



ON CLOUD NINE: New Miss Earth 2024 Jessica Lane, second from left, of Australia, is greeted by other contestants during the Grand Coronation night at a hotel in Paranaque, Philippines, Saturday

SC: Don't delay bail applications

Seeking bail is part of the right to personal liberty. Personal liberty, in turn, is an essential component of the right to life guaranteed under Article 21 of the Constitution. However, there are hundreds of instances where the lower courts make inordinate delay in taking decisions on bail applications resulting in many accused languishing in custody. So, in a significant judicial intervention, the Supreme Court Friday admonished the Allahabad High Court for its prolonged delay in processing bail applications, particularly pointing a case that has been pending since August 2023. During the proceedings, a Bench comprising Justices BR Gavai and KV Viswanathan expressed strong disapproval over the habitual postponements encountered by litigants seeking bail, underscoring that even a single day's delay can impinge upon the fundamental rights of the accused.



The apex court has time and again emphasised the importance of personal liberty, a bench of Justices BR Gavai and KV Viswanathan said in an order passed Friday.

"It has been observed by this court (that) even a single day's delay in deciding the bail application adversely affects the fundamental rights of the citizens," it said.

"We do not appreciate the practice of keeping bail application pending for years together," it said.

The top court's observation came while hearing a plea

filed by a man who said his bail application was pending before the Allahabad High Court since August last year and there was no progress in the matter.

The petitioner said the matter was adjourned repeatedly before the high court without any effective hearing.

The SC noted that it has been informed that the matter was posted for hearing before the High Court November 11.

"... we request the judge, before whom the matter is placed, to take up the matter on the same date and decide it as expeditiously as possible and, in any case, within a period of two weeks from November 11, 2024," the Bench said, while disposing of the plea.

Earlier, while granting relief to Jharkhand Chief Minister Hemant Soren's aide, Prem Prakash, in an illegal mining-related case registered by the ED the apex court, August 28, 2024, held that bail is the rule and jail is an exception even in money laundering cases.

"Liberty of the individual is always a rule and deprivation is the exception. Deprivation can only be by the procedure established by law, which has to be a valid and reasonable procedure," a Bench of the above two justices observed in its judgment.

SHORT TAKES PM may visit state November 15

Bhubaneswar: Prime Minister Narendra Modi is likely to visit the state to attend the 150th birth anniversary celebration of freedom fighter and tribal icon Birsa Munda at Rourkela November 15. Odisha's Panchayati Raj and Drinking Water Minister Rabi Naik made this statement, but added that the PM's visit is not yet finalised. The day will be celebrated as Jan Jatiya Gaurav Divas and the celebration will be held all along the year, Naik further said.

NEP-2020 in state from current academic session

Bhubaneswar: The National Education Policy (NEP) 2020 will be implemented in government universities and affiliated colleges across the state from the current academic session (2024-25), according to a press release issued by the Chief Minister's Office, Saturday. As per the release, the implementation is aimed at bringing radical changes in the education system in the state. NEP-2020 is a four-year undergraduate course where eligible students will receive a certificate of diploma, degree, and degree with honours at the end of each year. On the basis of the credit framework provided by the UGC, a state-level credit framework has been prepared, wherein opportunities for credits for skill development and internships have been provided.

Suicide bombing kills 27 in Pak

Islamabad: At least 27 people, including 14 security forces, were killed and 62 others injured Saturday in a suicide bombing at a railway station in Pakistan's restive Balochistan province, officials said. The explosion ripped through the railway station of the provincial capital Quetta as passengers gathered on the platform before the departure of the Jaffar Express, scheduled to depart for Peshawar at 9:00 am. Quetta Division Commissioner Hamza Shafiqat said it was a suicide attack and number of casualties may increase. **P10**

Subhadra for 20 lakh more

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Bhubaneswar, Nov 9: Deputy Chief Minister Pravati Parida Saturday said that around 20 lakh more beneficiaries under the Subhadra Yojana are likely to receive their first instalment of ₹5,000 by November end in the third phase of disbursement.

The state government so far has disbursed ₹5,000 each to about 60 lakh beneficiaries in two phases.

Parida told reporters that the beneficiaries during the

third phase are likely to get the money in their bank accounts November 24 at a function to be held in Sundargarh.

The remaining eligible beneficiaries will get the money in the 4th phase of disbursement sometime in December, she said. The state government's flagship programme is aimed at empowering women under which each beneficiary is entitled to get ₹50,000 over a period of five years. The beneficiaries will receive ₹10,000 in two instalments in a year.

While around 25 lakh women

received the money in the first phase, the amount was credited to the bank accounts of 35 lakh beneficiaries in the second phase October 9.

Asked about the applications rejected so far, Parida said that every panchayat office has been asked to publish the rejection list. "We also have a list of those with problems in their bank details. They can be included in the subsequent phase," she said adding that applications of around 2.67 lakh women beneficiaries have been rejected for various reasons.

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New Delhi, Nov 9: Deprecating the practice of courts keeping bail applications pending for years, the Supreme Court has said that even a single day's delay in deciding such matters adversely affects the fundamental rights of citizens.

IRREGULAR by MANJUL



When I speak about unity, please don't mistake it for national unity. It is always about religious unity

Canada discontinues fast-track student visa

Student Direct Stream helped many Indian students get visas quickly. The programme processed applications within 20 days. Indian students had a higher approval rate through SDS. Now all students will apply through the standard process. This change will affect Indian students who want to study in Canada

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

Ottawa, Nov 9: Canada has ended with immediate effect the popular fast-track study visa programme, Student Direct Stream (SDS), a major policy decision that is likely to impact scores of international students, including from India.

The processing time for students applying under the SDS was significantly shorter and approval rates higher, something that will change after Canada ended the scheme Friday.

The move comes amid the ongoing diplomatic row between India and Canada.

According to the Indian High Commission here, India is the largest source country of foreign students

with an estimated 4,27,000 Indian students studying in Canada.

"Canada is committed to giving all international students equal and fair access to the application process for study permits," the Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship Canada (IRCC) said in a statement Friday.

Canada's goal is to "strengthen programme integrity, address student vulnerability, and give all students equal and fair access to the application process, as well as a positive academic experience," the statement said.

The SDS was launched in 2018 to provide faster processing for eligible post-secondary students, it said, adding, it was eventually opened to legal residents of Antigua and Barbuda, Brazil, China, Colombia, Costa Rica, India, Morocco, Pakistan, Peru, Philippines, Senegal, St. Vincent and the Grenadines, Trinidad and Tobago, and Vietnam.

There was a similar Nigeria Student Express (NSE) for prospective university students from Nigeria; it too has ended along with the SDS, the statement said, adding, both the SDS and the NSE initiatives ended Friday.

IAS RESHUFFLE

POST NEWS NETWORK

Bhubaneswar, Nov 9: The state government effected a minor reshuffle among IAS officers in various departments, Saturday.

"Guha Poonam Tapas Kumar was appointed as the Handloom, Textiles and Handicrafts department commissioner-cum-secretary with the additional charge of Excise department commissioner-cum-secretary," the GA & PG department said. Girish SN was appointed Panchayati Raj and Drinking Water department commissioner-cum-secretary.

Similarly, Revenue and Disaster Management department additional chief secretary Deoranjana Kumar Singh will have the additional charge of the chairman of Odisha Forest Development Corporation (OFDC).

E&IT department principal secretary and OCAC chairman Vishal Kumar Dev was given the additional charge as the Energy department principal secretary.

RD and I&PR principal secretary Sanjay Kumar Singh got the additional responsibility of the Food Supplies and Consumer Welfare department principal secretary. Similarly, Sports and Youth Services department principal secretary Bhaskar Jyoti Sarma was given the additional charge as the OPTCL CMD.

WEATHER

	BBSR	CTC
Max Temp	32.2°	30.5°
Min Temp	22.3°	21.5°
Humidity	78%	80
Rainfall	Nil	Nil

FORECAST

Mainly Clear sky

Minor NEET aspirant raped for over six months, 2 teachers held

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

Kanpur, Nov 9: A minor student from Fatehpur who moved here to prepare for her medical entrance exam NEET at a prominent coaching institute was allegedly held hostage for over six months and raped by two of its teachers, police said Saturday.

They said the ordeal began for the student in December 2022, when she was putting up at a city hostel. Assistant Commissioner of Police (Kalyanpur) Abhishek Pandey said the case was registered Friday after she approached the Kalyanpur police station.

Both teachers -- Sahil Siddiqui, who taught biology, and Vikas Porwal, who taught chemistry -- have been arrested and charged with offences of rape, wrongful confinement, criminal intimidation and under provisions of the Protection of Children from Sexual Offences (POCSO) Act. The student was 17

years old when this happened.

Just two months ago, Siddiqui was accused of engaging in obscene acts with another student at the coaching centre and arrested. He was recently released on bail.

In her complaint, the Fatehpur student told police that in December 2022, Siddiqui invited her to his friend's flat in Kalyanpur's Makdi-Khera area for a New Year's party, saying other students would be there as well.

She alleged that when she reached the flat, she found only Siddiqui there who drugged her by lacing her soft drink with sedatives and raped her while also recording the episode on video.

According to the complaint, Siddiqui allegedly held her hostage in his flat for over six months, during which he repeatedly raped her and also threatened to share the video online if she spoke to anyone about it.

The survivor alleged that Porwal raped her a few months after this.



