

10 Naxalites gunned down in Chhattisgarh

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Sukma, Nov 22: Ten Naxalites were killed in an encounter with security personnel in Chhattisgarh's Sukma district Friday, a senior police official said. Chief Minister Vishnu Deo Sai hailed security forces and said the era of peace and progress has returned to the Bastar region, which includes Sukma.

The gunfight broke out in the morning in a forest within the jurisdiction of Bheji police station when a joint team of security personnel was out on an anti-Naxalite operation, said Inspector General of Police (Bastar Range) Sundarraaj P.

The operation was launched based on inputs about the presence of Maoists belonging to Konta and Kistaram area committees on forested hills of Korajguda, Dantespuram, Nagaram and Bhandarpadar, he said. Bodies of 10 Naxalites have been recovered from the spot so far, he said.

Besides, a cache of weapons, including an INSAS rifle, an AK-47 rifle and a Self Loading Rifle (SLR), were also seized, he added.

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Adani's disclosure lapses

Embattled Adani Group, indicted by the US Department of Justice and the US Securities and Exchange Commission with bribery charges, is now under the scanner of the Securities and Exchange Board of India for alleged violation of disclosure norms. The group's listed entities are mandated by the law of the land to share critical market sensitive information to the bourses as they concern the investors. Meanwhile, the stock exchanges have also sought clarification on violation of disclosure norms by the group firms regarding the alleged bribery case in the US and subsequent cancellation of Kenya's airport expansion deal.

AGENCIES

New Delhi, Nov 22: In March, Adani Group's head of corporate finance wrote an email to one of its lenders, calling as 'baseless' a media report on the group's alleged bribery investigation in the United States. That email was also marked to top finance executive Sagar Adani.

In the same week of March, the



group had also issued a statement saying it was 'not aware of any (US) investigation' against its 62-year-old billionaire chairman, Gautam Adani.

But exactly a year ago, in March 2023, FBI special agents had approached Sagar Adani with a search warrant in the US, served him a grand jury subpoena and seized his electronic devices. Gautam Adani then emailed himself photographs of each page of that search warrant and subpoena.

These details, contained in a US indictment made public this week, have reignited a debate about disclosure standards at the ports-to-energy conglomerate as prosecutors allege the Adanis made 'false' and 'misleading' statements to stock exchanges,

the public, financial institutions and investors.

Now, India's capital markets regulator, Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) is looking into whether the Adani Group violated rules mandating the disclosure of market-moving information, Bloomberg reported, citing sources familiar with the matter.

SEBI has asked officials at the stock exchanges if Adani Green Energy Ltd failed to properly disclose the US Justice Department's investigation into bribery allegations. The process of fact-finding is expected to continue for two weeks following which SEBI could decide if it wants to open a formal investigation, the report said.

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Indian stock exchanges, as front-line regulators under SEBI's purview, are tasked with enforcing disclosure norms.

4 killed as truck hits bike

POST NEWS NETWORK

Koraput, Nov 22: At least four persons were killed when the motorcycle they were riding was hit by a truck in Koraput district Friday. The accident took place on NH-26 near Jabaknadi under Jeypore Sadar police limits.

The accident is suspected to have been caused by dense fog, said Iswar Tandi, inspector-in-charge of Jeypore Sadar police station. Police said that the four persons, all daily-wagers, were going to harvest paddy from Baipariguda to Jeypore when the truck hit their motorcycle from the rear.

No land takeover sans due compensation: SC

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New Delhi, Nov 22: The Supreme Court Friday said the State cannot be permitted to acquire citizens' land without paying appropriate compensation. A bench of Justices BR Gavai and KV Viswanathan observed that though right to property was no longer a fundamental right, it was still a constitutional right. The court dismissed a batch of

pleas filed by Himachal Pradesh government and others challenging an order of the high court which had held that the State cannot take possession of citizens' land without paying compensation.

"Although the right to property is no longer considered a fundamental right, it is still a constitutional right. The State cannot be permitted to acquire citizens' land without paying appropriate compensation," the SC said.

FISHING VESSEL COLLIDES WITH NAVY SUBMARINE

New Delhi: A fishing vessel collided with a submarine of the Indian Navy about 70 nautical miles off Goa coast and a massive rescue operation is underway to trace two missing crew members of the vessel. The incident happened Thursday evening. The fishing vessel, Marthoma, had 13 crew members and 11 of them were rescued in the search operation, the Navy said Friday.

The Navy deployed six ships and an unknown number of surveillance aircraft in the rescue mission. "An Indian fishing vessel Marthoma with a crew of 13 reportedly collided with an Indian Naval unit on November 21 about 70 nm North West of Goa," an Indian Navy spokesperson said. The Navy has ordered a high-level investigation into the incident.



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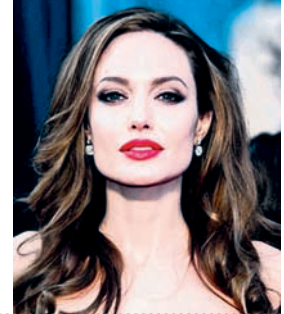


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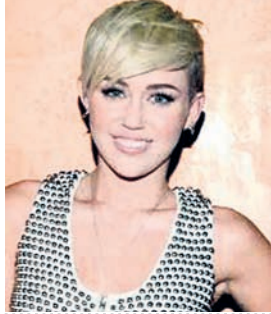


'NOTHING ELSE MATTERS EXCEPT MOTHERHOOD'

Hollywood actress Angelina Jolie has declared 'nothing else matters' apart from motherhood. The 49-year-old is mum to six kids with her ex-husband Brad Pitt and she's insisted looking after her children is way more important than anything else in her life.

MILEY CYRUS OPENED UP ABOUT HER EX-HUBBY

American singer-songwriter Miley Cyrus says working with ex-husband Liam Hemsworth made it feel natural to collaborate with new boyfriend Maxx Morando on her new album. The *Flowers* hitmaker divorced Liam in January 2020.



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TAURUS
Professionals in all spheres of work are due for a field day today. The day will be particularly outstanding for Administrators and executives are likely to get richer by the end of the day. Even if you are engaged in some other work, you will stand out and get noticed for your overall excellence. Businessmen can expect to get into new partnerships and joint ventures.

GEMINI
Routine work bores you, and today you will go all out to break free from the shackles of boredom. The results, however, may not be as dramatic. You will have to depend on your children, if any, to rescue you from the tyranny of routine. Monetary gains can be expected either in the form of inheritance of ancestral property or as increment in your basic salary.

CANCER
You wish to display your social prestige and monetary clout in front of your relatives. But you have to pay a heavy price for that. Your past experience will teach you something, which will stand in good stead for future dealings.

LEO
You will see some change in your daily schedule today. It is a good day to start a new job or business activity. You will focus more attention on your personality today. You will try to improve yourself and bring your hidden talents to the fore. Make the most of this opportunity to implement your plans, says Ganesha.

VIRGO
Ganesha says you realise the importance of family matters today. You have great skills when it comes to negotiations, and you will use them in settling disputes amicably. Ganesha says you have learned the lessons of life on staying level-headed, and that you keenly believe that opposition eventually leads to progress.

LIBRA
Ganesha says today you may be able to undertake travel for business or pleasure purposes. It may be a busy day for you work wise and you may not be able to completely focus on your family or family issues. Try your luck in the stock market today, as it may prove beneficial to you.

SCORPIO
Try to take a chill pill as you may be worried about petty issues today. Do not let them hinder your happiness and take a toll on your health. However, the day looks promising towards the end. Friends are just a phone call away, call them and set out for a destination unknown to destress and rejuvenate.

SAGITTARIUS
Work is likely to keep you on toes. At work place, you and your opinions will be in demand. Those who are associated with stock exchange and shares will be happy to gain profits during the afternoon. Wait and watch the end result in the evening.

CAPRICORN
Though you leave no stone unturned to identify the opportunities coming your way, you need to keep your guards on whenever you are a part of a legal matter. Financially, you're likely to bear some heavy losses, and if you're a dealer or a broker, the chances of suffering from them are even higher. Take some precautionary measures well in advance, advises Ganesha.

AQUARIUS
The game is set; you are put up against those who are holding a grudge against you and are waiting for an opportunity to pull you down. But, you are confident, skilful, and know your strengths very well. No matter how hard the opponents try, they will be no match to you, predicts Ganesha. Throughout all of these your spouse will support you silently but strongly.

PISCES
You will find yourself in a philosophical state of mind today. You will be able to see things for what they really are, rather than what they appear to be. You are unlikely to try and swim against the flow today, given your mental state. You will take things as they come to you, one at a time.

BOMBAY: In the last one year, Shah Rukh Khan's daughter Suhana Khan has been a part of several commercials. The latest in the list is the advertisement for a phone. In the clip, Suhana has one dialogue before the ad turns into a music video with the actor flaunting her dance moves, which are quite smooth. But soon after this commercial surfaced on social media, many started trolling Suhana for her screen presence, claiming that she has no 'charisma'. For instance, one comment read: "Man she has negative screen presence. She's in the front yet your attention goes to side characters."

After watching the video, a social media user wrote, "Came here to say this. These new nepo girlies have NEGATIVE screen presence, like it's not even funny! I couldn't watch more than 10 seconds of this drive!" Another nasty comment read, "You can tell someone isn't star material when you immediately start paying more attention to background actors," while a troll stated, "Her father can lobby all he wants to get her gigs but will never be able to give her

any of his aura nor screen presence." On the film front, Suhana will soon share the screen with her superstar father SRK in *King*.

Suhana trolled over new ad



MUMBAI: Bhumi Pednekar went down memory lane as she talked about her debut film *Dum Laga Ke Haisha* and said that she became an actor in a time where the way she looked was secondary.

The film told the story of a school dropout named Prem, who hesitantly marries an educated but overweight girl, Sandhya. However, the two come closer when they take part in a race, which involves Prem carrying Sandhya on his back.

The film broke stereotypes with its authentic storytelling and questioned beauty standards. Bhumi said, "I think the film is special for all the reasons that have truly questioned the status quo."

The 35-year-old actress said that she was taken by surprise when she did the film. "Even when it happened, I was so pleasantly surprised because I was like, here is a Hindi film heroine in a Yash Raj movie who is not going to look like any of the girls that they have cast in their films before," she said. "I fortunately became an actor in a time where the way I looked was secondary and what I gave on screen was primary," concluded the *Thank You for Coming* actress.

SARA TURNS POET AGAIN

Mumbai: Sara Ali Khan is a gifted artiste. Apart from being a talented actress and a college topper, she has a knack for poetry. After writing poems for her mom, Amrita Singh, and co-actors in the past, the *Kedarnath* actress shared some behind-the-scenes fun from her recent ad-shoot and expressed her happiness in the form of a poem.

Sara took to Instagram, where she shared a video of herself from the pool and sea-side. In the clip, she is seen doing many things from enjoying near the water, to having coffee, making dinner, shooting for the advertisement.

"Smell the sea and feel the sky, Have some coffee eat a fry, Let your soul and spirit fly," she wrote as the caption.

Recently, in an interview with this agency Sara spoke about her love for exploring places and that she said that nothing beats exploring India in terms of heritage, culture and landscapes. Talking about her love for travelling in the country or abroad, Sara



Tu Mo Kamzori hits screens across state

BHUBANESWAR: Odia musical love story *Tu Mo Kamzori* was released in 30 cinema halls across the state, Friday. The cast and crew of the film attended a special screening that was held here at Swati Cinema to mark the occasion.

A Supreme Entertainment production, the movie has Rakesh Deo, Anubha Sourya, and Lipika Senapati in lead roles, while Pupal Bhuyan, Ratan Meher, Ashrumochan Mohanty, Jogesh Jojo, Jyoti Prakash Tripathy, Barsa Patra, and Sachin Dey play other important characters. As per the plot, the love triangle, directed by Santosh



Biswal and produced by Suresh Sahu and Bhargabi Tripathy, shows how a person can go to any extent to win his love. Asutosh Tripathy has

penned the story, while Prem Anand composed the muse. Dialogues and screenplay have been written by Nirmal Nayak. Humane Sagar, Deepti Rekha, Sabishes, Asutosh, and Ananya Sritam Nanda have lent voice to the songs.

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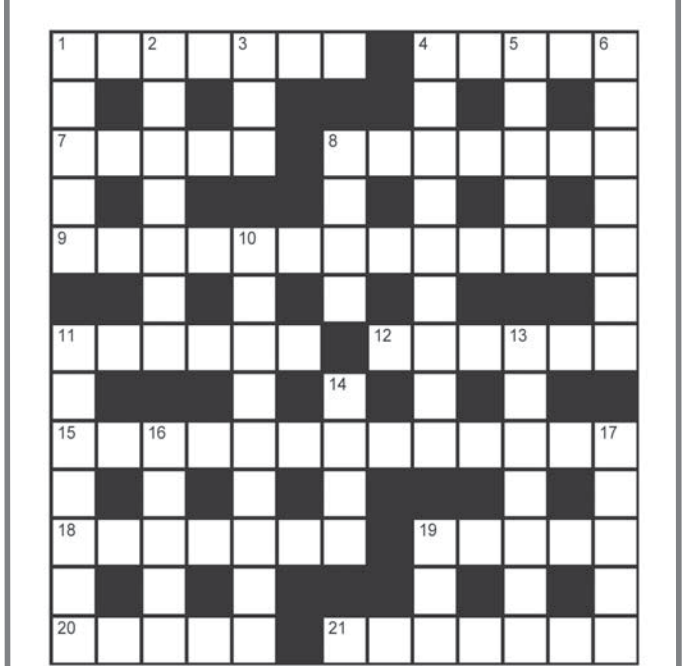
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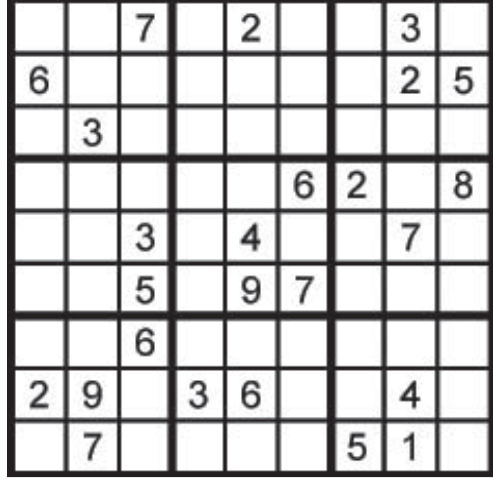
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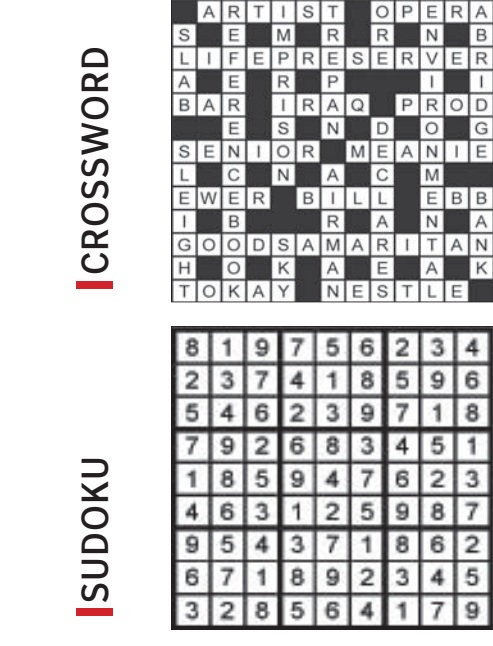
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 - 12 Proverbs
 - 15 Caribbean colony (6,7)
 - 18 Cream puffs
 - 19 Oenophile's concern
 - 20 Come after
 - 21 Colourless gas
 - 4 Olympian's quest (4,5)
 - 5 Sticker
 - 6 Fights back
 - 8 Cunning
 - 10 Party hearty
 - 11 Red salmon
 - 13 Venice transport
 - 14 Barbecue entree
 - 16 Egg divisions
 - 17 Italian wine
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Agnee: Lighting the fire of fusion rock



POST NEWS NETWORK

Bhubaneswar, Nov 22: In a country where film music has historically dominated the mainstream, the rise of independent bands has been a refreshing change. Among them, Agnee, one of India's most celebrated music bands, stands out for its distinctive sound that bridges the gap between Indian classical, folk, and rock. Formed in 2006, Agnee has carved a unique niche, earning both critical acclaim and a dedicated fan following.

It was co-founded by Kanan Mohan (lead vocalist) and Koco (Kaustubh Dhavale, guitarist and compos-

er), who brought unique influences to the band. Mohan, with his deep and soulful voice, lent a haunting emotional depth to their music, while Koco infused their songs with masterful guitar arrangements rooted in rock and blues. Together, they created a sound that was distinctly Indian yet globally resonant.

From its inception, Agnee's vision was clear: to craft original music that blended diverse genres without diluting its authenticity. Their debut self-titled album, Agnee, released in 2007, showcased this perfectly. Tracks like 'Sadho Re' and 'Kabira' quickly gained

attention for their depth and lyrical quality. Their compositions draw from Indian classical ragas, Marathi folk, Carnatic music, and global rock influences.

