



ON GUARD: Security personnel deployed to maintain law and order amid curfew imposed in view of recent violence in Manipur, in Imphal, Tuesday PTI PHOTO

## Infant sold for ₹20K

Reports surfaced Tuesday about the sale of an eight-day-old baby girl in Rayagada district by her impoverished parents to a couple from Andhra Pradesh for a paltry sum of ₹20,000. The incident came barely four days after a woman in Khaprakhol block of Bolangir district, notorious for distress migration and poverty, allegedly gifted her newborn girl to unidentified persons since she could not afford to raise her due to acute poverty. According to reports, the Rayagada infant was born November 3 to Kumud Ganta and Rahul Dhanabada of Nuapada slum under Chandili police limits in the district. A middleman approached the couple knowing their financial hardship and proposed the deal. Significantly, the couple, who doesn't have a roof over their head and is deprived of PDS rice and other government benefits, had no option but agree to it. Meanwhile, the Child Welfare Committee (CWC) has launched an investigation, even as the incident has raised serious questions over extension of various welfare measures to the beneficiaries



CWC members at Nuapada slum

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pada slum Tuesday on a tip off, and launched an investigation. Authorities have instructed the couple, who took custody of the child, to appear before the CWC with the baby by Wednesday. The baby girl was born November 3 at the Rayagada district headquarters hospital (DHH) to Kumud Ganta and Rahul Dhanabada who were already under severe financial duress with another three-year-old daughter to look after. "When a middleman approached us, we handed over the baby to K Rajasekhar and his wife from Pedapenki village in exchange for ₹20,000," Rahul said. A truck helper with a meagre ₹1,500 monthly salary, Rahul said his family's plight was exacerbated by the lack of a ration card, which denied them access to subsidised foodgrains under the public distribution system (PDS). "Due to our mounting financial difficulties, we took the heartbreaking decision to give up the newborn," Rahul said. The transaction took place November 11 by signing an agreement before a notary to formalise the adoption. A written agreement has also been

### BOLANGIR: PROBE ORDERED

Deputy Chief Minister KV Singh Deo Tuesday met the couple who had reportedly gifted their newborn baby to unknown persons owing to poverty in Khaprakhol block of Bolangir district last week. Singh Deo, who is also the MLA of Patnagarh, ordered Deputy Collector Sunil Meher, SDPO Sadanand Pujari and Khaprakhol BDO Bibeknand Sarangi to conduct an inquiry and submit a report to the government at the earliest.

made on court papers. However, legal experts have questioned the validity of the adoption as a notarised agreement does not permit child adoption. CWC members, including Priyadarshini Mahakud and Satyapriya Pradhan, legal expert Nirakar Padhi along with district Child Protection Officer Bichitra Sethy are investigating the case. Officials said appropriate action will be initiated following the investigation. Nevertheless, the incident has sparked widespread concerns, raising questions over the enforcement of child welfare laws, and the urgent need to address poverty in vulnerable communities.

## Putin signs revised nuclear doctrine

Moscow: Russian President Vladimir Putin Tuesday signed a revised nuclear doctrine declaring that a conventional attack on Russia by any nation that is supported by a nuclear power will be considered a joint attack on his country. Putin's endorsement of the new nuclear deterrent policy comes on the 1,000th day after he sent troops into Ukraine February 24, 2022. It follows US President Joe Biden's decision to let Ukraine strike targets inside Russia with US-supplied longer-range missiles. The signing of the doctrine, which says any massive aerial attack on Russia could trigger a nuclear response, reflects Putin's readiness to threaten use of the country's nuclear arsenal to force the West to back down as Moscow presses a slow-moving offensive in Ukraine.

## Bharatpur: Justice CR Dash visits PS

AGENCIES

Bhubaneswar, Nov 19: Justice Chitta Ranjan Dash heading the commission of inquiry into the alleged torture of an army officer and sexual assault of his fiancée Tuesday visited the Bharatpur police station here where the incident took place. The commission also heard the views of the five accused police officials including former Inspector in Charge (IC) of Bharatpur police station Dinakrushna Mishra.

"Both the army officer and his woman friend were present and they narrated how and where they were subjected to humiliation. Their statements were marked. Though there is not much material evidence left at the police station two months after the incident, the on-the-spot visit helped us to understand the situation", Dash told reporters after the visit. He also said that the five suspended police officials also put forth their views in the presence of their lawyers during the visit. "We have also taken note of

the statements of the police officers," Dash said. Three days ago, the state government had extended the tenure of the Judicial Commission till January 31, 2025. The tenure of the commission was stipulated to expire November 22, 2024. The army officer and his fiancée who were allegedly tortured in custody inside Bharatpur police station had appeared before the commission November 14 and recorded their statements. The next date of hearing was fixed November 30.

POST NEWS NETWORK

Rayagada/JK Pur, Nov 19: Allegedly driven by poverty, a couple from Nuapada slum under Chandili police limits in Rayagada district sold off their newborn daughter for ₹20,000 to a couple from Pedapenki village in Parvathipuram Manyam district of Andhra Pradesh. The alleged incident took place November 11. However, matters came to the fore after members of the Child Welfare Committee (CWC) visited Nua-

## Elephant deaths: HC issues notice to govt

Bhubaneswar/Cuttack: Registering a suo motu PIL over the recent death of three elephants in Sambalpur, the Orissa High Court Tuesday issued a notice to the state government, seeking to know measures to check such incidents. Two female elephants and a calf died after coming in contact with live wires laid by poachers in the Naktideul range of the Rairakhol forest division Monday.

## CM woos investors at Singapore roadshow

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

Bhubaneswar, Nov 19: A high-level delegation from the state, led by Chief Minister Mohan Charan Majhi, Tuesday held a roadshow in Singapore, showcasing the state's investment potential.

The delegation, which has been in Singapore since November 16, held an interactive session on business opportunities in Odisha, seeking to woo investors and industry leaders from across the ASEAN region. The session highlighted the state's "rich resources, world-class infrastructure and skilled workforce, positioning it as a prime destination for investment," the government said in a statement. The event was attended by over 300 delegates, including prominent industry leaders, investors and the Odia diaspora, it said. "The enthusiastic participation by industry representatives from Singapore and its neighbouring countries reflects their growing interest in Odisha's emerging opportunities," the statement said. During the day, Majhi along with Industries Minister Sampad Chandra

Swain, also engaged in discussions with Chee Hong Tat, Singapore's Minister of Transport. The talks focused on Odisha's goal of developing integrated multimodal logistics solutions, drawing inspiration from Singapore's advanced transportation systems as well as on digital freight management and coastal shipping, it said.

The Odisha delegation also visited the Port of Singapore Authority to study best practices in port management and logistics. "Our visit to Singapore has been highly successful. Over the past three days, we have engaged with industry leaders, visited advanced ports and industrial complexes, and gained valuable insights to enhance Odisha's development," Majhi said.

Swain added: "Odisha is open for business, and we are ready to scale new heights. By prioritising skill development, we have transformed Odisha into the skill capital of India, with global collaborations including with ITEES Singapore. Our rich resources, world-class infrastructure and strategic location make Odisha the ideal choice for industries."

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## IRREGULAR by MANJUL



## Man fined over cockerel's morning noise

AGENCIES

London, Nov 19: A man in Hampshire (England) has been fined after his noisy pet cockerel subjected neighbours in a quiet street to "torture" by repeatedly crowing as early as 3am. Harold Brown, 80, was hauled into court over the "nuisance" bird, which was recorded crowing once a minute for an hour and a half by environmental health officials after residents complained of the continual "cock-a-doodle-do" sound. Brown claimed in court that the noise was more of a "croak" than a traditional cockerel's crow, but six of his neighbours in the residential cul-de-sac on the edge of Hampshire's New Forest complained. They told Southampton mag-



istrates court they had had to avoid parts of their house to get away from the "discernible" and "significant" squawking that would occur almost every morning. Brown, who represented himself during the proceedings, disputed the evidence and said there was a "conspiracy" from both residents and the New Forest district council against him. He was handed a £200 fine after a district judge found him guilty of failing to comply with

an abatement notice to keep the noise down. Opening the case, the prosecutor Syan Ventom said the "nuisance" occurred at Brown's home address in Calmore. In October 2022, the council received complaints from a number of "different sources" who alleged the cockerel kept by Brown was "crowing regularly".

The prosecutor said the council felt this "amounted to a statutory nuisance" and served an abatement notice in December 2022. It was heard Brown did not abide by this notice but soon after, his pet cockerel died, which allowed for a "brief period of respite for neighbours", the prosecutor said. But Ventom said that soon afterwards Brown obtained another cockerel and "the nuisance reoccurred".

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## BARDEM SIGNED FOR SERIES ADAPTATION OF CAPE FEAR

Spanish actor Javier Bardem, who is known for *No Country For Old Men*, is set to star in the series adaptation of *Cape Fear*. The actor will be seen essaying one of the lead roles in the series ordered by Apple TV+.

## ZOE QUILTS BBC RADIO 2 BREAKFAST SHOW

Zoe Ball has quit the *BBC Radio 2 Breakfast Show* after six years, and will step down just before Christmas. The 53-year-old presenter has fronted the show since 2018, but she will step down on December 20 to focus on family.



### FORTUNE FORECAST

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**ARIES**  
The artist in you seeks expression today. Thus, you could decide to paint your house in attractive colours, or repair a piece of old furniture in modern style. You may become sentimental about a forgotten matchbox collection, and decide to replenish it.

**TAURUS**  
Ganesha predicts that you will work extremely hard to meet your targets today. The dividends may not be what you anticipated, but do not let that bog you down. There will be no cause for anxiety or trouble today, says Ganesha. Partnership matters may end up in a cat and mouse chase.

**GEMINI**  
You have a pleasing personality. Today, you will leave quite an impression on others, especially members of the opposite sex. At work, your colleagues will need your expertise to help them through difficult tasks. Later in the evening, a long stroll with your sweetheart will end a rather remarkable day.

**CANCER**  
A lot can happen over a cup of coffee, and today a lot will. Things will be moving quite swiftly today; a little too swiftly to your liking. You will get a lot of authority at the workplace, and you will use it to the point of abuse. Your prime focus, however, will be your family.

**LEO**  
You will indulge in some important discussions with your family members and clarify some matters. You need to approach issues without prejudices. Do not judge without having all the facts at your disposal. You will spend the evening with your loved one, says Ganesha.

**VIRGO**  
You are bursting at the seams with the creativity bubbling within you. However, you will find yourself struggling more than usual in dealing with the challenges at work. There are some monetary benefits on the cards. Ganesha advises you to take good care of your health.

**LIBRA**  
Some private possessions are close to your heart, and you may want to keep them that way, says Ganesha. Let your mind walk the hidden alleyways of mysticism in the afternoon as you seek peace of mind. Also, do not discount a trip to a sacred place, says Ganesha.

**SCORPIO**  
Health issues are on top of the list today. Spend more time working out those muscles than working, says Ganesha. Those in marketing and advertising shall have a golden day today. The correct dose of marketing mix will help reap maximum profits.

**SAGITTARIUS**  
A day where your thoughts will be inclined towards God and divinity, says Ganesha. Don't ease those purse strings easily too. At work, rise to the occasion and take charge. Your superiors will give you a pat on the back. Romantic escapades will be marked by rude health – as if you mind!

**CAPRICORN**  
In total control of yourself, you will have the tendency to dominate those around you. It's a trait that keeps resurging at intervals, making you feel all powerful, says Ganesha. Later in the day, you may even enrol yourself for a personality development course to hone your communication and professional skills. But it won't be sailing smooth all throughout. An unfortunate incident at the end of the day may take you off guard, so be careful of your moves, Ganesha advises.

**AQUARIUS**  
Hurry, splash on some Giorgio or curl your tresses! The spotlight is on you today, and you don't want a drab work jacket to take away the shine. You remain brilliant, both on the personal and professional fronts. Your rivals will envy your easy charm, says Ganesha.

**PISCES**  
Your emotions are likely to rule you today. Expenses, which will cause you to dip into your savings, are indicated. Evening should see you build up an amazing connection with a special someone, says Ganesha.

# BEYOND BEAUTY

The winner of Miss Universe not just gets richer by \$250K, she works full-time supporting social and humanitarian causes, as well as speaking on important issues around the world

Beauty pageant Miss Universe, which brings together the most beautiful women in the world from nearly 90 nations, has changed drastically since Armi Kuusela, a Finnish woman, won the first-ever title in 1952. There is much more to the contest now with physical beauty being only one aspect of it. Apart from good looks, it's about intelligence, society and much more.

While Armi received a new car and a movie contract from the Universal Studios when she bagged the crown, here's what it means to be a Miss Universe at this time.

### Monetary gain and responsibility

The winner of Miss Universe not just gets richer by \$ 250,000, she works full-time with a busy schedule, full of events, supporting social and humanitarian causes, as well as speaking on important issues around the world. In addition, the beauty queen is given the privilege of living in a luxury apartment in New York City and her travel expenses are covered for all activities related to Miss Universe, as well as support for a year of meaningful work.

### About the crown

The winner receives the opportunity to wear a diamond-encrusted crown, valued at \$5.5 million, known as 'Force for Good', which is set with almost a thousand diamonds and sapphires, a true walking fortune, which obviously carries a great responsibility to wear it.

### Gateway to professional success

Gaining fame on a global showcase and, at the end of the process, having access to new professional opportunities in areas such as modeling, acting and social activism, help the beauty queens get to meet important people from different industries, where they can surely expand their careers. In addition, their presence helps to expand the dissemination of activities organised for charitable causes. By participating in all these high-level showcases, the winners have the opportunity to speak in public and work with the media, which gives them the experience to perform in high-level forums and all kinds of areas. They also earn the opportunity to travel and experience all kinds of cultures and landmarks around the world, which is the gateway to a bright professional future.



Victoria Kjaer Theilvig (Denmark) - Miss Universe 2024

## Taapsee on her 'anti-paps' image

**Mumbai:** Taapsee Pannu recently showcased her humorous side during an outing at an event. After her arrival, Taapsee embraced the candid side of her image as 'anti-paps', a tag she's earned due to her straightforward approach to media interactions.

