



Taapsee's learnings

Actor Taapsee Pannu shares the lessons she has learnt from the so-called nepo kids in the film industry

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New mpox strain

Thailand confirms that an mpox case reported this week was the clade 1b strain of the virus, the second outside of Africa

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5 killed as tanker overturns on tea stall



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Berhampur, August 22: Five people were killed and 12 others injured as a tanker overturned on a roadside tea stall after a head-on collision with a bus in Ganjam district Thursday morning, police said. The accident took place on the National Highway-59 at

Samarjhola near Hinjili, they said. While four people died on the spot, another person succumbed to the injuries while undergoing treatment at a hospital, the police said. The bus was on the way from Bhawanipatna to Berhampur, while the tanker was going towards Aska when the accident happened, they said.

One person travelling on the bus was killed, and the other four deceased were people sitting at the tea stall, the police said. Expressing grief over the incident, Chief Minister Mohan Charan Majhi announced an ex-gratia of ₹2 lakh each for the next of kin of the deceased. He also announced ₹1 lakh compensation for the seriously

injured persons. Those injured were admitted to the MKCG Medical College and Hospital, officials said. "Five people have died so far," District Collector Divya Jyoti Parida said. The deceased are yet to be identified, she said. A police team and firefighters cleared the highway for traffic, she added.

Judges, doctors can't go on strike

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New Delhi, August 22: The Supreme Court Thursday reiterated its appeal to the doctors protesting over the rape and killing of a Kolkata medic to resume work and directed no coercive action against them. The court said judges and doctors cannot go on a strike since they deal with matters involving life and liberty. "Justice and medicine cannot afford to be stopped. Can we (judges) go and sit outside the Supreme Court now?" the bench headed by Chief Justice DY Chandrachud asked. The court was hearing a suo motu case related to the rape and killing of a post-graduate medic at Kolkata's RG Kar Medical College and Hospital. As the hearing commenced, a counsel representing the resident doctors of the All India Institute of Medical Sciences (AIIMS) in Nagpur submitted that the protesting doctors are being marked absent and not allowed to sit in exams.



AIIMS docs call off stir

New Delhi: Resident doctors at AIIMS, Delhi announced Thursday that they were withdrawing their 11-day strike, called to protest against the rape and murder of a medic in Kolkata, following an appeal from the Supreme Court. "We are resuming duties following the Supreme Court's appeal and assurances and intervention in the RG Kar incident and the safety for doctors. We commend the court's action and call for adherence to its directives. Patient care remains our top priority," the Resident Doctors' Association, AIIMS, New Delhi, said in a post on X.

The court requested the protesting doctors to immediately resume their duties so that patients from marginalised sections and other needy people do not suffer. "An apprehension has been expressed by the doctors that some of them are being proceeded against with respect to protests that happened in the past. We are expecting that in compliance with the assurance given to the court, the doctors will join the duties. Let there be no coercive action against doctors after they come back to work after today's order for any protest that happened before the date of today's order," the bench, also comprising Justices JB Pardiwala and Manoj Misra, said.

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Focus on a solid poll campaign, but simultaneously prepare for Operation Lotus

SIM boxes controlled directly from Dhaka

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Bhubaneswar, August 22: In a major revelation, Bhubaneswar-Cuttack Police Commissioner Sanjeeb Panda Thursday said the SIM boxes set up here and in Ranchi were directly controlled from Dhaka in Bangladesh. Panda told reporters that Asadur Zaman, a 30-year-old from Feni in Bangladesh, set up the SIM box operation, with West Bengal's Raju Mandal serving as the local help. Asadur controlled the SIM boxes in Bhubaneswar and Ranchi remotely using smart switches, while the SIM boxes in Cuttack were operated manually, Panda said. "He operated the smart switch with a local SIM card, which enabled him to keep a track on the illicit activities being operated from Bhubaneswar and Ranchi. The backup data from SIM box setups installed in these two cities is suspected to be with Asadur," he added. Police said that they have obtained detailed information, including a photograph of Asadur. A SIM box is a device used by fraudsters to make tonnes of calls through rerouting international telecom gateways. They are also used to evade GPS location tracker to give a slip to law enforcement agencies. They are used for a series of illicit activities including cybercrime, hate speech, extortion, and other illegal activities, posing challenges for law enforcement agencies.

"Asadur ran a software company, ICon Technology, in Dhaka and had previously studied at BGMEA University of Fashion and Technology in Dhaka. Investigation revealed that the racket rerouted international calls from Pakistan, China, and West Asia to India," Panda added. A source in the Commissionerate Police said an additional remand of Mandal for one week will be sought before a local court. "The police have obtained Call Data Record (CDR) of the SIM boxes, operated from Cuttack, Bhubaneswar and Ranchi. The persons who Mandal contacted will soon be sought for interrogation," the source said. Recently, a special police team from Odisha visited Ranchi and found another SIM box centre operated by Mandal, who was arrested from Bhubaneswar August 16. So far, police have seized 17 SIM boxes from Cuttack, Bhubaneswar, and Ranchi. Police have also confiscated 678 operational SIM cards, three internet connections, and spare SIM cards. Panda said that they will seek the Interpol's assistance through the CBI to gather more details about Asadur. According to police, Asadur's Indian visa is valid until October 24, 2024. He entered India through the integrated check post (ICP), Agartala October 21, 2023, and left for Bangladesh December 24, 2023, via ICP, Haridaspur in West Bengal, police said.

