

Kangana's aspiration

Actor-filmmaker turned Member of Parliament Kangana Ranaut says she aspires to bring together the three Khans in one film

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Among the best

AIIMS Bhubaneswar secures 15th position in the 2024 National **Institutional Ranking Framework** rankings, officials inform



Trade deficit widens

After remaining in the positive zone for three months, India's exports contract 1.2 per cent to \$33.98 billion in July, while the trade deficit widen to \$23.5 billion

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Hockey India decides to retire the jersey number of goalkeeping stalwart PR Sreejesh at senior level

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No medal for Vinesh

as CAS junks appeal Paris: Wrestler Vinesh Phogat's appeal against her disqualification from Olympic Games final has been rejected by the ad-hoc division of the Court of Arbitration for Sport (CAS), the Indian Olympic Association said Wednesday Vinesh was disqualified for being 100gm overweight at the time of the weigh-in on the morning of the women's 50kg freestyle final last week. In a statement, IOA President PT Usha expressed "shock and disappointment at the decision of the Sole Arbitrator at the CAS".

NOTICE

There will be no edition of the paper August 16 (Friday) as the offices and press of Orissa POST will remain closed on Independence Day.

Wishing readers HAPPY INDEPENDENCE DAY -EDITOR

IRREGULAR by MANJUL



Given the serious charges we face, we must celebrate anything that



shows us as patriots

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Sreejesh honoured

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cance of the Tricolour, noting that

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struggle, and sacrifice. It embodies

national unity, tolerance, and friend-

ship. Every citizen takes pride in

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Boost to coffers of mining states

SC ALLOWS STATES TO COLLECT PAST DUES ON MINING FROM APRIL 2005

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

New Delhi, August 14: In a major victory for mineral-rich states, the Supreme Court Wednesday allowed them to seek dues from April 1, 2005 on royalty and tax on mineral rights and mineral-bearing land from the Centre in a staggered period

A nine-judge Constitution bench headed by Chief Justice DY Chandrachud said the argument for prospective effect of July 25 is rejected.

Pronouncing the verdict on behalf of the bench, CJI Chandrachud said by an 8:1 majority, this court had July 25 answered the questions referred to it and held that legislative power to tax mineral rights vests with states.

He said after the pronouncement of the July 25 verdict, the assessees sought prospective effect of the decision and the matter was listed July 31 to decide the effect of verdict.



- The July 25 verdict had overruled a 1989 judgement and subsequent decisions of the apex court, which held that only the Centre has power to impose royalty on minerals and mineral bearing land
- During the hearing July 31, the Centre and mining companies had opposed the demand of states for refund of rovalty collected since 1989

states for refund of royalty levied on mines and minerals since 1989, saying it will impact the citizens and the PSUs will have to empty their coffers by ₹70,000 crore according to initial estimates.

The submission that the Mineral Area Development

Authority Act (MADA July 25 verdict) be given prospective effect is rejected, the bench said and laid down conditionalities for payment of dues by the Centre and mining companies, including Public Sector Undertakings, to the states.

While the states may levy or renew demands of tax, if any pertaining to Entries 49 and 50 of List II of seventh schedule of the Constitution, in terms of law laid down in the decision of MADA (July 25 verdict). The demand of tax shall not operate on transactions made prior to April 1, 2005, the bench said.

Entry 49 of List II deals with taxes on lands and buildings while Entry 50 deals with taxes on mineral rights subject to any limitations imposed by Parliament by law relating to mineral development.

The bench also said, "The time for payment of demand of tax (by states) shall be staggered in instalments over a period of 12 years commencing from April 1, 2026.'

Army captain, terrorist killed in Doda encounter

CM Majhi joins 'Ghar Ghar Tiranga' campaign

for the country. Majhi, accompanied

by Deputy Chief Minister Pravati

Parida, Chief Secretary Manoj

Ahuja, and other leaders, joined a

padayatra from the Lingaraj shrine

to Rameswar temple in

Majhi highlighted the signifi-

Bhubaneswar on the occasion.

FOUR BLOOD-SOAKED RUCKSACKS, AMERICAN M-4 CARBINES FOUND: OPS UNDERWAY

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Bhubaneswar, August 14: Chief

Minister Mohan Charan Majhi

Wednesday participated in the

'Ghar Ghar Tiranga' campaign,

emphasising that the Tricolour

unites all citizens with a shared love

Jammu, August 14: An Army captain and a terrorist were killed in an ongoing operation in the higher reaches of Jammu region's Doda district Wednesday, officials said. A civilian was also injured in the encounter that broke out on the eve of Independence Day and is the latest in a series of incidents in the Jammu region that has witnessed a spike in violence of late.

This is the fourth encounter in recent days in the Udhampur-Doda-Kishtwar region of Jammu and Kashmir.

Bullets rang out Wednesday morning in a thickly-forested area during a cordon-and-search operation (CASO) launched by a joint team of security personnel to track down a group of foreign terrorists hiding in the Shivgarh-Assar belt, the officials said.

Captain Deepak Singh was critically injured during the operations and shifted to a military hospital where he succumbed to his injuries, they added. "One terrorist has been neutralised in the on-

going operation. One AK 47 has been recovered. Intermittent exchange of firing continues as the operations are ongoing," the Army said in a post on X.

Police also confirmed the killing of terrorist. Four blood-soaked rucksacks were seized from the site of the encounter, leading officials to initially believe that a total of four terrorists were killed. M-4 carbines were also found, the officials said. However, the death of only one terrorist has been confirmed.

Additional Director General of Police (ADGP) Anand Jain reached the Assar area along with top officers to supervise the operation.

Ahead of his visit to Doda, the ADGP told reporters in Jammu around 2pm that the operation was still underway. 'The operation is going on. Efforts are on," he said.

The Army expressed its deepest condolence on the officer's death and said the force stands with the bereaved familv. All ranks of the White Knight Corps salute the supreme sacrifice of braveheart Captain Deepak Singh, it said.

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In a first, tricolour to flutter in 13 villages of Naxal-hit Bastar

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Raipur, August 14: Thirteen remote villages located in the Naxalite-hit Bastar region of Chhattisgarh will witness hoisting of the national flag for the first time on the Independence Day Thursday, police said.

Setting up new camps of security forces in these villages in the last seven months has been paving the way for development of the respective areas, they said.

Tricolour will be hoisted in Nerlighat (Dantewada

district), Panidobir (Kanker), Gundam, Putkel and Chhutvahi (Bijapur), Kasturmeta, Maspur, Irakbhatti and Mohndi (Narayanpur), Tekalgudem, Puvarti, Lakhapal and Pulanpad (Sukma) villages Thursday where such event



were established after the Republic Day last year. The camps would act as a ray of hope for the young and old in building a peaceful and prosperous Bastar

SUNDARRAJ P | IGP, BASTAR RANGE was not held ever in the past, Inspector General of Police

of Bastar Range Sundarraj P told PTI. Security camps at these

places were established after

All these newly-established camps have provided a new and vibrant identity to the region and its native population. The camps would act as a ray of hope for the young and old in building a peaceful and prosperous Bastar, he added.

the Republic Day last year.

The camps have been facilitating in taking the government welfare schemes to people, mainly tribals and also paved the way for the development of areas, he added.

Bastar division, comprising seven districts, has been struggling with the menace of Left Wing Extremism since over the past three decades

Security has been stepped up in the state, particularly in Maoist-affected areas, in view of the Independence Day celebration Thursday, police said.

Nomination for RS polls begins

Bhubaneswar: The state Assembly Wednesday issued a notification for election to one Raiva Sabha seat, marking the beginning of the nomination filing process. The seat fell vacant after Rajya Sabha MP Mamata Mohanta resigned from the seat and also guit the BJD July 31, two years before completion of her tenure. She was elected to the Upper House April 3, 2020.

DGP told to probe **Black Rose sinking**

Bhubaneswar: State Home department Wednesday wrote a letter to the Director General of Police directing him to probe the mysterious sinking of Mongolian vessel MV Black Rose near the Paradip Port as per the provision in law. This comes close on the heels of demand of CBI inquiry by an RTI activist during a grievance

hearing of CM.

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DOCTORS' STIR HITS I-Day: Medals for 20 from Odisha **SERVICES AT AIIMS**

Bhubaneswar, August 14: Healthcare services were affected at AIIMS-Bhubaneswar Wednesday as doctors of the premier medical institution remained off duty and staged protests over the alleged rape and murder of a woman postgraduate trainee at a medical college and hospital in Kolkata.

Tying white ribbons on their foreheads, holding banners and posters, the doctors staged demonstrations on the premises of the institute since morning.

MBBS students, resident doctors and interns, too, joined the protest. Prabhas Tripathy, additional superintendent, AIIMS-Bhubaneswar, said the cease work began this morning.

"However, other faculty members of our institution - professors, additional professors and assistant professors - are making all efforts so that emergency, OPD and IPD services are not affected," he said.

Deepak Ghuge, a resident doctor, said, "We are staging protests against the heinous crime that happened in Kolkata. We are the saviours, yet we are not safe. How can we provide hassle-free services to mankind?" The agitators are also demanding a Central law for protection of doctors, with provision for strict punishment, he said.

KOLKATA RAPE-MURDER



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"We also seek adequate compensation for the family of the deceased," Ghuge said.

Besides, police action against agitating doctors should be stopped, he added.



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DEEPAK GHUGE I RESIDENT DOCTOR

The body of the postgraduate trainee doctor, who was allegedly raped and murdered inside a seminar hall of the RG Kar Medical College and Hospital in Kolkata, was found Friday morning.

POST NEWS NETWORK

Bhubaneswar, August 14: The Union government Wednesday announced service medals for 1,037 personnel of various central and state forces, including 20 from Odisha, on the eve of Independence Day.

According to a statement of the Ministry of Home Affairs, Odisha Police's Additional Director General of Police Suresh Dev Datta Singh and Deputy Superintendent of Police

Sachidananda Rath will receive the President's Medal for Distinguished Service (PSM). Company Commander

Prakash Chandra Sahoo and Civil Defence Volunteer Simanchala Kundu will also receive announced twice a the prestigious PSM. Similarly, Medal for

Meritorious Service (MSM) will be given to Odisha Police's Deputy Commandant Kaushika Kumar Naik, DSP Sanat Kumar

Nathsharma, DSP Kavita Sahu, Constable Pramoda Kumar Mohanta, Sub-Inspector Pradyumna Kumar Nanda and ASI Babula Samal.

Constable Sanjukta Patanaik, Inspector Haribandhu Bhatra, and Havildars Tophan Behera, Prana Krishna Lenka and Suresh Chandra Rout of Odisha Police will also receive the

Similarly, Leading Firemen

Niranjan Jena and Sukanta Kumar Behera have also been selected for the MSM.

Defence, Platoon Commander Sulochana Sahoo and Civil Defence Volunteer Jhagu Barua

Moreover, under Correctional Service, Jailor Ratikanta Sukla will also receive the prestigious

twice a year, the other being on

RBT relocation likely by Sept

POST NEWS NETWORK

Bhubaneswar, August 14: To bolster big cat population in the state, Forest officials have begun the process of relocating five Royal Bengal Tigers (RBTs) from Maharashtra and Madhya Pradesh, with the transfer scheduled to be completed in September, official sources said, Wednesday.

"On our request, Maharashtra and MP have given their consent for relocation of their tigers to Odisha. They have also identified the tigers from core areas of their forests," PCCF (Wildlife) Susanta Nanda said.

He also said that Nandankanan Zoological Park (NZP) is all set to welcome two giraffes from Kolkata's Alipore Zoological Garden by the end of this month. NZP Wednesday got two marmosets from Hyderabad. Meanwhile, the male lion 'Krish', born at NZP in 2004, died Wednesday.

BJD threatens to boycott two-day orientation programme for MLAs

PNN & AGENCIES

Bhubaneswar, August 14: Opposition Biju Janata Dal (BJD) Wednesday said it would not participate in the two-day orientation programme organised by the Odisha Legislative Assembly for the newly-elected MLAs here if the schedule fixed

for the event is not rectified. The orientation programme has been fixed

August 17 and 18. 87 F RS As per the schedule, Union Education Minister Dharmendra Pradhan will inaugurate the function while Union Health Minister JP Nadda will address the valedictory session.

Both leaders are not members of the House, said BJD deputy chief whip in Assembly Pratap Keshari Deb here Wednesday.