Over the years, Agnee has built an impressive portfolio of accolades and collaborations. Their songs have been featured in Hindi films like 'Dil Dosti Etc' and 'Shala', with tracks like 'Shaam Tanha' and 'Manmaani' gaining immense popularity. In 2010, Agnee collaborated with MTV India to create the theme song for Splitsville 4 titled 'Aahatein'. The song became a massive hit further solidifying their place in contemporary Indi-

a pop culture. They even composed for the Hollywood film 'The Avengers' (Indian promotion) in 2012.

Beyond their music, Agnee has been actively involved in raising awareness about environmental conservation. Their campaigns often highlight the urgency of combating climate change and preserving biodiversity. In particular, Mohan Kannan - the band's lead vocalist, has been a passionate advocate for climate change awareness.

One of the most striking aspects of Agnee's music is

their emphasis on live performances. Their concerts are immersive experiences, characterised by Koco's intricate guitar work, Mohan's powerful vocals, and a synergy with their audience that transforms each performance into a celebration.

The band will perform at 'Dharitri Youth Conclave -2024' scheduled to be held in Bhubaneswar November 24.



Dr Punyasloke Bhadury: Advocate for coastal biodiversity conservation

POST NEWS NETWORK

Bhubaneswar, Nov 22: He was the team leader of India's Arctic Expedition in 2010, and was also one of the key panelists on climate resilience and coastal adaptation at COP26, or the 26th United Nations Climate Conference at Glasgow, during the global pandemic surge in November 2021.

Meet Dr Punyasloke Bhadury, a top marine biologist, ecologist, researcher and environmentalist in the country, who will grace the fourth edition of Dharitri Youth Conclave here November 24 as a panelist.

A Professor at the Indian Institute of Science Education and Research (IISER), Kolkata, Dr Bhadury specialises in microbial ecology, biogeochemistry, and coastal ecosystem research. He is renowned for his groundbreaking work on the impact of climate change and human activities on marine and estuarine ecosystems, including the conservation of mangroves and mudflats.

A recipient of the prestigious SwarnaJayanti Fellowship in the field of Earth and Environmental Sciences conferred by Government of India, Dr Bhadury's expertise spans global and regional climate challenges. He has over 80 publications and groundbreaking contributions to ecosystem resto-



ration and biomonitoring technologies to his credit.

The eminent environmentalist's research interests include biocomplexity of microbial systems, including in mangroves, biogeochemical cycling and sea level rise, nature-based solutions to ecosystem restoration and developing technologies for biomonitoring of coastal biotopes.

A study by Dr Bhadury and his team at the lower stretch of the Ganga revealed that the sacred river is under severe pressure from human disturbances. The study, spanning for a period of three years, brought to the light the cascading long-term consequences of the disturbances on biologically-rich ecosystems such as the Sundarbans, and also on coastal blue economy.

"The study provided a much-needed deeper understanding of the state of health of lower stretch of Ganga, source of pollutants and beyond, such as point

sources of release of untreated sewage," said Dr Bhadury.

After completing his MSc from Edinburgh and PhD from Plymouth in the United Kingdom, Dr Bhadury subsequently did his postdoctoral research from Princeton University in the US. He initially joined as a faculty in Wildlife Institute of India (WII), Dehradun in 2008 and subsequently moved to IISER, Kolkata the next year. Since 2018, he has been a Professor of Biological Sciences at IISER, Kolkata. According to Dr Bhadury, sustainability of ocean is paramount to sustainable blue economy.

On his study of mangroves, Dr Bhadury said animal husbandry, poultry farming, and the use of cosmetic products by human populations living near mangrove ecosystems are also a source of antibiotics.

"The presence of these antimicrobial agents is acting as a 'stress' to the resident microbial populations, possibly triggering the evolution and expression of antimicrobial resistance in opportunistic pathogens. The emergence of environmental pathogens could cause havoc within the natural populations by giving rise to unknown diseases," he said.

As an advocate for coastal biodiversity conservation, Dr Bhadury's insights at the conclave will be invaluable for anyone passionate about protecting environment and securing a sustainable future, especially in the context of Odisha whose fragile coastal and mangrove ecosystems have been facing constant threats.

'False', says BJD on Adani bribing Odisha officials

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Bhubaneswar, Nov 22: The BJD, which was in power in Odisha from 2000 till June 2024, Friday said the allegations that state government officials took bribes from the Adani Group for supply of renewable energy to the state from the central pool, are false and not based on fact.

Adani, India's second-richest man, and seven others, including his nephew Sagar Adani, have been charged by the US Department of Justice with paying bribes to unidentified government officials of several states, including Odisha, to buy expensive solar power, potentially earning more than USD 2 billion in profit over 20 years.

Adani Group, however, denied the charges saying the allegations by US prosecutors are baseless and the conglomerate is com-

STATE CONG FOR JPC PROBE

Senior Odisha Congress leader Sarat Pattanayak supported Rahul Gandhi's demand for a Joint Parliamentary Committee (JPC) probe into the matter. Another leader SS Saluja said that the alleged bribery incident took place during the BJD government and demanded a CBI investigation. Former Union minister and Congress leader Srikant Jena alleged that Odisha's natural resources were sold to the Adani group.

pliant with all laws.

Former Odisha Energy Minister and BJD MLA PK Deb said, "The types of allegations made in the name of Odisha are baseless and not based on facts."

"The Odisha government has nothing to do with the agreement. Whatever agreement was done that remained confined among Gridco, the distribution company and the SECI (Solar Energy Corporation of India) Limited, a Central PSU. The state government has no role in all these matters though

the administration was informed regarding the PSA," Deb told PTI.

He claimed that there is a difference between Odisha and other states.

"We, in Odisha, have privatised the power distribution while other states are doing the job directly. Here, Tata Power is managing the distribution part of the electricity," he said, adding that the agreement may involve Adani, SECI, Gridco and the distribution company.

"All the agreements on power get the approval of

the OERC (Odisha Electricity Regulatory Commission), an autonomous body. The Gridco is also semi-autonomous. Therefore, the state government has no direct role in the agreements. Neither the Energy department minister nor the secretary are involved in all such agreements," Deb said.

Gridco, a state PSU is presently engaged in bulk purchase and bulk sale of power to the four distribution companies inside Odisha and trading of surplus power through traders to promote exchange of power with neighbouring states in the country.

Gridco, however, is yet to respond to these allegations. Senior BJD leader and party's deputy Opposition leader in Assembly, Prasanna Acharya called for an immediate and impartial investigation into the bribery allegations.

Odisha to showcase its rich culture at International Gita Mahotsav: Suraj

AGENCIES

Bhubaneswar/Chandigarh, Nov 22: This year's International Gita Mahotsav, scheduled to be held in Haryana's Kurukshetra from November 28 to December 15, will provide Odisha an opportunity to showcase its rich culture, heritage, folk dance, and traditional cuisine, Odia Language, Literature, and Culture (OLL&C) Minister Suryabanshi Suraj said, Friday.



tude to the Haryana government for designating Odisha as the partner state for this year's event, the OLL&C Minister said, "The Gita Mahotsav will give Odisha an opportunity to showcase its rich culture, heritage, folk dance, and traditional cuisine."

The annual event is a shining example of how culture can bring people

together to promote global harmony and mutual understanding, Tanzania's High Commissioner to India, Anisa K Mbega, said, Friday. Stating that events like Gita Mahotsav are more than celebrations, Mbega said, "They are bridges that connect us, fostering deeper ties and mutual appreciation of our rich cultural heritage."

The Tanzanian envoy was speaking at a press conference in Chandigarh which was addressed by Haryana Chief Minister Nayab Singh Saini to provide details about the upcoming festival, which is into its ninth edition this year.

As part of the Gita Mahotsav, a recitation of 'sholakas' from the holy text will be presented by 18,000 students December 11. Cultural programmes will also be organised during the festival while like previous years, Gita book fairs and exhibitions will be held at the Brahma Sarovar in Kurukshetra from December 5 to 11.

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₹8.96cr aid for 66 'goshalas'

The minister also distributed work orders to 13 animal welfare organisations for establishment of new goshalas for the rehabilitation of about 1300 stray and destitute cattle



POST NEWS NETWORK

Bhubaneswar, Nov 22: The state government Friday provided ₹8.96 crore as first phase assistance to 66 registered 'goshalas' (cowsheds) for the financial year 2024-25 for giving shelter and taking care of about 20,000 destitute cattle.

Fisheries and Animal Resources Development Minister Gokulananda Mallik distributed financial assistance to the registered goshalas of the state here during a programme.

vides assistance to registered goshalas under 'Mukhyamantri Pranakalyan Yojana' for the care and maintenance of cattle resources.

During the event, the minister also distributed work orders to 13 animal welfare organisations for establishment of new goshalas for the rehabilitation of about 1300 stray and destitute cattle. The organisations will be provided with an assistance of about ₹5 crore when they become operational, he informed.

Under Mukhyamantri Pranakalyan Yojana, assistance ranging from ₹20 lakh to ₹52 lakh is being provided for establishment of new goshalas for the purpose of rehabilitation and shelter of 50 to 150 destitute cattle, officials said.

The state government has also distributed go-ahead letters for establishment of 47 vermi-compost units. After establishment, an assistance of ₹2.15 crore will be provided to these units and about 3000 tons of vermi-compost can be produced annually, they said.

Mallik further said that the implementation of Mukhyamantri Pranakalyan Yojana shows the government's commitment towards a more compassionate and inclusive society. He also urged others to come forward for animal welfare.

Go-ahead letters were also distributed on the occasion for establishment of 47 vermi-compost units in the state

Mallik said, "It is our duty and responsibility to ensure the health and security of animals and birds which are very loyal to us and have played an integral role in our society."

Stating that there has always been a close relationship between human and animals, he said the state government is showing keenness for welfare of cattle in the state and pro-



FOR A BIG CATCH: Fishermen cast nets near Mundali Barrage in Cuttack, Friday

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AIIMS Bhubaneswar senior resident feted

POST NEWS NETWORK

Bhubaneswar, Nov 22: A moment of pride for AIIMS Bhubaneswar here as department of Paediatric Surgery's final-year senior resident Dr Manita Tamang was awarded the esteemed UC Chakroborty Award at the recently concluded IAPSCON 2024, held at AIIMS Rishikesh.

The prestigious honour is considered to be the pinnacle of recognition for outstanding research by paediatric surgery residents across India.

AIIMS Bhubaneswar executive director Ashutosh Biswas felicitated Tamang during a special ceremony organised at the campus. Biswas remarked, "Achievements like these not only recognise the dedication and hard work of our young doctors but also bring im-



mense pride to our institute. Dr Tamang's remarkable accomplishment will inspire many budding medical professionals to aim for excellence."

The UC Chakroborty award is determined by a distin-

guished committee, comprising the chief editor of the Journal of the Indian Association of Paediatric Surgeons and other eminent experts in the field. Out of numerous applications nationwide, only seven candi-

dates were shortlisted to compete, making Tamang's victory a testament to her exceptional research and dedication.

The felicitation ceremony was graced by AIIMS Bhubaneswar medical superintendent Dillip Kumar Parida, Paediatric Surgery department head Manoj Kumar Mohanty, and distinguished faculty members Subrat Kumar Sahu, BB Tripathy, and Aditya Manekar.

"Tamang's achievement is a shining example of perseverance, innovation, and commitment to advancing paediatric surgical care. Her groundbreaking research not only elevates the standards of the medical community but also reinforces AIIMS Bhubaneswar's position as a hub of excellence in healthcare and medical education," said Mohanty.

WEATHER		
	BBSR	CTC
Max Temp	30.0°	28.0°
Min Temp	17.0°	16.4°
Humidity	69%	76%
Rainfall	Nil	Nil
FORECAST Mainly clear sky		

MARKET WATCH		
INDEX	VARIATION	
SENSEX	79117.11	▲ 1,961
NIFTY	23907.25	▲ 557.35
DOLLAR	84.44	▼ 0.09
EURO	88.10	▼ 1.05
GOLD	₹77,478	▲ ₹785
SILVER	₹90,846	▲ ₹921

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I Jaladhar Sahoo alias Nanda Sahoo (38 yrs.), S/o- Laxmidhar Sahoo, Vill/PO- Nadigaon, PS- Dhusuri, Dist- Bhadrak, declare that I have Changed my name in my LIC policy bearing no.- 589503788 from Jaladhar Sahoo to Nanda Sahoo.

I, Preetiprada Nayak (33 yrs), W/o- Biswajit Mohapatra, resident of ward No.-13, Apartibindha, P.O./P.S./ Dist.- Bhadrak, Pin- 756100, odisha declare by this affidavit No.- 4110, dtd- 12.06.2024 that now onwards I shall be known as PREETIPRADA MOHAPATRA for all future purposes.

I Natabar Sahoo alias Chatia Sahoo (36 yrs), S/o- Laxmidhar Sahoo, Vill/PO- Nadigaon, PS- Dhusuri, Dist- Bhadrak, declare that I have Changed my name in my LIC policy bearing no.- 598137224 from Natabar Sahoo to Chatia Sahoo.

DoWR inks pact to boost water productivity in state

MoUs signed to enhance agricultural water productivity of canal commands, and training of trainers and office bearers of Pani Panchayats

POST NEWS NETWORK

Bhubaneswar, Nov 22: Department of Water Resources (DoWR) Friday signed two memorandum of understanding (MoUs) with Indian Council of Agricultural Research-Indian Institute of Water Management (ICAR-IIWM) and Xavier Institute of Management Bhubaneswar (XIMB), in presence of Development Commissioner-cum-Additional Chief Secretary to DoWR Anu Garg.

The first MoU was inked between Command Area Development and Participatory Irrigation Management (CAD-PIM) director, and ICAR-IIWM director on 'Pilot Field Demonstration of Digital Water Measuring and Soil Moisture Sensing Systems for Enhancing Agricultural Water Productivity of Canal Commands'.



The project will demonstrate and evaluate performance of the IoT enabled digital water measuring and soil moisture sensing system, developed at the ICAR-IIWM, for irrigation scheduling at Harianta distributaries in Usuma village, near Phulnakhara, Cuttack.

The collaboration will help build the capacity of the 'Pani Panchayats' on the use of digital devices in adopting automated control of irrigation, initiating efficient use of water and promoting crop diversification.

The second MoU signed between Odisha Integrated Irrigation Project for Climate Resilient Agriculture (OII-PCRA) project director and XIMB vice-chancellor will provide Training of Trainers, followed by giving necessary inputs to the office bearers of Pani Panchayats in a cascading mode. Besides, it will also conduct pre and post training need assessment of the master trainers and conduct output and outcome analysis.

TPCODL shines at ICQCC-2024

POST NEWS NETWORK

Bhubaneswar, Nov 22: Tata Power Central Odisha Distribution Limited (TPCODL) recently achieved nine 'Gold' awards at the prestigious International Convention on Quality Control Circles (ICQCC) 2024, organised by Sri Lanka Association for the Advancement of Quality and Productivity (SLAAQP) at Colombo.

Under the theme 'Beyond Boundaries: A Quest for Quality, Productivity, and Innovation', the convention saw participation from over 1,083 teams across 14 countries, with each team showcasing significant contributions towards enhancing operational quality and productivity.

A joint venture between Tata Power and the state government, TPCODL's performance stood out among the global competition, highlighting its



commitment to continuous improvement and customer-centric solutions.

TPCODL CEO Arvind Singh expressed his gratitude and stated, "We congratulate all teams of TPCODL for their remarkable achievements at ICQCC-2024. Their success reflects our collective commitment to excellence and team-

work. We firmly believe that expanding quality circles will deepen total employee involvement and help us achieve our customer-focused objectives."

The achievement underscores TPCODL's dedication to delivering value-added services through a culture of innovation and continuous improvement.

Call for integration of maritime legacy into school syllabi

POST NEWS NETWORK

Bhubaneswar, Nov 22: The fourth edition of Odisha Manaska, organised by All Things Odisha at the Safe Odisha for Her (SFH) headquarters here recently, hosted an intimate and thought-provoking discussion on the theme of 'Maritime History and the Construction of Odia Identity'.

The event brought together participants from diverse backgrounds who shared their lived experiences, insights, and recommendations to preserve and promote Odisha's rich maritime heritage.

The dialogue addressed the challenges of historical erasure of maritime past and a waning connection with the legacy. Participant explored state's maritime history which inter-

twines with its cultural identity and emphasised the need for intergenerational knowledge transfer to bridge gaps in understanding.

"Odisha's historical trade routes connected the Mahanadi and Bay of Bengal to regions like Bali, Java, Sumatra, Malaya, and Sri Lanka. These vibrant exchanges fostered cultural, culinary, and economic ties. Despite this illustrious past, Odisha's maritime history remains under-documented, with fragmented accounts surviving through oral traditions rather than formal records," the organisers said.

A recurring issue highlighted by the participants was the uneven recognition of maritime traditions across Odisha. While coastal regions celebrate festivals like Boita Bandana and



Bali Yatra, the western parts are less familiar with these traditions. Despite recent efforts to popularise maritime heritage in western Odisha, the disparity reflects the need for more inclusive celebrations, stated the experts.

Participants also noted the

absence of maritime history in educational curriculums. "Integrating the maritime legacy into school syllabi—both in Odia and English—could inspire younger generations to take pride in their heritage," they stated. Stories like the folk tale of 'Tapui' were recommended

as tools to blend folklore with historical learning.