RDC to probe liquor deaths: Minister

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Bhubaneswar, August 22: The Odisha government would soon order an administrative probe by the RDC into the liquor case in Ganjam district, Excise Minister Prithviraj Harichandan said in the Assembly Thursday. The state government was committed to demolishing all the illegal country liquor joints, he said. Harichandan said this after the issue was raised in the Assembly where the Opposition BJD demanded his resignation. Two persons died, while 13 others are undergoing treatment in a hospital after consuming spurious alcohol in Ganjam. P3

Second largest diamond found

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Gaborone, August 22: Botswana says one of the largest diamonds ever found has been unearthed at one of its mines. The second largest diamond ever found - a huge 2,492-carat stone - has been discovered at the mine owned by Canadian firm Lucara Diamond Corp. Lucara Diamond Corp said in a statement that it recovered the 'exceptional' rough diamond from its Karowe Mine in western Botswana. Lucara said it was a 'high-quality' stone and was found intact. It was located using X-ray technology. The weight would make it



The 2492-carat diamond

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the largest diamond found in more than 100 years and the second largest ever dug out of a mine after the Cullinan Diamond discovered in South Africa in 1905. The Cullinan was 3,106 carats and was cut

into gems, some of which form part of the British Crown Jewels. A bigger black diamond was discovered in Brazil in the late 1800s, but it was found on the surface and

was believed to have been part of a meteorite. Botswana is the second biggest producer of diamonds and has unearthed all of the world's biggest stones in recent years. Before this discovery, the Sewelo diamond, which was found at the Karowe Mine in 2019, was recognised as the second biggest mined diamond in the world at 1,758 carats. It was bought by French fashion house Louis Vuitton for an undisclosed amount. The 1,111-carat Lesedi La Rona diamond, also from Botswana's Karowe Mine, was bought by a British jeweller for \$53 million in 2017.

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You remain in our hearts forever !

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GALLAGHER RAISES FUNDS FOR NEW ANIMAL HOSPITAL

English singer Liam Gallagher is helping to raise money for the construction of an animal hospital. The 51-year-old previously adopted a street dog called Buttons, and the former Oasis frontman has now lent his support to Tina's Hospital, which is designed to provide medical services and support for over 1,000 dogs.

JENNA ORTEGA: I'M NOT A CRAZY STAR WARS PERSON

Actress Jenna Ortega said that she is not a crazy *Star Wars* person. Ortega while placing the film on the fourth spot and said: "Here's the thing John Williams obviously one of the best to ever do. I am not a crazy *Star Wars* person. I am so sorry."



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ARIES

Curl, massage, clip, tweeze, polish, gloss, condition... today, you will attempt to shed your old skin. A dream date may have you in jitters but Ganesh suggests that you take it easy. True relationships are not sealed by glossy kisses alone!

TAURUS

Your romantic relationship will be working on an over-drive today, says Ganesh. You will discover answers to the finer aspects of your love life. Overall, you will have a refreshingly creative outlook all through the day. It is a favourable day for those who cherish unrequited love, says Ganesh.

GEMINI

Today, you are likely to rack your brains to get things done. But your modesty will not do you any good. You will have to show that you are the boss, even if you are not. Your extraordinary brilliance will translate into exceptional performance and will save the day. Never forget that your family is the foundation of your success, says Ganesh.

CANCER

Ganesh advises you to watch your back today. However, he wants to make it clear that you may be at the receiving end of others' actions. Anyway, your cautious and watchful approach will save you from needless discomfiture.

LEO

The friends we make go a long way in making us who we are, says Ganesh. Over the years, with your natural instinct to be a social charmer, you have built a fine circle of dedicated friends on whom you can bank with confidence under any circumstance. Today might be a day when you get the opportunity to make use of such friendship.

VIRGO

Today, your soul mate will both give and demand pleasant surprises, says Ganesh. Your business partners may bring in some good news. Take responsibility of your past mistakes and make plans for the days to come. Do not be shy of the advice of loved ones, as it will help you more than hinder. In the evening, you may spend quality time with your beloved.

LIBRA

Today, you will be in a mish-mash of emotions and feelings. Also, there are chances of accumulated feelings finding an outlet. Your capacity for emotional display may take people by surprise. However, you will also enjoy the higher responsibilities reposed on you, predicts Ganesh.

SCORPIO

While not the Trot, you shall, however, trot on the lines of radicalism today, predicts Ganesh. Learn to think as you would, and always have, but act as others would have you to, advises Ganesh. Be the maverick that you are only with those who are closest and dearest, cautions Ganesh.

SAGITTARIUS

Setting for a new, better employment will help you fast-track your career growth. A telephonic interview might ring in a new offer. A lucrative deal with an MNC would serve well. Your dedication and devotion to work will also peak today, says Ganesh.

CAPRICORN

It's going to be a day of pleasant surprises. You will try your level best to help people around you, and will find it exceedingly frustrating when the results won't be as expected, says Ganesh. In fact, this may even dampen your spirit and shake your self-confidence. But try and transform your weaknesses into strengths – it will help you develop a more positive approach to life.

AQUARIUS

Eat, drink, and make merry. But watch out: don't empty your pockets in one go. Also, guard your reputation. A lot depends on your behaviour, and the big daddies may be watching you. You have a lot at stake, and there should be no regrets later. Let success be your priority for now, says Ganesh. All else will follow.

PISCES

You are likely to be grinding yourself under at the workplace today. A turning point will arise in romantic liaisons, though if the evening awaiting you is anything to go by, it is something you should welcome wholeheartedly, says Ganesh.

Taapsee's lesson from industry kids

Mumbai: Actress Taapsee Pannu, who opened a production house confessed the one lesson she's learnt from the so-called nepo kids in the industry.

"It's a different opinion from a lot of others. One thing that is good about people who have parents or siblings or any other family member in the industry, the so-called nepotism people or the people who they say have come into the industry through nepotism, one really good thing that I've learnt from them is how to stay together, stick together, and support each other. Which a lot of us, people from outside, don't have as much as they have for each other," she said.

"We're so used to struggling, hustling, and racing ahead of each other. We're respectful towards each other, we'll message each other when we see each other's films. But whether it's a good film or a bad film, to stand by this person, that vibe, that's more in the industry kids than us outsiders," admitted Taapsee.

"Sometimes, deep down inside we'll end up feeling insecure about each other only. It's more than what the industry kids have. Because, like I said, our mindset is framed by competition. But the unity I've seen... that they'll recommend each other or stand by each other or be there for each other," added the actress.

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Bhubaneswar: Popular Web series *Mirzapur* fame Isha Talwar will make her debut in Odia film.

Titled *Durga*, the project is the fifth venture of Anasmish Productions. The makers revealed Isha's character Wednesday with a special video. The film will be released this Dussehra.

The film is produced by Pritam Sahu and directed by Tapas Sargharia. The latter has also written the story. The screenplay is penned by Suresh Patnaik and dialogues by Antaryami Sargharia. The music is composed by Abhijit Majumdar.

Isha predominantly works in Malayalam and Hindi films, besides appearing in a few Tamil and Telugu films. She started out as a model and appeared in various commercials, and later made her film debut with the 2012 Malayalam film *Thattathin Marayathu*. She grabbed attention for her role in Web Series *Mirzapur* and *Saas Bahu and Flamingo*.