Usually, either the Chief Minister, who is the Leader of the House, or the Speaker becomes the chief guest of the inaugural and valedictory sessions.

This time, a serious exception in the tradition of the House has been made. Deb said.

"It seems like a BJP programme. It is not proper that outsiders (non-members of the House) will address the Assembly pro-

gramme when the Chief Minister and the Speaker are there," the $\ensuremath{\mathrm{BJD}}$ leader said. The dignity of the Speaker and CM should not be compromised, he said.

He appealed to the Speaker to refrain from such a move.

Otherwise, the BJD, which has 51 MLA in the 147-member House, will not attend this programme, he said. Notably, 82 of the 147 MLAs are first-timers.

Under Home Guard and Civil

will get the MSM.

These medals are announced the occasion of Republic Day.

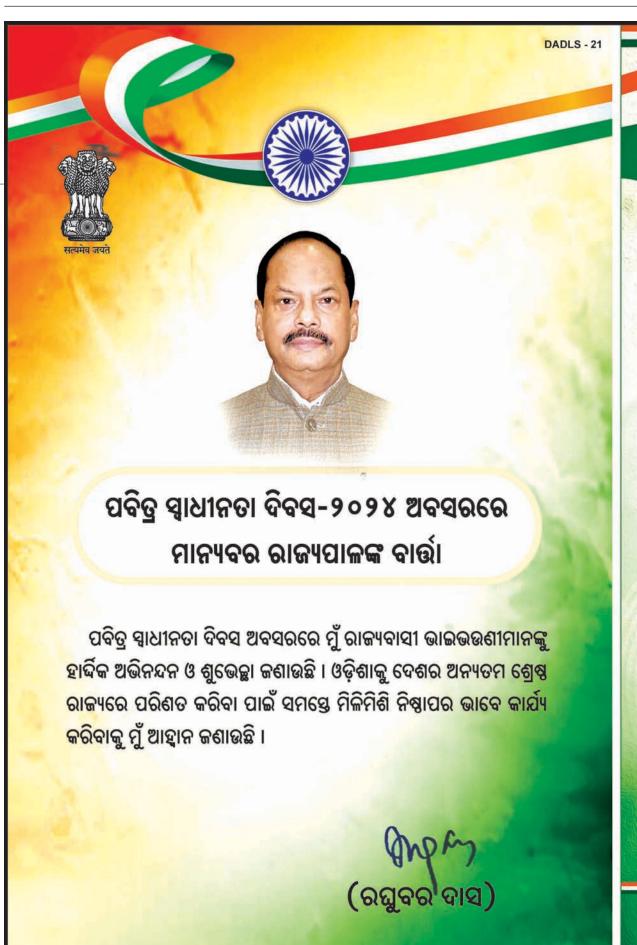
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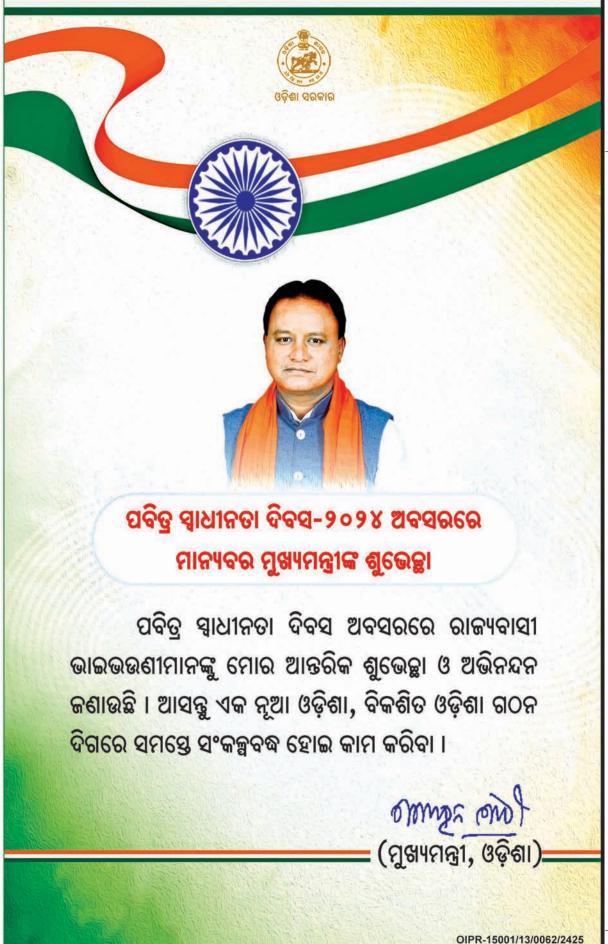
AICC forms steering committee for state

Bhubaneswar: All India Congress Committee (AICC) Wednesday formed a 14-member steering committee for Odisha. With AICC incharge for Odisha Ajoy Kumar as chairman, the committee will have former Union minister Srikant Jena, CLP leader Rama Chandra Kadam, former OPCC chief Jaydev Jena, Koraput MP Saptagiri Ulaka, senior leader Ashok Das, former Union minister Bhakta Das, former MP Anant Sethi, former MLA Mohammed Moquim, former MLA Debasis Patnaik, senior leader Biswaranjan Mohanty, former Minister Balabhadra Maii and senior leaders Sashmita Behra and Mohd. Shahnawaz Choudhury as its members

7 cops suspended

Koraput: Seven Odisha Police personnel were suspended Wednesday for aiding ganja smugglers during an operation in Machkund. A security team intercepted a four-wheeler laden with ganja in the Machkund area a few days ago. It was discovered that the officials, in collusion with the smugglers, accepted bribes and allowed the smugglers to escape.







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son Shukunath Bhogta, 8, in the

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tained critical injuries after the

mud wall came crashing on them.

her four children inside with

her husband away at Bangalore

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which had made life miserable

for all, including the forest offi-

cials for the last couple of months

approached her house and pulled

down the wall in search of food.

Sukanti was sleeping with

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ALLEGED ASSAULT ON MIGRANT LABOURERS

Over 300 detained in WB reach home



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Bhubaneswar/Balasore,

August 14: Over 300 individuals from Odisha, allegedly detained by locals in West Bengal's Paschim Medinipur, returned home safely Wednesday after intervention. officials said.

The incident is suspected to be fallout of the alleged assault on migrant labourers from West Bengal in Odisha, who were mistakenly identified as Bangladeshi nationals.

The people, from Balasore and Mayurbhanj districts, had traveled to Kharika village in Keshpur for treatment by a local healer. On their way back, they were allegedly attacked by a mob, which also damaged their vehicles, they claimed.

"All the people were rescued due to police intervention and safely reached Odisha," said Additional Director General of Police (Law and Order) Sanjay Kumar.

He confirmed that the buses carrying the group dropped them off at Laxmannath Gate on the Odisha-Bengal Tuesday evening.

The situation came to light after some affected people contacted Balasore MP Pratap Sarangi, who then informed Chief Minister Mohan Charan Majhi. Senior police officials from both states quickly coordinated efforts to rescue the detained people.

Inspector-in-Charge of Remuna police station, Sanju Hasina Kulu, said 27 people from Remuna block were among those detained and have safely reached Laxmannath Gate.

The incident follows a similar event August 10, where youths detained 34 people at a construction site in Sambalpur district, suspecting them of being Bangladeshi nationals amid the ongoing crisis in the neighbouring country.

These tensions have also led to migrant workers returning to Bengal after facing attacks in Jagatsinghpur district.

GRACEFUL MOVES: Artistes perform on the annual day celebration of Pradakshina School of Odissi Dance at Rabindra Mandap in Bhubaneswar, Wednesday City AIIMS ranked 15th best Woman, son killed as tusker razes house



Bhubaneswar, August 14: AIIMS Bhubaneswar has secured 15th position in the 2024 National Institutional Ranking Framework (NIRF) rankings, officials said Wednesday.

This marks a significant improvement from its 26th position in 2022 and 17th position last year, highlighting the institute's rapid progress.

The NIRF rankings, released by Union Education Minister

Dharmendra Pradhan, have recognised AIIMS Bhubaneswar as the top medical college in Odisha.

Under the leadership of executive director Ashutosh Biswas, the institute has excelled in infrastructure, education, treatment, and research, contributing to its impressive ranking, officians added.

Biswas congratulated the faculty, staff, and students for their dedication, emphasising the institution's continued commitment to excellence in patient care, research, and medical education.

"The institution will continue its relentless pursuit of excellence in patient care, research, and the overall development of medical students," he said.

The NIRF ranking is based on five parameters - Teaching, Learning and Resources (TLR) Research and Professional Practice (RP), Graduation Outcomes (GO), Outreach and Inclusivity (OI), and Peer Perception (PP). AIIMS Bhubaneswar scored 62.97 out of 100, reflecting its dedication to academic and professional excellence, officials said.

As the institute celebrates its 11th year, it continues to fulfill the vision of former Prime Minister Atal Bihari Vajpayee, who established the institute to address the regional imbalance in tertiary healthcare

10-year RI to woman for kidnapping minor

Keonjhar: A fast track court here Wednesday sentenced a woman to 10 years of rigorous imprisonment after convicting

her for kidnapping a 14-year-old girl and and trying to marry her of with her son. The convicted woman was identified as Chepan Mukhi of Keshdurapal village under Ghasipura police limits in Keonjhar district. The fast track court judge Bijay Kumar Mishra also slapped a penalty of ₹10,000 on the convict, apart from the punishment. In default, she had to undergo an additional six months of imprisonment, the judge observed while delivering the order. The judge also directed the district (DLSA) to pay ₹4 lakh

Bakul's 15 yrs of My Tree Campaign

ARINDAM GANGULY, OP

Bhubaneswar, August 14: Deputy Chief Minister Pravati Parida and Agriculture and Farmers' Empowerment Principal Secretary Arabinda Padhee took part in Bakul Foundation's event in celebrating 15 years of My Tree Campaign here Wednesday.

Parida said, "I am delighted that I could come to Bakul Foundation. I find Bakul's initiative of going on bullock carts to distribute trees very innovative.

"If we don't plant trees now, we will not leave anything worthwhile for our children. We don't want them to be in hospitals with oxygen masks,"



Padhee recalled his association with the foundation ever since his son was a volunteer at Bakul. Stressing on plantation, he said, "The best time to plant a tree was 20 years back. The next best time is now.

Sujit Mahapatra of Bakul Foundation said, "As the name suggests, the initiative promotes a personal relationship with trees.

leaders of My Tree Campaign and other well wishers of the

On the occasion, some of the campaign were felicitated.

WSC students get 100% placement ARINDAM GANGULY, OP Bhubaneswar, August 14: The

students from inaugural batch of Facility Technology Vertical Transportation (Lift & Escalator Technology) programme at World Skill Centre (WSC) recently achieved a 100 per cent placement rate by bagging jobs in various national and international companies through

campus recruitment drive. Students from the World Skill Center (WSC) in Bhubaneswar have consistently demonstrated exceptional placement success securing roles with national and international organisations through campus recruitment

Among the job recipients, a total of 81 graduates including 15 girls and 66 boys got jobs at leading multinational companies-Johnson Lifts Private Ltd

and Schindler Holding Ltd. The achievers thanked the their support in getting the jobs. Rajesh Kumar Sethi, a student

from Keonjhar, said, "I joined WSC course to become a skilled lift technician. I'm thrilled to have secured a job at Johnson Lifts Private Ltd. My family and I are

trainee, said, "I never imagined becoming an elevator technician, but training in Vertical Transportation has made my dream come true. With access to international-standard equipment. I've gained expertise in the field and learnt the nuances of working in a corporate envi-

Panda congratulated the successful students and wished them success in their careers.

The WSC, which operates under the OSDA and Skill Development and Technical Education Department, offers seven specialised courses under its 'School of Engineering' and 'School of Services' depart-

Notably, WSC introduced a special 1-year 'Vertical Transportation' course to impart training on modern infrastructure which relies heavily on lifts, escalators and travelators, driving the need for skilled technicians to install, maintain, and repair these essential systems.

Heavy rain to lash for next 3 days: IMD

AGENCIES

Bhubaneswar, August 14: The India Meteorological Department (IMD) has forecast heavy rainfall in several districts of the state over the next three days.