The event concluded with a call to action, proposing six key strategies -- Inclusion of Odisha's maritime history in school and college syllabi to inspire pride and awareness, use the iconic Bali Yatra festival to create immersive experiences showcasing ancient trade routes and cultural exchanges, publish and digitally archive Odisha's maritime history for global accessibility, encourage interdisciplinary studies to uncover overlooked aspects of the state's maritime past, building public awareness and leverage community platforms like 'Odisha Manaska' to advocate for heritage preservation and use maritime-themed festivals to promote river conservation and sustainable practices.

War of words between BJP & BJD over great leaders

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

Bhubaneswar, Nov 22: A day after Chief Minister Mohan Charan Majhi stated that only one family was highlighted in the state for a long time, a slugfest erupted between the ruling BJP and the opposition BJD Friday over the manner in which great leaders of the state were treated by the previous government.

Majhi, while participating in the 125th birth anniversary function of freedom fighter Harekrushna Mahatab in Delhi, said, "For a long period, we were only engaged in recognising the contributions of only one family. It happened in Odisha also. Now, in Odisha, we are ready to worship all our heroes who made significant contributions to the nation building".

While BJP alleged that the previous government neglected great leaders including Mahatab, the BJD rejected the allegation and claimed that all legendary figures were given due importance.

Accusing the BJD government of neglecting Mahatab, senior BJP leader and Law Minister Prithviraj Harichandan alleged that the previous government had stopped celebrating his birth anniversary.

"It is unfortunate that the BJD government had stopped the state-level birth anniversary celebrations of Harekrushna Mahtab during the last two years," Harichandan told reporters. He alleged that the BJD government has consistently honoured former Chief Minister Biju Patnaik while neglecting other prominent figures during the BJD's 24 years rule in the state. Senior BJD leader and former minister Debi Prasad Mishra rejected the minister's allegations and said there should be no dispute over respecting the great leaders.

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Sundargarh police crack nomads' murder, arrest 6

The incident occurred October 29, when five members of a nomadic family were brutally murdered and five others kidnapped near Karamdih village

POST NEWS NETWORK

Rourkela, Nov 22: Twenty-two days after the gruesome killing of five persons – three women and two men – of a nomad family on the night of October 29, police have cracked the case and arrested six persons. The incident occurred at a nomadic camp near Geeta Pada in Karamdih under the jurisdiction of Sadar police station. Addressing the press, DIG (Western Range), Rourkela Brijesh Rai confirmed the arrest of six individuals in connection with the crime. "One suspect was arrested in Karnataka, and the others were apprehended from different locations," Rai said, adding that more arrests are expected as the investigation continues. He did not disclose the other locations of the arrests. The arrested suspects have been identified as Santosiya (aka Santosh Bhosle), 45; Jagdish Bhosle, 25; Lalle Bhosle, 20; Sunil Pawar, 32; Sitara (aka Akbar Pawar), and Su-



juguda (aka Intesh Pawar), 35. Apart from Sunil, who is from Karnataka, the others are from Maharashtra. Rai said that the police tracked the suspects through their phones and eventually located them in different places. "One of the suspects was arrested in Karnataka," he said, offering few other details about the investigation. Regarding the motive, the DIG stated that the murders were driven by a combination of money and a complicated marriage. Several years ago, Abinash Pawar killed Manjen Guda, the brother of his wife, Manjika. Manjika had vowed to avenge her brother's death, and, over time, she became romantically involved with Abinash to exact revenge. In another twist, Abinash had killed the uncle of Santosh Bhosle in 2019, an act that ultimately linked the two families. Additionally, Abinash had an

illicit relationship with the wife of Sakaya Pawar, which led to another plan for his elimination. On the night of the murders, the accused, acting under Manjika's direction, arrived in Karamdih and killed five people. Abinash, however, managed to escape. The attackers also abducted a woman and two children from the nomadic camp before fleeing the scene. Authorities later traced the suspects using the phone numbers of those who survived the attack. "We formed several teams to track down the suspects, and were able to arrest Sunil in Karnataka, followed by three others. Two more suspects were arrested from different areas," Rai said. "We will apprehend the remaining suspects soon." On the night of the murders, the assailants used sharp weapons to kill five people and injure ten others.

2 tribal men awarded life term for gangrape of 12-year-old girl



PNN & AGENCIES

Phulbani, Nov 22: Two tribal men were sentenced to life imprisonment by a special court in Kandhamal district Friday for gangraping a 12-year-old girl. Judge Rajesh Das also imposed a penalty of Rs 30,000 on each of the two convicts. There were a total of four accused in the case. While one remained on the run, the other was acquitted by the court, Special Public Prosecutor Asim Praharaj said. The incident happened in the Hirlingia police station area in 2021. The accused persons took the girl along with them from her house and gangraped her, he said. The court also ordered the District Legal Services Authorities (DLSA) to pay a compensation of Rs 10 lakh to the family of the survivor.

BJD leader's brother booked for assaulting vegetable seller

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

Jajpur, Nov 22: Senior BJD leader Pranab Prakash Das's brother Bhaba Prakash Das was Friday booked for allegedly assaulting a vegetable seller in Jajpur district, police said. The vegetable seller, identified as Nagen Nayak, alleged that he was assaulted when he went to Biraja Haat Thursday. They also spoiled vegetables worth about Rs 10,000 and snatched Rs 1,200 in cash from him, he alleged. Two other vendors also filed separate police complaints against Bhaba Prakash Das and his associates for allegedly scuffling with them. Based on these complaints, three cases were registered against the former BJD organisational secretary's brother at the Jajpur Town police station. Police said a suo moto case has also been registered. Four cases have been registered against Bhaba Prakash Das and his associates in connection with the incident. Investigation is underway and



necessary action will be taken against the perpetrators, said Sarat Chandra Patra, the Inspector In-Charge (IIC) of the Jajpur Town police station. Biraja Haat, an old bi-weekly market, has been relocated to Santhmadhab for the redevelopment of the area surrounding the Biraja temple. Some traders backed by the ruling BJP are seeking the restoration of the market in its original location,

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while another group supported by the BJD is opposing it. A face-off between the two groups happened Thursday when some traders tried to set up their stalls at the old location. Police reached the spot and brought the situation under control.

Man killed in jumbo attack

POST NEWS NETWORK

Sambalpur, Nov 22: A man was trampled to death by an elephant in the Padiabahal forest area of Sambalpur district late Thursday night, in yet another case of human-elephant conflict. The mutilated body of 38-year-old Purnachandra Dehury, a resident of Jamloi village, was found near Nuabandha in the early hours of Friday. Sources say the incident occurred after villagers were alerted that a herd of wild elephants had strayed into the area and was damaging paddy fields. Dehury, along with other villagers, went to drive the elephants away but failed to return home that night. His family launched a frantic search, but he was not found. It was only the next morning that locals discovered his body and informed the Forest department. A team from the Padiabahal Forest office arrived to investigate but was met with anger from the villagers. In a similar incident earlier this year, another man was killed by an elephant in Hatibari area. Tension is on the rise in the area due to the increasing number of elephant-related fatalities in recent years. Villagers, particularly from Jujumura block, have expressed frustration over the recurring loss of lives in elephant attacks.

4 held for 'killing' ex-sarpanch

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

Bhadrak, Nov 22: Police arrested four persons for their alleged involvement in the murder of former sarpanch of Bandhagain panchayat in Bhadrak district, an officer said Friday. Bhadrak Rural police Thursday arrested the four persons after a week-long investigation, he said. The police said the four accused had hatched a plan and killed Chittaranjan Rout, the ex-sarpanch, November 12 night. Police identified the alleged accused as Bidyut Sahoo, Saroja Sahoo, Badal Samal and Prasant Rout. All belong to the Bandhagain village under Bhadrak Rural police station limits. During the investigation, the police found that Bidyut had contacted Samal to kill the former sarpanch two months back. The deal was finalised at Rs 2.5 lakh and Rs 40,000 was paid in advance to Samal.



Samal with his two friends hatched the plan and executed it accordingly. They invited Chittaranjan Rout to a party. They jointly consumed alcoholic drinks November 12 night. When Rout was returning home in an intoxicated condition, the four persons killed him with lethal weapons, said Inspector-in-Charge of Bhadrak Rural police station, Amitabh Das. The motive behind the murder is suspected to be business rivalry, he said. The police have seized the knife used in the murder and the mobile phone of the deceased from the accused, Das said.

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FM University celebrates World Fisheries Day-2024

Balasure: Fakir Mohan University celebrated the World Fisheries Day-2024 Thursday on the varsity campus with an awareness campaign organised by PG department of Zoology. Vice-Chancellor Santosh Kumar Tripathy inaugurated the awareness rally and congratulates all participants. Delivering his speech, the VC said the fisheries sector is key for food security, jobs and for the livelihood of millions of people. Students, research scholars, faculties, and other staff members participated in promoting the theme of "India's Blue Transformation: Strengthening Small-Scale and Sustainable Fisheries". Bhaskar Behera, Chairman, P.G council interacted with the participants and delivered a lecture about the importance of fishes for societies and human health. Niladri Bhusan Kar highlighted the problems and prospects of the fisheries sector and its role for a sustainable future in his lecture.

Steel City girl brings laurels in int'l design competition

POST NEWS NETWORK

Rourkela, Nov 22: Aradhana Sahoo, daughter of Manjulata Sahoo and Pradipta Kumar Sahoo, Master Operator in the FM (M) department of SAIL, Rourkela Steel Plant (RSP), has brought recognition to the Steel City and the country by winning third place in the SDC International Design Competition held in London November 7. The competition was organised by The Society of Dyers and Colourists (SDC), a 140-year-old, respected British organisation. The theme for this year's competition was 'Colour for Good'. The SDC International Design Competition is renowned for bringing together students, researchers, industry professionals, and designers from across the globe, provid-



ing undergraduate students with an opportunity to showcase their creativity and vision on an international stage. Aradhana, a highly creative and enthusiastic textile designer, is currently pursuing a Bachelor's degree in Design at the School of Fashion Tech-

nology (SOFT) in Pune. She was named the India Regional Heat Winner, qualifying her for the international competition. The organisers covered her travel, boarding, and other expenses. In the competition, Aradhana presented a project tackling sustainability challenges within the textile supply chain. She transformed discarded and leftover materials into aesthetically appealing products, employing various surface ornamentation techniques. Her designs, which have wide-ranging applications, target industries such as lifestyle, accessories, and automotive. Aradhana is a proud alumna of Ispat English Medium School, Sector-20, RSP, which recently celebrated its Diamond Jubilee. She studied there from Class I to XII.

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Date:20.11.2024
Bid Identification No. BM_03_2024_25

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- Estimated Cost : As per Work List
- Period of Completion : As per DTCN
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Sl. No.	BRANCH / Contact Number	Name of the Borrower	Vehicle No. / Chassis No. / Engine No.	Make & Model	Month/ Year of Mfg.	Reserve Price / Earnest Money Deposit (EMD) / Bid Increase Amount	EMD deposit Account No. / IFSC Code
1.	BISRA ROAD ROURKELA / 7682829020	Mr. Atish Kumar Mishra, S/o- Ashok Kumar Mishra	OD-14S-7500 / MA3C2F63SKF595556 / K12MN9003470	Maruti Dzire VXI (Maruti Suzuki)	June-2019	₹ 4,70,000/- / ₹ 47,000/- / ₹ 2,000/-	78320015181219 / BARB0VJROUR
2.	BISRA ROAD ROURKELA / 7682829020	Mr. Ramakrushna Gauda, S/o- Late Arakhita Gauda	OD-14T-1049 / MA3C2F035KG569260/ D13A-3537454	Maruti Dzire VDI (Maruti Suzuki)	October-2019	₹ 4,60,000/- / ₹ 46,000/- / ₹ 2,000/-	78320015181219 / BARB0VJROUR
3.	BISRA ROAD ROURKELA / 7682829020	Kishore Kumar Khuntia, S/o- Krishna Chandra Khuntia	OD-14J-1276 / MA1WG2GRKG5F70569/ GRG4F83723	Mahindra Bolero AC 2 WD	June-2016	₹ 2,89,000/- / ₹ 28,900/- / ₹ 2,000/-	78320015181219 / BARB0VJROUR

Parking Yard Address: Tarkara, Near Pump House, Rourkela

- Vehicles Inspection Date: 23.12.2024 Time: 01.00 PM
- Last date of submission of online EMD: 23.12.2024 latest by 02.30 PM
- The schedule date of auction to be held on: 24.12.2024 from 11.00 AM to 01.00 PM
- Bid and declaration form along with self-attested Aadhar, PAN, EMD deposit with UTR number to be submitted to Authorised officer on or before 23.12.2024 for getting user id & password from Auction tiger. (Help Desk No. 9265562821 / 9265562819)

TERMS AND CONDITIONS: 1) Applications accompanied by ID/address proof copy (originals to be verified) and EMD of 10% of Reserve price as applicable for each vehicle in shape of Banker's cheque/Draft drawn in favour of **Bank of Baroda, payable at Concerned Branch** should reach on or before 23.12.2024 upto 2.30 PM. 2) However the bank reserves the right to accept/reject/cancel the auction process of any/all vehicles at its own discretion at any point of time without assigning any reason whatsoever. 3) Bid amount does not include any statutory tax pending and applicable RTA fees. All these cost are additional and must be borne by the successfully bidder. 4) Dispute pertaining to year of manufacture, documents, condition of vehicle/assets, etc. will not be considered after successful bid. 5) Entry to the event is strictly restricted to the registered bidder only. 6) The refund of EMD will be made immediately after the closure of the bidding process to the unsuccessful bidders. 7) Successful Highest bidder has to deposit a minimum amount of 25% of the bid amount inclusive EMD on the same day, failing which the bid taken will not be considered as EMD amount will be forfeited without further intimation. 8) The balance should be paid by the successful bidder within next 15 days from the date of auction. 9) Delayed interest @18% p.a. will be charged against any amount due and payable by the successful bidder beyond 15 days from the date of the event, subject to a maximum waiting period of 22 days from the date of auction. 10) Default in payment beyond the stipulated 22 days, will lead to deal cancellation and forfeiture of EMD paid and the vehicle/equipment/machinery will be resold without further information. Acceptance of payment on later date will be sole discretion of Bank. 11) Successful Bidders are fully responsible for taking delivery of all vehicles or equipment from Stockyard after full payment is made. 12) Successful bidders must remove the vehicles/equipments within 7 days from the date of release order along with RC Transfer in to their name.

Place: Sambalpur, Date: 22.11.2024
Authorised Officer, Bank of Baroda

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AFRICA OUTREACH



The challenge for India's foreign policy in Africa is to balance trade and political values, and building its own economy and consolidate its democracy to be able to trade more

Prime Minister Narendra Modi had a stopover in Nigeria enroute to Brazil to attend the G-20 Summit. It was a significant step towards increasing India's Africa push.

Nigeria is one of the fastest growing economies in Africa, the third largest manufacturing sector and the fourth largest economy in the Continent, known as 'Giant of Africa'. It is the most populous country in Africa. It was the founder member of Organisation of African Unity in 1963 which later became African Union. Nigeria also is a member of OPEC - Organisation of Petroleum Exporting Countries, OIC - Organisation of Islamic Cooperation, the United Nations and the Commonwealth. It is also a leading member of ECOWAS - Economic Community of West African States, a political and economic union consisting of 15 countries. Currently, Abuja holds the Chair of ECOWAS.

In view of the above multilateral and regional organisations, Nigeria is part of India's close relations with the country will be beneficial to both. India-Nigeria interactions go back to 1958 when India set up a diplomatic house in Lagos. In fact, this was two years before Nigeria got independence in 1960. Quite a few engineers, doctors and teachers worked in Nigeria from that time. India established the National Defence Academy and National War College in Nigeria. Nigeria's military officers were trained in India and a good many students came to India for studies in different disciplines.

Regrettably, for various reasons at both ends, the relationship became cold and dormant in 1980s. Nigeria was going through political instability and India was not recording impressive economic growth in order to be able to help Nigeria. Prime Minister

Manmohan Singh's visit in 2007 gave a new impetus to the bilateral ties; it was elevated to strategic partnership. Prime Minister Modi announced in Abuja, the Nigerian capital, to take it to the next level. He said, "My visit was productive and historic". The Prime Minister was awarded with Grand Commander of the Order of Niger, the second highest national award of the country. This was for the second time this award was given to a foreign Head of Government since way back in 1969 when Queen Elizabeth was honoured with this award.

At present, there are about 60,000 Indians in Nigeria. Diasporas, particular the Indian ones contribute greatly to improving relations between their host country and the country of origin. Government of India has extended 100mn USD as concessional loans and capacity building training programme. This is a part of India's support to Africa in the shape of development projects in various sectors. Three MoUs were signed during the visit - on cultural exchange, cooperation in customs and third, Survey Cooperation. Prime Minister announced 20 tonnes of relief supplies for

floods that recently ravaged parts of Nigeria.