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Mirzapur girl Isha to star in Odia film

Mumbai: Model, social media influencer, and actress Sana Sultan Khan has opened up about her love for music, revealing that she will soon be making her debut as a singer.

Sana, known for her cute looks and heartfelt shayaris, said, "Music is my heartbeat. It has always been a big part of who I am. I've been singing for a long time now, and finally, I get to share that part of me with people. I can't reveal too much just yet, but I promise it's coming very soon, and I'm pouring my heart and soul into it."

Reflecting on her journey, Sana added, "Singing has always been my dream. It's a way for me to connect with my emotions and with people. I hope that when you hear my music, you feel the love and passion I put into it."

On the work front, she was last seen in the controversial reality show *Bigg Boss OTT 3*.

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Sana to make debut as singer

Bebo reunites with her gang

Mumbai: Actress Kareena Kapoor was reunited with her sister Karisma Kapoor and friends Malaika Arora and Amrita Arora after quite some time. Taking to her Instagram Stories on Wednesday night, Kareena shared a picture.

For the get together, Kareena wore a white shirt, denims, heels and also carried a bag. Karisma Kapoor was seen in a black dress and slippers. Malaika Arora opted for a printed white dress and red slippers. Amrita Arora was dressed in a shirt dress and shoes. All of them wore sun-



glasses and posed for the camera as Karisma clicked the selfie.

Sharing the photo, Kareena wrote, "The gang forever (red heart emoji)." Karisma shared it on her Instagram Stories with a heart gif. Malaika had travelled to France and Australia, and returned recently. Karisma and Kareena took a trip to London last month.

On the work front,

Kareena will be seen next in *The Buckingham Murders* and will also be seen in *Daayra* and *Singham Again*.

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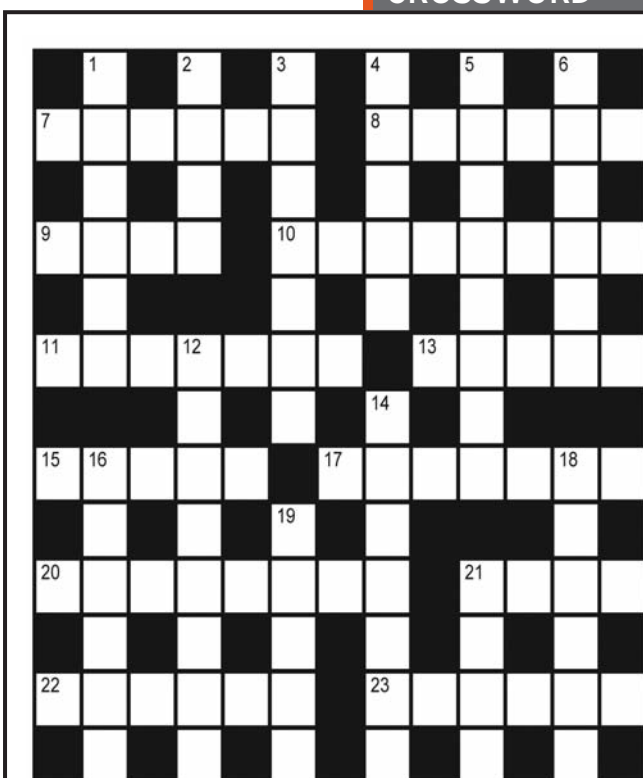


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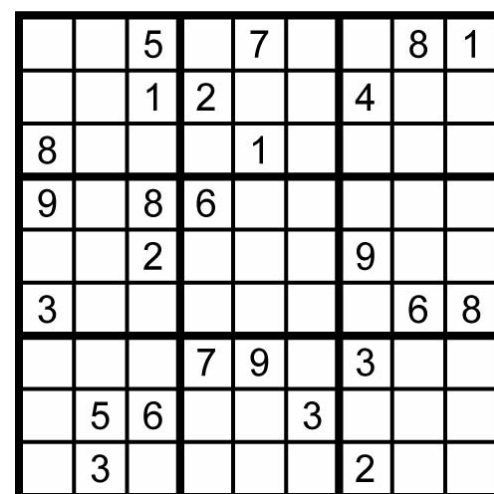
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 - 8 Debris
 - 9 Sham
 - 10 Disgust
 - 11 Grasslands
 - 13 Sidestep
 - 15 Fine-tune
 - 17 Type of stone
 - 20 Short respite
 - 21 Burlap fibre
 - 22 Caterwaul
 - 23 Battened down
- Down**
- 1 Devastate
 - 2 Trim
 - 3 Tiny freshwater fish
 - 4 Giant pheasant
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 - 16 Deserving
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 - 21 Type of cheese

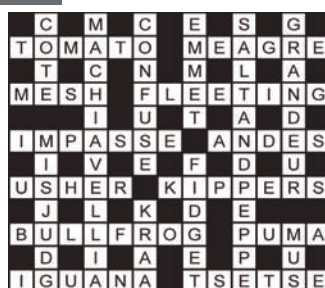
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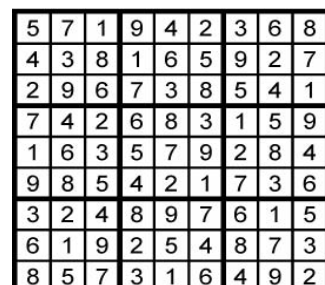


SOLUTIONS

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SUDOKU



CHECK FOR SOLUTIONS OF THE PUZZLES TOMORROW

downtown

Berhampur: A 65-year-old man was killed and six others were injured following a clash between families of two brothers in Ganjam district Thursday, police said.

Hooch tragedy rocks House

No pension plans for journo

Chief Minister Mohan Charan Majhi Thursday said the state government has no plans to provide allowances or pensions to elderly journalists.

Gold deposits found in many dists: Min

Presence of gold deposits has been found in different districts of the state, Steel and Mines Minister Bibhuti Bhusan Jena told the Assembly Thursday.

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Bhubaneswar, August 22: The spurious liquor tragedy at Chikiti in Ganjam district rocked the Odisha Assembly Thursday with the Opposition BJD demanding the dismissal of Excise Minister Prithviraj Harichandan over the issue.