According to IMD's regional centre here, districts including Mayurbhanj, Keonihar. Sundargarh. Deogarh. Sambalpur, and Jharsuguda are expected to receive 7cm to 11cm of rainfall Thursday and Friday. A yellow warning (be updated) has been issued for these areas

Heavy rainfall warnings (vellow) have been extended to Sundargarh, Jharsuguda, Sambalpur and Bargarh districts for Saturday, weather officials said. From June 1 to August 14, the state has received an average of 648.3mm of rainfall, compared to the normal rainfall of 724.8mm. During this period, Malkangiri, Boudh, and Nuapada districts have experienced excess rainfall, 16 districts have received normal rainfall and 11 districts are categorised as rain deficient.

Parida visits Mission Shakti Bazaar

POST NEWS NETWORK

Bhubaneswar, August 14: Deputy Chief Minister Pravati Shakti Bazaar inside the State Institute for Rural Development campus here, recently

During her visit, she commended the exceptional quality of handmade products crafted by Mission Shakti artisans and inderlined the importance of similar outlets across various regions to increase the marketability of such products. The Mission Shakti Bazaar

showcases the state's rich tra-

dition of handicrafts, handlooms and other indigenous products and serves as a platform for women Self-Help Groups (SHGs) under 'Mission Shakti' to showcase and sell their products.

Parida also stopped at Koraput Coffee outlet, had a cup of coffee and engaged in discussions with the department officials on generating local economy, the role of women in sustainable development and potentialities for future initiatives in order to support artisans across the state

"By creating more platforms like the Mission Shakti Bazaar,

the government aims to enhance the visibility and market outreach of these artisans thereby providing them with greater economic opportunities," Parida said.

Misson Shakti department Commissioner-cum-Secretary Shalini Pandit, State Mission Director-cum-CEO, Odisha Livelihoods Mission Vineet Bhardwaj, senior government officials and employees of the department and members of Khurda Matrushakti Farmers Producer Company were present during the Deputy CM's visit.

state government and WSC for Authority (OSDA) CEO Rashmita

overjoyed with this achievement." Padmabati Hansdah, another

Odisha Skill Development

cancer is more

and the incidence gets

higher with increasing age.

Smoking is a risk factor. It

VINAY GAIKWAD | DIRECTOR - SURGICAL

ONCOLOGY, CK BIRLA HOSPITAL, GURUGRAM

can also run in the family

common in women

cers and can be difficult to treat, especially at later stages," the

doctor added. The usual treatment is surgical and usually requires complete cytoreductive surgery and Hyperthermic Intraperitoneal Chemotherapy (HIPEC). If chemotherapy is required as part of the treatment, fertility may be affected as one of the side effects. As the tumour biology is better understood, the results after treatment are encouraging. Advancements in therapies including aggressive

"Appendicular cancer can afof life," Gaikwad said.

H&FW Min holds review meeting

Bhubaneswar: Create provisions for special wards in District Head Hospitals (DHHs), distribute long lasting mosquito nets for malaria prevention and keep adequate supply of ORS packets and zinc tablets for preventing diarrhoea cases in state, Health Minister Mukesh Mahaling said during a review meeting here, Wednesday. Mahaling reviewed the increasing cases of dengue, diarrhoea and malaria cases during the monsoon season at the Health and Family Welfare (H&FW) department conference hall. Chief medical and public health officers of fifteen sensitive districts and other department officials participated in the meeting through virtual mode.

Late diagnosis of appendix cancer a concern, say experts **Appendicular**

eing typically asymptomatic until later stages, it is difficult to diagnose appendix cancer, which can affect treatment outcomes, said experts Wednesday August is appendix cancer

awareness month. The appendix is a pickle organ

attached to the colon. Appendicitis is a common

problem, but appendicular cancer is rare. It is usually detected by chance while diagnosing or treating some other condition While early diagnosis is key

to better survival in most diseases, including cancers, the rarity of appendix cancer coupled with the lack of symptoms makes it more difficult to detect, said the experts.

"Appendicular cancer is some-

thing that has recently been realised as a separate entity. Previously, it used to be merged with intestinal cancer itself, the small intestine, and large intestine cancers. Unfortunately, because it is such a rare diagnosis, it is suspected as a normal acute appendicitis in most people," Shubham Jain, senior consultant, department of Surgical Oncology, Rajiv Gandhi Cancer Institute and Research Centre (RGCIRC), told IANS.

"So, the majority of the patients get misdiagnosed as having acute appendicitis in the beginning. For this, an appendectomy is done and then the biopsy report confirms whether it is an appendiceal neoplasm or appendix cancer," the doctor explained.

As a result, the majority of abdominal pain, often in the the cases are identified in advanced stages and the majority

of cancers are mis treated in the initial stages While there are no no toms, or are mild and non-specific in the early stages of atrophic gastritis or perni-

of appendix cancer, as cancer

progresses, one may experience

lower right abdomen, changes in bowel habits or unexplained diarrhoea, unexplained weight loss, fatigue,

feeling a mass or

lump in the ab-

domen and in-

flammation of the

abdominal lining if the appendix ruptures "Appendicular cancer is more common in women and the incidence gets higher with increasing age. Smoking is a risk factor. It can also run in the family. A history

ease," said Vinay Gaikwad, director - Surgical Oncology, CK Birla Hospital, Gurugram.

"Unfortunately, most appendicular cancers are detected only after surgical removal of the appendix. While neuroendocrine tumours, and low-grade mucinous tumours are less aggressive with better treatment outcomes, appendicular adenocarcinomas behave similar to colorectal can-

surgical treatment are contributing to better outcomes.

fect all groups and early diagnosis and treatment is the key to better survival and quality

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TALIBAN RULE MARKS 3 YEAR

Afghanistan's Taliban rulers celebrated three years in power Wednesday with a military parade paying homage to their homemade bombs used in war, fighter aircraft and goosestepping security forces



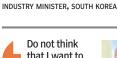


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South Korea and Britain are partners that share key values, such as free democracy and the market system, and have maintained solid economic cooperation



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that I want to pick a fight with the US. On the contrary, I want the US on our side as much as I want China



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SHORT TAKE

17 Indian fishermen repatriated to India

Colombo: Seventeen Indian fishermen, arrested by the Sri Lanka Navy for allegedly poaching in the island nation's waters, were repatriated to their homes in India Wednesday, the Indian mission said Wednesday. The development comes close on the heels of 21 Indian fishermen, who were arrested by the Sri Lanka Navy and were repatriated to Chennai from Colombo August 2.

Japan PM bows out

Tokyo, August 14: Japan's Prime Minister Fumio Kishida said Wednesday he would step down next month, succumbing to public disaffection over political scandals and rising living costs that marred his threeyear term, and setting off a scramble to replace him.

"Politics cannot function without public trust," he told a press conference to reveal his decision not to seek re-election as the leader of the ruling Liberal Democratic Party (LDP).

"I made this heavy decision thinking of the public, with the strong will to push political reform forward.

The LDP will hold a contest in September to replace him as President of the party, and, by extension, as Prime Minister.

Kishida's ratings dipped after he took office in 2021 following revelations about the LDP's ties to the controversial Unification

His popularity took another hit when a slush fund of unrecorded political donations made at LDP fundraising events came to light.

He also faced public discontent

as wages failed to keep pace with rising living costs as Japan finally shook off years of deflationary "An LDP incumbent Prime Minister cannot run in the presidential race unless he's assured

of a victory," said Koichi Nakano, a professor of political science at Sophia University. "It's like the grand champion yokozunas of sumo. You don't

just win, but you need to win with grace. His successor as LDP leader will face the task of restoring



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FUMIO KISHIDA | PM, JAPAN

the public's confidence in the party and tackle the rising cost of living, escalating geopolitical tensions with China and the potential return of Donald Trump as US President next year.

Through his stint as Japan's eighth-longest serving postwar leader, Kishida broke from previous economic policy by eschewing corporate profitdriven trickledown economics to set his sights on boosting household income, including wage hikes and promoting share ownership.

NEXT LEADER

Former defence minister Shigeru Ishiba has already thrown his hat in the ring as a prospective replacement for Kishida, saying he would like to "fulfil his duty" if he gained enough support, public broadcaster NHK said

Other names floated as potential contenders include Foreign Minister Yoko Kamikawa, Digital Minister Taro Kono, and former Environment Minister Shinjiro Koizumi.

Thai court ousts PM for ethics violation

Bangkok: Thailand's Constitutional Court Wednesday dismissed Prime Minister Srettha Thavisin for "grossly" violating ethics by appointing a minister who had served jail time, raising the spectre of political upheaval and a shakeup in the governing alliance. Real estate tycoon Srettha becomes the fourth Thai premier in 16 years to be removed in verdicts by the same court after its judges ruled 5-4 in favour of dismissing him for failing to perform his duty with integrity. Srettha's exit after less than a year in power means Parliament must convene to choose a new premier. with the prospect of more uncertainty in a country dogged for two decades by coups and court rulings that have brought down multiple governments and political parties, "The court has found 5-4 that the accused is terminated as Prime Minister due to his lack of honesty." the judges said, adding his behaviour "grossly breached ethical standards". Move Forward's surviving lawmakers regrouped Friday under a new party.

SECOND TIME IN TWO YEARS

WHO declares mpox global emergency

More than 17,000 suspected mpox cases and 517 deaths have been reported on the African continent so far this year

REUTERS

London, August 14: The World Health Organization Wednesday declared mpox a global public health emergency for the second time in two years, following an outbreak of the viral infection in the Democratic Republic of Congo that has spread to neighbouring countries.

Mpox can spread through close contact. Usually mild, it is fatal in rare cases. It causes flu-like symptoms and pus-filled lesions on the body. Determining a disease outbreak as a "public health emergency of international concern'



or PHEIC, the WHO's highest level of alert, can accelerate research, funding and international public health measures and co-operation to contain a disease.

The outbreak in Congo began with the spread of an endemic strain, known as clade I. But a new variant, clade Ib, appears to spread more easily through routine close contact, including sexual contact. It has spread from Congo to neighbouring countries, including Burundi, Kenya, Rwanda and Uganda, triggering the action from the WHO.

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But North Korea has not been

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for the opening of North Korean

international response is essential to stop these outbreaks and save lives," said WHO Director-General Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus.

Earlier this week, Africa's top public health body declared an mpox emergency for the continent after warning that the viral infection was spreading at an alarming rate.

More than 17,000 suspected mpox cases and 517 deaths have been reported on the African continent so far this year, a 160% increase in cases compared to the same period last year, the Africa Centres for Disease Control and Prevention said. A total of 13 countries have reported cases.

A different form of the mpox virus, clade IIb - spread globally in 2022, largely through sexual contact among men who have

tourism once again," the firm

said, adding its local partner

would confirm itineraries and

dates in coming weeks.

North Korea to open border for tourists

Seoul, August 14: North Korea will resume international tourism to its northeastern city of Samjiyon in December, and possibly the rest of the country, tour companies said Wednesday.

The move is a sign that the reclusive country is readying to reopen borders to bigger groups of foreign tourists after years of strict Covid border controls.

"We have received confirmation from our local partner that tourism to Samjiyon and likely the rest of the country will officially resume in December 2024," the Beijing-based Koryo Tours said on its website.



International flights in and out of North Korea resumed last year and a small group of Russian tourists flew to North Korea for a private tour in February. Top foreign officials, including Russian President Vladimir Putin in June, have

North Korea has been building what it called a "socialist

utopia" in Samjiyon, a city near the Chinese border, and "a model of highly-civilised mountain city" with new apartments, hotels, a ski resort and commercial, cultural and medical facilities. Leader Kim Jong Un in July

sacked or demoted some senior officials for their "irresponsible" handling of his flagship Samjiyon project. Another travel agency, KTG Tours, also announced that tourists would be able to go to Samjiyon from this winter.

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In a world where

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Carrots Before Sticks

t is widely recognised that the transition to a zero-carbon economy requires both carrots and sticks - incentives and penalties. Less appreciated is the importance of this sequence: carrots before sticks.

True, economists have long insisted that the only way to cut emissions of carbon dioxide and other greenhouse gases rapidly and at scale is to put a price on them. In a world where burning fossil fuels causes more damage than it adds in value to GDP, each ton of coal or barrel of oil consumed ultimately destroys collective prosperity.

Calculations of these emissions' social costs provide a guide to pricing them. Accounting for the full damages caused by each ton of CO2 emitted, an appropriate price is well over \$200. But that comes out to almost \$2 per gallon (or \$0.50 per liter) of gasoline at the pump, which helps to explain why, for example, neither Europe's well-functioning carbon market (with prices of around \$75 per ton) nor Germany's own carbon tax covers gasoline to the extent needed. In Germany, where 80 million people own 40 million gasoline- and diesel-powered cars, an adequately high tax would appear too punitive to pass political muster.

