their second innings on 291/4, setting up a 112-run target, with Himanshu Mantri (119, 153b, 19x4) being the top scorer. Yash Dubey (91, 149b, 11x4) and Shubham Sharma (48, 41b, 5x4, 3x6) also played crucial knocks. In reply, Odisha reached 38/1 when the match ended ending it in a draw. Skipper Shantanu Mishra (33 n o, 25b, 2x4, 2x6) was looking good during his stay.

England series not in Iyer's mind



PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

Mumbai, Jan 15: Shreyas Iyer is neither losing his sleep over snub for the Afghanistan T20Is nor is he overtly worried about the upcoming England Test series after a forgettable run in South Africa.

Iyer was not picked for the ongoing T20I series against Afghanistan and people in know of things said that his missing out had more to do with Indian top-order being stacked with right-handers.

"See, right now I'm being in the present. I have finished the match which I was asked to play (Ranji game against Andhra). I came, and I executed, so I am happy with what I'm doing.

"Something that is not in my control, I can't be focusing on that. Coming here and winning the match was my focus and that's what we did today (Monday)," Iyer told reporters after Mumbai's emphatic win.

Iyer, after a poor series in South Africa where he seemed like a 'walking wicket', was in-

structed by selectors to go and play Ranji Trophy for Mumbai as he is a part of the Test team. Iyer scored a run-a-ball 48 as Andhra bowlers tried to exploit his weakness against short ball.

Asked about the Test series, Iyer replied he isn't looking that far ahead. "It's important to take one match at a time, not think about five-match Test series. The team is only for the first two games. The motto would be to perform in the first two games and then look forward to the rest of the games."

Iyer, a master player of slow bowling, is expecting turners against England with first Test starting January 25. What Iyer found most satisfying during 145 plus overs of fielding, across two Andhra innings, was his fitness.

"I'm assuming that we would be getting turning wickets against England. But other than that, it was just for my match fitness, to stay on the field as long as possible, that's what mainly I was focusing on because especially after my injury, it has been tough for me to stick on the outfield for long. So this was great practice for me."

SHORT TAKES

PSG beat Lens

Paris: Just one league match into 2024, Paris Saint-Germain are already putting more daylight between the defending champions and their rivals for the French league title. Despite playing against 10 men in the second half, PSG were far from impressive as they resumed their league campaign Sunday with a 2-0 win at last season's runner-up Lens to extend their lead at the top to eight points. Forward Bradley Barcola was just as decisive for PSG, first by breaking the deadlock near the half-hour mark, then by earning the foul that led to Lens defender Jonathan Gradi's sending off just before halftime. Kylian Mbappe wrapped up PSG's win in the closing stages with his 19th league goal this season.

Sachin concerned

New Delhi: Sachin Tendulkar Monday dismissed the video as "fake" where he is seen promoting a gaming application that lures users for easy money. The video shows Tendulkar talking about the merits of the application, saying he did not know that money making has become so easy and that his own daughter uses the platform. Tendulkar posted the video along with a message in which he expressed concern about misuse of technology. "These videos are fake. It is disturbing to see rampant misuse of technology. Request everyone to report videos, ads & apps like these in large numbers," Tendulkar, 50, posted on social media platform X. The voice used in the video matches Tendulkar's. "Social Media platforms need to be alert and responsive to complaints. Swift action from their end is crucial to stopping the spread of misinformation and deepfakes," he wrote further.

Yuvi's record broken

Shivamogga: Karnataka's Prakhar Chaturvedi Monday broke Yuvraj Singh's 25-year-old record for the highest score in the U-19 Cooch Behar Trophy final with an unbeaten 404 off 636 balls against Assam in 2011-12. Chaturvedi's epic effort included 46 fours and three sixes. "Karnataka's Prakhar Chaturvedi becomes the first player to score 400 in the final of #CoochBehar Trophy with his splendid 404* knock against Mumbai," posted the BCCI on X.