Two persons had died and many are still critical after drinking the noxious brew Monday night.

As soon as the House assembled for the Question Hour at 10.30 am, BJD MLAs stormed the well raising slogans demanding the minister's scalp over the issue.

They were soon joined by Congress MLAs who too trooped into the well of the House raising slogans alleging the BJP-led Union government of using Central agencies like ED and CBI for political gains and suppressing the Opposition.

Taraprasad Bahinipati, however, blamed both the BJD and the BJP for the wide circulation of spurious liquor in Ganjam district.



As the chaos continued, Speaker Surama Padhy adjourned the House until 11:30am.

When the Assembly reconvened at 11:30am, the Opposition members again rushed to the well of the House and continued shouting slogans in support of their demands.

As the Congress and BJD members intensified their protest inside the well of the House, the Speaker adjourned the session for 15 minutes until 11:45am.

When the House met again at 11:45am after the adjournment, the Opposition members were seen occupying the well of the House and raising slogans against the BJP government.

Parliamentary Affairs Minister Mukesh Mahaling requested the Opposition members to return to their seats and

cooperate with the business of the House, stating that the government is willing to discuss the issues raised by them.

However, the Opposition paid no heed to Mahaling's appeal and continued raising slogans inside the well of the House.

Sensing the Opposition's mood, the Speaker adjourned the house from 11:50am until 4:00pm without transacting any business.

The Assembly also witnessed ruckus as the Opposition members disrupted the business over their specific demands Tuesday and Wednesday.

The Congress demanded student elections in educational institutions, while the BJD members raised slogans against the government over an incident involving the Governor's son allegedly assaulting a government official.

On Wednesday, the Assembly witnessed chaos with the Opposition Congress and BJD members rushing near the podium and raising slogans against the government right from the Question Hour.

The Congress members opposed the recent SC verdict on sub-classification of SCs, while the BJD members demanded RDC probe into the Ganjam liquor tragedy.

Sack doc accused of rape, SCB told

DMET. The doctor, a resident of Bhopal, Madhya Pradesh, was arrested August 13 following a complaint by the two women at Mangalabag police station in Cuttack.

The alleged rapes took place August 11 when the patients came in for an echocardiogram (ECHO) test.

The Health and Family Welfare department took the incident seriously and formed a probe committee consisting of Dr. Santosh Kumar Mishra (DMET), Dr. Sudhansu Sekhar Mishra (SCBMCH Superintendent), Dr. Roma Rattan (Joint DMET), and the I/c Dean & Principal of SCB Medical College.

A three-member committee confirmed the doctor's involvement in the offences and found no evidence of conspiracy or false implication.

In a letter to the SCB principal, Mishra instructed that the accused doctor be rusticated. "The principal of the SCB Medical College and Hospital will rusticate the accused doctor," Mishra told PTI.

20K LTR ILLICIT LIQUOR SEIZED, 373 BOOKED

POST NEWS NETWORK

Bhubaneswar, August 22: Even as the spurious liquor tragedy at Chikiti in Ganjam district that left a trail of 2 deaths with 20 more still battling for life - rocked the Odisha Assembly, the State Excise Department Thursday claimed to have seized 20,746 litres of illicit liquor during multiple raids carried across the state during the past two-days.

A senior Excise official said 373 persons were booked under relevant Sections of Excise Act in connection with the cases, while 262 of them have already been forwarded to various courts. The enforcement also led to the seizure of 26 vehicles.



A THREE-MEMBER COMMITTEE CONFIRMED THE DOCTOR'S INVOLVEMENT IN THE OFFENCES AND FOUND NO EVIDENCE OF CONSPIRACY OR FALSE IMPLICATION

Elaborating further, he said two accused, Tikaram Sahoo and Maheswar Gibela of Balangir district were arrested in connection with the possession of 77 litres of illicit liquor. They had been booked six times in the past by the Excise Department. Similarly, Labani Rout, a native of Kalahandi district was rounded up in connection with manufacturing of spurious alcohol. The department has seized 80 litres of alcohol from his possession.

In the Capital City too, two men have been arrested for allegedly possessing approximately 550 litres of country-made alcohol, under Tamandapoli police station jurisdiction. "Further probe is underway to nab the owner of unit where the liquor was manufactured," he said.

Congress workers stage protest before ED office

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Bhubaneswar, August 22: As part of a nationwide protest, Odisha Pradesh Congress Committee (OPCC) leaders along with thousands of workers tried to 'gherao' the office of Enforcement Directorate (ED) here over alleged misuse of Central agencies by the BJP-led Union government.

Senior Congress leaders, including AICC Odisha in-charge Ajoy Kumar, Koraput MP Saptagiri Ulaka, Congress Legislature Party leader Ramchandra Kadam, MLA Taraprasad Bahinipati, and former Union Minister Srikant Jena, led the demonstration.

During the protest, Congress workers clashed with police while marching towards the ED office. Police made preventive arrests of several Congress leaders, but released them later.

Kumar accused the Modi government of using the ED for 'extortion' from companies and imprisoning Opposition members.

He claimed, "The Modi government has provided money from public sector banks to a specific industrialist, who is using it to acquire our airports." Congress MLA Ramesh Jena criticised the BJP government



for allegedly trying to undermine Indian democracy through the misuse of Central agencies like the ED and CBI.

Bhubaneswar DCP Prateek Singh said extensive security arrangements had been made, including the deployment of 12 platoons of force and police officers from neighbouring districts.

He noted that police successfully managed the situation, detaining those who attempted to breach the barricades.

In response, BJP spokesperson Manoj Mohapatra argued that the Congress organised the protest to shield its 'corrupt' leaders facing ED action.

Excessive bail is no bail: SC

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

New Delhi, August 22: Excessive bail is no bail, the Supreme Court said Thursday while observing that granting the relief and then imposing onerous conditions is to take away with the left hand, what is given with the right.

The apex court said an order which would protect the person's fundamental right under Article 21 of the Constitution and at the same time guarantee his or her presence, would be reasonable and proportionate.

A bench of Justices BR Gavai and KV Viswanathan delivered its verdict on a plea filed by a man, against whom 13 FIRs have been lodged in several states for various offences including that of cheating.

was granted bail in these 13 cases and he has fulfilled the bail conditions in two of them.

The top court noted the main plea of the petitioner was that he was not in a position to furnish separate sureties, as directed in the remaining 11 bail orders.