These calculations also explain why electric vehicles are such an important solution. The technology's advantage lies in basic physics: EVs convert 90 per cent of their power into distance, compared to just 20 per cent for internal combustion engines. And similar efficiency ratios apply when comparing heat pumps to gas furnaces, induction stoves to gas stoves, and LEDs to the incandescent lightbulbs of yore. That last example is particularly instructive, since the transition to

LEDs is already mostly complete. Given that incandescent bulbs were notoriously inefficient - converting 90 per cent of power to heat instead of light – switching to LEDs has paid for itself many times over. But even this common-sense change required coordination to achieve scale, and to overcome barriers like high upfront costs and landlords' unwillingness to provide more efficient bulbs to tenants.

In the United States, it started with the Energy Independence and Security Act of 2007, signed into law by President George W. Bush, which set new efficiency standards for household lightbulbs. That triggered a typical culture-war response, with the Republican congresswoman Michele Bachmann introducing the Light Bulb Freedom of Choice Act in 2008, Fortunately her bill went nowhere, and nor did President Donald Trump's attempts to abolish efficiency standards a decade later. LEDs had already taken over as the better, more efficient, and ultimately cheaper technology. Physics and economics trumped culture wars, and both consumers and the planet benefited as a result.

damage than it adds in value to GDP, each ton of coal or barrel of oil consumed ultimately destroys collective prosperity The transitions to EVs, heat pumps, in-

duction stoves, and many other newer, better technologies are now following similar – and similarly rapid – trajectories. While the cost of coal power in inflation-adjusted terms has stayed roughly the same for more than 200 years, the costs of solar power and batteries have declined by more than 99 per cent in the past 30 years alone. In fact, solar is now the cheapest source of electricity ever - yes, even accounting for the fact that the sun doesn't shine at night - and it is bound to become even cheaper. Sun, sand, and human innovation are all plentiful, leading to further economies of scale.

But, like LED adoption, rapid solar deployment requires coordination among households, utilities, regulators, industry, and those developing new technologies. After all, the goal is to have plug-in EVs charging when the sun shines, and powering the dishwasher or helping to stabilise the local grid when it doesn't

Coordination is also needed to encourage purchases of solar panels and other technologies in the first place. When Germany launched its ambitious Energiewende (energy transition) in 2011, feed-in tariffs and other subsidies helped solar-panel manufacturers climb the learning curve and drive down costs. Solar manufacturers then decamped to China, however, which drove costs down further but hurt German employment. And now, massive new US subsidies under the Inflation Reduction Act (IRA) may lead more European clean-tech businesses to

The proper response to these developments is not to give up on newer, more efficient technologies. It is to find other ways to manufacture and deploy them at home. The European Union's ban on sales of cars powered by internal combustion engines beginning in 2035 would help, as would a coordinated push to support adop-

look to greener shores, this time across the Atlantic.

Backpedaling on these policies would be a big mistake. Europeans will need to devise creative solutions to subsidise the production and adoption of clean technologies. Electricity-market reforms that reward low-carbon power generation and thereby pass lower solar-power prices on to consumers are a good start. On EVs, heat pumps, and other more efficient products, targeted transition schedules ought to be part of the package. They provide investment certainty and balance carrots and sticks.

New York State, for example, has banned gas connections to most new buildings (a measure that Germany has yet to pass), thus gradually reducing its reliance on a fossil-fuel source while stopping short of taxing it. Minnesota, under the leadership of Governor Tim Walz, now the Democratic candidate for the vice presidency, has similarly passed a law requiring utilities to achieve 60-80 per cent carbon-free electricity by 2030, and 100 per cent by 2040, up from around 50 per cent today. The law is implemented with a flexible renewable portfolio standard, but it is still largely a stick. The carrot: \$2 billion in clean-energy subsidies, as part of the state's comprehensive action plan.

Not all goes so smoothly. Though New York Governor Kathy Hochul's long-awaited plan to introduce congestion pricing in New York City would have funded much-needed public-transit investments, it was seen as putting the stick before the carrot. In the event, she bowed to political pressure and abandoned the plan at the last minute.

The US is facing broader sequencing questions. Now that many of the IRA subsidies have proven to be wildly popular, when is the right time to follow up the carrot with a stick? The expiration of the Trump tax cuts for the rich next year could be seen as an opportunity finally

to start pricing carbon. Of course, all will depend on the outcome of November's presidential election.

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THE ECOLOGY OF JOBS



Sunil Ray

WHAT MATTERS **SIGNIFICANTLY IS HOW ONE CALIBRATES THE UTILISATION OF MATERIAL RESOURCES AND JOB CREATION**

ne of the biggest development challenges facing India today is providing decent jobs for the millions who remain unemployed, particularly in rural India. It is also clear that the 'business as usual' paradigm with an unshakeable faith in 'trickle down' economics dependent upon large investments of corporate capital has failed to create these jobs. This is largely because the employment elasticity of corporate capital is too low, whereas the demand for jobs is growing at a much faster pace. There just isn't that much private capital being invested for a host of reasons, including structural issues that point to the lack of expansion of the size of the domestic market consequent to perpetually low consumption demand for goods and services on the one hand, and the private sector's ambivalence toward policy and questionable commitment to India's growth story on the other hand. The public sector cannot create enough jobs either: Even if all PSU and government vacancies are filled up, the jobs problem is nowhere near being solved, and is bound to aggravate further, particularly in rural India which is prone to recurrent droughts and floods, and hence remains vulnerable to uncertain agricultural performance. The challenge of jobs can be ap-

proached with a different hue by looking at the educated unemployed holistically, and particularly to those spread across rural parts of the country. These youths, now often partially self-employed in odd localised jobs with little professional inputs, can open new spaces to fire up the rural economy, support low-capital entrepreneurship ventures and can transform the landscape. This is the potential of low capital-based but efficient local development process. The process demands an alternative mode of employment creation through new models like the collective entrepreneurship structure by looking at the so-called 'niche structure'

The niche structure is originally an ecological coinage that came as part of efforts to explain species coexistence despite their



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tendency, in principle, to exclude each other: the differences in niche act as factors stabilising coexistence. Species in themselves can change the environment by creating niche structures, and by doing so, the said species evolves on its own, but also influences others and drives change and evolution.

This writer has discussed this in a recent book chapter ["Employment Creation at Decentralised Level through Construction of Niche Structure", in 'Deepening Democracy' Routledge India] that says an "alternative perspective of employment creation based on a deeper understanding of the material conditions of living of the majority of the people of the country is needed to bring about appropri ate structural transformation.

In the economic context, a new collective entrepreneurial structure or collective enterprising system for a variety of economic activities self-organised from within the community as a part of common functions like a niche structure. Such a structure can give rise to innumerable associated producers' self-organisations in all kinds of activities, including manufacturing, processing, repairing, constructing, servicing such as education and healthcare services, trading, marketing, business etc. They are collective enterprises (not individual ownership), but significantly not co-operatives either in the traditional sense. This is a reinvention of workers' cooperatives, an independent creation of the workers, not as a protégé either of the government or of large capital. It can even take the support of State but being fully conscious that it is not ruled by it. Here, workers themselves are owners.

What matters significantly is how one calibrates the utilisation of material resources and job creation. The production processes and services may be encouraged to grow with green technology. These are small scale ventures but energy-efficient, non-polluting and communityoriented. They have the potential to create local jobs through investment in green technologies. The local resource base comprising agricultural, natural, human and animal resources are expected to offer wider scope for opening up of varieties of self-managed collective entrepreneurial activities much beyond what is traditionally un-

A multi-step model builds this ambitious plan, beginning with a committee at the zilla parishad comprising peoples' representatives, technical experts, government officials. Next comes the task of delineating several agro climatic zones for new entrepreneurial activities based on the local ecosystem and resource base.

With a good indication of viable entrepreneurial activities, the government must play a proactive role to facilitate the transformation, bringing into play scientific and technology institutions such as Central Food Technology Institute, Central Science and Technology Institute, agricultural

universities or any other technoscientific institutions for transfer of appropriate technology. The basic purpose is to explore what are the new product process ing/service lines that can come up in this concerned "ecological" zone and what appropriate technology is required for the proposed entrepreneurial activities. both agro and non-agro based.

Study of feasibility from the supply and demand side, identification of unemployed youths who are willing to join in the formation of collectives, and investment and management of the seed capital in the public-private partnership mode will follow. Even if the initial investment is partly made by the government, it may be in the form of a cheap loan. It is only at this stage that targeted skill development programmes will deliver a multiplier effect to those willing to join this collective enterprise. The infrastructure available to the State for skill development can deliver at full potential here.

The sole objective is to develop the economy of the State through developing the rural economy from the bottom up. The only route which is discernible is creation of sustainable employment and income generation of the rural youth based on the growth of numerous low capital-based activities in rural areas through the construction of the collective entre preneurial structure.

The newly conceived employment generation schemes as provisioned in the budget have rea sons to lend credibility to this model in practice. This will prove to be a significant source of increasing consumption demand the lack of which is constraining investment flow and, therefore, employment and employment creation. The rural economy which is caught up in a low-level equilibrium trap may then find a way to extricate itself from

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SPECTRUM GEOPOLITICS

In a troubled neighbourhood



DK Giri

AS REGIONAL DYNAMICS AND CHALLENGES CONTINUE TO EVOLVE, NEW DELHI'S COMMITMENT TO FOSTERING PEACE AND STABILITY IN ITS **NEIGHBOURHOOD SHOULD BE PARAMOUNT FOR SOUTH BLOCK**

he third term of Modi government began with great deal of goodwill with neighbours. Barring Pakistan, all other countries were invited to the swearing-in ceremony of the new government. Modi seemed to be heeding the profound advice given by AB Vajpayee who said, "You can change your friends but you cannot change your neighbours."

The story has been unfolding inauspiciously for the South Asia region for New Delhi. Bangladesh burnt only recently. The embers could still be noticeable. A friendly government led by Sheikh Hasina collapsed and Hasina is a refugee now in India. Maldives had a change of government and consequently, change of power equations tilting towards China. There was quite a bit of bad blood in social media between a couple of Maldivian ministers and Indian activists in social media. Yet again, there was a change of government in Nepal where supposedly pro-China leader KPS Oli became the PM again.

Tension and turmoil continue in South Asia. Sri Lanka experienced massive protests against the breakdown of its economy causing the President to flee the country. The island country is limping back to normalcy. Pakistan remains politically and economically Afghanistan is relatively quiet but cannot be taken for granted. Bhutan is negotiating between Beijing and New Delhi although it has a traditionally close relationship with the latter.

India being the biggest country in the region and for its geo-political interest vis-à-vis China, the onus of keeping the flock together, the countries of South Asia in some kind of harmony within and across the countries, lies on New Delhi. At the same time, the evolving geopolitical scenario in South Asia, requires New Delhi to adopt a prudent and pragmatic approach. The upheavals mentioned above - Bangladesh, Sri Lanka, Nepal - underscore the volatility of regional politics and the need for India to help consolidate democracy and good friendly relations in the region.

For New Delhi to be able to give a hand to its neighbours in stabilising their politics and economies requires some investigation into the causes of

tensions in those countries. Some known causes are military interference in civilian administration. Many countries in South Asia have a history of recurring military coups and interventions undermining the democratic institutions and forces. Pakistan is the worst victim of this trend, experiencing direct military rule for nearly half of its existence since independence. The 2021 military coup in Myanmar drew the concern of the entire democratic world. In Bangladesh, the military has stepped in multiple times.

The second cause for unrest and instability is the economic vulnerabilities and external debts. Sri Lanka's economic crisis in 2022 is a stark example of this feature. Its external debt reached an all-time high causing negative impact on the economy which led to countrywide protests. Pakistan's external debt amounted to \$130 billion in 2022 out of which China accounted for 30% making Islamabad dependent on Beijing. Third, South Asian countries have not been able to diversify their economies which render them vulnerable to

fluctuations in the market. Bangladesh depends on the garment industry for 80% of its exports. But, as the garment demand globally fluctuates, its economy flounders. Likewise, tourism sector of Maldives contributes about 28% to its GDP exposing it to external shocks.