Reiterating the integration of Africa into the Global South, Prime Minister stressed the turning point of Africa (AOU) was in joining the G-20 as a regular member. In this visit, Prime Minister invited Nigeria to join the International Solar Alliance, International Big Cat Alliance and the Pro-Planet Green Initiatives launched by India. Modi hinted that there is great scope for collaboration in a range of sectors with Nigeria, "defence, trade, energy, health, education, IT and more".

Both countries expressed their common concerns on terrorism, drug trafficking, separatism and piracy. They agreed to collaborate in tackling these problems. Both countries are large economies and big democracies, adhering to pluralism and co-existence. Like other African countries, Nigeria has crude oil; bulk of their export earnings comes from crude oil exports. India has the expertise and skills to transfer to Nigeria for their multifarious development.

As usual, there is a comparison of India and China in dealing with Africa. China has pumped in billions of dollars

in Africa. In 2012, China invested 128b USD compared to 100b USD by USA. Thus, China became the biggest trading partner with 200b USD of trade per year, overtaking USA. About 10,000 Chinese firms are operating throughout Africa. This is where New Delhi has to provide alternatives and mark the difference of approach. Prime Minister Modi had hinted that Chinese strategy is to extract resources from Africa whereas India focuses on human and infrastructure development.

Remember that Africa moved from colonialism to neo-colonialism, the latter meant exploitation of resources. Africans needed the financial resources to develop their economies. China through its BRI came up with bagful of money. Africans took this money despite the risk of the debt-trap. If democracies like India provide alternatives to BRI, African countries will surely pivot towards India. For that to happen, India has to build its own economy in partnership with Africa. New Delhi has to offer hard transactions instead of charity or humanitarian aid which of course, are necessary at times.

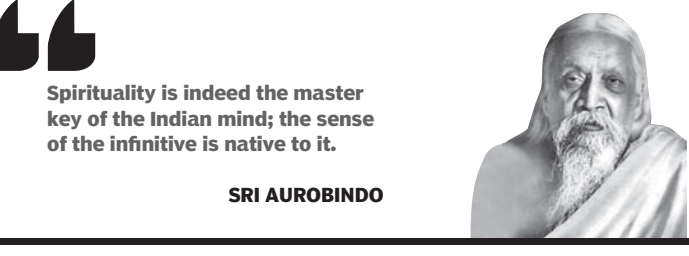
India-Africa partnership is critical for India's growth. China has an advantage over India in GDP which means greater investment. But in the evolving geo-politics, Beijing will be defensive and New Delhi can be more assertive. The challenge for India's foreign policy in Africa is to balance trade and political values, and building its own economy and consolidate its democracy to be able to trade more. The PM's visit to Nigeria perhaps marks that shift in India's foreign policy.

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DK Giri

THE 200 INDIAN COMPANIES ENGAGED IN NIGERIA ARE THE SECOND LARGEST EMPLOYER OF NIGERIANS AFTER THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT



Spirituality is indeed the master key of the Indian mind; the sense of the infinitive is native to it.

SRI AUROBINDO

Power of Continuity

Since its second term, the Modi government has retained top civil servants beyond retirement for 'continuity in policymaking'. Weeks after being voted back to power, the Narendra Modi government extended the tenure of Intelligence Bureau (IB) chief Tapan Kumar Deka. In addition, the government also reappointed Amit Khare and Tarun Kapoor as advisers to the PM, giving a firm message of continuity in the Prime Minister's Office (PMO) in the Modi government's third term, albeit in coalition with other parties this time. Rajesh Kotecha, secretary in the AYUSH ministry since 2017, also got his third extension since his appointment.

Clearly, the government's penchant for extensions to top officials continues. Senior IAS Utpal Kumar Singh, the incumbent Secretary General of Lok Sabha (Secretariat), has reportedly been given another one-year extension. Mr Singh's term was expected to end this month. Further, Mallika Srinivasan, Chairperson of the Public Enterprises Selection Board (PESB), received an extension just days before retiring, allowing her to continue until November 2025. Srinivasan's leadership has been pivotal in steering the PESB, and the extension suggests confidence in her steady approach.

Meanwhile, a similar question hangs over Reserve Bank of India (RBI) Governor Shaktikanta Das as his six-year term winds down on December 10. Under Das's watch, the RBI has navigated major economic hurdles, including the pandemic, while holding interest rates steady for nearly two years despite calls for easing. His continuity could provide stability amid a tough economic climate, and while speculation points towards an extension, there's no official word yet. The Appointments Committee of the Cabinet, led by Prime Minister Modi and Home Minister Amit Shah, holds the decision, with both the RBI and Das maintaining silence on the matter.

Adding to the intrigue, RBI Deputy Governor Michael Patra's term ends in January. Observers agree that a leadership change, whether Das or Patra, might impact the RBI's approach to interest rates, particularly given Das's consistent control over inflation. Both situations demonstrate the need for leadership continuity, but extensions are also seen as violations of service rules and can be demoralizing. What's your take?

Narayan Murthy's bold fix for bureaucracy

So, after urging India's youth to embrace the charms of a 70-hour work week, Infosys co-founder NR Narayana Murthy has now set his sights on the world of Indian bureaucracy. His latest brainstrom? Recruit IAS and IPS officers from top business schools instead of relying solely on the tried-and-tested UPSC exams. Because, of course, India's civil servants need a crash course in "management mindset" to catapult us towards that elusive \$50 trillion economy by 2047.

Murthy's pitch is intriguing: bring in leaders trained to chase KPIs, crunch numbers, and wield Power Points. After all, if corporate leadership can steer billion-dollar enterprises, why can't it give a little corporate shine to the business of governance? Murthy argues that while our government machinery, bless its bureaucratic heart, remains tethered to the status quo, business leaders are wired to "aspire." Imagine that—babus with business plans!

On the one hand, Murthy's timing couldn't be better. As PM Modi's government pushes for economic reform and modernization, Murthy believes a dose of management mojo could shake things up. He even suggested that civil servants should get tailored business training before tackling sectors like agriculture, defence, or manufacturing. The idea of sector-specific management boot camps sounds appealing, but will our traditionalist babus, who've already endured UPSC's gauntlet, agree?

While Murthy's vision has its charms, one can't help but picture seasoned babus reluctantly giving up their classic bureaucratic arsenal for MBA buzzwords and balance sheets. If Modi decides to take Murthy's advice, the civil service might just transform into a more "target-oriented" machine—though there will likely be more than a few groans along the way.

Of samosas and social media spat

When it comes to governance quirks, Himachal Pradesh and Kerala both seem to offer plenty of comic relief. In Himachal, the case of Baddi SP Ilma Afroz, an earnest IPS officer who left a prestigious UN job to serve her country, stands out. Her transgression? Daring to issue a fine to vehicles linked to the family of MLA Ram Kumar Chaudhary for alleged illegal mining activities. The response was swift: a Breach of Privilege motion in the Assembly and an enforced "vacation." Here, apparently, refusing to bend the rules in favour of political connections can send you on indefinite leave. But, hey, when you have investigations into the Chief Minister's missing samosas to prioritize, keeping hard-working officers on duty isn't exactly urgent.

Meanwhile, Kerala's governance drama recently unfolded on social media, with two IAS officers finding themselves suspended after an online spat. The saga began when K. Gopalakrishnan formed a WhatsApp group called "Mallu Hindu Officers" that included senior Hindu IAS officials. The group was quickly deleted, but the controversy was just warming up. Another officer, N. Prasanth, aired grievances against senior official A. Jayathilak through a series of posts, triggering a very public spectacle. Chief Minister Pinarayi Vijayan and Chief Secretary Sarada Muraliedharan acted promptly, putting both officers on ice to cool off.

With one state busy issuing leaves to honest officers and the other quelling social media feuds among babus, one wonders if the real challenges of governance could be taken half as seriously as these diversions. But why tackle hard issues when you can deal with "missing savouries" or a rogue WhatsApp group? It seems personal tiffs and bruised egos are the flavour of the day.

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WISDOM CORNER

My philosophy is it's none of my business what people say of me and think of me. I am what I am, and I do what I do. I expect nothing and accept everything. And it makes life so much easier.

ANTHONY HOPKINS

If you allow fame to get the better of you, you become nuisance, a public nuisance, a nuisance as a friend, as a member of the family, a nuisance to yourself.

DILIP KUMAR

Don't waste so much time thinking about how much you weigh. There is no more mind-numbing, boring, idiotic, self-destructive diversion from the fun of living.

MERYL STREEP

SPECTRUM INFANT MORTALITY

Not just vaccines, babies need antibiotics too

Over the last half-century, the number of children who die before reaching the age of five has fallen dramatically, from around 20 million in 1960 to 4.9 million in 2022, largely owing to the Expanded Programme on Immunization (EPI). Established by the World Health Organization in 1974, the EPI has been extraordinarily successful in providing the youngest people with access to vaccines, saving more than 150 million lives. But while such progress is worthy of celebration, there is still much work to do, because newborns comprise half of all deaths in children under five each year, many of which are caused by infection.

Progress on reducing neonatal mortality has historically been much slower than for children under five, and has begun to stall in recent decades, despite significant reductions in mother-to-child transmission of HIV, syphilis, and hepatitis. This is because many of these deaths are caused by treatable - but untreated - bacterial infections. To reverse this trend, the international community must ensure that all children - especially in the African countries

where most of these deaths occur - can access antibiotics, much like the EPI has done for vaccines.

Infants are particularly susceptible to infections in the first 28 days of life.

Unfortunately, most African countries lack access to existing and new antibiotics, putting already-vulnerable babies at a much higher risk of dying from treatable infections. Shortages of generic versions can be largely attributed to the steady exit of pharmaceutical companies from the antibiotic market in recent decades, owing to low returns. Similarly, new antibiotics are often sold in only the wealthiest countries or priced out of reach for most African governments and citizens.

When drug development is driven primarily by profitability, rather than public-health needs, infants in poorer countries - one of the world's most vulnerable populations - get the short end of the stick.

If clinicians cannot access the right first-line antibiotics or use them because of a drug-resistant infection, they often turn to those that are specialized or kept in reserve as a last resort. These substi-

tutes can be less effective, and reliance on them increases the risk of drug resistance developing, making infections more difficult to treat in the long.

As a result, children under five account for one in five deaths caused by drug-resistant infections, with 99.7% of them living in low- and middle-income countries. At the same time, the failure to treat these infections in newborns is fueling the rise and spread of antimicrobial resistance (AMR), which is already associated with 4.7 million deaths annually.

No country can tackle this problem alone. To ensure that all infants are protected from infection requires an EPI-scale global initiative to help developing countries build their capacity and surveillance, identify the necessary antibiotics, and bolster their health systems. Equally important, we must dramatically increase the availability of existing antibiotics and spur the development of new ones that are safe and effective for children. Both imperatives require prioritizing public health over profit.

The United Nations High-Level Meeting on Anti-

microbial Resistance recently produced a political declaration committing countries to reduce global AMR-associated deaths by 10% per year until 2030. Donor governments can begin doing this - and saving the lives of newborns - by supporting organizations like mine, the Global Antibiotic Research and Development Partnership, which are working to improve access to and encourage the development of antibiotics.

The WHO's Pediatric Drug Optimization exercises have made a shortlist of antibiotics that should be prioritized above all others for pediatric use. But stakeholders, including the WHO, regulatory agencies, the pharmaceutical industry, non-profit developers, and pediatric experts, must collaborate to shepherd such treatments through development and approval. Preventing infant deaths from treatable infections would go a long way toward stopping the spread of AMR and safeguarding our future.

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Glenda Gray

WHEN DRUG DEVELOPMENT IS DRIVEN PRIMARILY BY PROFITABILITY, INFANTS IN POORER COUNTRIES GET THE SHORT END OF THE STICK

GOAT's great gesture

Sir, In all walks of life, what one needs is the toughest opponent, not in the family but in sports, studies, and, of course, politics. The reason why the GOAT (Greatest Of All Times) of tennis, as his fans and contemporaries used to address Roger Federer for what he's today. While it's so, Federer has got many other reasons to thank his counterpart Rafal Nadal in his emotional letter. But to do that, one need not have the skills in tennis or the heart to love, express, and thank the players of his era. Roger shared with Rafa "You challenged me in many ways no one else could. On clay, it felt like it 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... And Rafa, you made me enjoy the game even more. Best always, your fan, Roger!!!" We wish that the world must have such endearing personalities like Roger for taking the game to new heights. Rafa's silence on many occasions in the centre court deserves this compliment because the language of his racquet can be understood only by a few greats like Roger and Djokovic for all his achievements today.

AP Thiruvadi, CHENNAI

Reputation at stake

Sir, This refers to the news report "Adani bribed Odisha officers" (Orissa Post November 22). The United States' indictment of top officials of the Adani Group, including Gautam Adani himself, for allegedly paying bribes to officials of Indian states (Andhra, Chhattisgarh, Odisha, Tamil Nadu, and Jammu and Kashmir, among them) to obtain lucrative prices for supplying renewable energy to their grids deserves the intervention of the Joint Parliamentary Committee (JPC). Under no circumstances should the matter be swept under carpet for we can surely expect a further can of worms may be opened which are hitherto unknown. A thorough probe needs to be done whether or not Adani's proximity to PM Modi made him so desperate. If the parliamentary committee finds him guilty, appropriate action should be taken against him as the reputation of the country is at stake.

Arun Gupta, KOLKATA

Letters TO THE EDITOR

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KANWAR YATRA ROUTE

Got permission to fell over 1.12L trees, says UP govt

The NGT had sought a reply from the secretary of the state's Environment department in a case pertaining to the felling of more than 1 lakh trees and shrubs in the protected forest area

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

New Delhi, Nov 22: The National Green Tribunal has been informed by the UP government's Environment department that over 1.12 lakh trees will be felled in the protected forest area in the state to make way for the upcoming Kanwar Yatra route.

The NGT had sought a reply from the secretary of the state's Environment department in a case pertaining to the felling of more than 1 lakh trees and shrubs in the protected forest area.

The area in question spreads across three forest divisions of Ghaziabad, Meerut and Muzaffarnagar for the proposed route between Muradnagar in Ghaziabad and Purkaji in Muzaffarnagar.

The reply, filed by UP principal secretary, Department of Environment, and dated November 19 said, "It is important to mention that the Public Works Department (PWD) received permission to cut 1,12,722 trees/plants for the Kanwar Marg project, as approved by the (Union) Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change February 28, 2023."

It said at present, 25,410 trees had been marked and assigned for felling, of which 17,607 were cut by the PWD under the supervision of the Uttar Pradesh Forest Corporation.

"Presently, the tree-cutting work has been suspended by



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merate the number of trees under the UP Tree Protection Act provisions, the reply stated such an enumeration was not possible in the stretches where tree cutting was completed as plants and bushes were also cleared during the drive.

"In the future, once PWD finalises a revised road alignment with width of 15-20 metre, joint inspections will identify and enumerate any remaining trees to be felled. However, the total number of affected trees/plants should not exceed 1,12,722," it stated.

The UP tree act provisions did not apply to the reserved and protected forest land, the reply added.

"The land used for the construction of above-mentioned Kanwar Marg is a protected

forest and the implementing agency has obtained in-principle approval from Government of India for Kanwar Marg Project. Thus, enumeration of trees as per the provisions of UP Tree Act 1976 was not carried out," it said.

Regarding the definition of trees, as asked by the tribunal in its previous order, the reply cited the Centre's Parivesh Portal, according to which trees were categorised based on girth size such as 0-30 cm, 31-60 cm, and more than 150 cm, and included provisions for also counting smaller plants and trees having a girth between zero and 30 cm.

"This ensures that all relevant vegetation is comprehensively accounted," the reply said.

NGT slaps ₹5 crore interim fine on Punjab pharma unit

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

New Delhi, Nov 22: The National Green Tribunal (NGT) has imposed an interim fine of ₹5 crore on a pharmaceutical unit in Punjab for "violation of environmental norms".

While denouncing the conduct of the Punjab State Pollution Control Board (PSPCB) for failing to discharge its statutory functions effectively, the NGT directed the board to initiate criminal proceedings against the bulk drug manufacturing unit, besides determining the final compensation amount.

The green body was hearing a plea on Nector Life Sciences Limited, located at Haibatpur village in Sahibzada Ajit Singh Nagar district, reportedly discharging highly-polluted chemical effluent in the agricultural fields, causing damage to crops and land. In an order passed Thursday, an NGT bench comprising its chairperson Justice Prakash Shrivastava said, "Considering the entire record, we are clearly of the view that the industry has failed to comply with the provisions of environmental laws, particularly the Water Act, and has consistently violated its provisions while its zero liquid discharge (ZLD) status has not been achieved till date."

The bench also comprising judicial member Justice Sudhir Agarwal and expert member Afroz Ahmad said the PSPCB "failed to discharge its statutory functions adequately and effectively".

The PSPCB did not take stringent action by imposing adequate environmental compensation, nor did it initiate criminal action for prosecu-

FLOUTING NORMS



tion of the violator, the bench noted.

The tribunal also said the reports before it merely examined the effluent discharged by the unit to assess water quality and pollution levels.

The unit mainly manufactured antibiotics and waste water containing antibiotics, such as cephalosporins antibiotics, could be highly toxic and difficult to degrade.