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ZENDAYA, ANNE HATHAWAY JOIN NOLAN'S NEXT FILM

Hollywood stars Zendaya and Anne Hathaway have joined Christopher Nolan's next film at Universal, alongside previously announced cast members Tom Holland and Matt Damon. Nolan is writing and directing the movie, which is set for a theatrical and Imax release in 2026.

CANDYMAN ACTOR TODD PASSES AWAY

Tony Todd, the actor best known for his portrayal of the killer in *Candyman* and its 2021 sequel, as well as roles in the *Final Destination* franchise and *Platoon*, passed away November 6 at his home in Los Angeles.



FORTUNE FORECAST

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ARIES
You already feel deeply connected to the universe. But today, you may want to particularly thank God for all His small mercies. You cherish your loved ones even more today, says Ganesha, and you may spend lavishly on people dear to you.

TAURUS
Anxiety will keep your nerves swollen for most part of the day, feels Ganesha. On the work front, you will face success later in the day. You will be a role model for business efficiency and people will try to follow in your footsteps. Your efforts will be validated with generous profits.

GEMINI
You are likely to make a list of your daily chores that take most of your time. Then you will find a way to outsource these activities or eliminate them from your routine altogether. You will also devote a lot of your time to meditation. Health of a family member may give you some anxious moments, feels Ganesha.

CANCER
You think you are smart. You will be most certainly savouring the positive aspects of your life. Sometimes, it is quite possible that you find yourself at the end of your wits. You had better sit together with your spouse and thrash out personality clashes and private quarrels, suggests Ganesha.

LEO
A moment once lost is not going to come back. So, it's about time you realised the value of time, says Ganesha, because time is money. On this day, set everything to a schedule and figure out your tasks right down to the brass tacks. Personal organisers are a good bet, but if you are old school, then maybe you would rather prefer a diary and a calendar. Either of the options work just fine, suggests Ganesha.

VIRGO
Communication is your best handgun and creativity your best bullet. Ganesha feels you are full of energy, enthusiasm and exuberance. Creativity, though, will be at its best in an atmosphere free of pressure and strain, cautions Ganesha.

LIBRA
When you aim big, it is the small things that somehow manage to irritate you the most. Ganesha foresees you being troubled immensely by minute things today. But do not let this dampen your spirit, because today is also a day when you shall be receptive to new ideas. Allow for things to be absorbed by you today and maintain an even balance. Do that and you may produce wonderful results at work and rake in the money from various sources, says Ganesha.

SCORPIO
You may face the music from bosses today, forecasts Ganesha. Your colleagues too may not warm up to you and offer half-hearted support. Novices knocking on the doors of career may look forward to belated success in interviews and final selection.

SAGITTARIUS
You nearly become a superhero in the eyes of your near and dear ones, says Ganesha. And what more? You loving your new avatar. Good news is on its way as promotion or increment is on the cards.

CAPRICORN
After running about helter-skelter for getting your work done, you will sit back and spend the day planning the course of future action. Sudden and unexpected profits are on the cards, but you will need to be mindful of how best you utilise it. You can expect a few good opportunities to knock at the door, but open the door before they turn to look for shelter elsewhere.

AQUARIUS
Some days, you crave to know everything. Today is one such day. You will also prove a worthy opponent. You may upset your adversaries' plans, much to your own advantage. You have it in you to be a scholar. You will also prove the strength of your character, especially when the going gets tough.

PISCES
Today is likely to be a day of mixed fortunes, says Ganesha. While a hectic morning and a positively frantic afternoon will see you at your wits' end, a sumptuous dinner with your sweetheart, followed by a sensuous evening, will delight you out of your mind.

'OUR ROLES ARE DEFINED BY MALE ACTORS'

Mumbai: Samantha Ruth Prabhu is being very cautious in choosing her characters these days. In a recent interview, Samantha shared her thoughts on the role of women in films and the responsibility she feels as an actress to promote fair representation.

The 37-year-old actress expressed that women are often misrepresented in films, with their roles being defined by male characters rather than showcasing their own journeys.

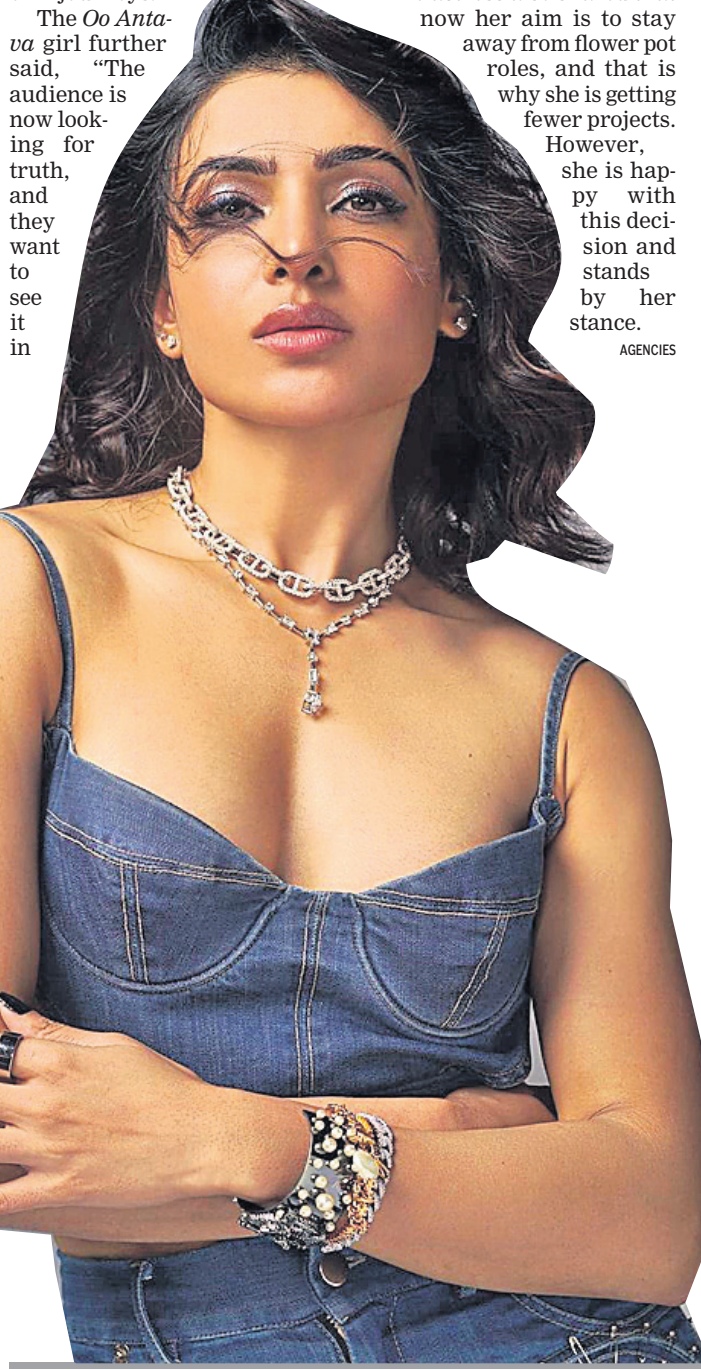
The *Oo Antava* girl further said, "The audience is now looking for truth, and they want to see it in

my life and my brands as well. Therefore, now I choose my roles with the responsibility that they represent women strongly in society."

Samantha said that now she is only interested in those characters that empower women and make them feel independent. Her character in the series *Citadel* is a symbol of a strong woman who plays an equal role to the hero and performs as strongly as him in action.

The actress also shared that now her aim is to stay away from flower pot roles, and that is why she is getting fewer projects.

However, she is happy with this decision and stands by her stance.



PREITY'S embarrassing moment

Mumbai: Actress Preity Zinta once revealed that she was quite the mischievous child, often leaving her mother embarrassed with her naughty antics.

During her appearance on the chat show *Rendezvous with Simi Garewal*, the actress revealed at just 12 years old, she pretended to be 18 by stuffing oranges in her bra to sneak into an army club. While confessing being very naughty as a kid, Preity shared, "I was always a bit rebellious. I was very very naughty. I think I have embarrassed my mother a lot. Now that I have grown up and I see my friends with their children's, I am like oh my god, I hope I don't have kids like me."

The *Soldier* actress went on to describe how her curiosity once led her to pull a prank to gain entry into an adults-only army party.

Zinta added, "As you know, in the army, children below 18 are not allowed to attend army parties. And, it intrigued me to know what was happening behind those doors. So, I went to my mom's cupboard, took out a bra, and stuffed it with oranges. Then, I went outside to the club and stood like this (gesturing at her chest) and said, 'I am 18, can I go in'. A guy kept looking at me."

Bhumi's definition of ideal partner

Mumbai: In a candid conversation with Kusha Kapila, actress Bhumi Pednekar revealed the key qualities she seeks in a partner.

During her appearance on the show *Tinder Swipe Ride*, the actress shared that kindness is the most attractive quality she looks for in a person. Speaking candidly about what matters to her in a relationship, Bhumi emphasised that true beauty lies in how someone treats others.

Ricky Kej earns 4th Grammy nomination

Los Angeles: Ricky Kej and Anoushka Shankar are among the Indians nominated for the 67th Grammy Awards.

Kej, a three-time Grammy winner, earned his fourth nomination for *Break of Dawn* in the Best New Age, Ambient, or Chant Album category, as announced by the Recording Academy Friday.

Kej first won a Grammy in 2015 for *Winds of Samsara* in the Best New Age category and later for *Divine Tides*, with Stewart Copeland in 2022. In 2023, he and Copeland were honoured again for *Divine Tides*, this time winning the award for Best Immersive Audio Album.