Fourth, geopolitical competitions: in order to penetrate into South Asian countries, China in competition with India, is investing in infrastructure. In Pakistan, it is doing so through CPEC. In Sri Lanka, the 99-year lease of Hambantota port increases Beijing's influence.

As regional dynamics and challenges continue to evolve, New Delhi's commitment to fostering peace and stability in its neighbourhood should be paramount for the South Block. A stable and secure neighbourhood should contribute to propelling India into the global stage. On the contrary, lingering troubles in the neighbourhood may hold India back. New Delhi cannot remain neutral or indifferent.

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Health hazard

Sir, As per reports based on a study conducted by environmental research organisation Toxics Link, all Indian salt and sugar brand contain microplastics. The study revealed that microplastics are present in all salt and sugar samples, in various forms including fibre, pellets, films and fragments. The highest levels of microplastics were found in iodised salt which is medically recommended and used by all. Micro plastics are created when larger plastic debris breaks down over time or are intentionally produced for use in products like cosmetics, cleaning agents, and industrial processes. The study in fact raises an alarm as microplastics contain harmful chemicals like bisphenol A, phthalates, and heavy metals and these substances entering the body can lead to hormonal disruptions and reproductive issues. Microplastics can also cause inflammation and oxidative stress in tissues leading to long-term damage, including cardiovascular diseases and cancer. Besides, these accumulated in organs over time can lead to chronic health issues. The study calls for urgent, comprehensive research into the longterm health impacts of microplastics on human health.

M Pradyu, KANNUR

Prolonged custody

Sir, This refers to "Bail is rule, jail an exception even in serious cases: SC" (Orissa Post, August 14). Unfortunately, most of the trial courts in India do not wish to follow this golden rule of law and trust much on exaggerated police reports almost mechanically, resulting in prolongation of custody of accused persons. If the crime is heinous in nature trial courts barring exceptions do not take the chance of facing the wrath of the high court in the event the bail is granted to the accused at the first instance. This rules out the application of judicial mind by presiding officers. But in most cases, prima facie cases are not made out properly and therefore the police or judicial custody of the accused is not justified. Accused persons should be released on bail as a matter of rule no matter whether charges are simple or serious unless the accused persons are not habitual offenders or have the proven propensity to destroy evidence.

Arun Gupta, KOLKATA



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'Horrors seen during Partition now happening in B'desh, Pak'

The lack of strong willpower and lust for power, and to gain power even at the cost of the country resulted in Partition in 1947, says Adityanath

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YOGI ADITYANATH | CM, UTTAR PRADESH

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vide and rule, since Partition,'

Targeting the Congress, he

said if the then political lead-

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country had to face the horror

of Partition," Adityanath said

and added that this happened

"because of the Congress's lust

He said it gave independent

India such a wound that it is

for power"

"When the country was about

1947, the chief minister said.

The lack of strong willpower

Adityanath said

the horror of Partition



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Lucknow, August 14: Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath Wednesday said the horrors seen during Partition are now happening in Bangladesh and Pakistan.

"The date and faces might have changed but the nature of incidents is the same as 1947. It is still happening in Pakistan. It is happening in Bangladesh,' he said at a function here on Horrors Remembrance Day.

Adityanath said, "At that time, 10 lakh Hindus and Sikhs were slaughtered. Even today we see the same arson, loot and harassment with daughters and sisters. When will we learn from the mistakes of the past?"

He said that "More than 1.5 crore Hindus are crying to save their honour in Bangladesh". But "The so-called seculars in India are not uttering a word because they fear that if they raise their voice for the weak, their votebank will slip away," the chief minister said

"They worry about their vote-

still hurting the country in the form of terrorism and separatism, and alleged that the politics of that time are still being

'Whenever these people got power, they did politics at the cost of the country. The people of the country had to pay the price of this then (in 1947). People paid the price for a very long time," Adityanath said.

The chief minister said there are political parties that are trying to bring back the horrors of Partition, only this time through the issue of casteism, as he attacked them of pursuing the politics of divide and rule.

Adityanath also participated in a 'Partition Horrors Memorial Silent Padvatra' from the statue of Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel to the Lok Bhavan in the Hazratganj area.

In a post on X in Hindi, he reflected on the impact of Partition and said it was not merely the partition of a country but a division of humanity itself. This inhuman decision led to the loss of countless innocent lives, inflicting pain of displacement and immense suffering to people, Adityanath said.

The chief minister said, "Our Mother India, who introduced the world to the soulful feeling of 'Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam' (the world is one family), was pushed into the tragedy of Partition on this day in the year 1947 due to vested political interests. Humble tributes to all the innocent citizens who were martvred in the inhuman tragedy of sorrowful Partition due to communal frenzy.'

High Court defers hearing on plea for 'wazukhana' survey

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

Prayagraj, August 14: The Allahabad High Court Wednesday deferred the hearing on a plea against a Varanasi court order refusing to direct the ASI to survey the Gyanyapi mosque's 'wazukhana', as the counsel for the Muslim side did not appear due to "illness".



The high court granted a month to the mosque management committee July 9 to file a counter affidavit on the revision plea and fixed August 14 for the hearing.

An "illness slip" was sent Wednesday on behalf of counsel for the Muslim side and a request was made to adjourn the matter. Thereafter, the high court fixed August 22 as the next date

of hearing in the case. Justice Rohit Ranjan Agarwal passed the order on the revision petition filed by Rakhi Singh, one of the plaintiffs in the Shringar Gauri worshipping suit.

As per counsel of Rakhi Singh, no counter affidavit has been

filed by the Muslim side till date. The Varanasi district judge passed the order October 21, 2023 refusing to direct the Archeological Survey of India (ASI) to undertake a survey of the 'wazukhana' area (except for the structure which the Hindu side calls a 'shivling') inside the Gyanvapi mosque located adjacent to Kashi Vishwanath temple. Rakhi Singh has challenged the district judge's order.

GYANVAPI MOSQUE Assam Independence Day blast victims still await justice



PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

Dhemaji (Assam), August 14: Shanti Gogoi has been waiting for 20 long years, seeking justice for the killing of her daughter-in-law and her unborn child in an ULFA-orchestrated bomb blast during the Independence Day celebration in Assam's Dhemaji town.

Gogoi's daughter-in-law and 12 other people, including three children, were killed in the explosion that occurred minutes before the flag hoisting ceremony at the parade ground in the northern Assam town in 2004.

The explosion was a defining moment in ULFA's history, as the outfit began losing support and sympathy for targeting innocent people since then.

An apprehension that justice has eluded the victims has seeped in since the Gauhati High Court acquitted all the accused in the case, exactly a year ago.

Gogoi, a retired school teacher, and others are now pinning their last hopes on the Supreme Court

for justice. "The blast happened in front of hundreds of people after they gathered at the Dhemaji College field for the Independence Day celebration. But there is no witness to say who planted the explosives or who was behind it,' questions Gogoi, whose daughter-in-law Namita died in the blast with the two-month foe-

She wondered whether the police expected the witnesses to testify without any apprehension in such cases.

tus in her womb.

In August 2023, Gauhati High Court acquitted all six accused due to "lack of sufficient evidence", overturning a conviction by a lower court.

The Dhemaji district and sessions court had in 2019 sentenced four of the accused to life imprisonment and two others to four years in jail in the case.

For Gogoi, her neighbour Nityananda Saikia and families of other victims, the last hope is the Supreme Court, which is hearing a case filed by the Assam government challenging the High Court order. "The High Court order needs to be reviewed. We remain hopeful that the Supreme Court will give us justice," Saikia, who lost both his teenage sisters in the blast, told PTI.

A class 12 student himself in 2004 who was present at the blast site, Saikia is now a lawyer, having taken up the profession to better understand how the culprits can be brought to book through the legal system.

Gallantry medal for 17 UP cops

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

Lucknow, August 14: Policemen involved in killing slain gangster Atiq Ahmad's son Asad are among the 17 officers who were awarded gallantry awards Wednesday, according to an official statement

Another group of policemen engaged in the encounter of gangster Vikas Dubey's aide also won the Centre's gallantry medal, awarded annually ahead of the Independence Day.

Those who received the award include two deputy superintendents of police, four inspectors, three sub-inspectors, four head constables, and four constables who were engaged in four separate incidents of encounters with criminals, the release said.

Asad and his associate Ghulam, both carrying a bounty of ₹5 lakh on their arrests, were killed during a gunfight with the Special Task Force (STF) April 13, 2023 in Jhansi district, the statement

The duo's encounter fetched the gallantry medal for DSPs Vimal Kumar Singh and Navendu Kumar, Inspectors Gyanendra Kumar Rai and Anil Kumar Singh, Head Constables Sushil Kumar and Sunil Kumar, the statement said.

Sub-inspector Jitendra Pratap Singh and Constable Vipin Kumar were awarded for the encounter July 9, 2020 in Etawah district in which wanted criminal Praveen Dubey alias Baua was killed, the release said.

Praveen Dubey was a member of slain gangster Vikas Dubey's gang and involved in the attack on a police party in the Bikru area of Kanpur July 3, 2020, in which eight police personnel were killed, it added.



Greetings to all fellow citizens on 78th Independence Day



Watch live telecast of the Independence Day ceremony from the ramparts of the Red Fort on Doordarshan Network from 6:30 a.m. onwards

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As the Congress state president, I am saying that Chief Minister Siddaramaiah has said that there is no question of altering or scrapping the guarantee schemes for any reason D K SHIVAKUMAR | KARNATAKA DEPUTY CM

P HARISH TO BE INDIA'S **NEXT ENVOY TO UN IN NY**

Seasoned diplomat Parvathaneni Harish was Wednesday appointed as India's next ambassador to the United Nations in New York. Harish, a 1990-batch Indian Foreign Service officer, is presently serving as India's ambassador to Germany



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all GoAP (government of Andhra Pradesh) buildings by

BJP leader shot dead in Patna

Patna: A Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) leader was shot dead in Bihar's capital city by two bikeborne assailants, said the police. Ajay Shah, the BJP general secretary of Patna district, was shot dead late Tuesday night. Shah was reportedly attacked while he was in his shop, located near Bajrangpuri Canal

Officer

Executive Engineer

Rural Works Division-II,

Sundargarh

OIPR-25193/11/0009/2425

SC denies interim bail to Kejriwal

New Delhi, August 14: The Supreme Court Wednesday refused to grant interim bail to Delhi Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal in a corruption case filed by the Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) in the alleged excise policy scam and sought a response from the probe agency on his plea challenging his arrest.

As the hearing commenced before a bench of Justices Surva Kant and Ujjal Bhuyan, senior advocate Abhishek Singhvi, appearing for Kejriwal, submitted that he had got interim bail on three occasions in the money laundering case, also linked to the alleged scam, despite the stringent conditions laid down for grant of bail in cases under the Prevention of Money Laundering Act (PMLA).

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TENDER CALL NOTICE

BID IDENTIFICATION NO.ONLINE-EERKL-05 OF 2024-25

No.O-199: Name of the Work: Building Works, 2. Total No. of Works: 5 (Five) Nos., 3. Estimated Cost: Rs

0.84 to 37.75 Lakhs. 4. Class of Contractor: "D", "C" & "B" Class. 5. Period of Completion: 01 (One), 03

21.08.2024

EERKL-05 of from 11.00 AM upto 05.00 PM

Further details can be seen from the website www.tendersorissa.gov.in. & for more information please visit the office.

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INDICATIVE NOTIFICATION FOR RECRUITMENT AGAINST SPORTS QUOTA

FOR THE YEAR 2024-2025 IN WESTERN RAILWAY

Notification No. RRC /WR/01/2024 Sports Quota Dated 14.08.2024

1. Western Railway invites ONLINE applications from eligible Sportspersons for recruitment

BREAK-UP OF POSTS - DISCIPLINE WISE

All rounder

TOTAL

All rounder

All rounder

TOTAL

All Rounder

66kg, 74kg

47kg, 76kg, +84kg

eligible to apply for appointment against above posts under Sports Quota.