"The situation today is, in spite of obtaining bail in 13 cases, the petitioner has not been able to furnish sureties," the bench said.

"From time immemorial, the principle has been that excessive bail is no bail. To grant bail and thereafter to impose excessive and onerous conditions, is to take away with the left hand, what is given with the right," it said, adding that as to what was excessive would depend on the facts and circumstances of each case.

Referring to the case, the bench said the petitioner was experiencing a "genuine difficulty" in finding multiple sureties.

It observed that sureties were essential to ensure the presence of the accused who has been released on bail.

"At the same time, when the court is faced with the situation where the accused enlarged on bail is unable to find sureties, as ordered, in multiple cases, there is also a need to balance the requirement of furnishing the sureties with his or her fundamental rights under Article 21 of the Constitution of India," it said.

Forest Range Officer under Vigilance lens

POST NEWS NETWORK

Bhubaneswar, August 22: A sprawling farmhouse, multiple properties in Odisha and Hyderabad are among the ill-gotten riches of Forest Range Officer (Dhenkanal) Bibhudananda Mishra unearthed during searches at several locations, the Vigilance claimed, Thursday.

Following allegation of the officer amassing assets disproportionate to his known sources of income, eight teams of Vigilance comprising seven DSPs, an Assistant Commandant, six Inspectors and six ASIs carried out the searches at eight locations related to Mishra. During searches, a double-storey building at Ratna Bazar in Dhenkanal, a flat at Rasulgarh, two flats in Hyderabad, a 5-acre farmhouse at Athagarh in Cuttack and eight plots of land in posh localities were found belonging to Mishra. Bank and postal deposits worth ₹1.05 crore, ₹5,15,840 cash, including ₹1 lakh concealed in flush tank, 557 gram gold, two diamond necklaces and two four-wheelers were also found in the name of the officer, they said.

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

Glimmer of Hope

2023 survey conducted by three United Nations agencies in Afghanistan revealed a grim reality: nearly one-fifth of Afghan women had not interacted with anyone outside their immediate families over the previous three months.

This alarming statistic underscores the severe isolation imposed on women in Afghanistan, many of whom are confined to their homes. Forced seclusion has had a profoundly negative impact on the mental health of girls and women across the country...

Moreover, a recent Human Rights Watch report found that the Taliban's restrictions on women's freedom of movement and employment "have gravely impeded women and girls' access to health services..."

Consequently, an entire generation of Afghan girls is poised to reach adulthood without any professional qualifications or essential skills. According to the UN survey, in January 2023, 90% of women reported having "good" or "full" influence in their households. By November of that year, this number plummeted to 39%...

Even as Afghan girls and women are being denied their rights to association, education, and employment, however, there have been several encouraging developments. In recent years, community groups in Kabul and across the country have organized trade fairs where women showcase their wares to both male and female visitors...

Glimmers of hope can be found elsewhere as well. The Bread for Women project is a prime example. Conceived and led by the Italian NGO NOVE, one of the few international organizations still operating in Afghanistan...

NOVE has been navigating Afghanistan's complicated political landscape since 2013. In its pilot stage, the project focuses on providing technical and financial support for building or restoring female-owned bakeries, purchasing tandoor ovens, and offering basic training in management and accounting.

Today, the organization supplies three bakeries with essentials such as flour, gas, and firewood. Each bakery employs three women who are paid a monthly salary: a baker, an assistant, and a third employee whose role is to distribute daily naan allotments to poor women and take their fingerprints to confirm receipt...

Although only three bakeries have been restored so far, they are more than just places to obtain food. These bakeries have become social hubs, offering the women who visit them a rare opportunity to leave the house, meet peers, exchange advice, share experiences, and even laugh.

Many of these women come from Afghanistan's most impoverished and vulnerable communities. They are often their families' primary providers, either because they are widows or live with disabled husbands. With little to no employment opportunities, they carry vouchers entitling them to five naans each day.

But this important initiative is about more than just charity: the three bakeries also have paying customers who bring their own dough. While these businesses are not yet self-sustaining, all three bakers seem determined to pursue their craft, leveraging their new found skills and entrepreneurial spirit to improve their lives and contribute to their communities...

The writer, a Polish journalist and political analyst, is a former senior policy adviser at the International Rescue Committee and a former senior political analyst at the International Crisis Group.

WISDOM CORNER

Death is not extinguishing the light; it is only putting out the lamp because the dawn has come. RABINDRANATH TAGORE

A little nonsense now and then is relished by the wisest men. WILLIAM SHAKESPEARE

Only those who will risk going too far can possibly find out how far one can go. TS ELIOT

THIS DAY IN HISTORY

1514: The Ottomans won a decisive victory over the Safavids of Iran at the Battle of Chaldirān.

1926: The Great Lover, motion-picture actor Rudolph Valentino, died suddenly at age 31, prompting widespread public grief from his fans.

1939: Germany and the Soviet Union signed a nonaggression pact dividing eastern Europe into German and Soviet spheres of influence.

2000: The first season of the U.S. version of the reality TV game show Survivor ended, with Richard Hatch being pronounced the winner; the hugely popular series was credited with launching the reality TV fad of the early 21st century.

2011: After rebel forces captured his compound in Tripoli, Muammar al-Qaddafi's four-decade rule of Libya ended; although his whereabouts were initially unknown, he was discovered two months later in the Libyan city of Surt and killed.

FOCUS US POLLS

HARRIS' POPULIST AGENDA



What Kamala Harris does may just create a flutter, but countries like India, who claim to be the next global leaders, have to trudge more cautiously for safeguarding the poor, farmers and the working class



Shivaji Sarkar

INDIANS AND AMERICANS NEED FOOD, MINIMUM QUALITY OF LIFE AND FREEDOM FROM ORGANISED OPPRESSION



Anna Husarska

In recent years, community groups in Kabul and across the country have organized trade fairs where women showcase their wares to both male and female visitors

The global economic landscape could shift dramatically if the US Democratic Party's presidential nominee, Kamala Harris, succeeds in implementing her bold stance on prices and corporate control. This move could send shockwaves across the world...

It appears the tide is turning, as people worldwide demand freedom from the manipulative tactics that drive up prices. Harris's message is clear: Americans can no longer tolerate skyrocketing costs. Her aggressive, populist economic agenda aims to rein in corporate power...