The category, which includes albums featuring more than 75 per cent new vocal or instrumental new age recordings, also features *Chapter II: How Dark It Is Before Dawn* by sitarist and composer Anoushka Shankar.

Other nominees in this category are *Warriors of Light* by Radhika Vekaria and Triveni by entrepreneur and musician Chandrika Tandon, created in collaboration with flautist Wouter Kellerman and cellist Eru Matsumoto.

Shankar also earned an additional nomination for her featured role on Jacob Collier's song *A Rock Somewhere*, which also includes vocalist Vari-jashree

Venugopal, who bagged her first nomination.

The track is nominated in the Best Global Music Performance category, a segment dedicated to "new vocal or instrumental Global music recordings."

The 2025 Grammy Awards are scheduled to take place February 2, 2025, at the Crypto.com Arena in Los Angeles. PTI



When asked about the kind of character she would consider her ideal partner in real life, Pednekar shared, "I think at this point I truly want somebody who is kind, who is good to people around them, and is proud of what I am doing. I think it's so important for your partner to find pride in your achievements."

For the *Dum Laga Ke Haisha* actress, kindness outweighs looks, whether it's showing respect to others or supporting each other's achievements. So, who does she see as the ultimate hero in her love story? It's none other than Shah Rukh Khan's iconic character, Aman, from *Kal Ho Naa Ho*.

On the professional front, she will soon be seen in Mudassar Aziz's upcoming film *Mere Husband Ki Biwi*, where she stars alongside Arjun Kapoor and Rakul Preet Singh.

PEANUTS



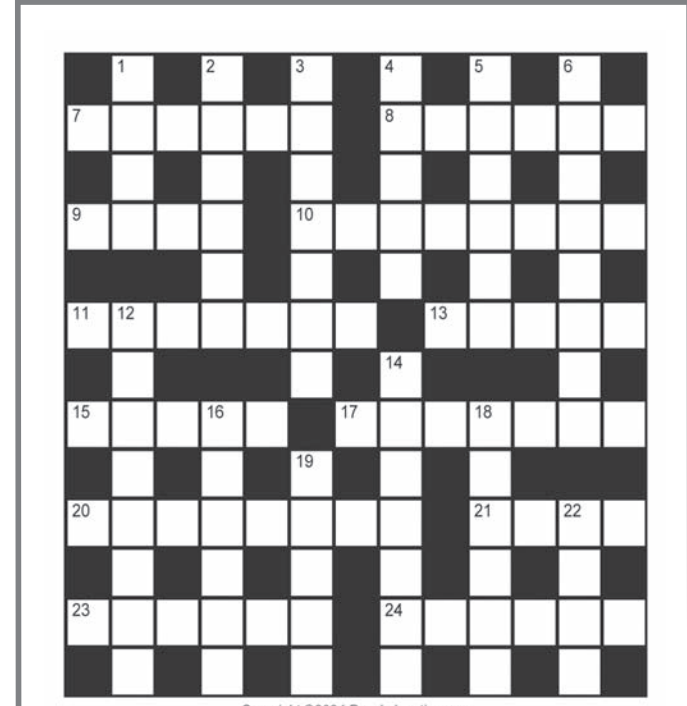
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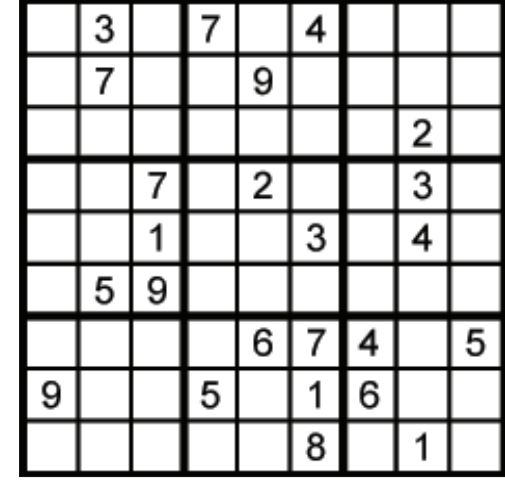
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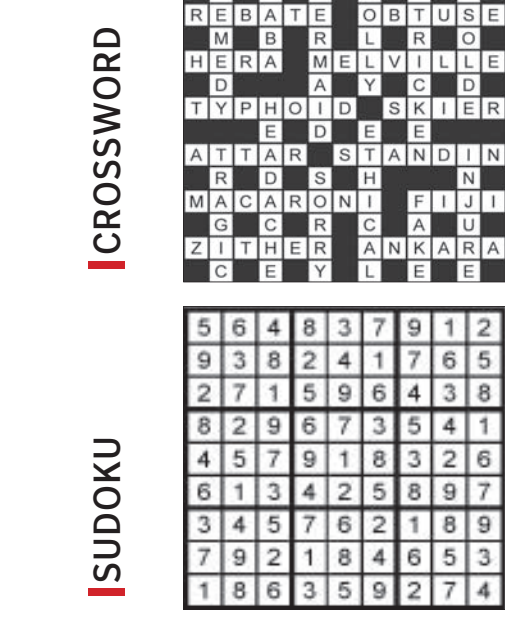
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 - 15 Ballroom dance
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 - 24 Blue point
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 - 3 Some hockey players
 - 4 Secret supply
 - 5 Catch phrase
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 - 14 Boudoir
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 - 18 Court game
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SUDOKU

To solve the Sudoku puzzle, fill in the boxes in such a manner that every row, column and 3x3 box contains the digits 1 to 9, without repeating any.



SOLUTIONS



CHECK FOR SOLUTIONS OF THE PUZZLES TOMORROW

BHUBANESWAR: All Padma awardees in the state will be paid an honorarium of ₹30,000 per month, the Chief Minister's Office (CMO) said, Saturday. Following the decision, all the living 55 Padma awardees in Odisha will get the honorarium. The move will cost ₹2 crore to the state exchequer every year, sources in CMO said.

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SETTING STAGE: Workers install a ride at Bali Yatra Ground in Cuttack, Saturday, as state gears up to host the open air trade fair in the Silver City OF PHOTO

City cops seize half-burnt body of former MLA's wife

POST NEWS NETWORK

Bhubaneswar, Nov 9: The cremation of Ashrukana Pradhan, wife of former Brahmagiri MLA Ajay Kumar Jena, at Satyanagar crematorium here Saturday ran into a controversy after Kharavela Nagar police stopped the process midway following a complaint by the deceased's maternal family that she had been murdered by her daughter-in-law.

They alleged that the funeral rituals were expedited in an attempt to cover up the 'murder'. Kharavela Nagar IIC Rajanikanta Mishra said the half-burnt body of the septuagenarian was recovered from the pyre and sent to Capital Hospital for post-mortem. "The reports will ascertain the cause of death," Mishra said. In the FIR lodged at Kharavela Nagar police station, Ashrukana's sister Manika Pradhan brought grave allega-



tions against the former's daughter-in-law Upasana Sarangi. "My sister has been murdered by Upasana over some reasons. She was secretly cremating her body without the knowledge of relatives. I came to know about the incident from my nephew Malay Jena this afternoon," Manika alleged in the FIR, adding that for the past two months, Upasana had barred anyone from meeting Ashrukana. A senior officer at the Kharavela Nagar police station said Upasana and her

in-laws were already locked in a bitter fight over legal rights of the former's child. "Even though Upasana lived in her in-laws' house, she had isolated her mother-in-law and did not allow anyone to meet her. The situation aggravated after Ashrukana was diagnosed with heart diseases two months back," the officer said, requesting anonymity. Notably, Ajay was a Janata Dal legislator from Brahmagiri constituency from 1990 to 1995. He passed away at the age of 80 in 2017 due to ailments.

NAVY DAY

Navy to showcase maritime capabilities in Puri Dec 4

AGENCIES

New Delhi, Nov 9: The Indian Navy is set to demonstrate its maritime capabilities and operational strength at the Blue Flag Beach of Puri in Odisha on the occasion of Navy Day December 4, officials said Saturday.

President Droupadi Murmu has consented to be the chief guest for the event, a Navy spokesperson said in a statement.

This event showcases the Navy's multifaceted competencies, enhances maritime awareness among citizens and honours India's rich seafaring heritage.

The 2024 'Operational Demonstration' or 'Op Demo' is set to be held against the backdrop of the pristine Blue Flag Beach that symbolises the connection between the Indian Navy and the maritime legacy of Odisha, the statement said.

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The Blue Flag designation signifies an eco-tourism model aimed

at providing beachgoers with clean and hygienic bathing facilities, a safe environment, and sustainable development practices.

The Indian Navy said it is working closely with the Odisha government and local authorities to ensure the smooth execution of the event.

Seating arrangements would be made to accommodate local spectators and tourists, offering everyone a chance to witness the live demonstration from the beach.

The event will also be broadcast live on national television and streamed via the Indian Navy's YouTube channel to reach a wider audience, it added.

In 2022, the President witnessed the operational demonstration by the Indian Navy at Visakhapatnam December 4.

Man who forced woman to convert & marry held

PNN & AGENCIES

Bhubaneswar, Nov 9: The police Saturday arrested a 24-year-old man on charge of blackmailing an Odisha woman and forcing her to marry him after converting her religion.

He was arrested days after the woman lodged a police complaint against the man accusing him of concealing his full name and religious identity.

The man, identified as Mohamad Samir Mansoori, a native of

Bihar's East Champaran district and working as an electrician in Kashmir, was detained Friday.