"It is thus necessary to examine the effluent or waste water generated by an industrial unit to see the whether treated water contains the residue of the above antibiotic medicine or not," the tribunal said.

Regarding environmental compensation, the tribunal said, "Since in the present financial year, the amount of environmental compensation at 0.5 per cent of turnover (Rs

1,698.66 crore) comes to about ₹8.5 crore, we find it appropriate to impose an interim environmental compensation of ₹5 crore which shall be paid or deposited by the unit with the PSPCB within two months."

"We also direct the PSPCB to determine the final amount of environmental compensation after collecting information with regard to the turnover from the proponent of the respective year when the violations were found and to impose compensation for such period separately after due opportunity of hearing to the proponent," it added.

The NGT bench also directed the PSPCB to initiate criminal proceedings against the unit for past violations and make periodical inspections to ensure that it strictly complied with the environmental laws.

CM Mann assures support to Vardhman Special Steels

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

Chandigarh, Nov 22: Punjab Chief Minister Bhagwant Mann Friday assured full support and cooperation to Vardhman Special Steels Limited (VSSL) for setting up a special alloy steel manufacturing unit at a cost of ₹1,750 crore.

Mann, during a meeting with company's Vice Chairman and Managing Director Sachit Jain here at the chief minister's office said the state government is committed to giving major fillip to investment in Punjab.

Mann said it is heartening that VSSL is setting up a greenfield unit for manufacturing of special alloy steel through electric arc furnace route at a cost of ₹1,750 crore.

Mann, according to an official statement, said the project having installed capacity of 5 lakh TPA (tonne per annum) will be set up in collaboration with Aichi Steel Corporation, Japan.



Students perform 'giddha', a popular Punjabi folk dance, during an event at Khalsa College, in Amritsar, Friday

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SAMBHAL JAMA MASJID ROW

Prayers held peacefully under tight security

District Magistrate Rajendra Pesia said that prohibitory orders have been imposed in the area preventing the gathering of more than five people

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

Sambhal (UP), Nov 22: Friday prayers were held peacefully at the Jama Masjid here amid tight security with police imposing prohibitory orders and conducting a flag march earlier in the day following claims that the Mughal-era mosque is an ancient Hindu temple site.

The Shahi Jama Masjid was surveyed Tuesday on the orders of a local court after a petition claimed that a Harihar temple originally stood at the site.

Superintendent of Police (SP) Krishna Kumar Vishnoi said Friday prayers were held safely at the mosque with the help of forces from seven police stations and tight security arrangements around it.

The Central and Uttar Pradesh governments, the mosque committee and the district magistrate of Sambhal have been made parties in the

petition, Supreme Court lawyer Vishnu Shankar Jain, who is also the petitioner in the case, said.

Given the petition and the subsequent survey, police personnel held a flag march in the area and warned people of strict action against anyone creating chaos over the issue, Vishnoi said earlier in the day.

"Clerics have been told to inform everyone that they should offer Namaz in their own mosques," he said, adding that social media was also being monitored.

District Magistrate Rajendra Pesia said prohibitory orders have been imposed in the area to prevent any gathering of more than five people.

Jain has claimed that Mughal emperor Babar partly demolished the temple in 1529.

"The Harihar temple in Sambhal, we all know, is a central part of our faith. This is an ASI-protected area. There can be no encroachment of any kind in the ASI-protected area. There are many signs and symbols there which are of the Hindu temple," he said.

Jain and his father Hari Shankar Jain have represented the Hindu side in many cases related to places of worship, including the Gyanvapi-Kashi Vishwanath dispute.

HONOURING EX-NASA SCIENTIST'S LAST WISH

Family donates Tyagi's ancestral house to Meerat varsity

Tyagi, who passed away in 2020 at the age of 87, wanted the house to be utilised for the betterment of the future generations

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

Meerut (UP), Nov 22: Honouring the last wish of former NASA scientist and Meerut resident Ramesh Chand Tyagi, his family members have donated his ancestral house to the Chaudhary Charan Singh University (CCSU) here for educational purposes.

Tyagi, who passed away in 2020 at the age of 87, wanted the house to be utilised for the betterment of the future generations. His niece Shikha Tyagi, who along with Tyagi's son Dinesh Tyagi lives in the US, played a key role in facilitating the handover.

The house spanning approx-



imately 400 square metres is located in the Budhana Gate area with an estimated value running into crores of rupees, officials said.

During a meeting with CCCU Vice Chancellor Sangeeta Shukla, Shikha Tyagi conveyed her uncle's wish to use the house for educational purposes, specifically as a library or a study centre.

After securing the necessary legal clearance, the university officially took possession of the property recently.

Confirming the donation,

Shukla said the property could serve as a library, a learning centre, or even a hub for musical activities, reflecting Tyagi's lifelong passion for music.

"While its specific use will be decided by a committee, the house will undoubtedly serve as an asset for the university," she said.

A prominent physicist, Tyagi made significant contributions to the scientific community of India.

In a distinguished career, which included working with

Before finalising the donation, the family set two conditions -- the house should be used exclusively for academic purposes, and any development on the property should be named 'Dr RC Tyagi Centre'

Additionally, a corner of the house should be dedicated to Tyagi's memory, displaying information about his life and scientific achievements

the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) in the 1970s, Tyagi also served as the chief scientific officer at DRDO's solid state physics laboratory where he contributed to India's missile development programme.

Tyagi was recalled to India by then Prime Minister Indira Gandhi to work on defence projects.

Sharing how determination and resilience defined Tyagi's life, Shikha Tyagi said, "Despite facing hardships, his dedication to science and integrity earned him the prestigious

Shanti Swarup Bhatnagar Prize for Science and Technology which was awarded by Indira Gandhi."

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Additionally, a corner of the house should be dedicated to Tyagi's memory, displaying information about his life and scientific achievements, Shikha Tyagi said.

The family first considered selling the house and donating the proceeds to IIT-Delhi, where Tyagi served as a professor, before choosing to honour his legacy by donating the property to CCSU, she added.

Tyagi's contributions to the field of music were also noteworthy. During his time in Meerut, he conducted research on musical scales, proving a scientific basis of the frequencies of the seven notes through a mathematical theory.

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OFFICE OF THE SUPERINTENDING ENGINEER
BALASORE (ROADS & BUILDINGS) DIVISION-I
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BID INVITATION NO. SE (R and B) BLS-Divn-1- 36 / 2024-25
Letter No.9776, Date:18.11.2024

1	The Superintending Engineer, Balasore (R & B) Division-I, Balasore on behalf of the Governor of Odisha invites Percentage rate bids to be received in ONLINE MODE only for road and Building works.
2	No. of Work : 3 Nos
3	Nature of work : Building works of Balasore (R&B) Division-I
4	Class of Contractor : "D", "C" & "B" Class Contractor
5	Approx. value of work : Rs. 10.28 Lakh to 49.45 Lakh
6	Tender Cost : Rs. 6000/-
7	Availability of Bid : From 10.00 Hours of dt. 25.11.2024 to 16:00 hours of dt. 04.12.2024
8	Date of Opening of Bid : Dt. 05.12.2024 at 10:00 Hours
9	Other details can be seen in the Bidding documents from the website: https://tendersorissa.gov.in .

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YS SHARMILA | APCC PRESIDENT

HC DENIES ANTICIPATORY BAIL TO PRAJWAL REVANNA

The Karnataka High Court Friday dismissed the anticipatory bail application filed by former JD (S) MP Prajwal Revanna, who is facing allegations of rape and sexual assault, in connection with a fourth case registered against him. The fourth case was registered against Revanna, accusing him of sexual harassment, June 12 at cyber crime police station of CID in Bangalore



of the day **QUOTE**

The urgency of AMR has only grown in recent years. We are on the brink of a world where even routine infections could become deadly, where simple surgeries carry unpredictable risks, and where diseases we thought were under control—like tuberculosis, pneumonia, and urinary tract infections—are becoming harder to treat

DINESH GUNDU RAO | K'TAKA HEALTH MINISTER

We will raise the issue in the Parliament and we will demand an inquiry. As he (Adani) is in India, action should be taken against him, he should be arrested. The government knows everything, so they should quickly take action against him in corruption cases

MALLIKARJUN KHARGHE | CONGRESS PRESIDENT

I have all the chargesheet reports filed there (US). It is in the public domain. Will study it (the allegations and indictment). Will act on it and inform you

N CHANDRABABU NAIDU | AP CM

SC INTERVENES IN POLLUTION CRISIS

AGENCIES

New Delhi, Nov 22: Delhi's Air Quality Index rose several notches Friday to again reach within the touching distance of the 400-mark, which indicates severe level of pollution, even as the apex court expressed displeasure over the poor implementation of GRAP-4 restrictions, especially those related to the entry of trucks.

The Supreme Court said the highest GRAP-4 restrictions would continue until at least November 25 when it would review if it can be lifted.

According to the Central Pollution Control Board (CPCB), the city's 24-hour average Air Quality Index (AQI) at 4 pm Friday was 393, up from 371 a day earlier. Of the total 35 monitoring stations in Delhi, 22 reported "severe" air quality, with AQI readings exceeding 400, compared to just six Thursday.

An AQI between 0 and 50 is considered "good", 51-100 "satisfactory", 101-200 "moderate", 201-300 "poor", 301-400 "very poor", 401-450 "severe", and above 450 "severe plus".

At 5 pm Friday, CPCB data indicated that PM2.5 and PM10 were the primary pollutants, with PM2.5 levels at 194 µg/m³ and PM10 at 325 µg/m³.

What's the govt doing to overcome air pollution?*

*List of steps is not exhaustive

National Clean Air Programme (NCAP)
Launched in 2019 to reduce air pollution in 131 cities

Graded Response Action Plan (GRAP)
Framework designed to combat air pollution in the Delhi-NCR region

Control of Vehicular Emissions
Shift to BS-VI fuel standards, promotion of EVs and SATAT initiative for CBG production

Stubble Burning Prevention
Subsidies for Crop Residue Management Machinery, promotion of alternative uses for paddy straw

These fine particles, particularly PM2.5, pose significant health risks as they can penetrate deep into the lungs and enter the bloodstream.

The Centre's Decision Support System (DSS) for Air Quality Management attributed 15.16 per cent of Delhi's pollution Friday to vehicular emissions, while stubble burning, another major contributor, accounted for 17.9 per cent of PM2.5 levels Thursday.

Amid Delhi's escalating pollution crisis, the CPCB has highlighted limited feasibility of cloud seeding as an emergency measure during winters in northern India, citing insufficient moisture and reliance on pre-existing clouds influenced

by western disturbances. In an RTI reply, the central pollution body citing IIT Kanpur study, said that pre-existing clouds with at least 50 per cent moisture are essential for the success of such an initiative.

It said that in northern India, winter clouds are often influenced by western disturbances, and the moisture content in the air remains low, limiting the scope of successful operations, according to the CPCB reply.

The CPCB also highlighted the estimated cost of the proposed experiment, which is approximately ₹3 crore. The proposal includes a minimum coverage area of 100 km² and involves five sorties (cloud seeding at-

tempts). It came against the backdrop of the Delhi government's frequent requests to the Centre seeking permission for artificial rain to combat the rising level of pollution in the national capital.

According to Delhi Environment Minister Gopal Rai, he has written to Union Environment Minister Bhubender Yadav four times, urging the Centre to consider cloud seeding as a potential solution.

Rai Friday asked Chief Secretary Dharmendra to ensure strict enforcement and coordinated implementation of restrictions under the fourth stage of Graded Response Action Plan (GRAP) among all departments.

The Centre Friday opposed in the Supreme court a proposal to form a committee of former apex court judges to oversee the implementation of measures to curb stubble

NEET PAPER LEAK

CBI files 5th supplementary chargesheet



PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

New Delhi, Nov 22: The CBI filed its fifth supplementary chargesheet in the NEET UG examination paper leak case Friday against five persons, including key gang member Amit Kumar Singh of Bokaro who allegedly orchestrated and executed the leak, officials said.

In the chargesheet filed before the special CBI court in Patna, the agency alleged that Singh was the key planner of the gang and was aided by Sudip Kumar and Yuvraj Kumar of Bokaro, Abhimanyu Patel of Nalanda and Amit Kumar of Patna in the distribution of the leaked papers to aspirants in Bihar and Jharkhand, they said.

"With this, the total chargesheeted accused in this case stands at 45, and all of them are still in judicial custody," a CBI spokesperson said in a statement. The spokesperson said the chargesheet has been filed under various sections of the Indian Penal Code such as 120-B (criminal conspiracy), 109 (abetment), 409 (criminal breach of trust), 420 (cheating), 380 (theft), 201 (causing disappearance of evidence) and 411 (dishonestly receiving stolen property) and under section 13(2) read with section 13(1)(a) of the Prevention of Corruption Act, 1988 (as amended in 2018).

Why India's toxic farm fire counting method is disputed

Leading causes of Air Pollution

- Vehicular Emissions
- Coal Combustion
- Construction Activities
- Industrial Pollution
- Stubble Burning
- Waste Burning

India plans to count toxic farm fires by monitoring the burnt area they leave rather than the current method of using orbiting satellites to measure live fires. Farmers in India light fires, in violation of laws that bar the practice, to quickly clear crop waste or stubble left behind after paddy is harvested so that they can plant wheat. Officials say satellites are the only way to monitor farm fires since they capture a much larger area. India's space agency procures data from two orbiting NASA satellites that pass over the northern breadbasket states of Punjab and Haryana, among others, twice a day - around 10.30 am (0500 GMT) and 1.30 pm (0800 GMT). NASA satellites only capture instances of farm fires during the limited period when they are passing over the region, which takes them 90 seconds. They therefore only capture any blaze visible at that time or lit in the previous half hour. Experts suspect that farmers have, over time, become aware of this surveillance period and shifted the time of burning their crop waste to evade the NASA satellites.

An adviser to the Supreme Court, which is monitoring pollution management by authorities in the national capital region, this week said there was a discrepancy in the farm fire data obtained from orbiting and stationary satellites.

What steps can you take?

- Use Public Transport
- Wear Mask Outdoors
- Avoid Waste Burning
- Plant More Trees
- Promote Clean Energy Policies
- Limit Outdoor Activities

Omar calls for transparent Army probe into torture of civilians in J&K

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Srinagar/Jammu, Nov 22: The alleged torture of five civilians by Army personnel in Kishtwar has triggered angry reactions from various political parties in Jammu and Kashmir, notably from Chief Minister Omar Abdullah, who has demanded a transparent investigation and court martial for those found guilty.

The controversy erupted following the Nagrota-based XV Corps' announcement of an inquiry into claims of brutal torture inflicted on five residents of Kuath village in the region.

Disturbing footage circulating online showed the individuals struggling to walk, their faces marked with injuries.

The Army November 20 initiated operations in the Mughal Maidan area of the district based on intelligence inputs



regarding terrorist movements. The White Knight Corps later acknowledged the reports of mistreatment of civilians, stating, "An investigation is being launched to ascertain the facts. Necessary follow-up action will be ensured." Abdullah, speaking to reporters, expressed the need for a thorough and transparent investigation.

"If there is evidence against the soldiers involved, they should be court-martialed and punished," he asserted, lamenting the repeated nature of such incidents. "It is unfortunate that our people have not learned anything from the past," the Chief Minister added, recalling previous cases where civilians faced severe consequences. "This is not the first such incident when people have been called to camps and beaten. I thank God that none of them have lost their precious lives. We have witnessed such incidents in the past where people have been called to police camps and they have lost their precious lives to torture," Abdullah said.

SNIPPETS

Aman Arora appointed Punjab AAP chief

Chandigarh: The ruling Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) in Punjab appointed New and Renewable Energy Minister Aman Arora as the new president of its state unit Friday. The development comes a month after Chief Minister Bhagwant Mann said he would speak to the AAP leadership on the appointment of a full-time president of the party's state unit, expressing a desire to step down from the post. Arora, a prominent Hindu face of AAP in Punjab, will be the president of the party's state unit and MLA Amansher Singh Sherry Kalsi its working president. The move also comes a day before the results of the recent bypolls to four Assembly seats -- Gidderbaha, Dera Baba Nanak, Chabbewal (SC) and Barnala.

Over 100 monkeys die due to toxic chemical

Hathras (UP): More than 100 monkeys perished after inhaling a pesticide sprayed in a food godown and were stealthily buried in a pit, police Friday said. The bodies were taken out for a postmortem by a team of veterinarians Friday. Circle Officer Yogendra Krishna Narayan said police came to know about the deaths Wednesday. Police have registered a case against the employees of Food Corporation of India and started an investigation.

Rajasthan: Road crash leaves five dead

Jaipur: A head-on collision between a truck and a car left five persons dead in Rajasthan's Udaipur district, police said Friday. The accident took place at Ambari Thursday night, Station House Officer Himanshu Singh Rajawat said. The car carrying five persons was on the wrong side of the road when the dumper truck collided with it head-on. The dumper truck has been seized and a case has been registered against the driver who fled the spot. The deceased were identified as Himmat Khatik (32), resident of Delwara Rajsamand, Pankaj Nagarchi (24), resident of Bedla, Udaipur, Gopal Nagarchi (27), resident of Kharol Colony, Gaurav Jinagar (23), resident of Sisama.