A 74-year-old Indian blogger after a lavish Indian corporate marriage in July blurted out on X-twitter, "In my 74 years, I have not seen, or even heard of, a more tasteless, egotistical or pretentious wedding than the recent 24X7 televised extravaganza. It is not just about its cost, which is estimated to be anything between Rs 1500 crores to 5000 crores...

"It lies in the way money was expended, at a time when the average Indian has never been worse off economically, when inequality and unemployment have reached record heights, when 67 percent of the GST is paid by 50 percent of its poorest citizens..."

He writes the splendour of gifts costing over Rs 1 crore and multi-million-dollar payments to the entertainers are vulgar.

than in the US, which has strong anti-trust laws despite the protest from the big, Indian policies suit the big shops more with quite a few trillions being waved off in taxes and other benefits, including tailoring national and stock market policies.

Harris instead, despite being the Vice President of USA, empathising with the American people, says, "The bills add up. Food, rent, gas, back-to-school clothes, prescription medication. After that, for many families, there's not much left at the end of the month..."

Those words any Indian voter would love to hear from their leaders. It follows a dozen proposals for improving the lives of Americans. Some like 3 million new housing units to the people seemingly have been picked up from Indian political party manifestos...

Indians are certainly more concerned because with whatever rank in the world economy, it is nowhere near the US. If American economy is not in good shape, Indian's can at best be convalescing, post Covid-19. But stranglehold of the honchos in India is more gripping

algorithmic price-setting tools to increase rents by large margins. Medical costs and health insurance frauds are the worst in the US. Many Indian companies now have emulated it.

Medical expenses are increasing in India and the US. Harris promises to eliminate medical debt for millions of Americans, possibly by using federal funds to buy and forgive outstanding debt from health providers. She wants to limit Americans' annual out-of-pocket spending on prescription drugs to \$2,000.

The one difference is that India wants to repeat the US insurance follies and they are trying to change it. Though in some cases like PM Jan Aushadhi, India is doing better in providing generic medicines at low prices.

And as direct benefit pensions are given to kisans in India, Harris would give a child tax credit that would provide \$6,000 per child to families for the first year of a baby's life. Apparently Indian budgetary novelties introduced as direct benefits or pensions in various ways have fascinated Harris.

Socialism, direct or indirect, despite big companies ruling the roost is apparently returning to world politics. What Harris does may just create a flutter, but countries like India, who claim to be the next global leaders, have to trudge more cautiously for safeguarding the poor, farmers and the working class.

Harris has apparently borrowed quite a few of it from the Indian Budget. Now it is India's turn to ensure how it could check the corporates to serve people's interests. The world is changing and India's populism is winning big one's heart.

SPECTRUM NATIONAL SPACE DAY

Touching lives while touching the moon



Nikunja Bihari Sahu

ISRO HAS DEMONSTRATED HOW A LOFTY AND GRAND SPACE MISSION COULD BE ACCOMPLISHED WITH A MINIMAL AND AFFORDABLE INVESTMENT COST

It has been a year since our indigenously developed Chandrayaan-3 spacecraft created history by successfully soft-landing on the permanently shadowed South Pole region of the Moon. Thus India became the first country in the world in achieving the feat of soft-landing an unmanned spacecraft on the Moon's South Pole...

Exploring the Moon, our closest celestial neighbour, has remained a long-cherished goal for humanity ever since the beginning of the Space Race in the Cold War period between the USA and the erstwhile Soviet Union in the nineteen fifties and beyond. While the Soviet Union's Luna series of missions were able to first visit the Moon achieving many remarkable feats like soft-landing, rover manoeuvres and sample collections, the USA, on the other hand, had an even bigger accomplishment by landing its astronauts for the first time on the Moon through its Apollo11 mission in 1969.

the world notably the European Union, China, India, Japan, UAE and Israel.

Of particular mention is the emergence of China as a major space power in recent years. China has not only sent a rover to the Moon but also returned lunar samples safely to the Earth through its Chang'e series of missions. It also plans to land astronauts on the Moon by 2030 and build a permanent base there with a long term goal of mining the Moon's resources and for use of its strategic locations for military purposes.

India's successful lunar exploration was a feat long due for a country of 1.4 billion people and having the advantage of inheriting some of the greatest space legacies of the world like Vikram Sarabhai, Satish Dhawan and U R Rao. ISRO was set up only in 1969 (a few days later the USA landed its astronauts on the

Moon) and it took only nearly 55 years to achieve a soft-landing of its unmanned spacecraft on the Moon. This is notwithstanding the developing status of our country's economy where other emergency sectors like health, education and agriculture etc are to be prioritised.

However, the recent achievements with Chandrayaan have also some silver linings to be cherished with. India became the first country in the world to soft-land its Vikram lander near the Moon's South Pole and to explore its treasure trove of resources through the rover Pragyan. As it can be remembered, Russia's Luna 25 mission which was launched with a much powerful Soyuz rocket (compared to our own LMV III vehicle) failed a few days before Chandrayan-3's touchdown. Secondly, ISRO has demonstrated how a lofty and grand space mission could be accomplished with a minimal and affordable investment cost compatible for a developing nation like India...

which is a testimony to its professional approach and enormous capability. Fourthly, the fact that a number of lady scientists of ISRO were involved in key decision making processes of both the missions testifies the strength of India's women power and the country's diverse intellectual resources. As can be remembered, Dr Kalpana Kalahasti, a lady scientist of ISRO served as the Assistant Director of the Chandrayaan-3 mission contributing many key decisions and technologies leading to the mission's successful flight.

With ISRO's next big achievement the Gaganyaan manned spaceflight mission knocking on the door with the astronauts already being designated and receiving training, we hope that Chandrayaan-3's success will inspire our future space missions to soar to a height of success and glory. It will also serve as a catalyst to attract our incredible youth power to pursue careers in space science and applications in line with this year's theme of "Touching Lives while touching the Moon: India's Space Saga".