In a paparazzi video, Taapsee is seen playfully addressing her 'anti-paps' tag, and her witty reply surprised fans. While interacting with the paparazzi as she was leaving the event, the actress said, "I have managed to create this anti-paps image and will maintain that. Write whatever you want to, but write a bad caption on me. Please don't improve my image, or else my hard-earned 'reputation' will be tarnished."

Taapsee has often found herself at the center of a controversy involving the paparazzi. The incident took place when she had a heated exchange with the photographers during her past outing. She was caught in a confrontation with the paparazzi, who were allegedly following her too closely and getting too aggressive while trying to capture pictures of her.

The actress, visibly upset, had asked them to back off and respect her personal space, asserting that their intrusive behavior was making her uncomfortable. She even addressed the situation on social media, explaining how the constant pressure of being constantly followed by photographers affects her peace of mind.



## Gadar actor Utkarsh Sharma promotes Vanvaas in City

**Bhubaneswar:** *Gadar* fame actor Utkarsh Sharma was here in the City Tuesday to promote his upcoming movie *Vanvaas*. The actor was joined by KIIT and KISS founder Achyuta Samanta, who extended a warm welcome to the star and praised the film's potential.

"*Vanvaas* carries a special social message," Utkarsh, addressing the media, here said and added, "It is filled with all the emotions that Indian cinegoers expect. The movie is deeply rooted in Indian culture, making it relatable to every viewer."

Expressing his admiration for the state, the actor shared, "Odisha is a wonderful state. The people here are simple, and their simplicity



Utkarsh being felicitated by KIIT & KISS founder Achyuta Samanta

can be seen in their art and craft. The food here is unique, and I've absolutely fallen in love with Odisha."

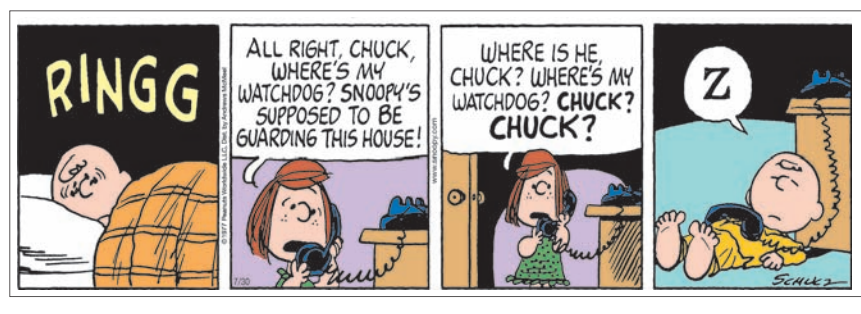
Earlier, the actor visited Srimandir in Puri to seek the blessings of Lord Jagannath for the success of the movie.

"The grace of Lord Jagannath has been truly

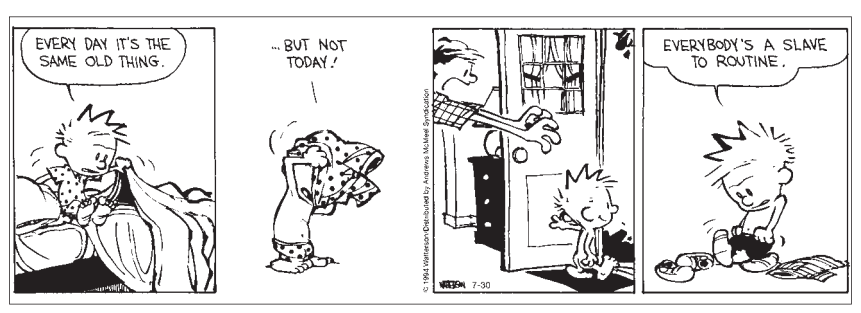
inspiring. I hope, with his blessings, this film fulfills your expectations. Come, enjoy the movie, and show your love and support," he said.

Written, directed, and produced by Anil Sharma, the film has Nana Patekar and Rajpal Yadav in other key roles.

### PEANUTS



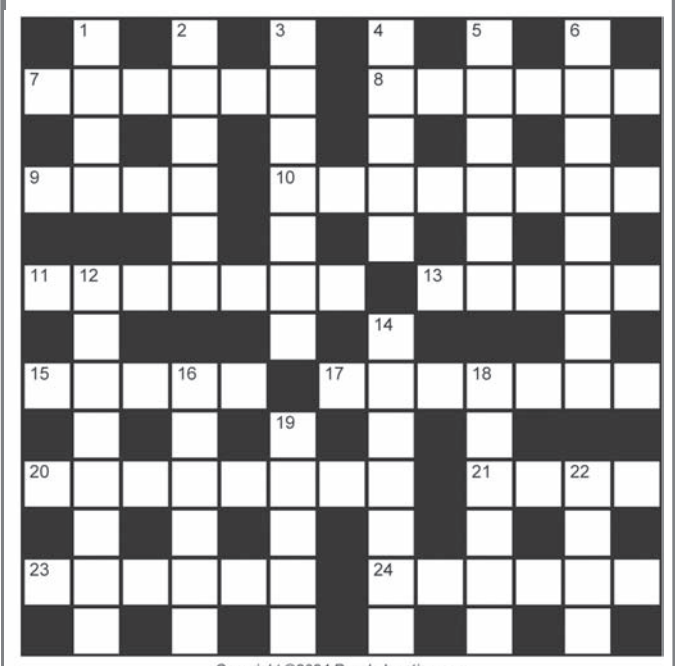
### CALVIN AND HOBBS



### BREVITY



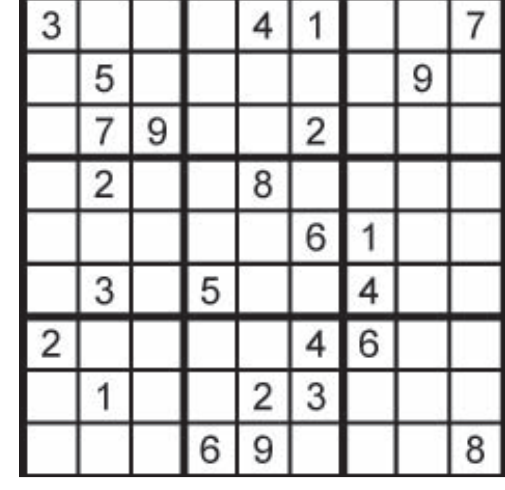
### CROSSWORD



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  - 9 Opposed to
  - 10 Lycanthrope
  - 11 Matisse contemporary
  - 13 African village of huts
  - 15 Theatre section
  - 17 Vagabond
  - 20 Writing on the wall
  - 21 Lariat
  - 23 California and Arizona desert
  - 24 Eau de Cologne ingredient
  - 4 Blizzard, e.g.
  - 5 Spectator
  - 6 Husband or wife, usually (4,4)
  - 12 International law enforcement agency
  - 14 Spectres
  - 16 Belly laugh
  - 18 Woodland
  - 19 Femme fatale
  - 22 Ship's front
- Down**
- 1 Wedding dress
  - 2 Docking facility
  - 3 "Baloney!"

### 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



Bhubaneswar: Chief Minister Mohan Charan Majhi Tuesday announced extension of Bali Yatra by a day. "Keeping in view the interest of the people, Chief Minister Mohan Charan Majhi has extended the period of the historic Bali Yatra by one more day. The eight-day festival, which began on Kartik Purnima (November 15), will end on the ninth day," the CMO wrote on X. One of Asia's largest open air trade fairs, Bali Yatra was inaugurated by the CM November 15. It was scheduled to end November 22. In a first, ambassadors, high commissioners, and diplomats from many ASEAN, BIMSTEC, and Pacific countries participated in the fair.



# downtown

## Sub-Collector, OPHWC DGM held for corruption

POST NEWS NETWORK

Bhubaneswar, Nov 19: Vigilance sleuths Tuesday arrested Kamakhyanagar Sub-Collector Narayan Chandra Nayak and Odisha State Police Housing Welfare Corporation (OPHWC) Berhampur Division's Deputy General Manager Subash Chandra Panda on charges of amassing assets disproportionate to their known sources of income.



Three multi-storey buildings and 14 plots in Bhubaneswar, deposits of over ₹37,50,000, ₹1.48 lakh in cash, and gold weighing 366 gram are among the assets found from Kamakhyanagar Sub-Collector Narayan Chandra Nayak



AMONG THE ASSETS FOUND FROM OPHWC BERHAMPUR DIVISION'S DGM SUBASH CHANDRA PANDA WERE TWO MULTI-STOREY BUILDINGS IN BHUBANESWAR, ₹66 LAKH PAID AS ADVANCE TOWARDS PURCHASE OF A FLAT, NINE PLOTS, 870 GRAM GOLD, BANK AND INSURANCE DEPOSITS OF ₹1,84,80,176 AND ₹13,47,490 IN CASH

Among the assets found from the Sub-Collector were three multi-storey buildings and 14 plots in Bhubaneswar, deposits of over Rs 37,50,000, Rs 1.48 lakh in cash, and gold weighing 366 gram, it said.

"After thorough search, inventory and enquiry, the income, expenditure and assets of Nayak were calculated. He was found in possession of disproportionate assets (DA) which were 130 per cent in excess of his known sources of income," a Vigilance statement said.

It added, "A case (13/2024) under Sections 13(2) r/w 13(1) (b)/12 of PC (Amendment) Act, 2018 has been registered against Nayak and his wife."

It is worth mentioning that Nayak entered government service through OPSC in 1997. He had worked as an assistant settlement officer in Kalandi, additional tehsildar in Bhawanipatna and BDO at Khariar, Dasarathpur and Baliana block offices. Later, it

While Nayak entered government service through OPSC in 1997, Panda joined state government service in 1989 as assistant project manager

was in 2023 when he assumed charge as the Sub-Collector of Kamakhyanagar in Dhenkanal.

In the second case, Panda was taken into custody after he was found in possession of DA to the tune of 303 per cent of his known sources of income.

Among the assets found from Panda and his family members were two multi-storey buildings in Bhubaneswar, Rs 66 lakh paid as advance towards

purchase of a flat, nine plots, 870 gram gold, bank and insurance deposits of Rs 1,84,80,176 and Rs 13,47,490 in cash.

"The income, expenditure and assets of Panda were calculated and he was found in possession of DA which was 303 per cent in excess of his known sources of income," the Vigilance statement said.

"In this connection, the Bhubaneswar Vigilance police station has registered a case (24/2024) against Panda and his wife under Sections 13(2) r/w 13(1)(b)/12 of the PC (Amendment) Act, 2018," it added.

Notably, Panda joined government service in 1989 as assistant project manager. He was promoted to the rank of deputy project manager in 2007, and was continuing as such at OPHWC Berhampur division.

## Modi, Shah likely to attend DGPs' meet

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

Bhubaneswar, Nov 19: Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Union Home Minister Amit Shah are scheduled to attend the three-day All-India Conference of Director Generals/Inspector Generals of Police to be held here from November 29, official sources said Tuesday.

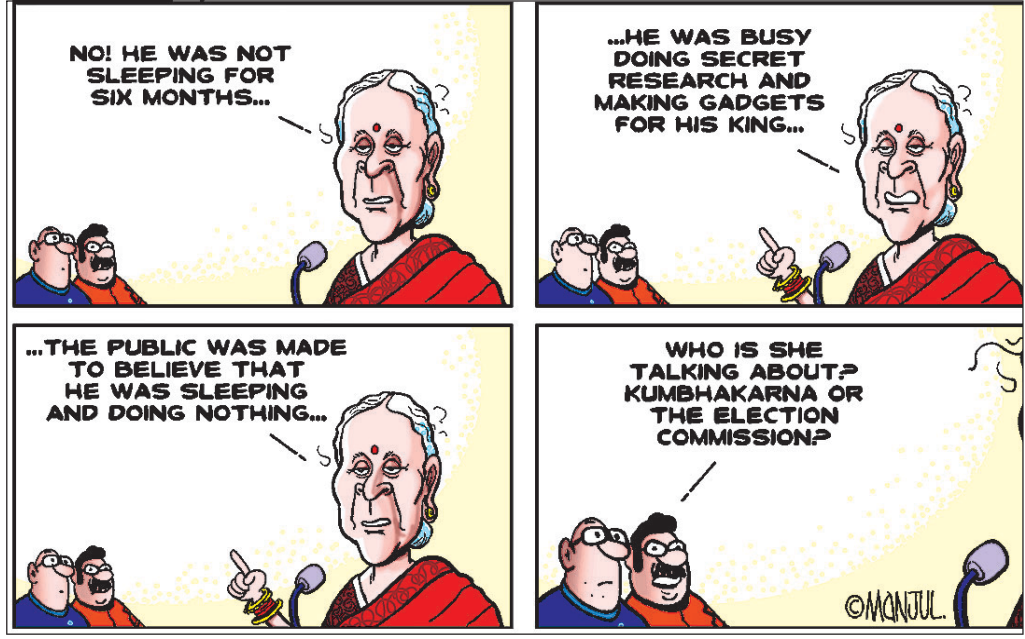
Apart from the PM and Union Home Minister, National Security Advisor (NSA) Ajit Doval and other senior officers of the Intelligence Bureau, all state DGPs, CRPF DG, chiefs of Research and Analysis Wing (RAW), National Security Guard (NSG) and Special Protection Group (SPG) will attend the three-day event, they said.

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Odisha DGP YB Khurania said this is for the first time that the state is hosting such a crucial meeting. Important issues such as internal security, combating cybercrime and Maoist menace will be discussed during the three-day conference.

This apart, the challenges posed by AI tools such as ChatGPT, latest threats of drones and counterterrorism are among the issues that are likely to be discussed in the conference, they said.

## POLITICKLE by MANJUL



## ODISHA PARBA TO KICK OFF NOV 22

POST NEWS NETWORK

New Delhi, Nov 19: The 7th edition of Odisha Parba 2024, a grand celebration of Odisha's diverse cultural heritage, will be organised from November 22 to 24 at Jawaharlal Nehru Stadium in the national capital.

Organised by New Delhi-based Odia Samaj, the three-day event promises a captivating display of Odisha's traditions, art, and culture for both Odia and non-Odia communities in the Delhi-NCR region.