Delhi elections: AAP kicks off 'Revdi Par Charcha' campaign

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

New Delhi, Nov 22: With an eye on the Assembly elections scheduled in Delhi early next year, AAP supremo Arvind Kejriwal Friday launched a 'Revdi Par Charcha' campaign that will run from November 25 to December 10, an official statement said.



Launching the campaign the Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) national convenor said the party's district and booth-level office-bearers will reach out to the voters with pamphlets detailing the free facilities ('revdis') provided by the AAP government. "Our workers will hold 65,000 meetings across Delhi to make people understand what these free facilities mean and how only AAP can provide them," the former Delhi chief minister said.

'AI tool forecasts mood disorders with sleep data'

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

New Delhi, Nov 22: Researchers have developed an AI-based tool that can predict episodes of mood disorder in patients using only sleep-wake data recorded by wearable devices such as smartwatches.

People suffering from mood disorders, including bipolar disorder, experience long periods of sadness, depression, joy or mania. Mood disorders are closely linked with sleep-wake rhythms with disturbances potentially triggering a mood episode.

The team of researchers, including from the Institute for Basic Science in South Korea, said the growing popularity of wearable devices has made

collecting health data much easier.

"By developing a model that predicts mood episodes based solely on sleep-wake pattern data, we have reduced the cost of data collection and significantly improved clinical applicability."

"This study offers new possibilities for cost-effective diagnosis and treatment of mood disorder patients," lead researcher Kim Jae Kyoung said.

For the study, published in the journal 'npj Digital Medicine', the researchers analysed 429 days' worth of data from 168 mood disorder patients. Thirty-six sleep-wake, or circadian, rhythms were extracted, which were used for training machine learning algorithms.



A form of artificial intelligence (AI), a machine learning algorithm learns to detect patterns in the data it is trained

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predict depressive, manic, and hypomanic episodes with an accuracy of 80 per cent, 98 per cent and 95 per cent, respectively.

"Using mathematical modelling to longitudinal data from 168 patients, we derived 36 sleep and circadian rhythm features. These features enabled accurate next-day predictions for depressive, manic,

and hypomanic episodes," the authors wrote.

The researchers found that daily changes in circadian rhythms are a key predictor of mood episodes.

Specifically, delayed circadian rhythms, falling asleep and waking up later in the day, increase the risk of depressive episodes. On the other hand, advanced circadian rhythms--sleeping and waking up earlier in the day, increase the risk of manic episodes, the researchers said.

"Notably, daily circadian phase shifts were the most significant predictors: delays linked to depressive episodes and advances to manic episodes," the authors of the study added.

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Rahul Gandhi as Leader of Opposition in the Lok Sabha has taken on the government, forcing them to be more accountable, and Priyanka ji joining the ranks will be tough days for the NDA. One plus one will become 11 in the Lok Sabha. Her joining forces with Rahul ji in Parliament will certainly give sleepless nights to the BJP and the NDA

SACHIN PILOT | CONG GENERAL SECY

DELHI LG 'PRAISES' ATISHI

In a left-handed compliment to Delhi Chief Minister Atishi, Lieutenant Governor V K Saxena Friday said she is "a thousand times better" than her predecessor Arvind Kejriwal



MAN DECLARED DEAD WAKES UP BEFORE CREMATION

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

Jaipur, Nov 22: A man declared dead by doctors woke up just as he was placed on the pyre much to the shock of those around but breathed his last a few hours later, the dramatic life and death story unfolding in Rajasthan's Jhunjhunu area over Thursday and Friday.

Rohitash Kumar, a deaf-mute man who didn't have any family and lived in a shelter home, died on the way from Jhunjhunu's BDK Hospital to Jaipur, about 180 km away, Friday, officials said.

Three doctors, including principal medical officer Sandeep Pachar, were suspended by Jhunjhunu District Collector Ramavtar Meena for their alleged medical negligence. A committee has been formed to investigate the matter.



Kumar, 25, had been taken to the emergency ward of the Jhunjhunu facility after he fell unconscious at the shelter home Thursday. Kumar was declared dead at 2 pm Thursday. He was taken to the mortuary and kept there for two hours, officials said.

Police prepared a 'panchnama', a document prepared when a person dies, and transported the body to a crematorium, they added. However, Kumar suddenly started breathing as he was placed on the pyre, moments before the cremation. An ambulance was called immediately and he was taken back to the BDK Hospital where he was admitted to the intensive care unit.

He was referred to Jaipur's SMS Hospital on Friday and died on the way. As news spread of Kumar regaining consciousness moments before the cremation, Revenue officer Mahendra Mund, Deputy Director of Social Justice Department Pawan Poonia also reached the BDK Hospital.

Bypoll results to be declared today



PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

New Delhi, Nov 22: The counting of votes for the bypolls to 46 Assembly seats in 13 states and in the Lok Sabha segments of Nanded in Maharashtra and Wayanad in Kerala, a crucial electoral exercise since the parliamentary polls in April-May, will begin at 8 am Saturday.

Congress general secretary Priyanka Gandhi Vadra is making her poll debut from Wayanad, a seat that was earlier represented in the Lok Sabha by her brother, Rahul Gandhi.

Elaborate arrangements have been made for the counting of the votes polled in the three bypolls in Kerala - Wayanad Lok Sabha and the Palakkad and Chelakkara Assembly seats. In Wayanad, Priyanka Gandhi was pitted against Communist Party of India (CPI) veteran Sathyan Mokeri and BJP's Navya Haridas.

The Assembly bypolls were held in nine seats in Uttar Pradesh, seven seats in Rajasthan, six seats in West Bengal, five seats in Assam, four seats each in Punjab and Bihar, three seats in Karnataka, two seats each in Madhya Pradesh and Kerala and one seat each in Chhattisgarh, Gujarat, Uttarakhand and Meghalaya.

Opposition's chorus to arrest Adani grows louder

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New Delhi/Bangalore, Nov 22: The Opposition chorus demanding the arrest of billionaire industrialist Gautam Adani, after he was charged in the US for alleged bribery and fraud, grew louder Friday while Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister N Chandrababu Naidu, an ally of the BJP-led government at the Centre, promised to act on the alleged irregularities.

Stepping up the attack, Pradesh Congress Committee presidents across the country held press conferences to raise the demand for Adani's arrest and launch an investigation against him, a day after Rahul Gandhi made the assertion. Adani has been charged by US prosecutors for allegedly being part of an elaborate scheme to pay USD 265 million (about ₹2,200 crore) bribe to Indian officials in exchange for favourable terms for solar power contracts in four Indian states.

The Adani Group has denied the charges, saying the allegations by US prosecutors are baseless and that the conglomerate is compliant with all laws. It also said it will pursue all possible legal recourse. The previous YSRC regime is embroiled in the alleged scam with claims that government officials received bribes from the Adani Group. Addressing the Assembly, the chief minister said his government will study those charges and act on them. The YSRC has dismissed the allegations made against the government headed by it and said



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there was no direct agreement with the Adani Group.

After calling for the arrest of Adani, Rahul Gandhi asked people on Friday to understand the "dangerous game" of corruption, in which the public is the end loser. Congress chief Mallikarjun Kharge urged the Centre to immediately take action against Adani and accused Prime Minister Narendra Modi and his government of shielding him. He said the Congress will raise the issue during the upcoming Parliament session and demand an inquiry. In Patna, RJD president Lalu Prasad came out strongly in support of Rahul Gandhi's demand for Adani's "immediate arrest".

The RJD president, who inci-

dentially has been convicted in several fodder scam cases and is out on bail, was also asked about prospects of the INDIA bloc, of which his party is a part in Jharkhand, where the counting of votes for assembly polls is scheduled Saturday. The ailing septuagenarian replied, "I would like to remain focused on my statement that Adani must be arrested. I am not worried much about a new government (in Jharkhand) where we are already in power."

Meanwhile, Bihar Congress president Akhilesh Prasad Singh announced at a press conference that the party's state unit will take out a protest march Saturday "against unethical practices of the Adani Group which have brought the country into disrepute".

In Hyderabad, Andhra Pradesh Congress Committee (APCC) president YS Sharmilla accused her brother and former chief minister Y S Jagan Mohan Reddy of giving the state as a "blank cheque" to the Adani Group and allegedly turning it into "Adani Pradesh".

258 killed in Manipur violence since last yr

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

Imphal, Nov 22: The ethnic violence between Meitei and Kuki communities in Manipur has claimed 258 lives since May last year, the state government's Security Advisor Kuldiep Singh said Friday.

He said that the state would get around 90 companies of the Central Armed Police Force (CAPF), over and above the 198 companies that are already in Manipur. "The total number of deaths is 258 including militants," Singh while addressing a press conference after holding a security review meeting here.

The security advisor said that 32 people were arrested in connection with vandalism and torching of properties of ministers and MLAs while around 3,000 looted weapons have been recovered. "We are getting approximately 90 companies of CAPF, over and above the 198 companies which were earlier sent to the state. A sizeable number of them have already reached Imphal. We are distributing forces to protect the lives and properties of the citizens and vulnerable points," Singh said.

The authorities would set up coordination cells and joint control rooms in each district, he said after the meeting which was attended by representatives of the Army, BSF, CRPF, Assam Rifles, SSB, ITBP and the Manipur Police.



A flock of whistling ducks is seen basking at Hahila Lake, in Nagaon district, Assam

PTI PHOTO

PREAMBLE CASE

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

New Delhi, Nov 22: The Supreme Court Friday observed the 1976 amendment to the Constitution adding terms "socialist", "secular" and "integrity" to the Preamble underwent judicial reviews and it cannot say whatever Parliament did during the Emergency period was all nullity.

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Patanjali Ayurveda College secures A grade

POST NEWS NETWORK

Haridwar, Nov 22: Patanjali Yogpeeth, renowned globally for its efforts in reviving yoga and Ayurveda, has also been making significant strides in the field of AYUSH education.

Recently, the National Commission for Indian System of Medicine (NCISM) released its national ratings for Ayurveda colleges. Among them, Patanjali Bhartiya Ayurvedigyan Evam Anusandhan Sansthan (Patanjali Ayurveda College), Haridwar, secured a place in the Top 20 with an A grade rating.

Commenting on this recognition, Acharya Balkrishna, General Secretary of Patanjali Yogpeeth said, "Patanjali University is an A+ grade accredited institution. Patanjali Ayurveda College's inclusion in the Top 20 among 552 Ayurveda colleges highlights the impactful work being carried out by Patanjali in the advancement of Ayurveda."

"It is a matter of great pride for us that Patanjali Ayurveda



College is ranked among the Top 20 Ayurveda institutions in the country. Thanks to Patanjali's efforts, Patanjali Ayurveda College is now in the Top 20," he added.

In Uttarakhand, out of the

total 20 Ayurveda colleges in the state, Patanjali is the only college to have received an A grade rating.

Apart from one other institution that has been awarded

a B grade, the remaining 6 colleges had to settle for a C grade. Additionally, 12 other colleges were excluded from the ratings for various reasons.

Acharya Ji further remarked that the NCISM evaluation of the AYUSH institution was based on several parameters, including academic quality, library facilities, the number of faculty and physicians, patient inflow, available resources, research infrastructure, and the presence of an herbal garden.

Can't say what Parl did in Emergency all nullity: SC

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During the hearing, the bench refused to refer the matter to a larger bench as sought by

petitioner and said "being socialist" in the Indian sense was understood to be a "welfare state". Advocate Jain said in a recent verdict of a nine-judge Constitution bench, the majority view doubted the interpretation of word "socialist" as propounded by former apex court judges Justices V R Krishna Iyer and O Chinnappa Reddy.

The bench then noted, "The way, we understand socialism in India is very different from other countries. In our context, socialism primarily means a welfare state. That is all. It has never prevented the private sector, which is thriving well. We have all benefited from it."

POST OF THE DAY

Operation - Mashal Maharashtra result is tomorrow, but from today itself BJP leaders

started quitting BJP BJP leader Sachin Shinde from Mumbai, resigned to BJP & Joined Shivsena UBT today

@DrJain21

SHORT TAKES

India, Japan to boost ties

New Delhi: India and Japan Friday deliberated on a reciprocal provision of supply and services agreement for greater interoperability between the militaries of the two strategic partners amid common concerns of over China's military muscle-flexing in strategic waters. The proposed pact was discussed at a meeting between Defence Minister Rajnath Singh and his Japanese counterpart Gen Nakatani that took place on the sidelines of a regional security conclave in Vientiane, the capital city of Laos.

Drugs worth ₹6cr seized; 5 arrested

Bangalore: In separate operations, Bangalore Police arrested five individuals and intercepted two major drug consignments worth over ₹ 6 crore, officials said Friday. Police suspect the drugs were being smuggled into Bangalore for illegal sales during the New Year celebrations in the city and surrounding areas.

3 children killed in road mishap

Patna: Three children were killed and eight people were injured as their autorickshaw collided head-on with a speeding truck in Bihta on the outskirts of Patna Friday, police said. The accident happened around 2 pm in the Vishunpura area, Station House Officer (SHO) Raj Kumar Pandey of Bihta police station told PTI. "While three children died on the spot, eight people, including the driver of the autorickshaw, were injured. Immediately after the accident, the truck driver fled the spot," he said. "The bodies have been sent for the post-mortem examination. The injured people are undergoing treatment at a government hospital. They are out of danger," he added. Chief Minister Nitish Kumar expressed grief over the deaths, said a statement issued by his office.

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Obviously aware of these allegations, and I would have to refer you to the SEC (Securities and Exchange Commission) and DOJ (Department of Justice) about the specifics of those allegations against the Adani Group

KARINE JEAN-PIERRE | WHITE HOUSE PRESS SECRETARY

JOURNEY BACK TO SEA

The only emperor penguin known to have swum from Antarctica to Australia was released at sea 20 days after he waddled ashore on a popular tourist beach, officials said Friday. The adult male was found Nov 1 on Ocean Beach sand dunes in the town of Denmark in temperate southwest Australia — about 3,500 km north of the icy waters off the Antarctic coast, the Western Australia state government said



of the day quote

The idea that Elon Musk is not delighted with our steps to try and protect kids online is not an especially big surprise to us, nor does it trouble us greatly

JIM CHALMERS | AUSTRALIAN TREASURER



Indonesia is rich in geothermal resources, and we plan to phase out coal-fired and all fossil-fuelled power plants within the next 15 years

PRABOWO SUBIANTO | PRESIDENT, INDONESIA



We believe that if China and the US can maintain a stable, healthy, and sustainable development trend in economic and trade relations, it will be beneficial (to everyone)

WANG SHOUWEN | VICE COMMERCE MINISTER, CHINA



Activists participate in a demonstration for climate finance at the COP29 U.N. Climate Summit, Friday in Baku, Azerbaijan

Rana approaches US SC to dare India extradition

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

Washington, Nov 22: Having lost his legal battle in all the lower courts, Mumbai attack accused Tahawwur Rana, a Canadian national of Pakistani origin, has now knocked on the doors of the US Supreme Court against his extradition to India. India has sought Rana's extradition for his involvement in the 2008 Mumbai terror attack. Rana had last reached out to the US Court of Appeals for the North Circuit in San Francisco after losing the legal battle in lower courts and several federal courts. On September 23, the circuit court threw out his petition to give a stay on the decisions of the other courts that approved the move of the Department of State to extradite him to India. On November 13, Rana filed a

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“petition for a writ of certiorari” before the US Supreme Court. In a long battle, this is Rana's last legal chance not to be extradited to India. In his “petitions for a writ of certiorari” to review the judgment of the United States Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit” in this case, Rana makes the same argument that he was tried and acquitted in federal

court in the Northern District of Illinois (Chicago) on charges relating to the 2008 terrorist attack on Mumbai. “India now seeks to extradite him for trial on charges based on the identical conduct at issue in the Chicago case, it says. Rana faces charges for his role in the 26/11 Mumbai attack and is known to be associated with Pakistani-American Lashkar-e-Taiba (LeT) terrorist David Coleman Headley, one of the main conspirators of the terror incident that hit India's financial hub in 2008. A total of 166 people, including six Americans, were killed in the Mumbai terror attacks in which 10 Pakistani terrorists laid a more than 60-hour siege, attacking and killing people at iconic and vital locations in Mumbai.