57kg, 61kg, 86kg, 125kg

55kg, 96kg, 102kg, +109kg

2. Sports Achievements: Only those sportspersons who have acquired the above sports

achievement eligibility norms in the championship from 01.04.2022 and are active, will be

Single/Double/Team

Single/Double/Team

55kg, 60kg, 130kg

45kg, 49kg, 55kg, 76kg

400M, 1500M, Javelin throw

100M, 400M, Javelin throw

55kg, 60kg, 70kg, 75kg, 80kg

Midfielder, Striker, Leftfielder

Shooting Gard, Center (Post player)

Ind. Time Trial, Road Race, Criterium Race

Leftwing, Left back, Centre back, All rounder

Leftwing, Left back, Centre back, All rounder

Butterfly Stroke, Individual Medley, Breast Stroke

55kg, 60kg, 130kg

against Sports Quota for filling up 21Group C posts and 43 erstwhile Group D posts in the

following Disciplines/Pay Level through Open Advertisement under the jurisdiction of Western

Event / Proficiency / Weight Category

Batsman, Spin Bowler, Fast Bowler, All rounder

Batswomen, Spin all-rounder, Pace All rounder

Event/Positon /Weight Category/Profciency

Batsman, Spin Bowler, Fast Bowler, All rounde

Batswomen, Spin all-rounder, Pace All rounder

50kg, 55kg, 57kg, 59kg, 62kg, 65kg, 72kg

Event/Positon /Weight Category/Profciency

Forward, Goalkeeper, Defender, Drag flicker, Midfielder

50kg, 55kg, 57kg, 59kg, 62kg, 65kg, 72kg

Availability of tender Online for

30.08.2024

Sd./- Additional Chief Engineer, R.W.Division-II, Sundargarh

Last Date

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Clarification

29.08.2024

upto 1.00 PM

16.08.24 at 10:00 Hrs

14.09.24 at 18:00 Hrs

(Three) & 08 (Eight) Calendar Months. 6. Type of Tender: Single Cover. 7. Other details:

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2024-25

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Closing Date and Time

Railway for the year 2024-2025.

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Cricket (M)

Cricket (W)

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Wrestling (W)Free Style

(B) LEVEL 3/2 (7[™] PC)

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Cricket (W)

Kabaddi (M)

Table Tennis (M)

Table Tennis (W)

Weightlifting (W)

(C) Level 1 (7th PC)

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Athletics (W)

Basketball (M)

Cycling (Men)

Hockey (M)

Hockey (W)

Handball (M)

Handball (W)

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Power lifting (M)

Power lifting (W)

Weightlifting (M)

Wrestling (M) Free Style

Swimming (M)

Body Building (M)

Discipline

Wrestling (W) Free Style

Wrestling (M) Greco Roman

Wrestling (M) Greco Roman

Discipline



Singhvi cited the top court's interim bail orders passed May 10 and July 12, as well as the regular bail granted by the trial court June 20. He informed the bench that the June 20 order of the trial court was stayed by the Delhi High Court on an "oral mention". Singhvi argued when Keiriwal could secure bail despite the stringent conditions laid down under the PMLA, he cannot be denied regular bail in the CBI case since the Prevention of Corruption Act

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(PCA) does not have similar rig orous provisions like the antimoney laundering law.

"I hate to say so but I have said this everywhere. This particular arrest is what might be called insurance arrest. You are having me interrogated on April 23 for nine hours, you do not have any further action till March 24 when the ED arrests me. I get three release orders and just on the cusp of the order, I am arrested in June," Singhvi said.

The Delhi High Court had August 5 upheld the arrest of the chief minister as legal, and said there was no malice in the acts done by the CBI which was able to demonstrate how the AAP supremo could influence witnesses who could muster the courage to depose only after his arrest. The high court had asked him to move the trial court for regular bail in the CBI case.

INDO-ASIAN NEWS SERVICE

New Delhi, August 14: In

a significant development,

the Indian Council of

Medical Research (ICMR)

and Panacea Biotec

Wednesday announced

they have started first-

ever Phase 3 clinical trial

for developing a dengue

The landmark trial will

evaluate the efficacy of

India's indigenous tetrava-

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INDO-ASIAN NEWS SERVICE

New Delhi, August 14:

President Droupadi

Murmu Wednesday said

that India is among the

fastest-growing major

economies, adding it was

a matter of pride for

everyone that the coun-

try has become the fifth-

largest economy in the

world, and is set to be

among the top 3 global

"India is among the

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Panacea Biotec.

Phase 3 clinical trial for dengue vaccine begins

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Institute of Medical

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according to the Ministry

of Health and Family

Phase 3 clinical trial for

India's first indigenous

dengue vaccine marks a

critical advancement in

our fight against dengue.

It reflects our commitment

to protecting our citizens

from this pervasive dis-

ease and underscores

India's capabilities in vac-

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opment," said JP Nadda.

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NITHARI KILLINGS

SC to hear CBI's plea against Koli's acquittal

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

New Delhi, August 14: The Supreme Court Wednesday agreed to hear a fresh plea filed by the CBI challenging the Allahabad High Court's verdict that acquitted Surendra Koli in the sensational 2006 Nithari serial killings case.

A bench of Justices BR Gavai and K V Viswanathan tagged the CBI's plea with some other petitions pending in the apex court against the high court order of October 16, 2023, On July 19, the top court had agreed to hear separate pleas filed by the Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) and the Uttar Pradesh government against the high court verdict. It had also issued a notice and sought a response from Koli on the petitions. The apex court had in May agreed to hear a plea filed by the father of one of the victims challenging the high court's verdict acquitting Koli in one of the cases.

Union Minister of Health

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PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

Thiruvananthapuram, August 14: Kerala Chief Minister Pinarayi Vijayan Wednesday announced a compensation of ₹6 lakh for the next of kin of LANDSLIDES or suffered disability up those who died in the massive landslides that hit Wayanad district July 30 and

claimed over 200 lives. Vijayan said that of the ₹6 lakh, ₹4 lakh would come from the State Disaster Response Fund and the remaining from the Chief Minister's Distress Relief Fund (CMDRF). He also announced that ₹75,000 would be allocated

from the CMDRF to those who lost eyes and limbs

to 60 per cent due to the landslides. The CM also said that ₹50,000 financial assistance would be given to those who suffered disability between 40 to 60 per cent or suffered very serious injuries.



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'e' Procurement NOTICE Bid Reference No: 7/SMC SBP/2023-24

Tender ID No:2024 ORULB 104165

No.C-426:The Municipal Commissioner on behalf of Municipal Corporation, Sambalpur invites tenders in Single Cover System. Bid documents consisting of specification the Schedule of Quantities & the set of terms & conditions of contract and other necessary documents can be seen the Govt. Website i.e. https:// tendersodisha.gov.in

1. Number of Civil Works: 33 (Thirty Three) numbers. 2. Estimated Costs: 1.68 lakhs to 33.82 lakhs. 3. Period of Completion: As per NIT. 4. Date and time of availability of the bid documents in the portal From 11.00 A.M. of 13.08.2024 to 05.00 PM of 23.08.2024. 5. Last Date/Time for receipt of bids in the portal: 05.00 PM of 23.08.2024 6. Bids will be opened on: 11.00 AM of Dt.27.08.2024. 7. Name and address of the officer inviting bid: Municipal Commissioner

OIPR-13122/11/0032/2425 Sambalpur Municipal Corporation

Sambalpur Municipal Corporation, Sambalpur.

Sd./- Commissioner

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TENDER NOTICE

No.PP-15:Sealed tenders are invited from reputed Manpower Agencies/Service Providers to provide the service of 01 (One) No. of Watchman (Group-D) in the Assistant Director of Textiles Balangir, Patnagarh for a period of one year on contract basis. The engagement of Manpower Agencies/ Service Provider Firm shall be made through two bid system i.e.. Technical and Financial bid separately. The Technically qualified Manpower Agencies/ Service Provider Firm can only participate in the Financial Bid. The undersigned reserves the right to accept or reject any or all applications without assigning any reason(s) thereof. For details please visit website in www.balangir.nic.in, www

sambalpuribastralaya.com, www.sadhacodisha.org Last date of receipt of sealed Bid is on dt.31.08.2024 upto 5.00 P.M. through Registered/ Speed Post only.

Date and Time of opening of:-

i) Technical Bid: 03.09.2024 at 11.00 A.M

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ii) Financial Bid: 03.09.2024 at 03.00 P.M Sd./- H.K. Mahali

Assistant Director of Textiles, Balangir, Patnagarh OIPR-31008/11/0001/2425

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CRPF gets highest number of gallantry

New Delhi: The Central Reserve Police Force (CRPF) has been police gallantry medals -- 57 -on the occasion of the 78th Independence Day. This includes five Shaurya Chakras The Union Home Ministry declared the names of the awardees Wednesday. Out of the total medals, 25 decorations have been awarded for action during operations in Jammu and Kashmir while 32 are for anti-Maoist operations in various Left Wing Extremism affected states, a senior CRPF officer said. Among the awardees is Sub-Inspector Raushan Kumar, who has been honoured with the bravery medal posthumously for his gallant action against Maoists in Bihar in February 2019. Assistant Commandant Teia Ram Choudhary has been awarded two gallantry medals in separate operations against terrorists in Jammu and Kashmir, the official said

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Where as, The undersigned being the Authorised Officer of the Indian Bank under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act,2002 and in exercise of powers conferred under section 13(12) read with rule 8 and 9 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002, issued Demand Notice on the date noted against Accounts as mentioned hereinafter, calling upon to Borrowers/Guarantors/Mortgagors to repay the amount within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said Notice.

The Borrowers/Guarantors/Mortgagors having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the under noted Borrowers/Guarantors/ Mortgagors and the Public in general that the undersigned has taken possession of the properties described here-in-below in exercise of power conferred on him/her under section 13(4) of the said Act read with Rule 8 and 9 of the said rules on the dates mentioned against Accounts

The Borrowers/Guarantors/Mortgagors in particular and the public in general are hereby cautioned not to deal with the properties and any dealings with the properties will be subject to the charge of Indian Bank, Patia Branch for the amount and interest thereon mentioned The borrowers/Guarantors attention is invited to the provisions of Sub-Section (8) of Section 13 of the Act, in respect of time

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Description of the

Immovable Properties

Name & Address of Borrowers/ Guarantors/Mortgagors

(1) M/s Sri Sanatan Filling Station (Borrower-Firm), (2) Mr Pritam Kumar Das (Proprietor), both are address at Khata No.257/105, Plot No.528/642, 531/575/643 and 528, AUPO.: Begunia, Tahasil: Begunia, Dist: Khurda, Odisha, Pin-752062, (3) Mr Prasant Kumar Das (Mortgagor/Guarantor), (4) Mrs Jyotsnarani Das (Guarantor), W/o: Mr Pradipta mar Das, both are address At/PO.: Begunia, Dist:

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All the part and parcel of land & 16.05.2024 13.08.2024 building situated on Khata No.257/ 119, Plot No.528/642, corresponding to Khata No.110, Mouza: Balabhadrapur, PS.: Begunia, No.58, Tahasil/Sub-Registrar/Dist: Khurda, Area: Ac. 0.460 dcml., Title Holder: Mr Prasanta Kumar Das, Lease Holder: Mr Pritam Kumar Das, Boundaries of Plot North- Nallah, South- Plot No.528/Prasant Kumar Das, East-Akash Kuntia, West- Nimai Charan Sahoo

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3. Applications complete in all respect should be submitted online by 18:00 hrs. on 14.09.2024 4. For Detailed Notification, log on to RRC-WR's website https://www.rrc-wr.com



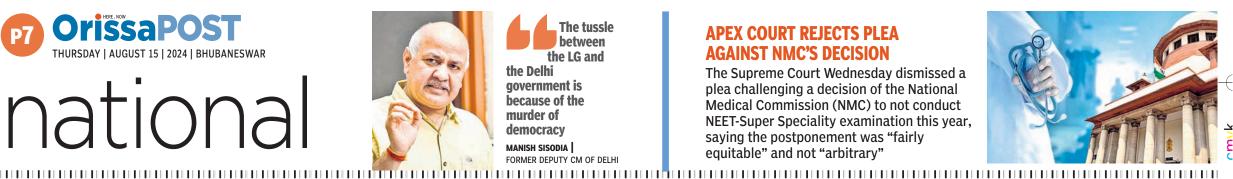
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The tussle the LG and the Delhi government is because of the murder of democracy MANISH SISODIA FORMER DEPUTY CM OF DELHI

APEX COURT REJECTS PLEA AGAINST NMC'S DECISION

The Supreme Court Wednesday dismissed a plea challenging a decision of the National Medical Commission (NMC) to not conduct NEET-Super Speciality examination this year, saving the postponement was "fairly equitable" and not "arbitrary"



Rahul Navin appointed as new director of ED

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

New Delhi, August 14: Acting Enforcement Directorate (ED) chief Rahul Navin was Wednesday appointed as the fulltime director of the federal antimoney laundering agency.