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Letters

TO THE EDITOR

Readers of Orissa POST are most welcome to contribute letters (200 words), articles and columns (between 750-1250 words). Contributors are requested to send their contact numbers and full postal address/email ID. They may also send in their valuable comments, opinion and suggestions, preferably by email, to: edit@orissapost.com

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Coalition constraints

Sir, The Central Government has withdrawn the Lateral Entry due to the coalition government's pressure after the Waqf and Broadcasting Bills. The objective was to appoint private-sector expertise to high-level government positions. In previous years, the inclusion of experts in the bureaucracy was referred to as progressive thinking. However, due to the lack of transparency in the selection process, protests erupted. The administration postponed the plan following fierce criticism from opposition parties and concerns from some NDA partners...

On a sticky wicket

Sir, Fearing that they would definitely lose the Assembly elections in Jammu & Kashmir and Haryana, the BJP has allegedly, with the connivance of the Election Commission, postponed the Assembly polls in Maharashtra, where again they are on a sticky wicket. Knowing well that it would be a death blow for them, if they lose all three Assembly elections at the same time, which might even pave the way for their minority government to crumble like a pack of cards, they have maneuvered to postpone the elections in Maharashtra. The anti-incumbency factor and the return of a resurgent Congress with added vigour as a formidable enemy will make the saffron party bite the dust in the hustings. Furthermore, even if they hold elections to the Maharashtra Assembly after a month or two, the results will not change in their favour. Gone are those days when the BJP was dictating terms to the stake holders of every election with their money and muscle power. Now, it is the turn of the people who have realised that the empty rhetoric of the saffron party is not going to do anything good for their welfare.

Tharcus S Fernando, CHENNAI



There is a proposal (to hike) water prices for eight to nine years. We have to expand (supplies), save and increase the level of underground water. Population is increasing

MODI TO GIVE CERTIFICATES TO 11 LAKH 'LAKHPATI DIDIS' AUG 25

Prime Minister Narendra Modi will award certificates to 11 lakh new 'Lakhpati Didis' August 25 and hold an interaction with them, Union Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan said Thursday.



of the day quote

Technology upgrade is a must. We need to develop our own systems, our own infrastructure.

The Congress party will question the BJP about these (Adani) scam not only in Lok Sabha and Rajya Sabha, but also in all the states from the House to the road and all the scams will be exposed before the public

Delhi has been turned into a living hell because an artificial financial crisis has been created in Delhi Jal Board. This cannot be allowed to go on

RG KAR DOCTOR RAPE-MURDER

SC tears into Kolkata police for 'lapses' in probe

Top court directs chief secys to ensure safety of doctors

THE BENCH HEADED BY CHIEF JUSTICE OF INDIA DY CHANDRACHUD ASKS POLITICAL PARTIES NOT TO POLITICISE THE CASE



New Delhi, August 22: A tough talking Supreme Court Thursday tore into the Kolkata police over the delay in registering the unnatural death of the woman doctor, who was raped and killed at the RG Kar Hospital, calling it "extremely disturbing", and questioned the sequence of events and the timing of its procedural formalities.



Making an impassioned appeal to the protesting doctors across the country, the apex court also asked them to get back to work, saying "justice and medicine" cannot be stopped and moreover, it was issuing all the necessary directions to ensure their safety.

a West Bengal minister. Expressing surprise that the postmortem of the victim was conducted August 9 between 6.10 pm to 7.10 pm before the registration of case as unnatural death, the top court pulled up the Kolkata police over "unexplained" delay of 14 hours in lodging of the FIR in the case.

was registered at 11.30 pm August 9 after post-mortem and the FIR is recorded at 11.45 pm. "The entire procedure followed by your state is something which I have not come across in the 30 years of my (professional) life," Justice Pardiwala said.

Who was he in touch with? What was the purpose? the bench asked senior advocate Kapil Sibal, appearing for the West Bengal government.

The Supreme Court passed a slew of directions Thursday while hearing a suo-motu case related to the rape and killing of a post-graduate medic at the state-run RG Kar Medical College and Hospital in Kolkata.

representatives of diverse stakeholders on the safety of health-care professionals, including doctors.

SC says the views of the stakeholders, including interns, residents, senior residents, doctors and nurses, as well as of the para-medical staff would be taken into account by the NTF.

SC directs the secretary in the health ministry to launch a web portal on the ministry's website on which the doctors' associations and other stakeholders may submit their suggestions.

SC says peaceful protests should not be disturbed or disrupted and the State shall not take any precipitate action against the protesters.

SC clarifies that it has not injunctioned the West Bengal government from exercising such lawful powers as are entrusted with it in terms of the law.

SC asks the protesting doctors to resume work and says in the meantime, no coercive step shall be taken against them.

SC says pending the submission of the NTF report, all states and Union territories shall be alert to any apprehended violations or breaches of safety in medical establishments.

The strong reprimand of the Kolkata police by the top court in which a three-judge bench highlighted its "lapses" in its probe came even as Solicitor General Tushar Mehta, appearing for the CBI, said there was an attempt to cover up the case by the local police as the crime scene was "altered" by the time the federal agency took over the probe.

The top court also quizzed West Bengal government over the role of Dr Sandip Ghosh, former principal of RG Kar Medical College and Hospital, who has come under the scanner in the aftermath of the ghastly crime.

The moment the principal tenders the resignation, he is appointed as principal of another college, the bench noted. At the outset, Mehta said the Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) entered the probe on the fifth day after the crime.

"We entered the probe on the fifth day. Before that, whatever was collected by the local police was given to us. The investigation itself was a challenge because the scene of offence was altered. The FIR was registered only after the (victim's) cremation at 11:45 pm."

Here are some of the directions given by the apex court in the matter: SC directs the secretary in the Union health ministry to engage with the chief secretaries and directors general of police to ensure that the states and Union territories put in place certain basic minimum requirements for safety measures for doctors.

SC says the exercise of holding meetings should be completed within a week from Thursday.

SC says state governments shall take remedial and appropriate action given the exigencies of the situation within two weeks thereafter.

SC directs the National Task Force (NTF) to listen to the rep-

resentatives of diverse stakeholders on the safety of health-care professionals, including doctors.

He contended that the Kolkata Police followed the procedure scrupulously and the CBI's status report only attempts to muddy the waters.

Sibal said the CBI must inform the court what progress it has made in the case in the last one week.

X POST OF THE DAY

What is Mamata Banerjee trying to hide in the RG Kar Medical College & Hospital rape and murder case? 21 lawyers, led by former Congressman Kapil Sibal, are representing the Bengal Govt, which stands accused of 'abuse of power'.