Bhubaneswar DCP Pinak Mishra said that the woman from Jagatsinghpur district came in contact with him through an online gaming application in 2022 and they developed an affair. "He won the trust of the woman and also visited Odisha to meet her. They spent some time in Puri. He also forced her into a physical relationship," the DCP said, quoting the FIR. However, the woman started

avoiding Samir after their meeting at Puri following which he threatened her to make video clips of their intimate moments viral, Mishra said.

"He forced me to convert and marry him. When I refused to convert, he made some of our intimate moments' videos viral and blackmailed my father," the woman alleged in the FIR.

The DCP said, "He also demanded money from her. When she did not relent, he uploaded the videos and also sent those to her family, relatives and friends."

Govt lifts ban on recruitment of home guards

Bhubaneswar: The state government has lifted the ban on recruitment of home guards, according to the Chief Minister's Office (CMO), Saturday. The ban was withdrawn following the direction of Chief Minister Mohan Charan Majhi. With this, the vacant posts of home guards in the state can be filled soon, it said. As many as 2,369 posts of home guards are lying vacant. Of the sanctioned 17,675 posts, 15,306 home guards are working, it added.

Lead in turmeric poses serious health hazards

Amid a report on high lead levels found in turmeric sold in Asia, including India, doctors Saturday warned that lead exposure through contaminated turmeric can impair kids' cognitive functions, and raise heart disease, and stroke risk in adults.

The study, published in the journal Science of the Total Environment, found that turmeric sold in India's Patna; Pakistan's Karachi and Peshawar; and Nepal had lead levels in turmeric exceeding 1,000 micrograms/gram. This is about 200 times more than the limit set by the Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (FSSAI) - 10 micrograms/gram.

Researchers led by the University of Stanford in the US, along with those from India, found that turmeric sold in Guwahati and Chennai also exceeded the regulatory limit.

"Turmeric, widely recognised for its anti-inflammatory and antioxidant properties, is often consumed in significant quantities, making lead contamination especially dangerous. Lead exposure through contaminated turmeric can cause gastrointestinal toxicity, manifesting as abdominal pain,



nausea, vomiting, and constipation," Dr. Mahesh Gupta, Senior Consultant - Medical Gastroenterology, Dharamshila Narayana Hospital, told IANS.

"This study serves as a reminder to approach traditional remedies with caution, as overdose or consumption of contaminated turmeric could worsen health rather than improve it," he added.

The study showed that the most likely source of lead in turmeric samples was lead chromate - a yellow pigment used in paints, rubber, plastics, and ceramic coatings. Polished roots and loose powder were the only forms of turmeric with lead levels above 1,000 micrograms/gram.

"Consumption of lead chromate via turmeric has severe health consequences, which include cognitive

impairment, especially irreversible damage to a child's brain development. Children can have learning disabilities, including low IQs, and long-term exposure in adults can increase the risk of heart disease and strokes, and can also lead to certain different neurological disorders," Dr Manisha Arora, Director - Internal Medicine at the CK Birla Hospital (R), Delhi, told IANS. Gupta said regular intake can also impact liver function, impair the organ's ability to detoxify the body, and lead to oxidative stress in the gastrointestinal lining, which can aggravate inflammatory conditions like gastritis, peptic ulcers, and even irritable bowel syndrome (IBS).

Given that loose, unregulated turmeric often exceeds safe lead levels, consumers with digestive sensitivities should be especially cautious, opting for packaged and branded turmeric products that meet regulatory standards, the experts noted. Raising awareness about the risks associated with contaminated turmeric, coupled with rigorous testing, is essential to safeguarding gastrointestinal health and preventing long-term toxic exposure.

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Tourism delegates end visit on positive note



POST NEWS NETWORK

Bhubaneswar, Nov 9: The delegation from state government completed a successful tour of the United Kingdom, promoting Odisha as a premier destination for tourism and investment.

From November 5 to 7, delegates from Odisha Tourism participated in World Travel Market (WTM) in London, holding over 50 productive meetings with tour operators, destination management companies, and other tourism industry leaders.

The major focus was on promoting Odisha's eco-tourism, cultural heritage, and potential as a unique wedding destination, with a very positive response.

The team visited pavilions of various countries and Indian states to learn effective tourism marketing and branding strategies.

They met with the Union Minister of Tourism Gajendra Singh Shekhawat and discussed outstanding tourism-related matters. The delegation's engagements with travel writers and influencers generated valuable ideas for Odisha's hotel and resort development.

The team gained insights into global tourism marketing strategies, which will strengthen Odisha's brand in international markets.

In Edinburgh, the team met with Consul General Sidharth Malik, fostering ties with Scotland and discussing potential UK collaborations for

socio-economic infrastructure development.

Deputy Chief Minister Pravatī Parida connected with the UK-based Indian diaspora, acknowledging their contributions to Odisha's cultural influence and economic potential.

They encouraged the diaspora to join Pravasi Bharatiya Divas (PBD) from January 8 to 10, 2025 and participate in the state's development initiatives.

Odisha Tourism, in collaboration with FICCI India, hosted the Tourism Odyssey event attended by over 160 diaspora members.

One-on-one discussions were held with investors in sectors such as integrated steel, AI, port development, mining, metallurgical industries, education, health infrastructure, and smart city technology.

Investors were invited to the Utkarsh - Make in Odisha event, promoting Odisha's investment-friendly climate.

Through connections with Indian communities and potential investors, Odisha's global visibility and appeal as a tourism and investment destination have been significantly enhanced.



SOAKED IN DEVOTION: Devotees perform puja at the International Jagannath Mahotsav-2024, being held at Kasturba grounds at Nayapalli in Bhubaneswar, Saturday

SAI hosts Advaya & Founder's Memorial Talk

ARINDAM GANGULY, OP

Bhubaneswar, Nov 9: SAI International Education Group commemorated the legacy of its founder Bijaya Kumar Sahoo by hosting Advaya and the third Founder's Memorial Talk here Saturday.

The institute organised Advaya, a creatively designed experience for students and parents aimed at deepening their bond, with the theme 'Blossoms of Joy'. In the programme, the students celebrated the joy of learning and family engagement which is core part of institute's holistic education.

This was followed by the Founder's Memorial Talk where over 5,000 attendees, including parents, educators and students, gathered to hear keynote speaker Amish Tripathi, an acclaimed author and mythologist.

Addressing the gathering,



Tripathi spoke on finding inspiration in India's heritage and the importance of staying grounded in one's roots while embracing personal aspirations.

His engaging rapport fostered a vibrant Q&A session with students, during which he offered thoughtful guidance on self-discovery, leadership, and the balance between ambition and humility.

Tripathi said, "Finding success in a truly dharmic way and

understanding one's purpose and integrity is beyond just religious boundaries."

"Four aspects of Swayambh—wisdom, compassion, strength, and justice—blend both Western ideas and Indian values offering a universal pursuit of truth," he said.

Hailing Odia heritage, he said that it is deeply rooted in the rich history of Kalinga and celebrated through traditions like the Bali Yatra. This legacy keeps us connected to our roots

and identity, he said.

The event also recognised winners of the Founder's Cup Debate competition-2024, celebrating top debaters from Class IX to Class XII.

Chairperson of SAI International Education Group Silpi Sahoo, in her speech, reiterated the school's commitment to happiness in education. "Bijaya Kumar Sahoo always emphasised the importance of the 'Happiness Quotient', placing it above mere intellectual achievement. We are deeply committed to carrying forward his legacy," she said.

Academics director and Senior Principal Nilakantha Panigrahi, Headmaster, associate director and headmaster of SAI International Residential School Amitabh Agnihotri and associate directors of institute Prakash Sahoo and Rashmi Pandey also attended the programme.

39th nat'l convention of chemical engineers



POST NEWS NETWORK

Bhubaneswar, Nov 9: The 39th National Convention of Chemical Engineers was inaugurated Saturday at Institution of Engineers, India (IEI), Odisha State Centre.

The two-day event will include memorial lecture, state-of-the-art lectures, talks, poster presentation, and over 20 research paper presentations focusing on advancements in chemical, metallurgical, and mineral engineering. On the inaugural day, the convention attracted around 200 participants, including engineers, academicians, industry professionals, and students, fostering a vibrant exchange of knowledge.

The inauguration ceremony was graced by Indian Rare Earth Limited chairman and managing director Deependra Singh, who attended as the chief guest. Prestigious Acharya Prafulla Chandra Ray Memorial Lecture was delivered by CSIR-IMMT director Ramanuja Narayan, honouring Ray's legacy in scientific innovation. The session was presid-

ed over by Chemical Engineering Division Board (CEDB), IEI chairman R Bhima Rao.

The convention was led by Odisha State Centre (OSC) chairman Sudhansu Shekhar Dash with honorary secretary Sangram Keshari Patnaik and convenor Chatumukh Patnaik. The programme started with lighting of ceremonial lamp, followed by dignitaries delivering inaugural address, emphasising the importance of research and technological innovation in addressing challenges in industries.

Ramanuja Narayan's keynote address, as part of the memorial lecture explored Ray's scientific contributions and pioneering impact on country's scientific community. Speaking on the occasion, Singh highlighted the mining, chemical, and metallurgical industries' critical roles in addressing present and future industrial needs.

IEI vice-president Nutan Kumar Dash, along with council members from the CEDB, IEI and representatives from various engineering divisions of the OSC participated in the event.

Three eminent engineers were recognised for their expertise and contributions to chemical engineering and research, while three promising young engineers were honoured for their achievements and potential on the inaugural day.