An order issued by the Appointments Committee of the Cabinet (ACC) said the appointment of Navin, a 1993-batch Indian Revenue Service (IRS) officer of the Income Tax cadre, has been made "for a period of two years from the date of assumption of charge of the post, or until further orders, whichever is earlier".

The ED director is an Additional Secretary (AS) rank post in the Union government and Navin was empanelled as an AS in December last year. Navin, 57, joined the ED in November, 2019 as a Special Director (OSD) to spearhead the agency's work with regard to India's mutual evaluation by the Financial Action Task Force (FATF), the global body that leads action against money laundering. Navin had rushed to West Bengal after an ED team was attacked in Sandeshkhali and had asked his investigators to "work without fear" and prepare a watertight case.

BENGAL DOCTOR'S RAPE, MURDER

Protest enters third day

A 25-member special team of the CBI led by an additional director began its investigation into the alleged rape and murder of a doctor at a state-run hospital in West Bengal as the agency took custody of the key accused, officials said

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

Kolkata/New Delhi, August 14: The protest over the alleged rape and murder of a trainee doctor in Kolkata entered its third day Wednesday disrupting healthcare services in several states across the country, even as a political slugfest erupted with the Congress and BJP alleging the West Bengal government has failed to protect women in the state.

Resident doctors at government hospitals in some states, including West Bengal and Delhi, continued their strike as various doctors' bodies differed over calling off the strike. The Federation of Resident Doctors' Association (FORDA) Tuesday night called off its strike after meeting Union Health Minister J P Nadda. However, the medics at the central government-run AIIMS-Delhi, the Federation of All India Medical Association (FAIMA), and other Resident Doctors' Associations said that their stir would continue



until a central law to curb attacks on medical personnel is implemented and a concrete solution found. In West Bengal, long queues were seen at outpatient department (OPD) ticket counters in government hospitals, where senior doctors joined their junior colleagues in the protest. Some private hospitals also kept their OPDs "closed" to express solidarity with the agitating junior doctors at state-run medical facilities. "We have no new demands. It appears that attempts are being made to protect certain people... We see no reason to stop our protest," an agitating doctor told PTI. The West Bengal Joint Platform of Doctors called for a cease-work at OPDs across all government and private hospitals in the state. Junior and senior doctors, interns, and house staff wore black armbands and chanted slogans, demanding justice for the victim. In the national capital, several hospitals, including the AIIMS and Safdarjung, continued their strike Wednesday.

The Resident Doctors' Associations of AIIMS, VMMC and Safdarjung Hospital, Ram Manohar Lohia, and Indira Gandhi Hospital continued the strike for a third day on the trot, shutting down OPDs, operation theatres, and wards.

In a statement, the FAIMA, after a meeting with Resident Doctor Associations from across states and institutes of national importance, said it will stand with its peers nationwide in denouncing the murder and continue its strike.

However, the FORDA called off its strike saying that the decision was taken in the interest of the welfare

the Ramsar Convention, taking the total number of such highly-

Wednesday. The Nanjarayan Bird Sanctuary and the Kazhuveli Bird Sanctuary in Tamil Nadu, and the Tawa Reservoir in Madhya Pradesh are the

New Delhi, August 14: Three

more Indian sites have been

added to the list of wetlands of

international importance under

said. The 85 Indian wetlands on the Ramsar list span over 1.35 million hectares. Tamil Nadu has the highest number of Ramsar sites (18) followed by Uttar Pradesh (10). Due to a significant policy push from the government, the number of Ramsar sites has increased from 26 to 85 in the last 10 vears, of which 41 have been added in the last three years

Three more Indian wetlands get

Ramsar site tag, taking total to 85

recognised waterlogged ecosystems in the country to 85, Union Environment Minister Bhupender Yadav said alone. In a post on X, Prime Minister Narendra Modi said it is a joyous occasion for India that its Ramsar sites number rises, indicating the

well as living in harmony with nature.

Earlier, Yadav said, "As the nation gears up to celebrate its Independence Day, thrilled to share that we have added three Ramsar sites to our network. This takes our tally to 85 Ramsar sites, covering an area of 13,58,068 ha in India.' "The achievement reflects the emphasis PM Shri Narendra Modiji has laid on establishing harmony with nature, calling our wetlands Amrit Dharohars, and working relentlessly for their conservation," he said.



INDIAN FARMERS FERTILIZER COOPERATIVE LIMITED, PARADEEP UNIT



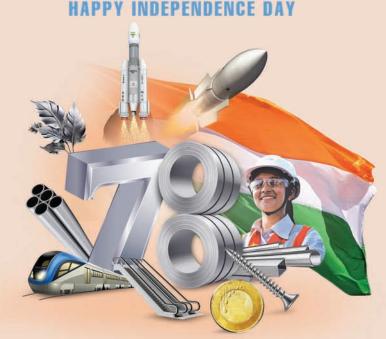
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SNIPPETS

India gears up for 78th I- Day

New Delhi: Ahead of Independence Day, security has been tightened across India with over 10,000 cops, facial recognition cameras and snipers deployed in Delhi and security camps set up in 13 villages in Chhattisgarh's Maoist-hit Bastar region where the Tricolour will be hoisted for the first time Thursday. Police personnel checked vehicles and conducted flag marches at various places in Punjab Wednesday while central forces maintained a tight vigil in Tripura. In Delhi, where Prime Minister Narendra Modi will unfurl the national flag at the Red Fort for the 11th consecutive year, more than 10,000 police personnel and 3,000 traffic police personnel have been deployed.

Govind Mohan next Home Secretary

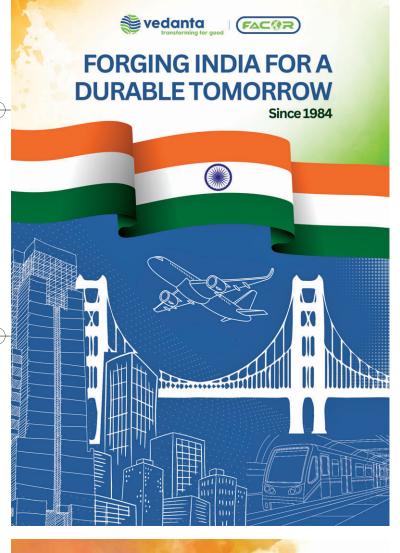
New Delhi: Senior IAS officer Govind Mohan was Wednesday appointed the next Union Home Secretary, succeeding Ajay Kumar Bhalla, according to an official order. Mohan, presently serving as Secretary, Ministry of Culture, will join as Officer on Special Duty in the Ministry of Home Affairs. "The Appointments Committee of the Cabinet has approved the appointment of Govind Mohan, IAS (Sikkim: 1989), Secretary, Ministry of Culture as Officer on Special Duty in the Ministry of Home Affairs with immediate effect."

SUV mows down man sleeping on beach

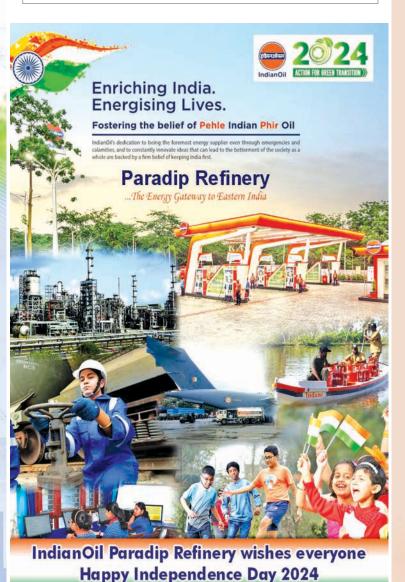
Mumbai: A tragic hit-and-run incident claimed the life of an auto-rickshaw driver and injured his friend after an SUV ran over them while they were sleeping on Versova beach in Mumbai, officials said Wednesday. The incident occurred early Monday morning and the driver of the SUV, Nikhil Jawle, 34, and his passenger, Shubham Dongre, 33, initially fled the scene but were apprehended within three hours at Igatpuri in Nashik district, they said. Their vehicle, registered in Nagpur, was traced following a tip-off from a local resident. Authorities have collected blood samples from both suspects to determine if they were under the influence of alcohol at the time of the incident.

PM likely to travel to NY next month

New Delhi: Prime Minister Narendra Modi is expected to visit New York next month to attend the UN's Summit of the Future, which is likely to be attended by a host of world leaders, people familiar with the matter said Wednesday. The Summit is scheduled to be held September 22 and 23. In New York, the Prime Minister is also set to address an Indian community event besides holding talks with a number of world leaders on the sidelines of the Summit, the people said









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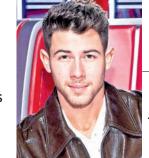


KYLIE'S TEA-TIME IS ABOUT SANDWICHES, MACAROONS

Reality TV star Kylie Jenner spends her teatime gorging on some lip-smacking sandwiches and macaroons. Calling herself a 'picky eater,' she said: "This has chicken in it. I am a picky eater, so a little disclaimer."

NICK SPILLS BEANS ON DAUGHTER'S CAREER

American popstar Nick Jonas has talked about his daughter, Malti Marie Chopra Jonas. She would, following in the footsteps of his father and mother, Priyanka Chopra Jonas, in choosing careers, Nick said, reports Entertainment Tonight.



There is all likelihood today of things not shaping up as you desired. It may seem vou made all the wrong investments, as the benefits may be very less. However, Ganesha indicates that life is full of unexpected happenings. There is a chance that you may meet an old friend which will make you very happy.

TAURUS

Your relationship with your parents is likely to turn sour today, says Ganesha. You need to ensure that differences and misunderstandings and do not creep in between you all. If, at all, that does occur, the best way to sort out issues is talk directly to them. There are chances that you will be too free and forceful in expressing your feelings and emotions

You need to beach your emotions and concentrate only on your work. Your day will be spent in meeting the demands of your family members. You will attend important meetings, be they personal or professional, in the afternoon, says Ganesha.

CANCER

Ganesha is foreseeing the conversion of your romance into marriage. But you will not have mind in the career or business and you lack enthusiasm in the same. So Ganesha advises you not to take up any new work, but finish off pending work.

LEO

You will need to curb down on your aggressive nature today. You will face a lot of situations today where you may lose your temper owing to minor issues and will later feel depressed. Calm and peace is required to progress in life, along with courage.

Today is a day to do some hard training and hard thinking. Ganesha says you will have to exercise both your muscles and your brain. Hard work will eventually lead to rich rewards. A romantic meeting with your beloved in the evening will put you in high spirits.

Ganesha says higher officials at work will shower you with appreciation and praise for your efforts. You may even be able to get a promotion or a pay rise today. There may be intensive arguments with your enemies. New relationships will get a chance to blossom today. Your competitors will be defeated today as it is a success-filled day for you

SCORPIO

Not so good, not so bad, is what you would feel after the day gets over. And average day at business with no major loss, foresees Ganesha, A feeling of insecurity may upset you, making you restless. Try to divert your mind by reading a self-help book. Await for a new dawn in your life.

SAGITTARIUS

If you see people fainting when you pass by, blame it on that thousand watts sparkling smile of yours. At work, your colleagues will benefit from your expertise and skills. In the evening, your heart may be thumping faster as your plan a special date with your sweetheart!

CAPRICORN

You will fully utilise your talents and earn a reputation of perfectionist in your area of work. If you are stuck in a legal battle or dispute, it will come an end on a positive note. You will understand the importance of constructive criticism and learn to improve upon your behaviour, foresees Ganesha. Your opponents will get the hint that you are better than them.

AOUARIUS

It is the day of the creative people like musicians, artists, and orators. You will look beyond the criticism coming your way and develop an understand ing to aim for a better future. With unmatched enthusiasm and charm you will outshine others at work.