The inaugural ceremony November 22 will witness the presence of President Droupadi Murmu as the chief guest. Joining her as guests of honor

will be Odisha Chief Minister Mohan Charan Majhi, Union Minister of Education Dharmendra Pradhan and Cuttack MP Bhartruhari Mahtab. The event will conclude on a high note November 24, with Prime Minister Narendra Modi as the chief guest.

Speaking about the upcoming mega event, Odia Samaj president Sidhartha Pradhan said, "Odisha Parba has instilled a renewed sense of pride in our identity as Odias. After six successful editions, we aim to make the 7th one even more memorable. It's an honour to host such a prestigious event that celebrates

Odisha's rich legacy."

The Odisha Parba, which began as a humble initiative at the iconic India Gate, has grown into a landmark cultural festival. With the venue now shifted to Jawaharlal Nehru Stadium, the Odia Samaj continues its mission to bring Odisha's essence to the national stage.

Attendees can look forward to a vibrant display of Odisha's heritage, including traditional dance performances, craft exhibitions, culinary delights, and much more. The event is expected to draw thousands of visitors, showcasing the timeless spirit of Odisha to a broader audience.

## Trawler seized for flouting fishing ban; six detained



POST NEWS NETWORK

Astaranga, Nov 19: Forest department officials Tuesday seized a trawler operating in the prohibited zone of Devi river here in Puri district, violating the fishing ban imposed by the department for protection of Olive Ridley turtles. Six crew members have also been detained.

Contravening the fishing ban imposed since November 1, numerous trawlers are operating in Devi river mouth prohibited zone, said sources. The Forest department has seized three trawlers within a period of 19 days of the ban's enforcement, according to the sources.

Astaranga Forest department has seized a fishing trawler named 'Ma Kali' (registration number: IND-OR-05MM-337) from the restricted zone. The owner of the trawler is report-

edly from Nuagada region.

The seizure occurred at 5am Tuesday while the trawler was engaged in fishing. The operation carried out by the Forest department team and Turtle Squad included Astaranga Forest Range Officer Monalisa Mohapatra, forest staff members Manas Ranjan Behera, Subhashish Biswal and Bhavagrahi Sethi, along with five members of the Turtle Protection Team and patrolling personnel.

Upon bringing the trawler ashore, the seized catch was auctioned. The haul included 260 kg B-class fish, 50 kg crabs, and 70 kg prawn. Present during the auction were assistant fisheries officer Satyabrata Das, Manas Parida, and Sagar Mitra representatives Biswajit Behura, Krishna Biswal and Arjit Pradhan.

## 116 slum dwellers get pucca houses

PNN & AGENCIES

Bhubaneswar, Nov 19: The state government Tuesday distributed allotment letters to 116 beneficiaries of Affordable Housing Project (AHP) for slum dwellers.

Housing and Urban Development (H&UD) Minister Krushna Chandra Mahapatra distributed the allotment letters among the beneficiaries at a function here.

A total of 116 beneficiaries, including 47 for Chandrasekharpur AHP, 36 for Nilamadhab Awas AHP and 28 for Subudhipur's Barunei Enclave AHP, received allotment letters.

Addressing the gathering, the H&UD Minister said, "Owning a house in the Capital city is a dream for many. Through BDA's affordable housing schemes, we aim to provide shelter to the urban poor, ensuring not just housing but a better quality of life."

These projects are equipped with proper infrastructure and basic amenities for better living, he said.

He emphasised the state government's commitment for improving the lives of slum dwellers.



The house allotment was conducted transparently through a lottery system in the presence of an independent observer, he said.

The H&UD Minister highlighted the state government's initiative to provide 2,600 houses on 20 acres of land in Chandrasekharpur area. "Of these, 820 houses have

already been completed, and 737 have been allotted to eligible beneficiaries, while the remaining 1,863 houses will be distributed in phases," the Minister said.

Similarly, at Nilamadhab project, near Care Hospitals in the Capital city, 1,200 houses are being developed. "The con-

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KRUSHNA CHANDRA MAHAPATRA | H&UD MINISTER

struction of 960 houses has been completed, with 543 already allotted to beneficiaries. The remaining 657 houses will be allocated in subsequent phases," he said.

Further, 342 houses have been construed at Barunei Enclave in Subudhipur, of which, 28 houses have been handed over to eligible recipients.

Mahapatra said that redevelopment of Keshari Residency slum over 10 acres of land at Satyanagar is also in progress. Of the targeted 1,300 houses, 560 have been completed, and 454 families have received their allotments. The remaining 846 houses will be allotted in phases, he added.

## Navy rescues woman hurt in speedboat collision

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New Delhi, Nov 19: A woman, who suffered a grievous injury after a speedboat collision in Mahanadi river near Bali Yatra maritime trade fair ground in Odisha, has been rescued from the waters, the Navy said, Tuesday.

"While conducting reconnaissance for Bali Yatra 2024 preparations, the diving team, deployed by the Eastern Naval Command, observed the accident and promptly intervened," a spokesperson of the Navy said.

The injured woman was rescued from the waters and carried over a kilometre to the nearest police help centre using the 'buddy carry' technique.

In armed forces parlance, a 'buddy carry' technique refers to an official carrying someone on his back in case of need.

This timely rescue and subsequent action towards ensuring timely medical attention reflects the dedication and unwavering commitment of the Indian Navy towards service and public welfare

"With no ambulance available, the team further transported her to SCB Medical College and Hospital, Cuttack, in an auto-rickshaw, ensuring she received timely medical care," the statement added.

This timely rescue and subsequent action towards ensuring timely medical attention reflects the dedication and unwavering commitment of the Indian Navy towards service and public welfare, it said.

The week-long Bali Yatra festival started November 15 and will continue till November 23 at Cuttack.

"Bali Yatra celebrates the rich maritime history of Odisha and commemorates India's historical and civilisational links with Southeast Asia and wider Indo-Pacific that have evolved through the maritime journeys undertaken by the Indian seafarers over thousands of years," according to a statement issued by the Ministry of External Affairs November 15.



FOR CLIMATE ACTION: Students, teachers and staffers of Emarti Devi Women's College at Naya Sarak in Cuttack display a banner of the fourth edition of 'Dharitri Youth Conclave 2024' as a mark of solidarity with the leading regional daily's initiative to spread awareness about the vagaries of climate change and mitigation measures

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COMBATING NATURAL CALAMITIES

Pujari emphasises on early warning system

The minister says that UN India is showcasing Odisha's leadership in early warning systems for disaster response, an opportunity to share best practices & knowledge with other states



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Bhubaneswar, Nov 19: Revenue and Disaster Management Minister Suresh Pujari Tuesday said a proper early warning system is key to successful handling of disasters.

Speaking at a function marking a consultation with United Nations India and Reliance Foundation, Pujari said once the early warning system becomes perfect, mitigating the situation and facing natural disasters will become easier for the government.

He said though Odisha has proved time and again for successfully facing natural disasters in the past, it will hold meetings further and try for a collective approach to face such disasters in future.

Pujari claimed that Odisha has become a role model for the entire country in disaster management.

The consultation hosted by Reliance Foundation and UN India held its first meeting in the Capital City where stakeholders exchanged views on how to go for an early warning system to face natural disasters.

Referring to the recent severe cyclonic storm 'Dana' that hit Odisha coast in October, the minister said that the state government has shared its experience and exchanged ideas with other stakeholders. The state also shared the lessons it has learnt from handling natural disasters in the past.

UN-Resident Coordinator India, Shombi Sharp, said: "The UN remains committed to supporting efforts through our various agencies, working closely with the government, civil society and partners like Reliance Foundation to strengthen Early Warning Systems and build community resilience."

He said the UN India is also

showcasing Odisha's leadership in early warning systems for disaster response, a crucial story to tell and an opportunity to share best practices and knowledge with other states and countries in the Global South.

Reliance Foundation CEO, Jagannatha Kumar said as climate change drives more extreme events, there is a need to strengthen impact-based forecasting to ensure it translates more effectively to local action.

"We have witnessed the life-saving potential of early warnings while serving communities during cyclones, floods and other extreme events. India is pioneering knowledge advancement in rapidly advancing early warning systems. We have been driving innovative solutions in early warning systems through extensive use of technology and approaches for effective reach and impact," he said.

Experts from Sri Lanka and Bangladesh shared their best practices and highlighted the importance of strengthening collaborations.

An interactive exhibition helped delegates experience innovations and further enhanced the knowledge exchange process on the country's efforts to strengthen early warning and action.



IN MEMORIAM: Congress leader Prasad Harichandan, along with party workers and students, pays tributes to former PM Indira Gandhi at IG Park in Bhubaneswar, Monday

IPS officers receive training on motor vehicle laws

ARINDAM GANGULY, OP

Bhubaneswar, Nov 19: Seven newly-appointed IPS officers, who recently joined the Indian Police Service, received specialised training on motor vehicle laws at the Bhubaneswar Regional Transport Office-1 Tuesday.

The training session, chaired by Transport Commissioner Amitabh Thakur, was attended by senior officials from the Odisha State Transport Authority (OSTA).

During the session, the Transport Commissioner welcomed and congratulated the officers, sharing his insights on the responsibilities and ex-



pectations that come with their new roles.

He emphasised the government's initiatives to prevent road accidents and highlighted the crucial role that law enforcement plays in enforcing traffic laws and

ensuring public safety.

The training covered various aspects of motor vehicle laws, with discussions on traffic management, awareness campaigns, and strategies to address common traffic issues. The session also focused on

public behaviour and its impact on road safety.

The trainee IPS officers included Rakesh Kumar Sahoo, Ananya Abasthi, Bhosale Shubham, Shiva Maruti Reddy, Archita Mittal, Varshitha Adepu, and Manisha Meena.

Senior OSTA officials, including Additional Transport Commissioner Dipti Ranjan Patra, Joint Transport Commissioner Pradeep Kumar Mohanty, and other key figures, also participated in the programme.

The training aimed to equip the officers with the necessary knowledge and skills to effectively enforce motor vehicle laws and contribute to improving road safety in the state.

SNEH organises event on restorative justice

POST NEWS NETWORK

Bhubaneswar, Nov 19: Society for Nature, Education, and Health (SNEH) organised a programme on 'The Role of The Press and Restorative Justice' at Sampriti's peace training-cum-resource centre here Tuesday, as part of Restorative Justice Week 2024.

The event, inaugurated by SNEH's president Subarna Ghosh was attended by over 25 members from the media fraternity.

SNEH's advisor Subas Chandra Panda along with project staff briefed attendees on various peace-building initiatives in Saliasahi slum here. "Our efforts in Saliasahi have shown significant progress. Through restorative justice training, local women peacebuilders have successfully mediated community conflicts, leading to a reduction in criminal cases," Panda said.

The programme highlighted the transformative power of restorative justice, which emphasises healing and reconciliation over punishment. SNEH showcased its past work in empowering women to address conflicts within the community, resulting in lower recidivism rates and helping both victims and offenders reintegrate into society.

Unicef hosts media event on malnutrition in Malkangiri

POST NEWS NETWORK

Bhubaneswar / Malkangiri, Nov 19: In order to address the pressing issue of Severe Acute Malnutrition (SAM) in Malkangiri, Unicef, in collaboration with the district social welfare department (DSWD) organised a media roundtable recently, which brought together a diverse group of media professionals, policymakers, and health experts.

The event was aimed to sensitise media professionals and highlight their crucial role in raising public awareness and fostering community engagement in combat malnutrition in the region. The session began with an insightful overview of the state of malnutrition in the district and emphasised the importance of effective SAM management.



Malkangiri DSWO Teresova Mallick, in her opening remark said, "Our goal is to create a lasting and sustainable impact in the fight against malnutrition. Severe Acute Malnutrition remains a critical issue in Malkangiri with 46 per cent stunted, 19 per cent wasted and 52 per cent underweight children (NFHS-5). Only through collaborative efforts, community-based programmes and awareness campaigns, we could reach the most vulnerable populations".

"In this journey, media can play powerful role in raising awareness about SAM and

conveying the urgency of addressing it. With the active support of the media, we can make meaningful progress in reducing malnutrition in Malkangiri," she added.

Unicef representatives shared details about the strategy adopted to manage SAM, outlining the district's approach to intervention, importance of timely identification and treatment of malnutrition cases. They highlighted the role that local media can play in disseminating information to underserved areas, particularly focusing on education and prevention.

Odia language in Toronto School Board's Curriculum

POST NEWS NETWORK

Bhubaneswar, Nov 19: Odia has officially been added to the Toronto District School Board's (TDSB) International Languages programme, with classes set to begin this month at Tam O'Shanter Public School.

The milestone was achieved through the tireless efforts of Amalendu Das and Babita Mohanty, an Odia couple, who with the support of CANOSA (Canada-Odisha Society of the Americas) President Kamalakanta Behera and Vice President Satya Das, advocated for the inclusion of the Odia language over the past year.

After months of diligent follow-up with the TDSB by Amalendu Das, their hard work has paid off, culminating in the successful launch of Odia language classes this year.



Amalendu Das expressed heartfelt gratitude to the Toronto District School Board, the CANOSA Board of Directors, and the entire Odia community for their unwavering support of the initiative.

Both CANOSA President Kamalakanta Behera and Vice President Satya Das also thanked the parents who eagerly registered their children for the new Odia language classes.

Special recognition was given to Sunanda Mishra, the appointed Odia teacher, for her commitment to teaching the

language to the next generation in Canada. Mishra shared her excitement after conducting the first Odia class in Toronto, noting that the parents were equally thrilled and proud of this achievement. Together, they celebrated the inclusion of Odia as an official international language in the TDSB, marking a significant step in preserving and promoting the Odia language in Canada.

Amalendu Das also mentioned that efforts will continue to expand the availability of Odia language classes to other schools next year.

CM stresses on cleaner & open defecation-free India

POST NEWS NETWORK

Bhubaneswar, Nov 19: On the occasion of World Toilet Day, Chief Minister Mohan Charan Majhi lauded India's significant strides in improving sanitation under the leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi.