Review meet on PM-Poshan



POST NEWS NETWORK

Bhubaneswar, Nov 9: A review meeting on management of nutritious and safe mid-day meals in all districts was organised by School and Mass Education department here Saturday.

Under the chairmanship of department's commissioner-cum-secretary Shalini Pandit and DEOs including state nodal officer for PM-Poshan Raghuram R Iyer participated virtually through video conferencing.

In the meeting, Pandit informed about the financial grants provided to the districts under PM-Poshan and directed the district officials to use nutritious rice and better quality materials and provide seamless mid-day meals to the students.

"A nutritious meal is every child's right. Mid-day meal is a primary responsibility of all of us. Everyone has to be sensitised about how safe, clean, secure and accessible mid-day meals can be delivered to students every day without any hindrance," she said.

Regional law review consultation on cybercrimes affecting women held

POST NEWS NETWORK

Cuttack, November 9: The Centre for Women and Law (CWL) at National Law University (NLU) Odisha, in collaboration with the National Commission for Women (NCW), organised a regional consultation on 'Cybercrimes Affecting Women' here Saturday.

The consultation brought together experts, judicial officers, and policymakers to review and propose amendments to cyber laws with a focus on enhancing protection for women in digital spaces. The event was coordinated by director of CWL Priyanka Anand along with co-directors Arjyalopa Mishra and Rashmi Rekha Baug.

From the NCW, deputy secretary Shivani Dey and JTE (Legal) Bhavika Sharma attended the event.

Priyanka acknowledged the



dual role of digital technology as both a transformative and challenging force, especially for women. She highlighted the recent cases of cyber harassment and defamation, underscoring the limitations of current laws in addressing gender-specific cyber threats.

Justice BP Satapathy of High Court of Odisha, the chief guest of the event, delivered a speech on the inadequacy of current laws to fully protect women from specific cyber crimes.

He called for substantial amendments to the Information Technology (IT) Act to address

gender-targeted cybercrimes such as revenge porn, morphing, and online blackmail.

He also recommended specialised mechanisms for handling complaints from women and proposed stricter penalties.

Keynote speakers, Justice Tapen Sen of the Jharkhand High Court and ADGP, CID Vinaytosh Mishra underlined the cross-border nature of cybercrimes.

NLU vice-chancellor Ved Kumari stressed the importance of a structured system that supports victims and provides timely resolution.

EMPOWERING DREAMS TO SOAR 'For aviation, sky is not the limit'

POST NEWS NETWORK

Bhubaneswar, Nov 9: In order to promote opportunities for young women to explore careers in aviation, Rama Devi Women's University here celebrated Girls in Aviation Day 2024 Saturday. Joining the occasion, principal secretary Usha Padhee launched a career job booklet, expressing that "For aviation, the sky is not the limit but just a beginning."

Organised by the Commerce and Transport department, in collaboration with Women in Aviation India (WAI), the event, themed 'Empowering Dreams to Soar' underscored the importance of skill development, industry knowledge, and gender diversity.

Commerce and Transport Minister Bibhuti Bhushan Jena emphasised the day's relevance and said that the state is committed to reach 50 per cent female participation in aviation roles in order to break traditional gender barriers in the dynamic industry.

At the event, Rashmita Panda highlighted the skill development initiatives to guide young women toward aviation careers, and WAI president Radha Bhatia encouraged women to enter the future-focused industry with her inspiring words.

Within hours of release, leopards found mating at Sambalpur zoo

POST NEWS NETWORK

Bhubaneswar/ Sambalpur, Nov 9: Within hours of being released into one enclosure, two leopards were found mating Saturday in Sambalpur Zoo showing a very high degree of compatibility between them.

Sources said the mating took place between a male leopard, which was rescued and later brought to the zoo, and one which was already in the zoo. While the male leopard named Raja is around 8-year-old, the female named Rani is aged around 7 years.

"Both the animals were released together in the enclosure November 9 and they were

found mating within one hour," officials said.

Officials further stated that the male leopard, which had reportedly killed two human beings and injured one in Nuapada district last year, was captured November 5, 2023. It was then brought from Nuapada to the Rescue Centre in Sambalpur Zoo under Hiraakud Wildlife Division November 8, 2023.

After over 11 months of treatment in quarantine, the male leopard was released the same night house where the female was put but both were kept separately without physical contact for acquaintance and for increasing chances of pairing.

They were under 24/7 obser-



vation for behavioural study. Both Rani and Raja were found

to be compatible with each other and were observed communicating with each other in a friendly manner for one month, even trying to reach the other.

Thereafter, both were released together in one enclosure Saturday as they were

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The leopard male is generally expected to mate with the female for one to five days. The pair already started getting engaged in a lot of chasing inside the enclosure and mating. CCTV cameras have been installed in the display enclosure for 24/7 observation and to ensure safety.

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Progress of 'Mo Jungle Jami Yojana' in Jajpur below par

Over 9,000 families in Danagadi, Sukinda, Korei, and Barchana blocks have received land pattas under FRA, but only 1,766 have been provided with housing



POST NEWS NETWORK

Jajpur, Nov 9: Thirteen of the 62 tribal communities native to Odisha have been classified as Primitive Tribal Groups (PTGs). As per the 2011 Census, the state ranks third nationally in terms of the Scheduled Tribe (ST) population, which stands at 95,90,756, accounting for 22.85 per cent of the total population. Around 32,562 out of total 53,845 villages in state fall under the jurisdiction of the Forest Rights Act (FRA), covering a land area of around 35,739 sq kms. Odisha has been recognised as a leading state in the country for granting 4.56 lakh individual forest rights pattas. However, the process of recognition and development of villages under FRA is not up to the mark. The progress of converting forest land inhabited by tribal communities into revenue villages has not been encouraging, as admitted by the Department of Scheduled Tribes and Scheduled Castes Development, Minorities & Backward Classes Welfare. The former departmental secretary had instructed all district Collectors October 18, 2023 to take neces-

sary measures in this regard. Despite these directives, only 1,766 tribal individuals in Jajpur's Danagadi and Sukinda blocks have been allotted houses under FRA, with reports indicating that 1,385 of these houses have been completed. Indicating a significant lag in recognising community forest rights across the state, the department has implemented 'Mo Jungle Jami Yojana' (MJJY) scheme. Under this initiative, 352 villages under Danagadi, Sukinda, Korei, and Barchana tehsils of Jajpur district have been brought under the FRA. However, the expected progress in the development process has not been fully realised. Reports indicate that around 9,200 families in Danagadi, Sukinda, Korei, and Barchana blocks have received land pattas under this Act, but only 1,766 individuals have been provided with housing. Many residential areas, such as Gandhi Nagar Leprosy Colony, are yet to be surveyed. In Kusumundia village under Rasol panchayat of Sukinda block, land has been allotted to 87 Mankidia tribal families, with a total amount of ₹3.25 crore sanctioned from the DMF fund in

2021-22 for house construction. However, permanent housing for the tribals still remains a distant dream. To strengthen livelihood and ensure overall financial development for tribal communities, the government has implemented the MJJY scheme, aiming to provide livelihood and food security for all eligible claimants. The process including the formation of Forest Rights Committees, individual and community rights claims, certificate issuance, joint meetings with neighbouring villages' Forest Rights Committees, joint verification of claims with Revenue and Forest officials, final Gram Sabha approval, and claim submissions at the sub-division level Forest Rights Committee were all to be completed by March 2024. However, this process has also shown dismal progress. When asked, District Welfare Officer (DWO) Sharat Chandra Behera stated that the forest land survey and identification process has been expedited with an aim to complete it within the government's stipulated time-frame.

Woman loses palms in blast; husband critical

POST NEWS NETWORK

Nayagarh/Sarankul, Nov 9: A woman lost both her palms while her husband sustained critical injuries in cracker blast at Golagaon village under Sarankul police limits in Nayagarh district, Saturday.

The injured couple was identified as Sansari Sethy, 70, and his wife Nishamani Sethy, 65. The couple was preparing crackers in their backyard when a sudden blast ripped off both the palms of the woman and left her husband critically injured.

Locals rushed the injured couple to the Nayagarh district headquarters hospital. There the doctors administered them primary treatment and shifted them to the All India Institute of Medical Sciences (AIIMS) in Bhubaneswar for advanced treatment.

Locals said that Sansari was initially selling crackers after purchasing them from wholesalers. Later, he learnt the art of making crackers and started preparing those in his backyard. His wife Nishamani used to assist him.

The villagers had urged them several times in past to refrain from this hazardous business but they refused to listen and went on making crackers. Sarankul IIC Jyoti Prakash Swain reached the spot with police personnel and launched an investigation.

Concerns over stability of new Brahmani bridge



POST NEWS NETWORK

Parjang, Nov 9: Just a month after the opening of the new 900-metre Brahmani river bridge, part of the National Highway-53 connecting Parjang in Dhenkanal district and Talcher in Angul district, significant structural issues are causing alarm among the locals. With large potholes appearing on this newly-constructed bridge, a vital link for thousands of heavy vehicles traveling daily between Jajpur, Dhenkanal, Keonjhar, and Angul districts, commuters are panicked over their safety given the poor construction of the structure. Despite substantial funding for the expansion of NH-53, the project was delayed. The National Highways Authority of India (NHAI) had only recently approved vehicle movement on the bridge, which was completed well beyond the deadline. However, owing to ongoing repairs on the old bridge, the NHAI has

completely stopped plying of vehicles, making the new bridge the sole route for commuters. Earlier, complaints had emerged about visible iron bars under the bridge, hinting at poor construction quality. Senior NHAI officials inspected the site, but a depression was discovered Saturday on the bridge's surface. Additionally, men working under the bridge narrowly escaped injury when a portion of concrete fell prompting them to flee in fear. To address the depression, the consultancy agency installed concrete pillars to support the bridge on the affected stretch. Local sources allege that insufficient oversight by the NHAI led to substandard work despite considerable government funds being allocated to the contractor. There are increasing demands from the public for departmental authorities to investigate and ensure structural stability of the bridge.