HYPERSONIC BALLISTIC MISSILE LAUNCHED

Putin's warning to 'reckless' West

Moscow has said it regards Ukraine's firing of ATACMS and Storm Shadow missiles into Russia as proof of direct US and British involvement in the war

REUTERS

Moscow, Nov 22: The Kremlin said Friday that a strike on Ukraine using a newly developed hypersonic ballistic missile was a message to the West that Moscow will respond harshly to any “reckless” Western actions in support of Ukraine. Kremlin spokesman Dmitry Peskov was speaking a day after President Vladimir Putin said Moscow had fired the new missile - the Oreshnik or Hazel Tree - at a Ukrainian military facility in response to Kyiv striking Russia with US-made and British-made missiles this week for the first time after the US granted its approval. “The main message is that the reckless decisions and actions of Western countries that



produce missiles, supply them to Ukraine, and subsequently participate in strikes on Russian territory cannot remain without a reaction from the Russian side,” Peskov told reporters. “The Russian side has clearly demonstrated its capabilities, and the contours of further retaliatory actions in the event that our concerns are not taken into account have been quite clearly outlined,” he said. It says satellite targeting data and the actual programming of the missiles' flight paths must be done by NATO military personnel because Kyiv does not have the capabilities itself. Putin said Moscow had

struck a missile and defence enterprise in the Ukrainian city of Dnipro, where missile and space rocket company Pivdenmash, known as Yuzhmash by Russians, is based. Russia's Defence Ministry said Friday that all of the missile's warheads had hit their targets and hailed what it said was its first successful use of an intermediate-range hypersonic ballistic missile with conventional warheads in combat. Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskiy has said Russia's use of the new missile amounts to “a clear and severe escalation” and has called for strong

worldwide condemnation. Peskov said Russia had not been technically obliged to warn the United States about the strike because the missile used had been intermediate-range rather than intercontinental, but he said Moscow had informed the US 30 minutes before the launch anyway. He said Putin remained open to dialogue, but that the outgoing administration of US President Joe Biden

“prefers to continue down the path of escalation” and urged it to heed a warning Putin issued in September. Putin said at the time that the West would be directly fighting with Russia if it allowed Ukraine to strike Russian territory with Western-made long-range missiles, a move he said would alter the nature and scope of the conflict and force Moscow to take “appropriate decisions” based on the new threats.

We consider ourselves entitled to use our weapons against the military facilities of those countries that allow their weapons to be used against our facilities. If anyone else doubts this, then they are wrong - there will always be a response

VLADIMIR PUTIN | PRESIDENT, RUSSIA

Kim warns of N-war, blames US

Seoul: North Korean leader Kim Jong Un has accused the United States of ramping up tension and provocations, saying the Korean peninsula has never faced a greater risk of nuclear war, state media KCNA said Friday. The comments came amid international criticism over increasingly close military co-operation between Pyongyang and Moscow, and assertions that North Korea sent more than 10,000 troops to Russia to support its invasion of Ukraine. Previous negotiations with Washington have only highlighted its “aggressive and hostile” policy toward North Korea, Kim said in a speech at a military exhibition in Pyongyang, the capital, the KCNA news agency said. “Never before have the warring parties on the Korean peninsula faced such a dangerous and acute confrontation that it could escalate into the most destructive thermonuclear war,” he said Thursday. “We have already gone as far as we can on negotiating with the United States,” he said, adding that the talks had only shown its aggressive and hostile policy toward North Korea could never change.



SHORT TAKES

Xi visits Morocco

Beijing: Chinese President Xi Jinping made a short visit to Morocco Thursday, according to state media from both countries. Xi was welcomed in Casablanca by Crown Prince Moulay El Hassan and the visit reflected the strong bonds of friendship, cooperation, and solidarity between the Moroccan and Chinese peoples, Morocco's MAP said. The Crown Prince and Moroccan Prime Minister Aziz Akhannouch met Xi at the airport, where Xi and Hassan had a “cordial conversation”, China's state broadcaster CCTV said. Xi made the visit after being in Brazil for the G20 Summit. China has stepped up investments in Morocco's infrastructure and rail sector in recent years. Morocco's geographic location close to Europe, its free trade agreements with key EU and US markets and its existing automotive industry, make it attractive to Chinese electric vehicle battery makers.

Bolsonaro indicted

Sao Paulo: Brazil's federal police said Thursday they indicted former President Jair Bolsonaro and 36 other people on charges of attempting a coup to keep him in office after his electoral defeat in the 2022 elections. The findings were to be delivered Thursday to Brazil's Supreme Court to be referred to Prosecutor-General Paulo Gonet, who will either agree with the charges and put the former president on trial or toss the investigation. The former right-wing leader has denied all claims he tried to stay in office after his electoral defeat in 2022 to his rival, leftist President Luiz Inácio Lula da Silva. Bolsonaro has faced a series of legal threats since then.

PTI rally: Prohibitory order issued

Lahore: Pakistan's Punjab government Friday imposed Section 144 across the province, banning all public gatherings, protests, rallies, processions, and sit-ins for three days in anticipation of jailed former prime minister Imran Khan's Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI) party's protest rally in Islamabad November 24. According to the notification, all forms of protests, public gatherings, rallies and sit-ins have been prohibited from November 23 to November 25. The government said the decision to impose Section 144 was taken to ensure peace and protect lives and property. Some 22,000 policemen and rangers have arrived in Islamabad to prevent the PTI from holding the protest march.



Mob ransack two checkpoints

Peshawar: A mob ransacked and set fire to two police checkpoints Friday to protest the killing of nearly 50 people by militants in the restive province in northwest Pakistan. Heavily-armed militants Thursday ambushed dozens of vehicles carrying passengers in Kurram district of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa province, killing around 50 people, mostly Shias, in one of the worst attacks in the region in recent years. Rescue authorities said around 50 people, including eight women and five children, were killed and 20 others injured in the attack while police initially confirmed 45 deaths. The toll was raised to 47 Friday. No group claimed responsibility for the attack on passenger vans.



'ERA OF IMPUNITY'

Record aid worker deaths in 2024: UN



So far this year there have been 281 aid worker victims

REUTERS

Geneva, Nov 22: More aid workers have been killed this year than in any year since tallies began, the UN humanitarian office said Friday, with most of them killed in the Gaza conflict. So far this year there have been 281 aid worker victims, according to the Aid Worker Security database which has recorded incidents dating back to 1997, versus 280 in 2023 which held the previous record. It showed 178 had been killed in the occupied Palestinian territories including Gaza this year which has been the deadliest conflict for the United Nations. Twenty-five were killed in Sudan, it showed.

“These people are doing God's work, and they're being killed in response. What the hell?” said Jens Laerke, spokesperson for the UN Humanitarian Office (OCHA), at a Geneva press briefing. Most of the victims were local staff, while 13 of them were international aid workers, he added. Aid workers enjoy protection under international humanitarian law but experts cite few precedents for such cases going to trial, with concerns about ensuring future access for aid groups and difficulty proving intent as impediments. “This violence is unconscionable and devastating to aid operations,” said UN aid chief Tom Fletcher in a statement. “States and parties to conflict must protect humanitarians, uphold international law, prosecute those responsible, and call time on this era of impunity,” he said.

Fast-forming alien planet intrigues astronomers

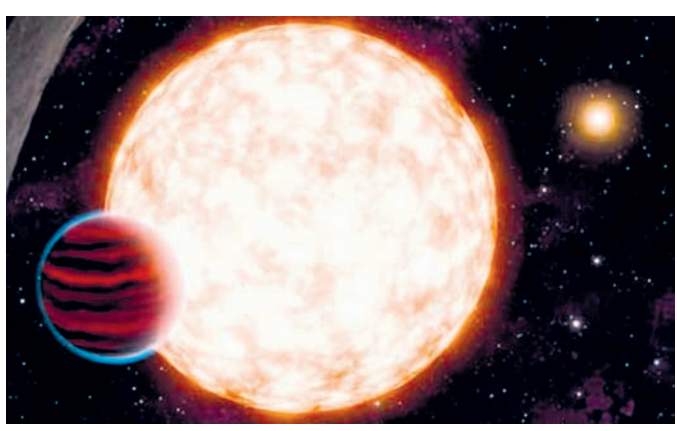
Planet is estimated at 10-20 times the mass of Earth. It is one of the youngest planets ever spotted

REUTERS

Washington, Nov 22: Astronomers have spotted orbiting around a young star a newborn planet that took only 3 million years to form - quite swift in cosmic terms - in a discovery that challenges the current understanding of the speed of planetary formation. This infant world, estimated at around 10 to 20 times the mass of Earth, is one of the youngest planets beyond our solar system - called exoplanets - ever discovered. It resides alongside the remnants of the disk of dense gas

and dust circling the host star - called a protoplanetary disk - that provided the ingredients for the planet to form. The star it orbits is expected to become a stellar type called an orange dwarf, less hot and less massive than our sun. The star's mass is about 70% that of the sun and it is about half as luminous. It is located in our Milky Way galaxy about 520 light-years from Earth. A light-year is the distance light travels in a year, 5.9 trillion miles (9.5 trillion km).

“This discovery confirms that planets can be in a cohesive form within 3 million years, which was previously unclear as Earth took 10 to 20 million years to form,” said Madyson Barber, a graduate student in the department of physics and astronomy at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill and lead author of the study published this week in the journal Nature. “We don't really know how long it takes for planets to form,” UNC astrophysicist and study co-author Andrew Mann added. “We know that giant planets must form faster than their disk dissipates because they need a lot of gas



from the disk. But disks take 5 to 10 million years to dissipate. So do planets form in 1 million years? 5? 10?” The planet, given the names IRAS 04125+2902 b and TI-DYE-1b, orbits its star every 8.8 days at a distance about one-fifth that separating our solar system's innermost planet

Mercury from the sun. Its mass is in between that of Earth, the largest of our solar system's rocky planets, and Neptune, the smallest of the gas planets. It is less dense than Earth and has a diameter about 11 times greater. The researchers suspect that the planet formed further away from its star and then migrated inward. “Forming large planets close to the star is difficult because the protoplanetary disk dissipates away from closest to the star the fastest, meaning there's not enough material to form a large planet that close that quickly,” Barber said. The researchers detected it using what is called the “transit” method, observing a dip in the host star's brightness when the planet passes in front of it, from the perspective of a viewer on Earth. It was found by NASA's Transiting Exoplanet Survey Satellite, or TESS, space telescope.

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X NOW TOP NEWS APP ON APP STORE

After a user 'DogeDesigner' put out a post about X being the top news app on Apple's AppStore in India, billionaire Elon Musk said the platform has indeed become number-one for news in India. Musk had bought X (formerly Twitter) in October 2022, for \$44 billion. "X is now the #1 news app on the AppStore in India," DogeDesigner said in a post Friday. Sharing the post, Musk said, "X is now #1 for news in India!"



Markets stage sharp recovery

Sensex reclaims 79k level, Nifty surges 557 points driven by value buying at lower levels

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

Mumbai, Nov 22: Benchmark equity indices rebounded sharply Friday, with the Sensex climbing 2.54 per cent to reclaim the 79,000 level, driven by across-the-board rally and value buying at lower levels.

Strong buying by domestic institutional investors and a firm trend in the US markets also bolstered market sentiment, traders said.

The BSE benchmark Sensex jumped 1,961.32 points or 2.54 per cent to settle at 79,117.11. During the day, it surged 2,062.4 points or 2.67 per cent to 79,218.19.

A total of 2,446 stocks advanced, while 1,475 declined and 120 remained unchanged on the BSE.

The NSE Nifty soared 557.35 points or 2.39 per cent to 23,907.25.

All the 30 Sensex firms ended in the green.

"The market witnessed a significant broad-based rally, from the oversold territory, predominantly led by large-cap stocks, as their valuations appeared appealing with expectations of improvement in corporate earnings in the second half of the fiscal year. Positive momentum was also observed in global markets due to a modest decline in Japan's October inflation and 39 trillion yen



BOUNCE BACK

- Investors' kitty swells by ₹7.32 lakh crore as markets skyrocket
- Six Adani stocks recover; Adani Green, Adani Energy, 2 others still under pressure
- On weekly front, BSE zoomed 1,536.8 points or 1.98%, and Nifty climbed 374.55 points or 1.59%

Buying emerged at lower levels in blue-chip stocks, causing several index heavy-weights, including Reliance to gain significantly, Siddhartha Khemka,

Stock exchanges have sought clarification on violation of disclosure norms by Adani Group entities regarding the alleged bribery case in the US and subsequent cancellation of Kenya's airport expansion deal

Head - Research, Wealth Management, Motilal Oswal Financial Services Ltd, said.

Hectic buying in blue chip counters like Reliance Industries, IT and tech shares also fuelled the rally in equities.

The majority of the listed Adani group firms ended high-

er, bouncing back from the previous day's sharp fall after billionaire industrialist Gautam Adani was charged in the US for alleged bribery and fraud.

Ambuja Cements surged 3.50 per cent, ACC jumped 3.17 per cent, Adani Enterprises climbed 2.16 per cent, Adani Ports (2.05 per cent), Adani Total Gas (1.18 per cent) and NDTV (0.65 per cent) on the BSE.

The BSE midcap gauge jumped 1.26 per cent, and smallcap index climbed 0.90 per cent.

Foreign Institutional Investors (FIIs) offloaded equities worth ₹5,320.68 crore Thursday, while Domestic Institutional Investors (DIIs) bought shares worth ₹4,200.16 crore, according to exchange data.

Zomato to join Sensex, replacing JSW Steel from Dec 23

Online food delivery giant Zomato will become a part of the benchmark BSE Sensex, replacing JSW Steel from December 23. This is part of the latest reconstitution announced by Asia Index Private Ltd, a subsidiary of BSE. The changes will take effect December 23, 2024, the Asia Index announced Friday. Zomato's inclusion in the 30-stock index marks a significant milestone for the company, which has seen an impressive rally over the past year. Also, the reconstitution extends beyond the Sensex, impacting other indices such as the BSE 100, BSE Sensex 50, and BSE Sensex Next 50. As a part of the reshuffle in the BSE Sensex 50, key additions to the index include Zomato, Jio Financial Services and Hindustan Aeronautics Ltd. On the other hand, HDFC Life Insurance Company, Bharat Petroleum Corporation Ltd and LTI Mindtree are set to exit the index.



SHORT TAKES

Central Bank enters insurance business

Mumbai: Central Bank of India Friday said it has got approval from the Reserve Bank to enter the insurance business through a joint venture with Generali group under FGILICL and FGILICL. In a filing to stock exchanges, the state-owned bank said the RBI accorded the approval vide a letter dated November 21, 2024. "We would like to inform that the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) vide its letter dated 21st November 2024 has approved the bank's entry in the insurance business through a joint venture with Generali group under FGILICL and FGILICL, subject to continuous compliance of conditions stipulated by it and approval of IRDAI, the sectoral regulator," the filing said.

Sony bags ACC media rights for 8 years

New Delhi: Sony Pictures Networks India Friday said it has bagged the exclusive media rights for all Asian Cricket Council tournaments from 2024 to 2031. This will make the company's cricket calendar even more robust over the next eight years adding to the existing rights for England, Sri Lanka and New Zealand, Sony Pictures Networks India (SPNI) MD & CEO, Gaurav Banerjee told PTL. In a statement, Asian Cricket Council (ACC) said the deal with SPNI "marks more than a 70 per cent increase from the previous media rights cycle, highlighting the growing global stature and appetite for ACC Asia Cup tournaments". According to industry estimates, the previous media rights cycle rights for 2016-2024 period was valued at \$62 million.

BMW to hike prices from New Year

New Delhi: Luxury carmaker BMW India Friday said it will increase prices of its entire model range by up to 3 per cent from January next year. The new prices will be effective from January 1, 2025 onwards, the German automaker said in a statement. Last week, Mercedes-Benz had announced to hike the prices of its vehicles in India by up to 3 per cent on its entire model range in the portfolio from January 1, 2025, citing a rise in input costs, inflationary pressures and higher operational expenses.

Robust services drive biz activity

Led by services firms, employment generation rose at the fastest pace since the survey began in Dec 2005

REUTERS

Bangalore, Nov 22: India's business activity rose at its fastest pace in three months in November, helped by an improving services industry and record job creation, but output inflation spiked to a near 12-year high, a survey showed.

The findings are likely to add to economic growth in the ongoing festive quarter which is expected to pick up thanks to a rebound in private consumption, despite Asia's third-largest economy reporting its highest retail inflation in 14 months.

HSBC's flash India Composite Purchasing Managers' Index compiled by S&P Global, rose to 59.5 this month from October's final reading of 59.1, taking the expansionary streak to 40 months.

The 50-level separates growth from contraction.

A PMI for the dominant-services sector rose to 59.2 from 58.5 last month, its highest since August. The manufac-



Services saw a pick-up in growth, while the manufacturing sector managed to outperform expectations despite a marginal slowdown from its October final PMI reading

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turing sector also continued to expand in November, although the pace slowed slightly and its index fell to 57.3 versus 57.5.

Overall domestic demand rose thanks to better sales in the services industry offsetting slower manufacturing orders growth, but overseas demand improved for both sectors with the latter's exports accelerating

3-MONTH HIGH

to a four-month high.

That boosted the business outlook for the coming year as overall optimism rose to the highest since May, prompting companies to ramp up hiring.

Led by services firms, employment generation rose at the fastest pace since the survey began in December 2005, a positive indicator of economic health and consumer spending power.

However, rising inflationary pressures cast a shadow on the positive sentiment, with input costs increasing at the fastest pace in 15 months, forcing businesses to pass the burden to clients and resulting in output inflation spiking at the steepest pace since February 2013.

BIZ BUZZ

BoI inaugurates asset recovery branch



Bhubaneswar: Bank of India (BoI), a premier Bank having business mix of 13.97 lakh crore and branch network of more than 5100 has opened its new asset recovery branch in Cuttack. On the occasion, Bank of India executive director Rajiv Mishra visited Odisha to inaugurate the branch. He was joined by Vikash Krishna (Field General Manager, Bhubaneswar), Bijoy Malik (Zonal Manager, Bhubaneswar Zone), branch head of newly opened asset recovery branch Kartik Chandra Behera, dignitaries and staff members. He interacted with new customers and took their valuable feedback. He also has a discussion with all the four zones of FGMO Bhubaneswar and shared his insights.