He remarked, "On this World Toilet Day, we celebrate India's remarkable progress in ensuring clean and hygienic sanitation facilities for millions of citizens through initiatives like the Swachh Bharat Mission. These efforts have transformed lives, empowered communities, and promoted dignity."

Let's continue working towards a healthier, cleaner, and open defecation-free India, he added.

His statement emphasised the importance of collective efforts to achieve sanitation goals and ensure a better quality of life for all citizens.

World Toilet Day was observed across Odisha Tuesday, with various government departments organising programmes to spread awareness about the importance of toilets, sanitation, and the need to eliminate open defecation and open urination.

The theme for this year, "Toilets - A Place for Peace," highlighted the role of toilets in promoting health, hygiene, dignity, and peace of mind for individuals and communities. The observance of the day was aimed at encouraging people to recognise the need for toilets in every home and community and to take responsibility for their upkeep.

The Panchayati Raj and Drinking Water department marked the occasion at the State Institute for Rural Development and Panchayati Raj (SIRD&PR) here. The department issued permits for the construction of



several beneficiaries as part of the 'Swachhata Hi Seva-2024' campaign.

The initiative is part of the ongoing efforts to ensure that every household has access to basic sanitation facilities. The department also took the opportunity to honour various districts for their outstanding achievements in cleanliness programmes. Awards were

get units, cleanliness camps, and innovative waste-to-art initiatives.

Drinking Water and Sanitation director Vineet Bhagwaj, welcomed the gathering and spoke about the tremendous improvements in public health that have resulted from increased toilet usage in rural areas.

Meanwhile, the World Toilet

Day programme was attended in City by Housing and Urban Development Minister Krushna Chandra Mahapatra and Mayor Sulochana Das.

Minister Mahapatra emphasised that using and maintaining toilets is not only a basic necessity but a fundamental responsibility of every citizen. He pointed out that it is critical for people to take care of both public and private toilets, especially in crowded urban areas.

Das also spoke about the importance of keeping Bhubaneswar an open defecation-free city. She urged citizens to refrain from open urination and defecation and continue their efforts to maintain the city's cleanliness.

World Toilet Day 2024 served as a powerful reminder of the crucial role that sanitation plays in ensuring a cleaner, healthier, and more dignified life for all.

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Wild boars damage paddy crops in Kendrapara dist



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Kendrapara, Nov 19: Farmers of Mahakalapada block in this coastal district, whose agricultural fields are located on the fringes of Bhitarkanika National Park, are spending sleepless nights as wild boars have started damaging ripe paddy crops. According to sources, wild boar menace has assumed serious proportions this year in Lanjuda and Gogua gram panchayats (GPs) under Sasanpeta Reserve Forest area of the Gahirmatha Wildlife Range. Several hectares of paddy crops, ready for harvest, have been damaged, especially in these two GPs of Mahakalapada block. The wild boars have wreaked havoc by sneaking out of their natural habitat within Bhitarkanika National Park and entering agricultural fields. Pradosh Moharana, Ranger of Gahirmatha Marine Sanctuary and Wildlife Range, stated that they have received as many as 25 complaints regarding wild boars damaging paddy crops in the locality.

Locals allege that absence of proper fencing along the park's boundaries has enabled the wild boars to trespass into their fields. The Forest department has recently erected a kilometre-long section of fencing from the World Bank shrimp farming area towards Jagatjora and has deployed personnel to drive away the wild boars with the help of locals. "We have been guarding our agricultural fields during foggy winter nights, risking attacks by wild boars. Armed with lathis, beating tin drums, creating noise, and bursting crackers, we are doing our best to protect our crops," said affected farmers. The state government has provisions for compensating farmers if wild animals destroy their crops. Moharana added that an inquiry is underway, and a report will be submitted to facilitate compensation for farmers whose crops have been damaged by the wild boars.

Politics divides Bolangir royal family

The rivalry reflects not only personal disputes but also the broader power struggle between BJP and BJD in the region

POST NEWS NETWORK

Bolangir, Nov 19: The 2024 general and Assembly elections have ushered in a new era of political dynamics in this district. With the fall of the 24-year-old BJD government, the influence of the party's leaders is waning in this district. On the other hand, BJP leaders are slowly but surely taking centre stage. This shift has created a tense political atmosphere within Bolangir's royal family, igniting a quiet yet intense rivalry. Key figures in this political drama include Deputy CM and senior BJP leader Kanak Vardhan Singh Deo and his cousin, Kalikesh Narayan Singh Deo who is BJD leader and MLA of the Bolangir Assembly constituency. Their confrontations have become a hot topic of discussion. Despite publicly addressing each other respectfully during meetings, their speeches reveal underlying animosity between the BJP



KANAK VARDHAN SINGH DEO KALIKESH NARAYAN SINGH DEO

and BJD. At a recent 'Bolangir Day' celebration held at Koshal Kala Mandal ground in the town, attended by Chief Minister Mohan Charan Majhi, Kalikesh and Kanak Vardhan exchanged sharp jabs. Kalikesh advocated for projects such as establishing an agricultural university, rehabilitating the Deogana sugar mill, reviving local reservoirs and construction of an auditorium at the Koshal Kala Mandal ground. However, Kanak Vardhan, taking the stage after Kalikesh, openly questioned why these issues were not addressed during BJD's 24 years in power. He further warned against underestimating his stance. "If I open my cards, they (BJD) won't be able to handle it," Kanak Vardhan stated. Kanak's fiery comments left the audience astounded, as he displayed an unusually aggressive demeanour. Observers noted that such a strong response from him was unprecedented, highlighting the escalating tension between the BJP and BJD factions within the royal family. Adding to the mix, BJD representatives, including Rajya Sabha Member Niranjan Bishi, Zilla Parishad Chairperson Devaki Sahu and Bolangir Municipality Chairperson Lika Sahu also raised various demands during the meeting. A couple of days later, BJP's Lok Sabha MP Sangeeta Kumari Singh Deo criticised the previous government's handling of local issues, further intensifying the political friction. This ongoing rivalry reflects not only personal disputes but also the broader power struggle between the BJP and BJD in the region. As whispers of internal discord grow louder, the royal family's feud continues to draw public intrigue and political speculation.

26 black stone quarries asked to stop operations

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Jajpur, Nov 19: In a major crackdown against some stone quarries operating in this district throwing safety norms to the wind, the Directorate of Mines has asked lessees of 26 black stone quarries to stop operations, officials said Tuesday. These quarries are located in Bajabati, Rahadpur, Dankari, Baramana and Bichhakhandi Hills in Dharmasala, they said. Deputy Director of Mines, Jajpur Circle, Jay Prakash Nayak asked these quarries to suspend operations after an inquiry

by the Directorate General of Mines Safety detected the violations, they added. An inquiry was conducted in these mines in September following complaints of lapses in safety and non-compliance with rules, officials said. Serious contraventions were found during the inspection said Nayak. "Based on the inquiry report, orders have been issued to 26 black stone quarry lessees to stop mining and other allied activities," he said. Nayak said police and local administration have been intimated for immediate action.



Brown sugar worth ₹5L seized from woman



Jaleswar: Police have seized 55.26gm brown sugar worth ₹5.5 lakh from a woman at Jhadeswarpur area under this police limits in Balasore district Monday. Police also seized ₹8,700 in cash which was with the woman. SDPO Dillip Sahu said during a press conference at Jaleswar that the woman is a drug peddler and after interrogating her, the cops have arrested two more persons. Acting on instructions given by Balasore SP, a raid was conducted Monday by a team led by Jaleswar police station IIC Ranjan Sethi at the house of Seikh Billa in Jhadeswarpur. During the raid, police arrested Billa's daughter Rukhsana Biwi, 24, known as 'Scooty Didi', her 46-year-old mother and her father. Police said that Rukhsana's husband Sheikh Shah Jahan is also a drug peddler. He was arrested by cops in Kolkata approximately 20 months back and is currently serving his prison term. In his absence, Rukhsana had taken over the business. She used to drive her scooter and sell brown sugar in different parts of Balasore district. Jaleswar police after registering a case (No 584/24) forwarded all the three to court Tuesday, officials said.

EAST COAST RAILWAY

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EAST COAST RAILWAY

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Cannabis plants on 14-acre forest land destroyed



Malkangiri: About 21,000 cannabis plants spread across 14 acres forest land near Ghagada Bandha village in Nuaguda panchayat under Chittrakonda police limits in this district were destroyed Monday in a joint operation by Chittrakonda police and the Malkangiri Excise department. The Excise department has registered a case in connection with the incident and initiated an investigation. The Revenue department has been requested to verify the ownership of the land where cannabis was being cultivated and submit a report, basing on which the Excise and police departments will identify the cultivators and take appropriate legal action. During the raid, officials from the Excise department, including Excise Inspector Santosh Kumar Bal, Sub-Inspectors Ashesh Kumar Nayak, Amiya Kumar Khanja, and Deepak Kumar Samal, as well as ASI Ramachandra Hantala, were present. Chittrakonda PS Inspector in-Charge C Mukund Meika, other police personnel, and members of the District Voluntary Force also participated in the operation.

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FOCUS WORLD ORDER

THE MIDDLE POWERS



The leaders of middle powers do not want a world where they are forced to take sides. Instead, they want to build trade and investment relationships that are multidimensional, selecting from a menu of options that is not artificially restricted by any great-power rivalry

own best judge when it comes to the terms on which it participates in the world economy. It would be nice to have a world in which the US, perhaps joined by China, truly supplied global public goods - such as the concessional finance and access to technology that developing countries need for climate mitigation and adaptation. But this is not the world we have. The US and other major economies are woefully ill-disposed to provide the public goods the world economy really needs; and given the mood in their capitals these days, their disposition is unlikely to improve anytime soon.

Moreover, as many middle powers have learned from experience, hegemonic power can be used for coercive as well as benevolent reasons. It can be deployed to enforce rules of the game that do not serve their interests - and which the hegemon readily flouts whenever they become inconvenient - or to punish countries that do not align with the hegemon's foreign-policy goals, as with the internationalisation of US sanctions against Iran and Russia.

Perhaps the most important contribution middle powers can make is to demonstrate, by their example, the feasibility of both multipolarity and diverse development paths in the global order. They offer a vision for the world economy that does not depend on either America's or China's power and goodwill. But if middle powers are to be worthy role models for others, they must become responsible actors - both in their dealings with smaller countries and in promoting greater political accountability at home.

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PROJECT SYNDICATE

dimensional, selecting from a menu of options that is not artificially restricted by any great-power rivalry. Many believe, along with Rana Foroohar of the Financial Times, that "the US is not an anchor for stability, but rather a risk to be hedged against."

With advanced economies increasingly focused inward, middle powers have become the natural champions of global public goods. They are well-positioned to lead in advocating action on climate change, public health, and debt distress. A good example is Brazil's push for a global wealth tax on billionaires during its G20 presidency. The proposal under consideration would raise hundreds of billions of dollars and could play an important role in plugging the gap in climate finance for low-income countries.

The middle powers are unlikely to become a formidable bloc of their own, mainly because their interests are too diverse to fit into a common economic or security agenda. Even when they have joined formal groupings, their collective impact has been limited. The BRICS (originally Brazil, Russia, India, China, and later South Africa) was launched

with great fanfare in 2009, but it has accomplished little beyond providing photo ops for its leaders. The BRICS recently expanded to include four additional countries: Egypt, Ethiopia, Iran, and the United Arab Emirates, and more may join.

A common view among economists and political scientists is that a healthy, stable global economy needs a hegemon - whether it be the US after 1945 or Britain during the gold standard. According to the theory of "hegemonic stability," a supervening power is required to shoulder the costs of running an open world economy, such as maintaining open sea lanes or enforcing trade rules and the free flow of finance. Accordingly, multipolarity is a recipe for chaos and economic disintegration.

But this is an outmoded view of how today's world works. Though the specific mix of openness and protection will naturally vary across countries, no country has an interest in turning its back on the global economy. Governments must balance the benefits of open trade against the support that their industries may need to develop new capabilities. Each country is its

China's rise has challenged America's undisputed hegemony over the world economy - a status the United States has enjoyed since the Soviet Union's collapse. While some American national-security elites seek continued US primacy, others seem resigned to an increasingly bipolar world. A more likely outcome, however, is a multipolar world where middle powers exert considerable countervailing force, thus preventing the US and China from imposing their interests on others.

Middle powers include India, Indonesia, Brazil, South Africa, Turkey, and Nigeria - all large economies that have a significant footprint in the global economy or in their regions. They are far from rich - indeed, they account for a significant share of the world's poorest people - but they also have large, consumption-oriented middle classes and considerable technological capabilities. The combined GDP (in purchasing-power-adjusted terms) of the six countries mentioned above already exceeds that of the US and is projected to grow by 50 percent by 2029.

Typically, these countries have distinctive foreign policies that reject clear alignment with either the US or China. Contrary to what many in the US believe, middle powers have no great affinity for China, nor do they want to cozy up to it at the expense of their relationship with the US. In fact, insofar as they have been driven closer to China, it is because of US policy. America's weaponisation of its trade and financial might has impelled them to hedge their bets.

The leaders of middle powers do not want a world where they are forced to take sides. "We refuse to be a pawn in a new cold war," says former Indonesian President Joko Widodo. Instead, they want to build trade and investment relationships that are multi-



Dani Rodrik

WITH ADVANCED ECONOMIES INCREASINGLY FOCUSED INWARD, MIDDLE POWERS HAVE BECOME THE NATURAL CHAMPIONS OF GLOBAL PUBLIC GOODS



THE MOTHER

Let nothing short of Perfection be your ideal in work and you are sure to become a true instrument of the Divine.

DOGE

It goes to the credit of Indian voters that they could realise absolute power has chances to turn a single party autocratic if elected for consecutive terms. Hence, they did not allow the Narendra Modi-led BJP to get a majority on its own when it sought their clear mandate a few months back for forming a government with a simple majority for the third time in a row. But, the fears of US President-elect Donald Trump displaying autocratic tendencies in full fury once he gets back to the White House for the second time after a hiatus of four years seem to be coming true. As a starter, Trump has urged the senators of his Republican Party, which has regained a majority in the upper chamber of Congress due to a 'wave' that he may correctly attribute to his own popularity, to let him appoint some of his close confidants in top government positions without using their power to confirm the appointments. To say such a process is questionable is an understatement. It is a clear attack on the democratic institutions of that country as it blurs the principle of separation of powers. Confirmation hearings are usually tough and intense, intended to make the exercise democratic and ensure controversial characters are not elevated to the highest echelons of administration.