Dalit women stopped from offering milk to temple deity

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

Kendrapara, Nov 9: Several Dalit women sat on dharna in front of a temple in Kendrapara district Saturday after they were allegedly denied to perform the ritual of offering milk to the deity in the holy month of Kartik, police said.

The women accused the temple priests and a group of upper caste people of not allowing them to perform the religious ritual at the Siddheswari Ramachandi Shakti shrine at Garajanga village under Marshaghai block of the coastal district.

The protesters lodged a complaint with Marshaghai police Saturday demanding action against those who stopped them from offering milk to the deity.

"We have received a complaint in this connection. Attempts are being made to amicably settle the issue. Talks are on with senior members both from the upper caste and Dalits. Police are closely monitoring the situation with deployment in the village to thwart any possible breach of peace. The situation is, however, under control as of now," Inspector-In-Charge of Marshaghai police station Purna Chandra Pattayat said.

Man duped of ₹20 lakh in online trading scam

POST NEWS NETWORK

Berhampur, Nov 9: A 35-year-old man has fallen victim to a cyber scam of 20 lakh rupees in Berhampur under the pretext of 'online investment'. He filed a complaint at the Cyber and Economic Crime Police Station in Berhampur, alleging that he was deceived by the V-5 Ever Core Investment Strategy Group. A case (No. 26/24) has been registered and the inves-

tigation has begun. According to the complaint, in February, the victim received a message on WhatsApp claiming that he could earn a large commission by investing money online with the help of a SEBI-registered company. Following instructions from the group, he downloaded the FYR app and opened an account and wallet in his name. Initially, he invested ₹30,000. Later, he invested ₹50,000, then another

₹50,000. In the following months, he invested an additional ₹1 lakh and kept investing in installments, ultimately investing a total of about ₹20 lakh within two months. A few days ago, he attempted to withdraw money from his account and wallet on the app, but he failed. After multiple attempts to contact the company with no success, he realized he had been scammed. Following this, he reported the incident.

Retired cop to renounce President's Service Medal



POST NEWS NETWORK

Sundargarh, Nov 9: Retired police officer Bishnu Prasad Sahu, who was awarded the President's Police Medal for Distinguished Service by former President KR Narayanan during Independence Day celebrations 2001 for his relentless service in combating Maoist activities, has announced his decision to renounce the medal. Sahu retired from service as a Deputy Superintendent of Police (DSP) in May, 2014. The Ministry of Home Affairs had issued him a pass for train travel in the last week of December in 2023 with

provision to avail a 50 per cent concession on train fares. However, to his disappointment, an official at the Legislative Assembly railway ticket counter refused to accept his pass July 20, 2024, and allegedly mistreated him and tore the application form. Sahu reported the matter to local railway authorities in Khurda. Receiving no satisfactory response, he escalated the complaint to the Prime Minister, Home Minister, and Railway Minister, but no effective action was taken. On another occasion at Platform No-6 ticket counter of Bhubaneswar Railway Station, Sahu submitted his railway concession pass, while filling a form to travel by Jan Shatabdi Express. Here also his pass was not accepted. Discouraged, he again reported the issue to the concerned ministry but received no assistance. Now, he has decided to return his medal, certificate, and railway concession card to the Home Ministry on the upcoming Republic Day, choosing to spend his remaining days in peace rather than enduring such indignities.

Innovision begins at NIT Rourkela



POST NEWS NETWORK

Rourkela, Nov 9: The three-day annual tech-fest 'Innovision' of NIT Rourkela commenced at its campus Saturday. Organised by the technical society of the Student Activity Centre (SAC), it is one of eastern India's most awaited technology festivals drawing participants from across the country. Innovision is an immersive tech-fest that brings together students from various colleges to present and celebrate innovative engineering and technology projects, offering a platform for creativity, collaboration, and

hands-on learning. Professors Kaustav Chaudhury and Tirthankar Sarkar, vice-presidents of the technical society, are the convenors of this event. Inaugurating the event, chief guest Ram Mohan Mishra, retired director, Planning, Rourkela Development Authority, stressed the importance of fostering innovation and maintaining a focused mind in the fast-paced digital era. "Smartphones and digital platforms have redefined communication, uniting the world like never before. We encourage everyone here to bring forth their most innova-

tive ideas and make the most of this platform," he said. Themed 'Technoverse: Navigating the tech cosmos and shaping the future landscape', Innovision-2024 aims to ignite creativity and push boundaries with a dynamic lineup of events. The inauguration featured exciting demonstrations, including a gesture-controlled drone show and a humanoid robot showcase, captivating the audience. Director of NIT Rourkela, K Umamaheshwar Rao, applauded the spirit of innovation on display saying, Innovision is not only a showcase of technology but also a celebration of collaboration and creativity. "I encourage all to seize this opportunity to learn, connect, and innovate for a brighter digital future," he shared. With over 60 events on the roster, including VR exhibitions, drone displays, robo races, maze hunts, code hunts, auto shows, guest lectures, and artistic showcases, Innovision offers an array of experience for attendees. This time there are over 5,000 participants, including students from NIT Rourkela.

Tigress Jamuna roams free in STR core area

The two-and-a-half-year-old tigress had been kept in a soft enclosure in the STR since it was brought from Maharashtra October 27

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

Baripada, Nov 9: The authorities of the Similipal Tiger Reserve (STR) Saturday released 'Jamuna' - the Royal Bengal Tigress - brought from Tadoba-Andhari Tiger Reserve (TATR) in Maharashtra, into the wild from its soft enclosure here. As of now, the tigress has settled down in the core area of the STR, a senior official said, adding that Jamuna was being regularly monitored through a trained monitoring team. Taking to X, Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (PCCF), Susanta Nanda, shared some pictures and video of the tigress being released into the wild.



"For the first time we have a tiger supplementation anywhere in the world to enhance the gene pool of tigers," he said wishing success of the programme.

The two-and-a-half-year-old tigress had been kept in a soft enclosure in the STR since it was brought from Maharashtra October 27. The big cat was

brought to STR under a translocation project to curb inbreeding and improve the gene pool of tigers inside the national park, where 50 per cent of the apex predators are melanistic. Meanwhile, the wildlife wing of the Forest department has also reached the Tadoba-Andhari Tiger Reserve (TATR) in Maharashtra to bring another tigress. At present, Odisha has 30 tigers, of which 27 are found in STR. Though STR has a unique

population of melanistic tigers, inbreeding among the closed population has emerged as a looming threat to the striped predators in the protected area. So the authority has decided to bring tigers from Maharashtra. Earlier, the state's effort to translocate tigers from Madhya Pradesh 'failed' due to protests by villagers living on the fringes of Satkosia Tiger Reserve, where one male tiger 'Mahavir' and a tigress 'Sundari' from Kanha and Bandhavgarh Tiger Reserves respectively were introduced in 2018. While Mahavir was found dead, Sundari was sent back to its original habitat in 2021 after it allegedly killed two persons.

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OIPR-34016/11/0016/2425

**FORM A
PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT**
(Under Regulation 6 of the Insolvency and Bankruptcy Board of India (Insolvency Resolution Process for Corporate Persons) Regulations, 2016)

**FOR THE ATTENTION OF THE CREDITORS OF
ZENITH MINING PRIVATE LIMITED**

RELEVANT PARTICULARS

1. Name of corporate debtor	ZENITH MINING PRIVATE LIMITED
2. Date of incorporation of corporate debtor	31/05/1996
3. Authority under which corporate debtor is incorporated / registered	Raj Outcast
4. Corporate Identity No. / Limited Liability Identification No. of corporate debtor	U14108OR1996PT0004466
5. Address of the registered office and principal office (if any) of corporate debtor	Registered Office: TULSIPUR, CUTTACK, Orissa, India - 753 008 Other Address: KOIRA, Orissa 07-11-2024 (Date of Order)
6. Insolvency commencement date in respect of corporate debtor	06-05-2025 (150 days from the insolvency commencement date)
7. Estimated date of closure of insolvency resolution process	06-05-2025 (150 days from the insolvency commencement date)
8. Name and registration number of the insolvency professional acting as interim resolution professional	SAUJEET KUMAR SHARMA IBBI/IPA 001/IP-P01132/2018-19/11827 AFN No. AA1/11827/02/211224/106682
9. Address and e-mail of the interim resolution professional, as registered with the Board	BE 149, Street No. 5, Hari Nagar, Delhi-110064 Email: sarsharma1975@gmail.com
10. Address and e-mail to be used for correspondence with the interim resolution professional	BE 149, Street No. 5, Hari Nagar, Delhi-110064 Email: cirp.zenithmining@gmail.com
11. Last date for submission of claims	21-11-2024
12. Classes of creditors, if any, under clause (b) of sub-section (6A) of section 21, ascertained by the interim resolution professional	Name the class(es) NIL
13. Names of Insolvency Professionals identified to act as Authorised Representative of creditors in a class (Three names for each class)	NA
14. (a) Relevant Forms and (b) Details of authorized representatives are available at:	Web link: https://ibbi.gov.in/home/downloads Not Applicable

Notice is hereby given that the National Company Law Tribunal has ordered the commencement of a corporate insolvency resolution process of the **ZENITH MINING PRIVATE LIMITED** (Corporate Debtor) on **07-11-2024** [insolvency commencement date]. The creditors of **ZENITH MINING PRIVATE LIMITED** (Corporate Debtor), are hereby called upon to submit their claims with proof on or before **21-11-2024** [insert the date falling fourteen days from the appointment of the interim resolution professional] to the interim resolution professional at the address mentioned against entry No. 10. The financial creditors shall submit their claims with proof by electronic means only. All other creditors may submit the claims with proof in person, by post or by electronic means. A financial creditor belonging to a class, as listed against the entry No. 12, shall indicate its choice of authorised representative from among the three insolvency professionals listed against entry No.13 to act as authorised representative of the class [specify class] in Form CA. **Submission of false or misleading proofs of claim shall attract penalties.**

Sd-
Mr. Sanjeet Kumar Sharma
Interim Resolution Professional
For ZENITH MINING PRIVATE LIMITED
Date: 09-11-2024
Place: New Delhi
Regn No:IBBI/IPA 001/IP-P01132/2018-19/11827
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FOCUS POLITICS

THE END OF DEMOCRACY



In a democracy, anyone is free to run for office, including people who are thoroughly unsuitable to lead or preside over the institutions of government

it had to be done through hidden messages, dog whistles, and stereotypes (such as by talking about "laziness and crime in the inner city").