Imagine: on the one side is an average middle class family living in the suburbs of Kolkata, whose daughter dreamt of becoming a doctor and serving the people, and on the other hand is a coalition of the corrupt and powerful. It is an unequal battle. But the people of West Bengal will triumph, no matter what.

G Padmanabhan gets Vigyan Ratna Puraskar

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The team of scientists and engineers who worked on the Chandrayaan-3 mission were honoured with the Vigyan Team award

New Delhi, August 22: President Droupadi Murmu Thursday conferred the first-ever Vigyan Ratna Puraskar - India's top most science award - on noted biochemist and former director of the Bangalore-based Indian Institute of Science Govindrajan Padmanabhan.

rector of Thiruvananthapuram-based National Institute of Interdisciplinary Science and Technology; Avesh Kumar Tyagi, director of the chemistry group at the Bhabha Atomic Research Institute; Prof Syed Wajih Ahmad Naqvi of Lucknow-based CSIR-National Botanical Research Institute were among the 13 recipients of the Vigyan Shri awards.

At an award ceremony in the Ganatantra Mandapam of Rashtrapati Bhawan, the President also conferred 13 Vigyan Shri Puraskar, 18 Vigyan Yuva-Shanti Swarup Bhatnagar Prizes and one Vigyan Team award, marking the first investiture ceremony for science awards.

Biologist Umesh Varshney from Bangalore-based Indian Institute of Science; Prof Jayant Bhalchandra Udgaonkar of the Pune-based Indian Institute of Science Education and Research; Prof Bhim Singh, Emeritus Professor of IIT-Delhi; Sanjay Behari, director of the Sree Chitra Tirunal Institute of Medical Sciences and Technology; Prof Adimurthi Adi of IIT-Kanpur, Rahul Mukherjee of IIM-Kolkata also received the Vigyan Shri awards.

The team of scientists and engineers who worked on the Chandrayaan-3 mission were honoured with the Vigyan Team award, which was received by project director of the mission P Veeramuthuvel.

All the awardees received a medal and a citation for their outstanding achievements in their respective fields.

SHORT TAKES

ITBP gets cadre officer as ADG

New Delhi: Sanjeev Raina, a 1987-batch ITBP officer, has been appointed Additional Director General (ADG) in the India-China LAC guarding force, only the second time when a non-IPS officer has been elevated to this post in the force.

Nabha jailbreak planner extradited

Chandigarh: The mastermind behind the 2016 Nabha jailbreak Ramanjit Singh has been extradited by authorities in Hong Kong, officials said Thursday.

Narcotics worth over ₹1.4cr seized

Deoria/Bahraich: Drugs worth nearly ₹1.4 crore have been seized in two separate operations in Uttar Pradesh's Deoria and Bahraich districts, police said Thursday.

Delhi Police busts AI Qaeda terror module

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New Delhi, August 22: The Delhi Police Thursday claimed to have busted an AI Qaeda terror module after arresting of 11 people and detaining three others from Jharkhand, Rajasthan and Uttar Pradesh.

After receiving intelligence inputs, an operation was conducted along with the police forces of the states, officials said. Six people were arrested from Bhiwadi in Rajasthan while they were undergoing training to handle weapons, according to a police officer.

They have been identified as Hasan Ansari, Enamul Ansari, Altaf Ansari, Arshad Khan, Umar Farooq and Shahbaz Ansari, all natives of Jharkhand. They were staying in Rajasthan for the past few days, the officer said.

Following they were held, five more people were arrested from Ranchi in Jharkhand. They have been identified as Dr Ishtiyaq Ahmed, Motiur, Rizwan, Mufti Rahmatullah and Faizan, he added.

"The module, as per current state of operations, was being led by one Dr. Ishtiyaq of Ranchi (Jharkhand), and it was aspiring to declare 'khilafat' and execute serious terrorist activities within the country," a Delhi Police statement said.



12 die as heavy rain lashes Tripura

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Agartala, August 22: At least 12 people died and two others went missing in Tripura following heavy rainfall in the past few days, a senior official said.

Dhalai, Khowai, South Tripura, West Tripura, North Tripura and Unakoti districts, said Brijesh Pandey, Secretary, Revenue Department.

Around 17 lakh people have been affected in the north-eastern state, the official said.

Pandey said landslides were reported from 2,032 places, out of which 1,789 have been cleared, while restoration work is underway at the other spots.

"Erosion to roads occurred at 1,952 locations," he said. He said the Centre has provided two helicopters for airlifting stranded people in Gomati and South Tripura districts.

10-year risk of developing heart disease in adults: ICMR

AMONG THE STUDY GROUP, ABOUT 85 PER CENT WERE AT A VERY LOW-TO-LOW CHANCE OF DEVELOPING CARDIOVASCULAR DISEASES, WHILE ABOUT 14.5 PER CENT AND ONE PER CENT WERE AT A MODERATE AND HIGH-TO-VERY HIGH CHANCE OF DEVELOPING THESE CONDITIONS

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Organisation (WHO), such as for gauging one's physical activity levels.



New Delhi, August 22: An ICMR-led study, which estimated risk of adults in India developing heart disease over a 10-year period, found that those unemployed were at a significantly higher risk, followed by those having high blood sugar levels.

Among the study group, about 85 per cent were at a very low-to-low chance of developing cardiovascular diseases, while about 14.5 per cent and one per cent were at a moderate and high-to-very high chance of developing these conditions, respectively, they found.

Council of Medical Research (ICMR) - National Centre for Disease Informatics and Research, Bangalore, found. A very low-to-low chance

meant less than 10 per cent risk of experiencing heart-related diseases, while moderate and high-to-very high chance indicated 10-20 per cent and over 20

per cent likelihood, respectively according to the study published in the Indian Journal of Medical Research.

to those who were not obese.

The researchers also found that the participants living in urban areas were at a higher risk of heart diseases, with 17.5 per cent having more than 10 per cent risk, compared to 13.8 per cent of those living in rural places.

Among the participants having high blood sugar levels, women had an 85 per cent increased risk of getting heart conditions over 10 years, while men were at a 77 per cent higher risk, the researchers estimated.

They also said that among the participants who were obese, women and men had a 71 per cent and a 55 per cent higher chance of developing heart conditions, respectively, compared

Further, urban women participants had an 86 per cent higher probability of having elevated 10-year CVD risk than rural women participants, the authors said.