Trump's request at face value appears rather unusual since any appointment that he proposes can be made without any difficulty as his party is all set to get a 53-47 majority in the Senate.

The US Constitution states that a President's nominees for positions such as Secretaries, Ambassadors and Judges are subject to the "the Advice and Consent of the Senate." In other words, the Senate generally holds confirmation hearings to vet the President's nominees before voting to confirm or reject them. The Constitution also allows the President to unilaterally fill vacancies in case of an emergency during a Senate recess as matters would not wait till the Senate resumes its session. Such appointments expire at the end of the Congress, meaning they would be valid, at the most, for two years.

The answer to the question why Trump is beginning his new term courting a controversy is not far to seek. The list of his proposed appointees makes it clear. A host on the conservative Fox News channel who has long made pandering to the Republican president-elect into his sole editorial line, has been nominated for the position of Secretary of Defence. This prestigious and important office is traditionally held by people with great experience of a global nature.

Likewise, the choice of Tulsi Gabbard, who also worked for Fox News, as director of national intelligence - the head of 18 intelligence agencies - raises similar issues. Gabbard's lack of qualifications in such a sensitive field has raised questions, as have her past erratic statements, with overtones of conspiracy theories and her goodwill towards Russia and its allies.

Equally shocking is Florida Representative Matt Gaetz's nomination as Attorney General. He is under investigation by the bipartisan House Ethics Committee for personal misdeeds.

Trump has already betrayed the same sense of open contempt for US institutional norms by choosing the country's and the world's richest man, Elon Musk, whose companies hugely benefit from federal contracts, to head a hatchet commission titled Department of Government Efficiency (DOGE) that aims to slash federal spending and subvert rules. This commission is to operate outside of the Cabinet so as to avoid scrutiny of the Senate. It is no rocket science to understand the liaison between Trump and Musk who put his social media platform 'X' at the service of Trump during the run-up to the presidential election. Admittedly, Musk has made the English phrase 'no rocket science' redundant by his backyard company called SpaceX. He makes rockets, sends them to space and wants to colonize other planets. To get an idea of how DOGE might operate, people in Orissa will simply have to look back at the manner ST was working in the past in this state.

Trump seems to be itching to settle scores with federal government institutions with which he came into direct confrontation when he was licking his wounds after defeat in the 2020 election. Senate Republicans do not seem to be in a position to convince him it does not behave an American President to take such a vindictive and revengeful course in the name of running the country. But then, that is Donald Trump!

WISDOM CORNER

Love many things, for therein lies the true strength, and whoever loves much performs much, and can accomplish much, and what is done in love is done well. VINCENT VAN GOGH

The human mind is capable of excitement without the application of gross and violent stimulants; and he must have a very faint perception of its beauty and dignity who does not know this. WILLIAM WORDSWORTH

Peace comes when you talk to the guy you most hate. And that's where the courage of a leader comes, because when you sit down with your enemy, you as a leader must already have very considerable confidence from your own constituency. DESMOND TUTU

THIS DAY IN HISTORY

- 1910: Russian author Leo Tolstoy, suffering from pneumonia, died of heart failure at the railroad station of Astapovo.
1910: Mexican Revolution launched by Francisco Madero that inspired hope in such leaders as Pancho Villa and Emiliano Zapata, who then mobilized their ragged armies.
1923: Traffic signal patented. American Garret Morgan was awarded the patent for an automated traffic signal. Morgan's invention was not the first of its kind, but unlike the other traffic signals which just had stop and go signals, his traffic light had a third signal that warned drivers about changes in the stop and go lights. This signal was the precursor for today's yellow light.
1945: Nuremberg trials begin. The trials were led by the International Military Tribunal and were held to prosecute high-ranking members of the Nazi party for war crimes committed during the Second World War. Of the 23 people tried, 14 were sentenced to death.

LOL

WANT TO BE HEALED?

Three guys were fishing in a lake one day, when an angel appeared in the boat. When the three astonished men had settled down enough to speak, the first guy asked the angel humbly, "I've suffered from back pain ever since I took shrapnel in the Vietnam War... Could you help me?" "Of course," the angel said, and when he touched the man's back, the man felt relief for the first time in years.

The second guy wore thick glasses and had a hard time reading and driving. He asked if the angel could do anything about his poor eyesight. The angel smiled, removed the man's glasses and tossed them into the lake. When they hit the water, the man's eyes cleared and he could see everything distinctly. When the angel turned to the third guy, the guy put his hands out defensively -- "Don't touch me!" he said, "I'm on a disability pension."



IN JEST THIS

Russia bans 'propaganda' against children

The world's population is more than 8 billion and has increased by 2 billion since 1998. In some countries, so many children are being born that there's a dire shortage of midwives, prompting a big push among politicians and others to recruit more midhusbands.

But the situation is quite different in countries like Russia, where falling birthrates are causing great concern.

President Vladimir Putin: "Children! We must produce more children. I'd do it myself, but I'm 72."

Prime Minister Mikhail Mishustin: "Seventy-two is still young. Look at Al Pacino. He is 84 and had a son just last year when he was 83."

Putin: "Eighty-three. That gives me nine years to find the right pills."

The lower house of Parliament in Russia recently approved a bill that would ban any kind of "propaganda" that discourages Russians from having children.

As the New York Times reported, this bill, which is expected to be passed in the upper house of Parliament and signed into law by Putin, would apply to "material on the internet, in media outlets, in movies and in advertising that portrays child-free lifestyles as attractive."

If you're a parent in Russia, you'd better start practicing being as positive as possible about your children. Here are just three of the questions you might get from people and the answers you could provide:

QUESTION: Isn't it expensive to raise kids these days?

ANSWER: What do you mean? Kids actually save you money. When I lost my glasses, who do you think found it? One of my kids. When our house was on fire, who ran back in to save the TV? One of my kids. When the grocery store prices were too high, who suggested eating Froot Loops for dinner? One of my kids.

Q: Aren't kids a lot of work? A: No, kids are a total plea-

sure. My evenings are such a breeze. I just lie on the couch and keep nodding to all their questions: "Mom, can I bring you a drink?" "Mom, can I load the washer for you?" "Mom, can I put dinner in the microwave for you?" "Mom, can I hang up on the telemarketer for you?"

Q: Don't you wish you could go to the bar on Friday nights instead of staying home with your children?

A: Ha ha! Do you think I actually stay home with my children on Friday nights? No, I drop them off at their grandparents' house, so I can share the joy of children with the people who convinced me to have them.

Russia's population will decline by half a million this year, according to independent demographer Alexey Rakhsha. For the last eight years, the death rate has exceeded the birthrate.

"Everything that needs to be done to increase birthrates must be done," Kremlin

spokesman Dmitry S. Peskov said recently. "And everything that obstructs that must disappear from our lives."

Couples who do not have children may soon be receiving a letter from the government.

"Dear Anatoly and Irina, you have been married for 20 years and, we are noticing, still no contribution to population growth. We talked to your relatives and they say, 'Anatoly and Irina are happy with their three dogs.' Dogs are nice, but it is hard to get them to invade other countries. We need young men and young women who are willing to fight for their country, contribute to our economy and keep building a strong Russia. That's why we urge you to read the enclosed booklet entitled 'It's Never too Late' by Al Pacino. If you are not successful, that is okay. You may consider adopting from your next door neighbors, Boris and Olga, who have agreed to have 12 for the sake of Russia."

Letters TO THE EDITOR

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Pak-Bangla axis

Sir, The revival of direct maritime link between Bangladesh and Pakistan after 50 years has caused India intense strategic anxiety. As for India, the country that faced the challenge of China-Pakistan axis, now faces a newer kind of challenge. The new regime under Muhammad Yunus is not bothered about the security of India. Bangladesh and Pakistan have strengthened various aspects of their relations. Given that Bangladesh has placed a large order of arms and ammunition from Pakistan, the ships that come to Bangladesh from Pakistan may contain contraband items. These developments pose threat to India in the Bay of Bengal and the Indian Ocean. The flow of arms and ammunition from Pakistan poses severe threat to security of north eastern states. The Bangladeshi militant groups get arms from Pakistani and Chinese suppliers. Venu GS, KOLLAM

Manipur mayhem

Sir, Recently, a fresh spell of violence erupted in Manipur's Jirbham area. Violence started in the northeastern state in May 2023 and the state and central governments have failed to take decisive action to resolve it. The tensions seem to be rising with each passing day. The ethnic violence has taken at least 250 lives and displaced hundreds of thousands. Several temples, churches, homes, and other places were set on fire during this time. The state mechanism has completely failed there. As Manipur is a border state, the ongoing sectarian violence in the region poses serious security concerns for India. The fresh violence has resulted in mobs attacking the homes of lawmakers of the state. Civil society groups in Imphal have sought military intervention and warned both the government at the state and the Centre to act responsibly to resolve the ongoing violence. The Home Ministry has sent 5000 Central armed police forces to Manipur but this is not enough to control the violence. The government needs to go into the root cause and bring peace, harmony, justice to the region as soon as possible. Over 30 lakh people cannot be left in such a vulnerable state. Deba Prasad Nayak, NEW DELHI





AIR POLLUTION

UP's NCR schools shift to online classes

Landmark buildings in MP to turn blue to mark World Children's Day

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

Meerut (UP), Nov 19: Schools in all eight districts of western Uttar Pradesh which are part of the National Capital Region (NCR) have been ordered to switch to online mode of classes in view of air pollution, officials said Tuesday.

levels till further orders," Divisional Commissioner (Meerut) Selva Kumari J told PTI.

"The suspension of physical classes can be extended depending on the weather conditions," the officer said.

She said the guidelines of the Graded Response Action Plan (GRAP) are also being implemented across the division.

The GRAP is a comprehensive plan that outlines specific actions to be taken at different levels of air pollution, ranging from moderate to severe.

These actions include measures like banning certain industrial activities, road rationing and traffic diversions for heavy vehicles, and controlling construction dust.

"Depending on the air quality index and the guidelines categorised in GRAP, anti-pollution measures are being taken in these six districts accordingly," she added.



The district magistrates of all Gautam Buddha Nagar, Ghaziabad, Bagpat, Bulandshahr, Hapur, Meerut, Muzaffarnagar and Shamlu have issued orders for suspension of physical classes and switching to online mode until further instructions.

Meanwhile Tuesday, Meerut District Magistrate Deepak Meena, during an online meeting with officials from relevant departments, directed strict compliance with the guidelines issued by the CAQM.

"Construction and demolition activities have been placed on diesel vehicles, including BS-3 and BS-4 vehicles, and those aged over 10 years for diesel and 15 years for petrol, officials said.

The Transport department has launched a crackdown on plying of such vehicles for violating pollution norms. To reduce reliance on generators, DM Singh has directed uninterrupted power supply across the district, according to officials.

The Public Works Department has halted all road construction activities, and both the Agriculture and Revenue departments have taken action against stubble burning, imposing penalties totaling Rs 12,500 on violators in Bagpat, they added.

Under GRAP-4, all construction and demolition activities have been prohibited. Restrictions have also been placed on diesel vehicles, including BS-3 and BS-4 vehicles, and those aged over 10 years for diesel and 15 years for petrol, officials said.

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Bhopal, Nov 19: The UNICEF has partnered with Madhya Pradesh Tourism (MPT) Department and Archaeological Survey of India (ASI) to illuminate historic and landmark buildings in blue colour under its "GoBlue" theme to raise awareness on child rights issue.

"November 20 is marked as World Children's Day. UNICEF, civil society organisations (CSOs) mark the day and week as child rights week. GoBlue is one of the themes of this year's World Children's Day to stand for child rights," a UNICEF official said.

To mark the day, all properties of the state Tourism department and the ASI heritage

properties, like Jahaz Mahal in Mandu in Dhar district and others will go blue, he said.

"To start with, the Pyramid of Jagran Lake City University in Bhopal went blue November 17 while Monday night Jahaz Mahal or the Ship Palace in Mandu Dhar district of MP were illuminated in blue," UNICEF Madhya Pradesh communication specialist Anil Gulati told PTI Tuesday.

He also expressed his gratitude towards the ASI and MPT for partnership for child rights.

In addition UNICEF in partnership with the State Government are also working to provide a platform to expressions of children on climate change by exhibiting images on the theme taken by children, he said.

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## of the day quote

Welcome the TTD board's decision. In its first effort to bring reforms, the board has decided that those who work near Lord Venkateswara Swamy should be Hindu only. Non-Hindus should not be there



G. KISHAN REDDY | UNION MINISTER

For years, three regions were considered as very disturbed - Kashmir, North-East, and Naxalite-affected areas. We have made significant improvements in terms of security in all these three regions. Comparing the data of the last 10 years from the period before that shows that we have been successful in reducing violence by 70 per cent



AMIT SHAH | UNION HOME MINISTER

People from the Shiv Sena and BJP in Chhatrapati Sambhajinagar are taking away voter IDs of poor people by paying them ₹1,000- ₹2,000 and inking their fingers



AMBADAS DANVE | SHIV SENA (UBT) LEADER

## SHORT TAKES

### 6 killed as van rams into truck

**Bharuch (Guj):** Six persons, including three children, were killed and four others injured when a private van they were travelling in rammed into a truck in Gujarat's Bharuch district, police said Tuesday. The accident took place on Jambusar-Amrod road near Magnad village at around 11 pm Monday when 10 persons from Vedach village were headed towards Shuklatirth, Jambusar police station inspector AV Panamia said. "The passenger van rammed into a truck which was parked on the left lane of the road near Magnad village. Following the collision, six passengers died on the spot while four others received injuries. They were referred to a hospital in Jambusar," said Panamia.