But under conditions of deep inequality, this coded brand of politics eventually becomes less effective than the explicit kind. What Trump has done since 2016 is throw out the old tacit agreement, labeling immigrants as vermin and his political opponents as "the enemies within." Such an explicit "us versus them" politics, as philosophers have always known, can be highly effective.

Democratic political philosophy, then, has been correct in its analysis of the Trump phenomenon. Tragically, it also offers a clear prediction of what will come next. According to Plato, the kind of person who campaigns this way will rule as a tyrant.

From everything Trump has said and done during this campaign and in his first term, we can expect Plato to be vindicated once again. The Republican Party's domination of all branches of government would render the US a one-party state. The future may offer occasional opportunities for others to vie for power, but whatever political contests lie ahead most likely will not qualify as free and fair elections.

The writer, Professor of Philosophy at Yale University, is the author of Erasing History: How Fascists Rewrite the Past to Control the Future (Atria/One Signal Publishers, 2024).

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Like others, since late Tuesday night, my phone has been blaring with text messages asking how this could have happened (as some of my friends, colleagues, and acquaintances know, I had been fully convinced that Donald Trump would win this election handily). Instead of responding in detail to every message, I will offer my explanation here.

For 2,300 years, at least since Plato's Republic, philosophers have known how demagogues and aspiring tyrants win democratic elections. The process is straightforward, and we have now just watched it play out.

In a democracy, anyone is free to run for office, including people who are thoroughly unsuitable to lead or preside over the institutions of government. One telltale sign of unsuitability is a willingness to lie with abandon, specifically by representing oneself as a defender against the people's perceived enemies, both external and internal. Plato regarded ordinary people as being easily controlled by their emotions, and thus susceptible to such messaging – an argument that forms the true foundation of democratic political philosophy.

Philosophers have also always known that this kind of politics is not necessarily destined to succeed. As Jean-Jacques Rousseau argued, democracy is at its most vulnerable when inequality in a society has become entrenched and grown too glaring.

people's resentments, and for democracy ultimately to fall in the way that Plato described. Rousseau thus concluded that democracy requires widespread equality; only then can people's resentments not be exploited so easily.

In my own work, I have tried to describe, in minute detail, why and how people who feel slighted (materially or socially) come to accept pathologies – racism, homophobia, misogyny, ethnic nationalism, and religious bigotry – which, under conditions of greater equality, they would reject.

And it is precisely those material conditions for a healthy, stable democracy that the United States lacks today. If anything, America has come to be singularly defined by its massive wealth inequality, a phenomenon that cannot but undermine social cohesion and breed resentment. With 2,300 years of democratic political philosophy suggesting that democracy is not sustainable under such conditions, no one should be surprised by the

outcome of the 2024 election.

But why, one might ask, has this not already happened in the US? The main reason is that there had been an unspoken agreement among politicians not to engage in such an extraordinarily divisive and violent form of politics. Recall the 2008 election. John McCain, the Republican, could have appealed to racist stereotypes or conspiracy theories about Barack Obama's birth, but he refused to take this path, famously correcting one of his own supporters when she suggested that the Democratic candidate was a foreign-born "Arab." McCain lost, but he is remembered as an American statesperson of unimpeachable integrity.

Of course, American politicians regularly appeal more subtly to racism and homophobia to win elections; it is, after all, a successful strategy. But the tacit agreement not to conduct such a politics explicitly – what the political theorist Tali Mendelberg calls the norm of equality – ruled out appealing too openly to racism. Instead,



Jason Stanley

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THE MOTHER

We have every one of us a role to fulfill, a work to do, a place which we alone can occupy.

Election Watch

The American journalist Bob Woodward (famous for his reporting of the Watergate scandal) has been documenting US presidents since Bill Clinton. Meaning that he has been writing books about their terms and events within, a sort of history as it unfolds in real time. Our Rajdeep Sardesai has done something similar with the last three Lok Sabhas. He has reported on and written books about the 2014 and 2019 elections and is now out with a volume titled '2024: The election that surprised India'.

Naturally the book is about the campaign but it also takes us through the time leading up to it. There is a chapter on the COVID pandemic and the incompetence with which it was managed (now of course long forgotten). And another on the farmers' protest and perhaps the decline of the Modi government can be traced to that period beginning with the Shaheen Bagh movement in late 2019 and peaking at the moment he belatedly surrendered to the farmers in late 2021.

That brings me to the most interesting part of the book, towards the end, where Sardesai answers what he calls frequently asked questions. There are three of them, the first being: Is the Modi era drawing to a close? Sardesai says no for a few reasons. It is important to understand that he approaches this question from the angle: Is Modi going away? There is another way of looking at it and we will come to that in a moment. Sardesai writes that "fierce determination" and "readiness to do whatever it takes to stay in power" will ensure that Modi completes his third term in office. He points to the recent rollbacks in policy, including on lateral recruitment, as a sign of this.

Modi's "allies," meaning those supporting him in office, like Chandrababu Naidu, have regional agendas to further and are uninterested in destabilising their arrangement. This is another plus. What about the RSS and its interests? Sardesai says the Sangh recognises that Modi is more popular than the BJP (per surveys) with one in four voters saying they came to the party because of him, a decrease from 2019 when it was one in three.

The absence of internal rivals for now means Modi will continue past his 75th birthday, which is less than a year away.

Next, the book looks at the question of whether Rahul Gandhi has "finally arrived as a politician of substance." Sardesai offers a qualified "yes." He says there has been a shift from the past (which is why the question itself of having "finally arrived" arose). Gandhi's Bharat Jodo Yatra and of course the election results and the subsequent change inside Parliament are evidence. However there remains some work to be done, Sardesai writes, and state elections will reveal more to us about Gandhi's leadership qualities and abilities.

The third question he takes up is whether democracy will "survive the Modi era?" This is interestingly put and the author takes up two things as indicators. First, the broad weakness in economic development in the meaningful sense of the word and, secondly, the drift towards authoritarianism under Modi. Both need to be addressed if the answer to the question is to be "yes."

None of what Sardesai says is exceptional. There is another way of answering the question on the Modi era and whether it has ended. What did the era mean in essence? It was the time of an individual claiming he would personally make a difference and bring to government what was missing all these decades. An honest assessment of the last decade would show that this was untrue and that the impact isn't visible. The lives of most Indians are not different today than they were in 2014.

Today, Modi's ability to get things done with 240 seats is limited as we have seen in the rollbacks. There is no question of claiming any longer that he is special and unique. His agenda to produce masterstrokes that the Cabinet does not know about, such as his experiments with our currency and the lockdown is depleted. Much time and energy is being spent and will be spent, as Sardesai notes, in managing allies and ensuring there is no internal dissent.

He is now just another politician and the gloss of messianism is gone, forever. He will likely remain in office for the rest of this term but that is because of the factors Sardesai has listed. It is not because he still possesses what people thought he had in 2014 and to large extent in 2019. By itself this is not a bad thing.

After so much hype, much if not most of it unjustified and all of it unrealised, we have returned to a time of regular politics. Where we can focus on the hard questions of how to transition half a billion people from poverty to prosperity and how to create hundreds of millions of jobs in a time when this is more difficult than it was in the past.

It will be democracy's finest achievement if we are able to do this and whether or not we get there we can look forward to Sardesai taking us through the journey in his five-year instalments.



Aakar Patel

The absence of internal rivals for now means Modi will continue past his 75th birthday, which is less than a year away

SPECTRUM WASTE MANAGEMENT

Sustainably combating stubble burning

Stubbles are crop residues that are left on the agricultural field after harvesting. Stubble burning is open incineration of stalks, stems and other agro-residues in the farmland itself. It is still continuing in several parts of India; mainly in Punjab, Haryana, and Uttar Pradesh. As per the Indian Agricultural Research Institute (IARI), around 14 million tonnes (MT) of rice stubble is set to fire each year in India, which is around 63.6% of the total rice stubble generated. Two states, Haryana and Punjab, alone contribute 48% to the total amount of stubble being burnt. This open burning practice has led to air quality impairment, smog, haze, and respiratory problems, particularly in the Delhi-NCR and nearby areas. The stubble burning issue calls for urgent action because it poses a threat to the environment and human health.