PISCES

success at work

You might leave for an unplanned work related or social journey today, Small things will give you happiness today. In short, your day after noon time will be easy going and lucky. Ganesha assures you of

Sobhita beats SRK on IMDb

Mumbai: Actress Sobhita Dhulipala took the #2 spot on IMDb Popular Indian Celebrities list this week, beating Shah Rukh Khan and Kajol. After her engagement, Sobhita

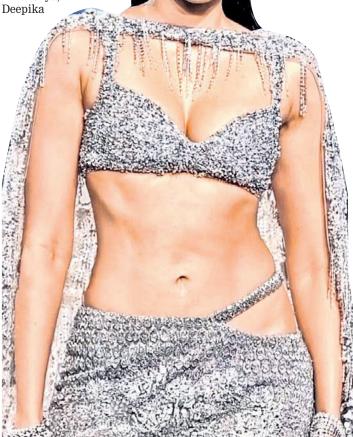
secured second place on the IMDb list this week. Sharvari continues holding the top spot, maintaining momentum after winning the Breakout STARmeter award after the release of Munjya.

followed by Shah Rukh Khan, Kajol, and Janhvi Kapoor at the third, fourth, and fifth positions, respectively. Lakshya,



Padukone, Vijay Sethupathi, Mrunal Thakur and Aishwarya Rai take up the rest of the spots in top 10 this week. The Popular Indian Celebrities feature on the app highlights the top trending Indian celebrities each week. It's based on the monthly visits to IMDb world-

wide. On the work front, Sobhita was last seen in Dev Patel's Monkey Man, and will soon be seen in Sitara. AGENCIES



Art talk, exhibition by Odisha artist couple in Kuala Lampur

Bhubaneswar: In a bid to make a new cultural bridge between Malaysia and Southeast Asia, artist couple Birendra Pani and Rajashree Biswal from Odisha recently organised an art talk and an exhibition at Kuala Lumpur.

The art talk titled Manoeuvring Tradition: Contemporary Visual Expressions from South Asia was delivered at Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose Indian Cultural Centres, Kuala Lumpur, by Biswal, the artistic and curatorial director of New Bridge India. The talk was a collaborative endeavour by Sutra Foundation, Malaysia, NSCBICC, and New Bridge India.

Biswal touched upon the dynamics of continuity and change in traditional art forms



in Odisha. Moreover, she investigated the contemporary creative expressions of Odishan and Indian artists and those from South Asian nations who

have engaged with 'tradition' through assimilation, re-contextualisation, interrogation, or criticism through their art. The art exhibition Neo-Urban

Avatar: Mythopoesis of the Contemporary Times, curated by Pani, an internationally recognised artist, was based on Indian mythology but re-contextualised in contemporary times to create a new sensibility among the viewers in Malaysia.

The expo, which concluded on August 12, was held at Sutra Gallery in Kuala Lumpur.

Pani engaged his viewers to expand their understanding of traditional concepts and archetypes to re-contextualise their meanings for contemporary times.

His art works were influenced by the Hindu mythological narrative of Dasavatara, but he re-contextualised it to create a reflective space at the face of the imminent 'neo-urban' deluge, shared Pani.

grets not being able to direct her late Knock Out

co-star Irrfan Khan, whom she described as <u>'one</u>

"I would love to produce and direct a film on all three Khans. I would also love to show their

talented side where they can both act and look good. They can also do something which has

a significant on society.
"They are talented and add a lot of revenue to
the industry. We should be eternally grateful

Oye Oye fame Sonam to revive acting career

Mumbai: Sonam Khan, more popular as Oye Oye girl of *Tridev* (1989), took a stroll down the memory lane, and shared a picture of her herself from the shoot of the song Dil Le Gayi Teri Bindiya from the 1992 thriller Vishwatma, expressing her wish to pursue the acting career again.

Sonam, dropped a picture of herself in a white glittery outfit. In the caption she wrote: "This was the last song I shot for in my short career of just three years... #Vishwatma I was al-

ready married by this A file photo of Sonam who made time. Just 18 here. A her Hindi film debut opposite Rish journey came to an Kapoor in Yash Chopra's Vijay

Mumbai: Actor-filmmaker Kangana Ranaut Wednesday said she aspires to bring to-gether the three Khans Shah Rukh, Salman to direct and produce.

Emergency, in which she stars in the role of former prime minister Indira Gandhi. The film will hit

Kangana wants to

direct three **Khans**

Naseeruddin Shah, Chunky Pandey, Divya Bharti, and Jyostna Singh. Known for her

work in Hindi and Telugu industry, made her debut in 1987 with the Telugu film *Samrat*. The actress shot to fame with the popular song Oye Oye... Tirchi Topi Wale from the film Tridev.

On the work front, Sonam last appeared in 1994 action thriller saniyat directed by Ramanjit Juneja which featured an ensemble cast of Amitabh Bachchan, Sunny Deol, Chunky Panday, Jaya Prada, Raveena Tandon, Anupam Kher, Prem Chopra, and Shafi Inamdar. IANS

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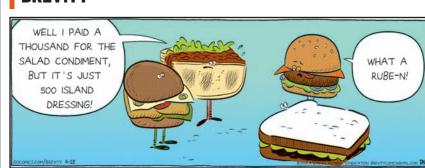
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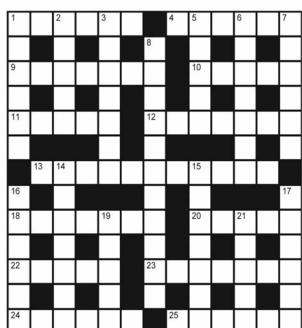
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While the last industrial revolution in the 1990s in India was driven by the information and technology sector, the next in the 21st century will be steered by bio-economy

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DOMESTIC PV WHOLESALES DIP

Passenger vehicle wholesales in India declined 2.5 per cent year-on-year to 3,41,510 units in July, impacted by high base effect as well as companies reducing vehicle dispatches to dealers amid moderation in demand



TRADE DEFICIT BALLOONS

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

New Delhi, August 14: After remaining in the positive zone for three months, India's exports contracted 1.2 per cent to \$33.98 billion in July, while the trade deficit widened to \$23.5 billion.

According to government data, imports rose by about 7.45 per cent to \$57.48 billion in July due to a jump in the inbound shipments of crude oil, silver and electronic goods.

Crude oil imports rose 17.44 per cent to \$13.87 billion, while silver imports jumped 439 per cent to \$165.74 million during the month under review.

The trade deficit, or the gap between imports and exports, was \$21 billion in June and \$19.3 billion in July 2023.

Briefing media on data, Commerce Secretary Sunil

BIZ BUZZ



Barthwal said that going by the current trend, the country's total exports of goods and services will cross last year's figure of \$778 billion.

He said that one of the reasons for the dip in merchandise exports is the fall in the shipments of petroleum products, which has declined by 22.15 per cent to \$5.22 billion.

Fall in prices, low demand and increasing domestic consumption have led to a dip in the exports of petroleum products in July.

The other export sectors, which have recorded negative growth during the month, include rice, cashew, oil seeds, marine products, gems and jewellery, chemicals, and cotton yarn/fabrics.

Gold imports dipped by 10.65 per cent to \$3.13 billion in July. However, electronic goods, pharma and engineering exports rose 37.31 per cent, 8.36 per cent and 3.66 per cent, respectively, in July.

India's merchandise exports increased 2.56 per cent to \$35.2 billion in June, even as the trade deficit widened to \$20.98 billion.

Trade this fiscal Exports during April-July this fiscal surged 4.15 per cent to \$144.12 billion, and imports grew

7.57 per cent to \$229.7 billion. The merchandise trade deficit during the first four months of this fiscal has widened to \$85.58 billion compared to \$75.15 billion during April-July 2023.

FOOD PRICES EASE

Wholesale inflation falls to 3-month low

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

New Delhi, August 14: Wholesale inflation fell to a 3-month low of 2.04 per cent in July on decline in prices of food items especially vegetables, government data released Wednesday showed.

The decline in wholesale price index (WPI) based inflation in July came after it rose for four months in a row till June, when it was 3.36 per cent. It was (-) 1.23 per cent in July last year.

In April wholesale inflation stood at 1.19 per cent.

As per the data, food inflation in July was 3.45 per cent, down from 10.87 per cent in June, mainly due to month-onmonth decline in prices of vegetables, cereals, pulses and onion.

Vegetables recorded a deflation of 8.93 per cent in July, against a 38.76 per cent inflation in the previous month.

Sensex snaps MUMBAI: Snapping its two-day losing streak, benchmark BSE Sensex closed higher by 150 points Wednesday following a rally in IT stocks amid a surge in the US markets on losing streak renewed hopes of a rate cut by the Fed in September. The 30-share BSE Sensex rose by 149.85 points or 0.19 per cent to settle at 79,105.88 with half of its constituents ending

higher. During the day, it gained 272.91 points or 0.34 per cent to hit a high of 79,228.94. The NSE Nifty closed marginally up by 4.75 points or 0.02 per cent at 24,143.75. As many 26 Nifty shares closed lower while 24 advanced.



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AM/NS launches diversity initiative at Paradeep Plant



PARADEEP: ArcelorMittal Nippon Steel India (AM/NS India), a leading steel manufacturer, continues to champion diversity and inclusion (D&I) with the launch of a new initiative at its Paradeep pellet plant. Beginning August 14, 2024, the plant has introduced A and B shifts, running from

6:00 am to 10:00 pm for its women employees. This program marks a significant step forward in the company's commitment to fostering a diverse workforce. The initiative was officially launched by Suresha G, Executive Director, Odisha Operations, AM/NS India who welcomed the 18 female employees to be deployed in shift operations. The launch event was attended by key leaders, including USR Raju, Plant Head, Paradeep Pellet Plant, AM/NS India, Debabrata Dash, Head, HR (East), AM/NS India, and Sunila Das, Head, HR & IR, Odisha Asset, AM/NS India along with department heads and employees from across the plant.

Canara Bank gives scholarships to meritorious girls



BHUBANESWAR: Canara Bank is observing "Canara Bank Dr Ambedkar Vidya Jyothi Scholarship Scheme" as a pan-India mega CSR activity on the occasion of 78th Independence Day celebration covering all 177 regional offices, 26 circle offices and 7,457 branches. As a part of this, Canara Bank

Bhubaneswar Circle also celebrated the same and distributed the scholarship to SC/ST meritorious 1,608 girl students covering 268 branches under CSR initiatives. The scheme is implemented by all rural, semi-urban and urban branches from class V to X from SC/ST communities studying in government/government aided schools in the command area for scholarship. The scholarship assistance is ₹3,000 per student for class 5 to 7 and ₹5,000 per student for class 8 to 10. The CSR inauguration ceremony at Bhubaneswar was graced by the esteemed presence of Bimal Prasad Sharma, Director Canara Bank, Dibakar Prasad Harichandan, Director Canara Bank, Laxman Kumar Mallick, Director of SC development, Jagdish Chander, General Manager, Canara Bank, Odisha State Head and Mahamaya Prasad Roy, AGM & Regional Head Bhubaneswar and other executives from circle office and regional office.



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VIKSIT ODISHA: DEVELOPMENT REDEFINED

- Honouring the religious sentiment of Odia people, four gates of the SriMandir, Puri opened for pilgrims and devotees.
- 500 Crore Corpus fund earmarked for maintenance & safety of Sri Jagannath Temple.
- Provision of ₹ 200 Crore to espouse the cause of 'Odia Asmita'.
- People's Budget, 2024-25 makes a perceptible provision of ₹10 thousand Crore for improvement in women's living standard.
- The Budget 2024-25 allocates ₹17,942 Crore for women, a rise of 188 percent compared to the previous one.
- Chapter heralded for creation of avenues in next five years for massive employment of the youth of the State.
- Upto 10% reservation for employment of Agniveer in all Uniformed Services of the State.
- Allocation of ₹5 thousand Crore in 'Samrudh' Krushak Yojana' and purchase of paddy from farmers at ₹3100 per quintal.
- The State turning out to be a Hub in the production of Millet.
- 'One Nation-One Ration' Card for the nonresident workers.
- Commitment for multi-pronged welfare of labourers.

- Jal Jeevan Mission ensures availability of pure drinking water at households and public places.
- Improvement of Hats in tribal dominated Gram Panchayats and collection & sale of forest & horticultural produce.
- Holistic development of Scheduled Tribe through implementation of PESA.
- Qualitative & extensive health coverage under Pradhan Mantree Ayushman-Bharat Jana Arogya Yojana and Gopabandhu Jana Arogya Yojana and free of cost access to diagnostics & treatment.
- Establishment of Handicraft Design Bank to skill the traditional artisans.
- Odisha's sponsorship of Indian Hockey Team continues until 2036.
- 'PM-Shree' and 'Godabarish Model Primary **School'** Schemes introduced to attain excellence in school infrastructure and academics.
- 'Madho Singh Hata Kharccha Yojana' brought into operation to reduce drop-out rate among the Scheduled Tribe students.



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