### 6 Bangladeshi nationals held

**Chitradurga (Karnataka):** Six Bangladeshi nationals were arrested for allegedly staying illegally here, police said Tuesday. The arrests were made Monday during a routine patrol near garment factories on Holalkere Road, where the men were found behaving suspiciously. Upon interrogation, it was revealed that they were Bangladeshi nationals who had entered India illegally several years ago intending to settle here.

### Passenger train coach derailed

**Ranchi:** A coach of a passenger train derailed after being hit by a truck in Jharkhand's Deoghar district Tuesday, an official said. However, there were no reports of any injury due to the incident, which took place at Rohini Nawadh railway crossing on the Madhupur-Jasidih section around 2 pm, he said.

### Terrorist held

**Saharanpur (UP):** The main accused in the 1993 Deoband bomb blasts, Nazir Ahmed Wani, has been arrested from Srinagar by a joint operation of the UP Anti-Terrorism Squad (ATS) and the local police after he evaded capture for 31 years, officials here said. Superintendent of Police (Saharanpur Rural) Sagar Jain said that Wani, wanted for his involvement in the bomb attacks, had been on the run since 1994, changing his identity and appearance to avoid detection.

**Is this BJP's note jihad (for votes)?**  
**'Baatenge aur jitenge' (will distribute cash to win). Entire Maharashtra has seen it (a video showing bundles of cash). Maharashtra will decide tomorrow**  
UDDHAV THACKERAY | SHIV SENA (UBT) CHIEF



## INDIGO FLIGHT MAKES EMERGENCY LANDING

An IndiGo flight carrying 140 passengers from Bengaluru to Male made an emergency landing at Kochi International Airport Tuesday afternoon, owing to a technical issue. According to statements from the airline and airport officials, the aircraft faced a technical problem, prompting its diversion to Kochi airport, where it landed safely at approximately 2.21 pm



# India, China to focus on stabilising ties

The next steps in India-China ties with a broader objective to stabilise the relationship figured prominently in talks between External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar and his Chinese counterpart Wang Yi that took place on the sidelines of the G20 Summit in Rio de Janeiro late Monday

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

**New Delhi/Rio de Janeiro, Nov 19:** India and China decided to soon convene a meeting of their Special Representatives on the boundary question after a gap of nearly five years and inched closer to the resumption of direct flights as well as Kailash Mansarovar pilgrimage, weeks after pulling back their troops from two face-off points in eastern Ladakh.

The next steps in India-China ties with a broader objective to stabilise the relationship figured prominently in talks between External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar and his Chinese counterpart Wang Yi that took place on the sidelines of the G20 Summit in Rio de Janeiro late Monday.

The two ministers felt that it was imperative that the focus should be on stabilising ties, managing differences and taking the next steps, according to the Ministry of External Affairs (MEA).

It was the first high-level engagement between the two sides after the completion of the disengagement process in Depsang and Demchok along the Line of Actual Control (LAC) in eastern Ladakh.

The MEA said the two ministers recognised that the disengagement in the border areas



had contributed to the maintenance of peace and tranquillity. "Among the steps discussed were the resumption of the Kailash Mansarovar Yatra pilgrimage, data sharing on trans-border rivers, direct flights between India and China and media exchanges," the MEA said.

The 22nd round of Special Representatives (SR) talks were held in New Delhi December 21, 2019. India's SR for the dialogue is NSA Ajit Doval while the Chinese side is headed by Foreign Minister Wang.

The direct flights between India and China and the Kailash Mansarovar pilgrimage were suspended in view of the Covid-19 pandemic. In the

meeting, Jaishankar conveyed to Wang that India is against unilateral approaches to establish dominance and it does not view its relationships through the prism of other nations, according to the MEA.

It said Jaishankar said that India is strongly committed to a multipolar world, including a multipolar Asia. Foreign Minister Wang concurred with Jaishankar that India-China relations have particular salience in world politics, it added.

In a post on 'X', the external affairs minister said: "We noted the progress in the recent disengagement in the India-China border areas.

And exchanged views on the next steps in our bilateral ties. Also discussed the global situation." The move to revive various dialogue mechanisms including the special representatives talks was broadly decided at a meeting between Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Chinese President Xi Jinping in the Russian city of Kazan October 23. Days after the two sides reached an agreement October 21 on disengagement in Demchok and Depsang, Indian and Chinese militaries completed the process marking a virtual end to over four-year standoff in the two friction points.

The two sides also resumed patrolling activities in the two areas after a gap of almost four-and-a-half years.

**External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar and his Chinese counterpart Wang Yi held talks on the sidelines of the G20 Summit in Rio de Janeiro late Monday**

## SNIPPETS

### LDF, UDF hold hartal in Wayanad

**Wayanad (Kerala):** The ruling LDF and opposition UDF held a dawn-to-dusk hartal in landslide-hit Wayanad Tuesday as a mark of protest against the lack of central assistance for the landslide victims in the mountain district even months after the disaster. Both the ruling and the opposition parties wanted the BJP-led union government to declare the landslide calamity as a national disaster and provide required assistance for the relief and rehabilitation of the survivors at the earliest. However, the BJP termed the hartal as "drama" and alleged that it was being staged with an intent to stop the BJP's good show in the November 20 by-poll in Palakkad.

### SC grants anticipatory bail to actor Siddique

**New Delhi:** In a relief to veteran Malayalam actor Siddique, the Supreme Court Tuesday granted him anticipatory bail in a rape case. A bench of Justices Bela M Trivedi and Satish Chandra Sharma said the veteran actor will have to deposit his passport and cooperate with the investigating officer in the probe. The top court also took note of the fact that the complaint in the case was filed in August, eight years after the alleged incident took place in 2016. Senior advocate Mukul Rohatgi, appearing for Siddique, contended that his reputation is being tarnished and that he has not met the complainant since 2016. Senior advocate Mukul Rohatgi, appearing for Siddique, contended that his reputation is being tarnished and that he has not met the complainant since 2016.



Police personnel try to stop a BJP worker during a protest against Waqf Board and the Kerala government, outside the state secretariat, in Thiruvananthapuram, Kerala

# Delhi govt wants artificial rain, seeks PM's intervention

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**New Delhi, Nov 19:** With the national capital witnessing another day of alarmingly high level of air pollution, the Delhi government Tuesday pushed for inducing artificial rain over the city and sought Prime Minister Narendra Modi's intervention in effectively responding to the crisis that has affected normal life here.

Technically, Delhi's air quality improved slightly with the Air Quality Index dropping to 460 from 490 the previous day, but it is still in the severe-plus category. Delhi Environment Minister Gopal Rai urged the Centre to convene an emergency meeting to deal with the situation and approve inducing artificial rain over the national capital.

Out of the 32 air monitoring stations in the capital city, 23 reported Air Quality Index (AQI) above 450, which denotes the highest severe-plus category. The 24-hour average AQI, recorded daily at 4 pm, stood at 460 Tuesday, down from

494 Monday. According to the Central Pollution Control Board, Monday's reading was the second-worst air quality recorded since AQI tracking began in 2015.

These particles can penetrate deep into the lungs and enter the bloodstream, posing significant health risks, according to the Central Pollution Control Board (CPCB). Monitoring stations in areas such as Alipur, Anand Vihar, Ashok Vihar, Bawana, Dwarka Sector 8, IH-BAS, Dilshad Garden, Jahangirpuri, Major Dhyana Chand Stadium, Mandir Marg, Mundka, Najafgarh, Narela, Nehru Nagar, Patparganj, Punjabi Bagh, Rohini, Siri Fort, and Wazirpur reported AQI levels in the "severe plus" category.

Meanwhile, the Delhi government directed all its hospitals to constitute teams of specialists for patients with respiratory ailments due to the severe air pollution, officials said. The Delhi Health Department also asked the hospitals to monitor and report daily cases of respiratory ailments, includ-

## POLLUTION CRISIS



ing both outpatient (OPD) and inpatient (IPD) cases, and to promptly flag any unusual increase in the number of cases, it said.

According to the Centre's Decision Support System (DSS) for Air Quality Management, vehicular emissions contributed an estimated 16 per cent to Delhi's pollution Tuesday. Data on contribution by stubble burning was not provided for the second consecutive day.

Amid the alarmingly high

pollution levels in Delhi, Environment Minister Gopal Rai urged the Centre to convene an emergency meeting to formulate a response. It is the moral responsibility of Prime Minister Narendra Modi to intervene in the matter, he said.

Addressing a press conference, Rai said the Centre has not acted on the Delhi government's repeated requests to allow artificial rain in the national capital.

Rai Tuesday said that he has

## Chief Justice Sanjiv Khanna on Tuesday said all judges have been asked to allow virtual hearings wherever possible in view of the severe pollution levels in the national capital region

written to Union Environment Minister Bhupender Yadav four times, seeking urgent clearances for cloud seeding to artificially induce rain that could help combat the escalating pollution crisis. With a ban on construction activities as part of restrictions under the fourth stage of Graded Response Action Plan (GRAP), daily wage workers said their livelihoods would be badly affected.

Suman (45), a resident of Madhya Pradesh who currently works at a construction site in

## Putin may visit India next year

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**New Delhi, Nov 19:** Russian President Vladimir Putin may visit India next year as part of a laid down structure between the two countries for reciprocal annual visits by their leaders, diplomatic sources said Tuesday.

The two sides are looking at the possibility of the visit but nothing has been finalised yet, they said.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi invited the Russian President to visit India when the two leaders held summit talks in Moscow in July.

He also visited Kazan in Russia last month to attend the BRICS summit.

Earlier Tuesday, Kremlin Spokesman Dmitry Peskov in a video interaction with senior Indian Editors in Delhi referred to the strong bilateral relationship between India and Russia, and added Putin's visit is on the cards. He did not give any specific timeline or make a definitive announcement of the visit.

"We are looking forward to the visit. The dates will be mutually worked out soon," Peskov said in a statement.

## Manipur crisis: Curfew relaxed in three districts

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**Imphal, Nov 19:** Curfew was relaxed in three Imphal Valley districts Tuesday and the suspension on broadband internet lifted with conditions, even as Chief Minister N Biren Singh blamed the Congress for the present crisis in Manipur and NDA MLAs called for a "mass operation" against militants responsible for the killing of six women and children.

Peaceful rallies were also staged across the state, with hundreds taking to the streets with empty coffins in Chura-chandpur district, demanding justice for those killed in a gunfight with the security forces in Jiribam, and members of various civil society organisations bringing out a procession in Imphal West district to protest the reimposition of AFSPA in parts of the state.

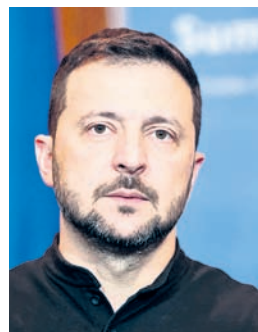
Prohibitory orders were relaxed in Imphal East and West, and Kakching districts from 5 am to 10 am to facilitate the purchase of essential items "in view of improvement in law and order", separate notifications issued by district administrations said. However, restrictions on large scale gatherings or movement of persons or sit-ins continued to remain imposed. The Manipur government also conditionally lifted the suspension on broadband services three days after imposing it, considering the hardships faced by common people, healthcare facilities, educational institutions and other offices.







# international



Now, Putin has brought 11,000 North Korean troops to Ukraine's borders. This contingent may grow to 100,000  
VOLODYMYR ZELENSKYI | PRESIDENT, UKRAINE

**SON OF NORWEGIAN PRINCESS ARRESTED**  
Marius Borg Høiby, the eldest son of Norway's Crown Princess Mette-Marit has been arrested on suspicion of rape, police says Tuesday



## of the day quote

Our (US-Philippines) commitment to the Mutual Defense Treaty is ironclad. Let me say again that the Mutual Defense Treaty applies to armed attacks on either of our own armed forces, aircraft, or public vessels, including our coastguards, anywhere in the South China Sea  
LOYD AUSTIN | DEFENSE SECRETARY, US

Our vision is clear to all those who want to help us. The war must stop first and the rebels must leave the areas they have occupied. Once civilian life is back, relief can return and be available to all Sudanese  
ABDEL FATTAH AL-BURHAN | CHAIRMAN OF THE TRANSITIONAL SOVEREIGNTY COUNCIL, SUDAN

No one believes these cables were severed by mistake, and I also don't want to believe versions that it was anchors that by chance caused damage to these cables  
BORIS PISTORIUS | DEFENCE MINISTER, GERMANY

## B'desh unstable after Hasina

While many are hopeful that Sheikh Hasina's overthrow heralds a brighter future, the end of restrictions (on public assembly) has led to more protests in the capital Dhaka since her departure than during the uprising against her

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Dhaka, Nov 19: The solo protest of Bangladeshi hunger striker Mahbubul Haque Shipon is hard to spot among the six other demonstrations under way on the same busy thoroughfare. Shipon's country is emerging from a summer of upheaval after student protests sparked a revolution, culminating in autocratic premier Sheikh Hasina's August ouster. Hasina's government imposed draconian restrictions on public assembly until it was no longer able to contain anger over rights abuses and widening inequality after 15 years of rule.

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"I am here for the sake of the nation and for a great cause," Shipon said, four days after he dragged a mattress onto the kerb to begin his one-man campout. The 47-year-old is calling for the ouster of Bangladesh's President, still in office, but suspect as a Hasina appointee and the



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scrapping of the constitution he blames for the country's past woes.

As he vowed not to eat again until his demands were met, his words were drowned out by the clamour of numerous other protests being staged around him. Government land office employees nearby chanted demands for higher pay and benefits, next to another man waging his own solitary protest urging protections for Sufi religious shrines.

Further down was a group forming a human chain to highlight the case of a university official subjected to anonymous death threats. They left, and another group took their place to condemn a vandal attack

## HARSHITA BRELLA MURDER

Family demands justice

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London, Nov 19: The Delhi-based family of Harshita Brella, the 24-year-old found dead in a car boot in east London recently, have called for justice as the UK police continue to hunt for her husband as a suspect in her murder.

In an interview with the BBC this week, Brella's mother Sudesh Kumari, father Sabir Brella and sister Sonia Dabas spoke through tears about losing Harshita.

Northamptonshire Police had earlier launched an international



al manhunt for Pankaj Lamba, whom they suspect of murdering his wife earlier this month at her home in Corby before driving her body to London some 145km away and fleeing the country after abandoning the car.