US POLLS PUSH

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New York, Nov 22: Bitcoin extended its streak of record highs after ticking above \$99,000 for the first time overnight. The cryptocurrency has rocketed more than 40 per cent in just two weeks.

Now, bitcoin is at the doorstep of \$100,000, just two years after dropping below \$17,000 following the collapse of crypto exchange FTX. The dramatic rally arrives as industry players expect the incoming Trump administration to bring a more "crypto-friendly" approach toward regulating the digital currency.

Bitcoin was trading at \$98,882 early Friday, according to Coinbase.

As with everything in the volatile crypto markets, the future is impossible to know. And while some are bullish, other experts continue to warn

Vedanta demerger moves ahead

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

New Delhi, Nov 22: Mining major Vedanta Ltd Friday said the Mumbai bench of the NCLT has asked the company to call for a meeting of its secured and unsecured creditors and shareholders in the next 90 days to discuss the proposed demerger.

The proposed demerger will create independent companies housing aluminium, oil and gas, power, steel and ferrous materials, and base metals businesses. The existing zinc and new incubated businesses will remain under Vedanta Ltd.

"A meeting of the equity shareholders... be convened and held within 90 days from the date of receipt of the order," said a two-member bench of the National Company Law Tribunal (NCLT) comprising Technical Member Madhu Sinha and Judicial Member Reeta Kohli in its order dated November 21.

Vedanta Chairman Anil Agarwal had earlier said the proposed demerger of the company's diverse verticals that represent more than 15 commodities will see it progress from being asset managers to asset owners.

As the company passes through the transition phase, Vedanta is focusing on consolidating and strengthening its asset base to emerge as a world leader in each of its verticals, the chairman had said.

Wedding season push: Gold continues to rise

Yellow metal zooms ₹1,100 to ₹80,400 per 10 gram; silver climbs ₹300

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New Delhi, Nov 22: Gold prices surged ₹1,100 to hit a two-week high of ₹80,400 per 10 grams in the national capital Friday due to persistent buying by jewellers and retailers during the ongoing wedding season, according to the All India Sarafa Association.

On Thursday, the precious metal of 99.9 per cent purity finished at ₹79,300 per 10 grams.

Silver also climbed ₹300 to ₹93,300 per kg. It had closed at ₹93,000 per kg in the previous session.

Price of gold of 99.5 per cent purity soared ₹1,100, extending the gains for the second consecutive day to ₹80,000 per 10 grams. The yellow metal had finished at ₹78,900 per 10 grams Thursday.

Meanwhile, in futures trade on the Multi Commodity Exchange (MCX), gold contracts for December delivery climbed ₹906, or 1.18 per cent, to trade at ₹77,599 per 10 grams.



"Rising global unease pushed gold higher on Comex, and at ₹900 on MCX, reaching ₹77,600. This sharp recovery highlights gold's resilience and its role in balancing portfolios during uncertain times. With gold regaining lost ground, a bullish sentiment remains intact," Jateen Trivedi, VY Research Analyst and Currency LKP Securities, said.

Silver contracts for December delivery jumped ₹966, or 1.11 per cent, to ₹90,921 per kg. During the day, the metal bounced ₹1,288, or 1.43 per cent, to ₹91,213 per kg on the MCX.

Globally, Comex gold futures rose \$36 per ounce, or 1.33 per cent, to \$2,735.30 per ounce.

Bitcoin just shy of \$100K



of investment risks.

Bitcoin is the largest and oldest cryptocurrency, although other assets like ethereum, tether and dogecoin have also gained popularity over the years. Some investors see cryptocurrency as a "digital alternative" to traditional money — but it can be very volatile, with its price reliant on larger market conditions.

Why is bitcoin soaring?

A lot of the recent action has to do with the outcome of the US presidential election.

Crypto industry players have welcomed Trump's victory, in hopes that he would be able to push through legislative and regulatory changes that they've long lobbied for — which, generally speaking, aim for an

increased sense of legitimacy without too much red tape.

Trump, who was once a crypto sceptic, recently pledged to make the US "the crypto capital of the planet" and create a "strategic reserve" of bitcoin. His campaign accepted donations in cryptocurrency and he courted fans at a bitcoin conference in July. He also launched World Liberty Financial, a new venture with family members to trade cryptocurrencies.

How of this will actually pan out — and whether or not Trump will successfully act quickly on these promises — has yet to be seen.

"This is not necessarily a short-term story, it's likely a much longer-term story," Citi macro strategist David Glass told The Associated Press last week. "And there is the question of how quickly can US crypto policy make a serious impact on (wider adoption)."

'Boom Boom' show revives India

Bowlers led by stand-in skipper Jasprit Bumrah bring India back in the game



VITAL STRIKE: Jasprit Bumrah is over the moon after dismissing Steve Smith at the Perth Test, Friday

AGENCIES

Perth, Nov 22: This is why Test cricket rules the roost among all the formats. Who would have thought Australia would be 67 for seven down at stumps on the opening day of the first Border-Gavaskar Trophy Test after bowling out India for 150. There are still plenty of thrills and turnarounds on the cards in the remaining four days, something that is never available in a T20 or a 50 overs game. One thing is however, clear. This is a series for the side who have better bowlers. And day one of the game has demonstrated that India have the firepower in bowling to match that of Australia. And when

you have someone like the Jasprit 'Boom Boom' it is different ball game altogether. That the Indian batsman continue to flounder is a different story altogether though. Time has also come for Virat Kohli to retrospect... to think where it is all going wrong. Team India cannot perform if the best batter in the side continues to remain off colour. Kohli will have to work out what is going wrong. It is clear that all his hard work and the backing of his teammates is not the solution. Something is wrong in the middle there and he will have to find the answer. All said and done skipper Bumrah (4/17) made amends for his debatable toss call to

bat first with a mesmerising opening spell that left Australia scurrying for cover and helped India make an emphatic comeback after a flop show with the willow. The match, which was billed as a battle between two out of form batting units, lived up to the prediction at least on the first day. A total of 17 wickets fell, which is the first time in seven decades for a Test match on Australian soil. The stand-in India skipper, much to everyone's surprise, opted to bat on a track with a liberal grass cover which generated appreciable seam movement and midriff high bounce. But neither the youngsters nor the seasoned ones in the Indian

line-up were up to the task. It was debutant Nitish Reddy's gutsy 41 (59b, 6x4, 1x6) and Rishabh Pant's 37, including an unbelievable six, that got India to 150 in 49.4 overs with Josh Hazlewood (4/29), Mitchell Starc (2/14), Pat Cummins (2/67) and Mitchell Marsh (2/12) sharing the spoils. On the driver's seat when they came out to reply, Australia had no answer to Bumrah's quality that was on display. Defending a low first innings total cannot be a one-man show and debutant Harshit Rana (1/33) stepped up to support their skipper. The lengths they hit were immaculate, around five me-

STATS FACTS

- 26** - KL Rahul becomes the 26th batter for India to complete 3,000 runs in Test cricket
- 5** - Number of times India have been bowled out for less than 160 in 2024
- 661** - Runs scored by Rishabh Pant on Australian soil, the most by a visiting wicket-keeper
- 505** - Wickets taken by Starc, Hazlewood, Cummins and Nathan Lyon, the most by any bowling quartet

CHINA MASTERS

Satwik-Chirag enters semis, Lakshya loses



PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

Shenzhen (China), Nov 22: Indian men's doubles pair of Satwiksairaj Rankireddy and Chirag Shetty produced a solid show to outfit second seeds Kim Astrup and Anders Skaarup Rasmussen of Denmark to progress to the semifinals of the China Masters Super 750 badminton tournament here Friday. Playing their first tournament since the Paris Olympics, Satwik and Chirag, who had reached the final in the last edition, registered a 21-16 21-19 win over the World No 2 pair in 47 minutes. The Asian Games gold medalists will face either eighth seeds Japanese Takuro Hoki and Yugo Kobayashi or Korea's Jin Yong and Seo Seung Jae in the last four clash. In men's singles, Lakshya Sen suffered a 18-21 15-21 loss in 53 minutes against third seed Anders Antonsen of Denmark in the quarterfinals to bow out of the competition. In the opening game, Satwik and Chirag looked in good touch as they were up 11-8 at the break, which they extended to 16-10 with a flurry of fast-

paced angled returns which dominated the rallies. Satwik and Chirag kept a firm grip on the rallies to maintain the lead, grabbing six game points. A massive smash from Rasmussen and a net error from Chirag delayed the inevitable before the former sprayed one wide to hand the opening game to the Indians. The second game was more competitive as the Danes dominated the flat exchanges to move to 7-5 after the initial duel. Satwik was called for a service fault at 8-8 but the Indians managed to grab a 11-10 lead at the interval. Following a tight battle, Satwik-Chirag moved to 16-15 before the rivals inched to 17-16. However, Astrup smashed into the net again to give a 19-18 lead to the Indians. A well-placed push from Chirag at the backline put them one point away and Satwik closed it with a smash. "The last two matches, we got back our rhythm. Against Chinese Taipei (last match), it was dicey; we didn't get our rhythm, but slowly and steadily, we got our rhythm back.

SHORT TAKES

Mbappe to get 55mn Euro from former club

New Delhi: Kylian Mbappe has won a legal battle with his former club, Paris Saint Germain (PSG) over 55 million Euros in unpaid wages after the France Football Federation (FFF) rejected the club's claim and ruled in his favour. Lawyers representing the two parties met on September 11 when Mbappe had rejected the French Football League's (LFP) offer to act as a mediator between the France captain and Paris Saint-Germain in their dispute over unpaid wages and bonuses for the striker. According to a report by French outlet L'equipe, the French Football Federation has denied PSG's contention and said they will have to pay Mbappe the full amount.

Colts to defend title

Bangalore: Fresh from winning the bronze medal in the Sultan of Johor Cup, PR Sreejesh-coached Indian colts Friday departed for Muscat to defend the Junior Asia Cup title. India, who defeated arch-rivals Pakistan 2-1 to lift the title last year for a record fourth time, will open their campaign against Thailand November 27 in their Pool A fixture. They will next face Japan November 28 and Chinese Taipei November 30. Their last group stage match is against Korea December 1. India need a top-two finish to secure a semifinal berth. Pakistan, Malaysia, Bangladesh, Oman, and China constitute Pool B.

CA to honour Hughes

Perth: Cricket Australia has planned a series of initiatives to mark the 10th anniversary of the tragic death of Phillip Hughes including a tribute before the start of the second Test between India and Australia at the Adelaide Oval scheduled from December 6-10. CA will also honour the late Australian cricketer during the upcoming three Sheffield Shield games, as players will wear black armbands and flags will fly at half-mast. A promising left-hander who played 26 Tests, Hughes lost his life just days before his 26th birthday in 2014 after being struck by a bouncer during a domestic match.

Double crown for Aahaan

POST NEWS NETWORK

Bhubaneswar, Nov 22: Aahaan Mishra of Odisha bagged a double crown in the Major Sandeep Mohapatra Memorial KDTA AITA Championship Series tennis tournament which concluded Friday at the Kalinga Stadium tennis complex here. The tournament was organised by the Khurda District Tennis Association (KDTA) with the support of Odisha Tennis Association (OTA).

In the boys' under-16 final Aahaan defeated Nallagundla Parthiv of Telangana 6-2, 6-1. It was a one-sided match with Aahaan completely dominating the show. After a brief rest, Aahaan took the court once again in the under-18 final and won it with ease defeating Md Aariz Khan of Chhattisgarh



Aahaan Mishra poses with his trophies 6-0, 6-2. Aahaan did not have to break much sweat for his

victory in the under-18 final too. In the under-18 doubles final Aditya Bikram Acharya of Odisha Suresh Kumar (Karnataka) Karnataka defeated Aahaan and Sutavya Karmakar (Odisha) 6-4, 6-2. The girls' under-16 title was won by Odisha's Sanrachana Das. She defeated Jemima Rebecca John of Tamil Nadu 7-5, 6-7 (4-7), 6-1 in a hard-fought match. A total of 55 participants from West Bengal, Meghalaya, Chhattisgarh, Karnataka, Telangana, Tamil Nadu, Maharashtra, Gujarat, Uttar Pradesh and Odisha took part in the tournament. Among the distinguished luminaries who distributed the prizes were Madhu Sudan Padhi, IAS (Retd) and also the president, of KDTA.

Kashika, first Odisha golfer to clinch IGU title

POST NEWS NETWORK

Bhubaneswar, Nov 22: Kashika Misra, a 17-year-old golf prodigy from Odisha, has made history by becoming the first Odia girl to win an Indian Golf Union (IGU) championship. Competing in the IGU Northern India Ladies and Junior Girls Championships at JP Greens in New Delhi, Misra triumphed in both the junior (15-18 years) and senior amateur categories, securing a remarkable 11-under-par score. She surged from fifth place after day 1 to clinch the title, finishing four strokes ahead of runner-up Mannat Brar. "This victory is a dream comes true," said Misra. "I'm grateful to my coaches, Bhubaneswar Golf Club and the people of Odisha for their un-



wavering support. It has all been possible due to the blessings of Lord Jagannath and my parents," Kashika stated. With this victory, Kashika has broken into India's top 10 amateur golfers and is poised to challenge for a spot in the top 5. The win also earned her 50 valuable points, further solidifying her place among the country's best.

IPL 2025 from March 14 to May 25

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

New Delhi, Nov 22: Next year's Indian Premier League will be held from March 14 to May 25, the BCCI has told the IPL franchises while also setting aside similar widows for the event's 2026 and 2027 editions in an uncharacteristically elaborate plan. The BCCI has also decided to include injury-prone England pacer Jofra Archer, Indian-born American pacer Saurabh Netravalkar and uncapped Mumbai-wicketkeeper-batter Hardik Tamore in the two-day mega players' auction to be held in Jeddah from Sunday. The 2026 edition of the tournament will start March 15 and the grand finale has been scheduled for May 31. The 2027 edition will once again start March 14 with the final May 30. All three finals will be held Sundays.

KIIT, Sambalpur qualify



Members of the KIIT hockey team

POST NEWS NETWORK

Bhubaneswar, Nov 22: The hockey teams of KIIT and Sambalpur University have qualified for the All India Inter-University Inter Zone Hockey (Men) championships which will be played at Gurukul Kangri Vishwavidyalaya, Haridwar December 12 to 18. By reaching the semifinals of the East Zone Inter-University hockey tournament, KIIT and Sambalpur qualified for the all India meet. This is the first time that two universities from Odisha will be participating in the all India tournament. The East Zone matches are being played at the Rourkela Sports Hostel ground. It should also be stated here

that in the women's segment also, KIIT and Sambalpur University have qualified for the All India Inter-University Championships. This achievement is a testament to the immense talent, dedication and hard work of players, coaches, and support staff from both universities. It also underscores Odisha's growing prominence as a hub for hockey excellence in India. It was double bonanza for KIIT as its volleyball team also qualified for the all India competition by winning its quarterfinal match in the East Zone Inter University Volleyball Championships. The tournament is being played at the Maharaja Sriram Chandra Bhanja Deo University.

'Never give up' attitude helps Thoiba

POST NEWS NETWORK

Bhubaneswar, Nov 22: Thoiba Singh Moirangthem, born December 12, 2002, in Manipur, is a promising young talent in Indian football who currently plays as a defender for Odisha FC. Known for his versatility and defensive awareness, he first gained national recognition in 2019 when he became the youngest Indian to score in an AFC Cup match while playing for Minerva Punjab. With his dedication and achievements, Thoiba is set to play a significant role in shaping the future of Indian football. He shares his experience on what has been a great journey so far. ■ Can you share your immediate reaction when you got the selection call for the national camp? ■ I remember it was right after the Mohun Bagan match a when I got a call from the Odisha FC management. They asked if I was going home and I said I planned to leave the next morning.

That's when they told me, 'don't go home you're going to the national camp. For a moment, I was silent and in shock. I couldn't just believe it. It was an overwhelming moment. ■ How has it been working with Indian head coach Manolo Marquez? ■ It was a ■ How does it feel to achieve a childhood dream of being part of the Indian team? ■ Playing for the national team has been my dream since childhood. Now that it's finally come true, I feel like it's just the beginning. I'm ready to work hard and give my best. ■ What was it like training alongside experienced players like Rahul Bheke and Sandesh Jhingjan? ■ Training alongside experienced players like Rahul bhai and Sandesh bhai was an incredible experience. Everyone knows what they've achieved in Indian football, and I felt lucky to train with them and learning from them.



good experience during the short period of the training camp. He is an excellent coach who demands more from the players, pushing them to give their best, perform well, develop their skills, and prove themselves. ■ Who inspired you when you started playing football? ■ I've always looked up to Cristiano Ronaldo. His dedication and determination inspire me. My father, who was also an athlete, and my family have been my biggest supporters. Without their love and encouragement, I wouldn't be here today. ■ What message do you have for young footballers aspiring to achieve their dreams? ■ Never give up, no matter the obstacles. Stay disciplined, work hard, and believe in yourself. Success doesn't come overnight, it's the result of constant effort and learning.