"I want my son-in-law to be brought to justice and I want my daughter's body brought home," Satbir Brella told the BBC in Delhi. He described his daughter as a simple and serious young woman who wanted to be a teacher. She had married Lamba after an arranged match last year and moved to the UK in April. According to Dabas, her sister worked in a warehouse and Lamba was a student in London.

## ISRAEL-HEZBOLLAH WAR

### Ceasefire 'within our grasp': WH envoy

Amos Hochstein says that a solution to the conflict between Hezbollah and Israel is close after meeting with officials in Lebanon

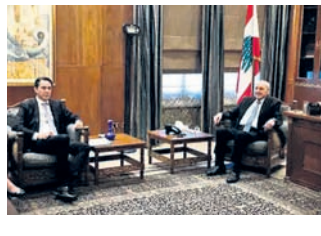
REUTERS

Beirut, Nov 19: A senior US mediator said Tuesday there was a "real opportunity" to end the conflict between Israel and Hezbollah and that gaps were narrowing, signalling progress in Washington's efforts to clinch a ceasefire.

White House envoy Amos Hochstein spoke in Beirut following talks with Parliament Speaker Nabih Berri, a day after the Lebanese government and Iran-backed Hezbollah agreed to a US ceasefire proposal, with some comments on the content.

"I came back because we have a real opportunity to bring this conflict to an end," Hochstein told a press conference after the meeting. "It is now within our grasp. As the window is now, I hope the coming days yield a resolute decision."

Hochstein's mission marks a last-ditch attempt by the outgoing US administration to clinch a ceasefire in Lebanon as diplomacy to end the war in Gaza appears totally adrift.



Israeli Energy Minister Eli Cohen said Tuesday "there are talks regarding an arrangement with Lebanon" but reiterated that Israel would agree only if all its demands were met, including pushing Hezbollah away from the border.

The diplomatic efforts coincide with an intensification of the war, with Israel stepping up its strikes on Beirut's Hezbollah-controlled southern suburbs and striking three times in the capital itself in the last three days. Hochstein has tried to broker a ceasefire several times over the last year. Hezbollah has endorsed its long-time ally Berri as Lebanon's negotiator.

**UN RESOLUTION**  
World powers say a ceasefire must be based on UN Security Council Resolution 1701 which ended a 2006 war between Israel and Hezbollah. Its terms require Hezbollah to move weapons and fighters north of the Litani River, about 30 km north of the Israeli border.

Ali Hassan Khalil, a top Berri aide, told Reuters Monday that Lebanon had presented its comments on the US proposal "in a positive atmosphere."



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AMOS HOCHSTEIN | WHITE HOUSE ENVOY

## SHORT TAKES

### Khan's protest: Pakistan bans public gatherings

Islamabad: Pakistan federal authorities have outlawed all sorts of public gatherings in the capital region for two months ahead of a planned protest by jailed former Prime Minister Imran Khan's party. Khan's Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI) last week announced to protest in Islamabad November 24 to force the government to release its jailed founding leader, incarcerated for more than a year. According to different notifications issued by the office of Islamabad District Magistrate Usman Ashraf Monday, Section 144 has been implemented due to "certain segments of society" planning "unlawful assemblies which can disrupt public peace and tranquility."

### Many children injured by vehicle in China

Taipei: Numerous children were injured by a vehicle at the gate of an elementary school in central China's Hunan province Tuesday morning, reports said. Students were arriving for classes when the incident occurred. Few details were immediately available, and it wasn't clear whether the vehicle had lost control or whether it was a deliberate attack. The official Xinhua News Agency said several adults were also injured and identified the vehicle as a small white SUV. It said the driver was subdued by parents and security guards, and some of the injured were sent to the hospital immediately, with the total casualty count still unknown.

### Iraq to hold first census since 1987

Baghdad: Iraq will begin its first full national census in more than three decades Wednesday, a pivotal moment as it looks to gather demographic data for future planning and development. The census, the first full one since Saddam Hussein was President in 1987, aims to provide a comprehensive count of Iraq's population, estimated to exceed 43 million people by the end of 2024, said Iraq's planning ministry spokesman Abdul Zahra al-Hindawi. Attempts at conducting a national census were delayed by years of conflict, instability and disagreement among political factions, but with the country now in a period of stability, authorities hope the process will be completed successfully.

## SNIPPETS



### Iran boosts uranium enriched to near weapons-grade levels

Vienna: Iran has further increased its stockpile of uranium enriched to near weapons-grade levels in defiance of international demands, according to a confidential report by the United Nations' nuclear watchdog seen Tuesday by The Associated Press. The report by the International Atomic Energy Agency said that as of October 26, Iran has 182.3 kilograms of uranium enriched up to 60%, an increase of 17.6 kilograms since the last report in August. Uranium enriched at 60% purity is just a short, technical step away from weapons-grade levels of 90%. The IAEA also estimated in its quarterly report that as of October 26, Iran's overall stockpile of enriched uranium stands at 6,604.4 kilograms, which represents an increase of 852.6 kilograms since the last report in August. Under the IAEA's definition, around 42 kilograms of uranium enriched to 60% purity is the amount at which creating one atomic weapon is theoretically possible, if the material is enriched further, to 90%.



### 10 yrs prison term for 45 pro-democracy activists

Hong Kong: Forty-five ex-lawmakers and activists were sentenced to four to 10 years in prison Tuesday in Hong Kong's biggest national security case under a Beijing-imposed law that crushed a once-thriving pro-democracy movement. They were prosecuted under the 2020 national security law for their roles in an unofficial primary election. Prosecutors said their aim was to paralyse Hong Kong's government and force the city's leader to resign by aiming to win a legislative majority and using it to block government budgets indiscriminately. The unofficial primary held in July 2020 drew 610,000 voters, and its winners had been expected to advance to the official election. Authorities postponed the official legislative election, however, citing public health risks during the Covid-19 pandemic.



Children play near strong waves from the Pasig River amid Super Typhoon Man-yi, in Manila, Philippines REUTERS

## Russia starts making N-resistant mobile bomb shelters

REUTERS

Moscow, Nov 19: Russia has begun serial production of mobile bomb shelters that can protect against a variety of threats including shockwaves and radiation from a nuclear blast.

The emergency ministry's research institute said the "KUB-M" shelter could offer protection for 48 hours against these and other natural and man-made hazards.

Among those it listed were: explosions and shrapnel from conventional weapons; falling debris from buildings; dangerous chemicals and fires.

The "KUB-M" looks like a reinforced shipping container and consists of two modules, a room for 54 people and a technical block. More modules can be added if needed, the institute said.

It did not link the move to any current crisis, though the announcement came days after the administration of US President Joe Biden agreed to allow Ukraine to fire US long-range missiles deep into Russia, a decision that the Kremlin said was reckless and would draw a response from Moscow.

President Vladimir Putin Tuesday approved a new official doctrine that lowered Russia's threshold for using nuclear weapons.

"The mobile shelter is a multifunctional structure that provides protection for people from various threats, including natural disasters and man-made accidents," the research institute said, calling it "an important step towards improving the safety of citizens."

It can easily be transported on a truck and connected to water supplies, and can also be deployed in Russia's vast northern permafrost, it added.



## G20 leaders turn focus to climate change

Leaders are trying to shore up a global response to climate change before Donald Trump retakes the US presidency in January

REUTERS

Rio De Janeiro, Nov 19: Leaders of the Group of 20 major economies meet Tuesday to discuss sustainable development and the transition to cleaner energy, as they aim to increase the odds of a successful deal to address global warming at UN climate talks in Azerbaijan.

The host of the COP29 climate summit a day earlier had made a plea for G20 countries to send a positive signal on the need to tackle climate change and provide clear mandates to help save talks that had bogged



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down in Baku, Azerbaijan. The G20 leaders gathering for a summit in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, called in a joint statement Monday for "rapidly and substantially increasing climate finance from all sources" to respond to global warming.

They also urged COP29 negotiators to reach a deal on a new financial goal for how much mon-

## Police arrest five over Lula's assassination plot

Brasilia: Brazilian police Tuesday arrested five people suspected of involvement in an alleged coup attempt in which they planned to kill then President-elect Luiz Inacio Lula da Silva and his vice-president weeks before they took office, police said. The arrests were the first time in the investigation that federal police have mentioned a plot to kill Lula and Geraldo Alckmin, his choice as vice-president. Most of those investigated are military personnel with Special Forces training, the police said in a statement.



ey rich nations must provide to poorer developing nations in climate finance, the main sticking point in the climate talks. "G20 leaders have sent a clear message to their negotiators at COP29: do not leave

Baku without a successful new finance goal. This is in every country's clear interests," UN climate chief Simon Stiell said in a statement. Climate negotiators aim to produce a full draft of a deal for the financial goal by Wednesday evening, said the summit's lead negotiator Yalchin Rafiyev of Azerbaijan.

"We have stepped up the pace," Rafiyev said. "The outcome will only be as good as parties' commitment to help us build solutions."

While negotiations, slated to conclude Friday, have yet to coalesce around a specific number, economists suggest the goal should be at least \$1 trillion annually. The G20 statement said nations need to break the impasse on finance, but they did not give clear guidance on a solution. Some activists called the G20 statement weak on climate finance.



# Business

## Sensex rebounds 239 points on value-buying

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

Mumbai, Nov 19: Benchmark Sensex rebounded 239 points while Nifty ended its seven-day losing streak Tuesday following value-buying in banking, IT and auto shares amid mixed global trends.

Snapping its four days of decline, the 30-share Sensex climbed 239.37 points or 0.31 per cent to settle at 77,578.38. The index opened with gains and spurred further 1,112.64 points or 1.43 per cent to hit the day's high of 78,451.65. However, fag-end decline in Reliance Industries restricted the market rally.

The NSE Nifty also bounced back after seven straight sessions of losses. The broader 50-issue barometer gained 64.70 points or 0.28 per cent to settle at 23,518.50. The index jumped over 300 points to hit 23,780 level in the day.

Stock markets were on a decline in the past seven sessions with Nifty tanking 1,030 points or over 4.3 per cent due to FII selling, weaker-than-expected quarterly results and strengthening US bond yields. Sensex plunged more than 3,000 points to 77,300 levels during the period.

"A strong bounce back due to bottom fishing was short-lived as caution prevails in the market. Investors tend to use every opportunity to book



profit amidst consistent FII selling and weak Q2 earnings. Profit-booking was also seen ahead of the upcoming Maharashtra state election." Vinod Nair, Head of Research, Geojit Financial Services, said.

The recent correction in valuation suggests a potential pause in further price erosion. However, the recovery will depend on an uptick in earnings which is likely to rebound due to the likely spurt in central and state expenditure in H2, Nair added.

From the 30-share Sensex pack, Mahindra & Mahindra, Tech Mahindra, HDFC Bank, Titan, Tata Motors, UltraTech Cement, Power Grid and Infosys were the biggest gainers.

In contrast, Reliance Industries, State Bank of India, Bajaj



I think it is probably premature to conclude that this slowdown is going to be sticky and persistent. Even if we don't have enough evidence to say that it will be extremely short-lived, certainly, I will not be the one to make a pessimistic conclusion that this slowdown is something deeper

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## Meta plans to appeal against CCI imposing ₹213cr penalty

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

New Delhi, Nov 19: After the Competition Commission imposed a ₹213-crore penalty on Meta in relation to WhatsApp privacy policy, the company said it disagrees with the watchdog's decision and plans to appeal.

The Competition Commission of India (CCI) Monday asked WhatsApp to refrain from sharing user data with other applications, owned by Meta, for advertising purposes for a period of five years.

India's competition watchdog imposed a penalty of ₹213.14 crore on the social media giant for unfair business ways with respect to WhatsApp privacy policy update done in 2021.

Besides, the competition watchdog has directed Meta to cease and desist from anti-competitive practices.

Meta and WhatsApp have also been asked to implement certain behavioural remedies within a defined timeline to address the anti-competition issues, according to a CCI order.

A Meta spokesperson said that the company disagrees with the CCI's decision and plans to appeal.

"As a reminder, the 2021 update did not change the privacy of people's personal messages and was offered as a choice for users at the time. We also ensured no one would have their accounts deleted or lose functionality of the WhatsApp service because of this update," the Meta spokesperson said. Meta further said the update was about introducing optional business features on WhatsApp, and provided further transparency about data collection and usage.

The Meta spokesperson added since that time, WhatsApp has been incredibly valuable to people and businesses, enabling organisations and government institutions to deliver citizen services through COVID and beyond, and as well as supporting small businesses in furtherance of the India economy.

Finserv, Maruti, Tata Steel and Bharti Airtel were among the laggards.

The BSE midcap gauge jumped 0.94 per cent and small-cap index climbed 0.90 per cent.

Among sectoral indices, realty surged 1.45 per cent, auto (1.41 per cent), services (1.24 per cent), consumer discretionary (1.21 per cent), consumer durables (1.01 per cent) and healthcare (0.67 per cent).

Metal, oil & gas and energy were the laggards.

As many as 2,362 stocks advanced while 1,601 declined and 96 remained unchanged on the BSE.

Leading stock exchanges BSE and NSE have declared a trading holiday November 20 for assembly elections in Maharashtra.

## Govt plans minority stake sale in 4 state-run banks

REUTERS

New Delhi, Nov 19: The Indian government is considering selling minority stakes in four state-run banks to comply with public shareholding norms mandated by the country's markets regulator, a government source told Reuters.

The finance ministry is likely to seek approval of the federal cabinet in the coming months to

dilute the stake in Central Bank of India, Indian Overseas Bank, UCO Bank, and Punjab and Sind Bank, the source said.

The Indian government owns more than 93% in Central Bank of India, 96.4% in Indian Overseas Bank, 95.4% in UCO Bank and 98.3% in Punjab and Sind Bank as of end-September, according to data on the BSE's website.

The plan under consideration is

to sell the stake through an offer for sale in the open market, the source said.

Shares of the banks rose between 3% and 4% following the report.

The Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) requires listed companies to maintain a 25% public shareholding, but has exempted government-owned firms from meeting these norms

till August 2026.

The source did not comment on whether the government will be able to meet the regulator's deadline or whether it would seek a further extension.

The official said the timing and the quantum of the sale would be decided based on market conditions. The official did not want to be named as he is not authorised to speak to the media.

## INDIA'S RE CAPACITY

Domestic renewable energy capacity is expected to reach the 250 GW level by March 2026, Icrta said Tuesday. The capacity addition will be driven by the large project pipeline of over 80 GW, following the significant improvement in tendering activity in FY2024, the rating agency said.



## RUPEE AT RECORD LOW, RBI INTERVENTION LIMITS LOSS

MUMBAI: The rupee declined to its all-time low Tuesday pressured by dollar demand from foreign banks and importers, while intervention by the Reserve Bank of India helped contain the currency's losses. The rupee hit a low of 84.42 against the US dollar, eclipsing its previous record low of 84.4125 hit last week. The currency closed at 84.150, down slightly on the day. Likely intervention by the Reserve Bank of India helped the currency avoid further losses with state-run banks spotted intermittently offering dollars, traders said. Asian currencies were mixed while the dollar index was up 0.2% at 106.4. The offshore Chinese yuan was down 0.2% at 7.24.



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# Indian eves in ACT final

DEFENDING CHAMPIONS OVERCOME STUBBORN JAPAN TO SET UP A TITLE CLASH WITH CHINA



ECSTATIC MOMENT: Indian players rush to congratulate Lalremsiami (No. 20) after her goal against Japan Tuesday

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**Rajgir (Bihar), Nov 19:** Defending champions India continued their unbeaten run and defeated Japan 2-0 to enter the final of the women's Asian Champions Trophy (ACT) hockey tournament here Tuesday.

This was India's sixth victory on the trot in the tournament. They had won all their five group encounters.

Vice-captain Navneet Kaur converted a penalty stroke in the 48th minute while Lalremsiami struck from field play in the 56th minute for India, who

had plenty of scoring chances including 13 penalty corners. However, they failed to utilise any of the set-pieces.

India will face China, who they defeated in the league stages, in the final Wednesday. Earlier, China beat Malaysia 3-1 in the first semifinal.

The Indians continued their attacking game and put on early pressure on the Japanese defence, just like the last league game which they had won 3-0. The play was mostly inside the Japanese half as the Indian defence was hardly tested.

India had the first shot at

the goal inside the initial five minutes. Skipper Salima Tete's attempt however, was thwarted by Japanese goalkeeper Yu Kudo.

The Indians repeatedly penetrated the Japanese citadel and in the process secured two penalty corners in a span of two minutes but Kudo was alert under the bar to deny Navneet and Deepika.

Three minutes into the second quarter, India secured three back-to-back penalty corners but failed to find the back of the net. It was raining penalty corners for the hosts but Kudo was simply brilliant under the Japanese bar.

In the 24th minute, India earned a penalty corner followed by another in the next minute but failed to get past Japanese goalkeeper Kudo, as they also lacked in execution. In the 35th minute, Kodu again denied Deepika from a set-piece.

In the 41st minute, Deepika stole the ball just outside the Japanese circle, but shot wide in a one-on-one situation with Kudo. Seconds from the end of third quarter, Kudo once again pulled off a brilliant save to deny Uditra from another penalty corner. India finally broke the deadlock through a penalty stroke earned by Deepika and Navneet made no mistake.

The goal seemed to have rejuvenated the Indians as they scored a fine field goal in the 56th minute. Lalremsiami slammed the ball into the back of the Japanese goal after she was brilliantly set up by Sunelita Toppo's terrific run from the right flank.

Japan got their only penalty corner in the dying moments, but failed to get past a rock solid Indian defence.

# Lyon doesn't want to write Kohli off



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**Perth, Nov 19:** Virat Kohli has been struggling for form of late but veteran Australia spinner Nathan Lyon has nothing but respect for the Indian superstar. He said Kohli is a champion you cannot write off.

Kohli has been enduring a lean patch over the past few months. In his last 60 Test innings, he has managed just two centuries and 11 half centuries. This year, he has averaged only 22.72 across six Tests, and in the three games against New Zealand, he could manage only 93 runs.

But Lyon remains wary of what Kohli could do in the five-match Test series beginning here Friday. "Overall, look at his record. You don't write off champions. I've got nothing but respect for Virat," Lyon was quoted as saying by *cricket.com.au*.

"I want to get him out, there's no point in hiding behind that, but it's challenging. It's been pretty amazing competing against him for so many times. Him and Smithy (Steve Smith)

are probably the best two batters in our last era of this last decade," said the 36-year-old off-spinner with 530 wickets from 129 Tests.

Lyon is one of the four members of the current squad who were part of Australia's last successful Test series against India in 2014-15.

India have won the last two series in Australia but they have come here after a shock 0-3 loss at home against New Zealand. Lyon doesn't believe that India are vulnerable this time around.

"They're dangerous all the time. They're a side full of superstars. They've got so much experience, but talented youth as well and you can never write off that," said Lyon, who took 22 wickets when Australia toured India in 2023.

"I was fascinated by that series to against Zealand, but we're expecting the best India that we've played against for a number of years now. You just cannot take them lightly, we will always have to be ready for whatever they may throw at us," the spinner signed off.

Despite poor form of Indian batter, Aussie off-spinner wary about Virat

## SHORT TAKES

### Shafali axed from Indian ODI squad

**New Delhi:** Top-order batter Shafali Verma was Tuesday dropped from India's 16-member women's team for the three-match ODI series in Australia in December after a string of poor performances in the past one year. Verma's recent ODI form has been disappointing. She has scored just 108 runs in six matches this year with 33 being the highest. Four other players - Uma Chetry, Dayalan Hemalatha, Shreyanka Patil and Sayali Satghare - were also left out from the squad that played in India's 2-1 home series win against New Zealand in Ahmedabad last month. In their places Harleen Deol, Richa Ghosh, Minnu Mani, Titas Sadhu and Priya Punia have been added to the squad.

### 2026 WC won't be Kane's swansong

**London:** Captain Harry Kane believes the 2026 World Cup will not be his last appearance for England. There is increasing scrutiny about the 31-year-old Kane's future, even though he extended his all-time England scoring record to 69 goals in 103 appearances as Ireland were beaten 5-0 Sunday at Wembley Stadium. "I think there's a perception when you get to your 30s that you're coming to an end, but for me I'm performing at the highest level. I don't even think the World Cup in the US will be my swansong," Kane stated. "I've ever performed and feel as good as I've ever felt, so it's about taking in the moment."

### No Pak visit for blind cricket team

**New Delhi:** The Indian blind cricket team will not compete in the T20 World Cup as the government has denied them permission to travel to Pakistan due to security concerns, the national federation said here Tuesday. The Indian team were supposed to cross the Wagah border Wednesday for the event, scheduled to be held from November 23 to December 3. The blind cricket team had got a No Objection Certificate (NOC) from the Sports Ministry for participation but apparently couldn't get clearance from the Ministry of External Affairs (MEA).

## Pant rejects Sunny's claim



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**New Delhi, Nov 19:** Rishabh Pant rejected Tuesday the legendary Sunil Gavaskar's assessment that the India wicketkeeper-batter left Delhi Capitals (DC) due to disagreement over his retention fee ahead of the mega auction of the Indian Premier League (IPL).

Pant, who captained DC last year after making a comeback from a horrific car accident, is among the marquee players who were not retained by their franchises. He is expected to be one of the most sought-after players when the auction takes place in Jeddah November 24 and 25.

"My retention wasn't about the money for sure that I can say," Pant wrote on 'X', responding to a broadcaster video showing Gavaskar talking about the auction dynamics.

Gavaskar said while he expects

DC to rope in Pant once again, he also wondered if there was a disagreement over the fee between the franchise and the player.

"The auction dynamics are completely different; we don't really know how it will go. But what I feel is that Delhi would certainly want Rishabh Pant back in the squad," Gavaskar told *Star Sports*.

"Sometimes, when a player is to be retained, there is talk between the franchise and the player about the fees that are expected. As you can see, some of the players who have been retained by the franchise, they've gone for more than say, what the No. 1 retention fee deduction would be," Gavaskar said.

Pant, along with other former captains Shreyas Iyer (Kolkata Knight Riders) and KL Rahul (Lucknow Super Giants), is listed at a base price of ₹2 crore each among marquee Indian players.

## India-England ODI at Barabati Stadium: Ticket prices slashed

POST NEWS NETWORK

**Cuttack, Nov 19:** The Odisha Cricket Association (OCA) said Tuesday that the prices of tickets for the India-England one day international at the Barabati Stadium here have been slashed. The match will be played February 9, 2025. The OCA had earlier announced the rates of tickets a couple of weeks back. However, OCA secretary Sanjay Behera said in a release the decision slash the rates has been taken following recommendations made by Sports and Youth Services Minister Suryabanshi Suraj.

The ticket rates have been slashed by ₹100 to ₹1,000.

Prices for Gallery 1 and Gallery 3 tickets have been reduced to ₹1,100 from the ₹1,200 announced earlier. Tickets for Gallery 5 had earlier been fixed at ₹1,500. The revised rate is ₹1,200, the OCA said. Prices of tickets of Gallery 2 and Gallery 4 have been changed to ₹900 from the earlier announced rate of ₹1,000. Price of tickets for Gallery 7 has been slashed to ₹700 from the earlier announced rate of ₹800. Similarly prices of tickets of the Special Enclosure have been reduced to ₹6,000 from the earlier announced rate of ₹7,000.

## Anupama stuns World No. 15 Zhang

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**Shenzhen, Nov 19:** Anupama Upadhyaya recorded a stunning three-game win over World No.15 American Beiwen Zhang to progress to the women's singles second round at the China Masters Super 750 tournament here Tuesday.

The 19-year-old from Almora, ranked World No. 50, showed great composure to outsmart Zhang 21-17, 8-21, 22-20 in a 48-minute contest. This is the first time that she will play in the second round of a BWF Super 750 world tour event. She will face Japan's Natsuki Nidaira in the next round.

B Sumeeth Reddy and N Sikki Reddy also advanced to the mixed doubles second round but it was another heart-breaking defeat for Priyanshu Rajawat, who lost in the men's singles opening round.

Sumeeth and Sikki, the husband-wife duo, fought past the American pair of Presley Smith and Jennie Gai in a tense 63-minute encounter, winning 23-21, 17-21, 21-17.

However, the day proved disappointing for Rajawat and Aakarshi Kashyap. World No. 34 Rajawat put up a valiant fight but ultimately went down 24-22, 13-21, 18-21 to World No. 32 Chico Aura Dwi Wardoyo in a



Anupama Upadhyaya showed tremendous grit and resilience to defeat her higher-ranked rival Beiwen Zhang at the China Masters

gruelling three-game contest. This was Rajawat's third consecutive loss to Wardoyo.

In women's singles, Kashyap was no match for the 2022 world junior champion Tomoka Miyazaki of Japan, losing 10-21, 18-21.

Anupama, the youngest national champion in 2023, showcased incredible resilience as she fought back from a mid-match slump to overcome a tough challenge from her highly-rated opponent, sealing a well-deserved victory.

Anupama started with a blazing performance in the opening game. She quickly surged

ahead, taking an impressive 11-3 lead in no time. Zhang, 34, however, mounted a strong comeback, closing the gap to 12-20. The Chinese shuttler then won five consecutive points.

But Anupama, showing remarkable composure, won the crucial final point with a stroke of fortune - a lucky net chord - to secure the opening game.

Zhang gained momentum in the second game, storming to a commanding 17-3 lead and pulling herself back into the contest. But Anupama's resilience was on full display as she fought back in the decider to win the match.

## ROGER PENS EMOTIONAL NOTE FOR RAFA

AGENCIES

**London, Nov 19:** They were bitter rivals on court - Rafael Nadal and Roger Federer. However, off it, they shared camaraderie and respect for one another. As Nadal prepares to hang his racquets for a final time, Federer has penned an emotional note for one his strongest opponents. In the letter Federer has lauded Nadal for winning 22 Grand Slams and making tennis proud as a sport.

In his nearly 600-word post, Federer recalled facing Nadal for the first time on the tennis court, when a boy from Mallorca stepped into the clay court and made it his own.

"Let's start with the obvious: you beat me a lot. More than I managed to beat you. You challenged me in ways no one else could. On clay, it felt like I was



stepping into your backyard, and you made me work harder than I ever thought I could just to hold my ground. You made

me reimagine my game-even going so far as to change the size of my racket head, hoping for any edge," Federer said

"We used to wear each other out on the court and then, sometimes, almost literally having to hold each other up during trophy ceremonies"

ROGER FEDERER

in the note.

"After the 2004 Australian Open, I achieved the #1 ranking for the first time. I thought I was on top of the world. And I was - until two months later, when you walked on the court in Miami in your red sleeveless shirt, showing off those biceps, and you beat me convincingly. All that buzz I'd been hearing about you - about this amazing young player from Mallorca, a generational tal-

ent, probably going to win a major someday. It wasn't just hype," Federer added.

Federer, who won 20 Grand Slam titles, went back to the days when both were fierce competitors. However, he is the first to salute Nadal for his incredible deeds including 22 Grand Slam titles.

"And you know what, Rafa, you made me enjoy the game even more. We were both at the start of our journey and it's one we ended up taking together. Twenty years later, Rafa, I have to say: What an incredible run you've had. Including 14 French Opens-historic! You made Spain proud... you made the whole tennis world proud," Federer stated in the note.

Federer signed off the note with a word that had become so synonymous with Nadal: 'Vamos'

## ICC wants PCB to soften stand

AGENCIES

**Dubai, Nov19:** The Pakistan Cricket Board (PCB) has once again reaffirmed its belief in hosting the entire ICC Champions Trophy at home, blowing off the suggestion from the BC-CI to work on a hybrid model. With India unwilling to send its cricket team across the border over security concerns, the onus is on the ICC to help the boards establish a middle ground.

Sources said here Tuesday that pressure is being put on Pakistan from back channels to soften its approach. Certain top cricket administrators in the ICC have reached out to the PCB, asking to accept the hybrid model as the stubborn stance on the matter could lead to huge financial implications.