Here are a few sustainable methods which can be used to tackle stubble burning: i) Happy Seeder: This technology is developed by the Tata Trust. The Happy Seeder is a tractor mounted machine that cuts and lifts crop straw, sows seeds into the soil, and deposits the straw over the sown area as mulch. It is known to help the soil retain moisture, encourage seed germination, and decompose agro-wastes over time; ii) Briquettes and pellets: The leftover crop

residues are compressed into blocks of different sizes, which can be subsequently used in thermal power plants for heat or power generation. This method can reduce carbon footprint significantly; iii) Packaging and animal fodder: The remaining paddy and other crop residues in the fields are collected and converted into paper, animal fodder, and packaging materials by industries; iv) Bio-fertilizer: The IARI has introduced Pusa decomposer capsule for generating in-situ fertilizer. The decomposer is a microbial cocktail that produces enzymes to digest lignocellulosic material in agri-residues. These capsules are used for making water based solution which is sprayed on crop stubble in the farmlands resulting in decomposition of stubble into biofertilizer; v) Gaseous fuel: Paddy straw can be used to produce biogas using the technology developed by Punjab Agricultural University, Ludhiana. Typically one acre of land produces around 20 quintals of straw. The biogas plant can handle stubble from 3 acres of land; and is able to generate 3 cylinders of biogas per month. The biogas plant also produces slurry, which is used as manure; vi) Retain stubble and collect: Gauthan is a community-based programme implemented in Chhattisgarh as part of rural development and livelihood generation. It involves collection of

unused straw and converting it into organic fertilizer. Gauthan is typically a centre located in each village. Here, stubble and other crop residues are collected by villagers and converted into organic fertilizer. The Chhattisgarh government is providing support for transportation of stubble, and also, helping in the management of around 2,000 Gauthan centers across the state.

Stubble burning incidents are slowly decreasing. Nevertheless, eradicating it requires understanding of the problem faced by farmers. For instance, the window between harvest paddy and sowing wheat is narrow, often just 10-15 days. During this period, farmers have to quickly clear the fields to prepare for the next cycle of crop. Many small and marginal farmers find stubble burning to be a cheaper option for clearing fields rather than using alternative methods for crop-waste valorisation. Alternatives, such as Happy Seeder and bio-decomposer are not adopted by all farmers because of lack of access to the right technology. Despite government efforts, many farmers, especially in rural areas, are not fully aware of the adverse impact of stubble burning on the ecosystem. In addition, some of the equipment/systems remain costly and need fine-tuning to overcome the challenges encountered during field implementation.

Cost reduction of technologies needs to be addressed by the government, industries, and other stakeholders.

Recently, the Supreme Court criticised the governments of Haryana and Punjab for failure to take action against stubble burning. The court said that it is a fundamental right of all citizens to live in a pollution-free environment. Few weeks ago, the Haryana government reportedly arrested some farmers under the charges of stubble burning. Also, a few officials from the agricultural department of Haryana were suspended for failing to curb such activities. Taking legal action against farmers and officials will not eradicate the problem.

There is no single solution to curb stubble burning. Sustainable crop residue management needs a multidimensional approach. Focus should be on development of cost-effective technologies, successful field implementation, and maintenance of the installed systems. Furthermore, a community-based programme can be developed for equipment sharing as well as renting for the benefit of small farmers. The Gauthan model of Chhattisgarh should be studied, and can be improvised according to the local needs for replication in other states in participation with farming communities.

The writer is a scientist.



Sanjib Kumar Karmee

SUSTAINABLE CROP RESIDUE MANAGEMENT NEEDS A MULTIDIMENSIONAL APPROACH

WISDOM CORNER

Work is love made visible. And if you cannot work with love but only with distaste, it is better that you should leave your work and sit at the gate of the temple and take alms of those who work with joy.

KAHLIL GIBRAN

The secret of happiness is this: let your interests be as wide as possible, and let your reactions to the things and persons that interest you be as far as possible friendly rather than hostile.

BERTRAND RUSSELL

Determine never to be idle. No person will have occasion to complain of the want of time who never loses any. It is wonderful how much may be done if we are always doing.

THOMAS JEFFERSON

THIS DAY IN HISTORY

- 1444: Turkish forces defeated the Hungarians in the Battle of Varna, securing Turkey's control over Constantinople (Istanbul) and assuring the Ottoman conquest in the Balkans.
- 1871: Dr. David Livingstone found by Henry Stanley. According to his journal, explorer Henry Stanley greeted David Livingstone, the fellow explorer in search of the source of the Nile River, with the famous words "Dr. Livingstone, I presume?"
- 1918: Józef Piłsudski, Polish revolutionary and first chief of state of the newly reconstituted Poland, arrived in Warsaw to declare Poland an independent state.
- 1958: The Hope diamond, one of the largest blue diamonds known, was donated to the Smithsonian Institution in Washington, D.C., becoming one of its most-popular attractions.

Letters

TO THE EDITOR

Readers of Orissa Post are most welcome to contribute letters (100 words), articles and columns (between 600-1000 words). Contributors are requested to send their contact numbers and full postal address/email ID. They may also send their valuable comments, opinion and suggestions, preferably by email, to: edit@orissapost.com

Health hazard

Sir, After a thorough report by a globally reputed health institute, the WHO has set serious guidelines regarding intake of sodium in packaged foods. According to the study, high sodium intake is a leading cause of death and illness worldwide. The study also examines the health benefits and cost-effectiveness of following these guidelines in India where consumption of packaged food is on the rise. It says that India, when compared to developed nations where package food consumption is more, has the opportunity to improve dietary quality, especially lowering the sodium content of its packaged foods before they become a primary food source. This is because once people start consuming a lot of salty packaged foods it may be difficult to reduce the consumption. The WHO guidelines, if strictly adhered to, could prevent around 3,00,000 deaths from cardiovascular disease and chronic kidney disease. The report says that reducing sodium in packaged foods could save nearly 2.4 million cases of heart disease, strokes, and kidney disease. Awareness of healthcare results in wealth care: the study says reducing sodium consumption can save \$2.5 billion. Governments and other stakeholders have to act urgently regarding this matter so that severe health issues due to high salt intake can be prevented.

M Pradyu, KANNUR

Legal aid

Sir, Plenty of litigants were in the dark about the ways to avail the free legal aid facility till the 1990s. An acute dearth of legal information dissemination was glaring. But a radical shift in free and competent legal aid to the needy across the country received a major fillip after the official enforcement of the Legal Services Authorities Act on 9 November, 1995. There are National and State Legal Services Authorities (NLSA and SLSA) besides the Supreme Court and High Courts Legal Services Committees to provide free legal aid to poor and weaker sections. The law lays a huge emphasis on alternate dispute resolution methods like mediation through Lok Adalats as substitutes to lengthy litigations. Lok Adalats also paved the way to some extent for reduction in pendency of cases.

Ganapathi Bhat, AKOLA

UP sewage discharge deteriorating Ganga

A bench of NGT points out that there is a gap of 128 million litres per day (MLD) in sewage treatment in Prayagraj district

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

New Delhi, Nov 9: The National Green Tribunal (NGT) has observed that the water quality in the Ganga in Uttar Pradesh is deteriorating because of the discharge of sewage or sullage into the river.

Earlier, while considering the prevention and control of pollution in the Ganga, the green body sought compliance reports from various states, including Uttar Pradesh.

In an order dated November 6, a bench of NGT Chairperson Justice Prakash Shrivastava said according to the report from Uttar Pradesh, there was a gap of 128 million litres per day (MLD) in sewage treatment in Prayagraj district.

Also, 25 untapped drains discharged untreated sewage into the Ganga in the district and 15 untapped drains discharged the sullage into the Yamuna, the bench, also comprising judicial member Justice Sudhir Agarwal and expert member A Senthil Vel, said.

"We find that out of the 326 drains disclosed in the report of the Central Pollution Control Board (CPCB) dated October 22, 247 drains are untapped (in the state) and discharging 3,513.16 MLD of waste water into the river Ganga and its tributaries," the tribunal said.

Expressing dissatisfaction, it directed the state's chief secretary to file an affidavit disclosing the information regarding each drain across different districts, the sewage generated from those, the sewage treatment plants (STP) to which those were proposed to be connected and the timeline



for making the STPs functional.

"The affidavit will also disclose the short-term measures that will be adopted to prevent the discharge of untreated sewage in the river in respect of each of the districts and drain till STPs are made fully functional and 100 per cent household connectivity is achieved," the bench said.

It also took note of the CPCB report disclosing the status of 41 STPs across 16 Ganga-front towns, which said six plants are non-operational and of the 35 operational STPs, only one complied with the rules.

"We also find that the water quality monitored at 41 locations clearly discloses that faecal coliform (FC) exceeds the most probable number

According to the CPCB, the desirable level of faecal coliform, which is the microbes from the excreta of humans and animals, is MPN of 500/100 ml

(MPN) of 500/100 ml at 16 locations and is more than 2,500 MPN/100 ml at 17 locations. Thus, it clearly discloses the fact that the water quality is deteriorating on account of the discharge of sewage or sullage into the river Ganga," the tribunal said.

According to the CPCB, the desirable level of faecal coliform, which is the microbes from the excreta of humans and animals, is MPN of 500/100 ml.

The tribunal also directed the chief secretary of Uttar Pradesh to disclose the steps taken or proposed for making the STPs functional and to ensure that all the plants comply with the specified norms.

The affidavit has to be filed within four weeks, it said. The matter has been posted January 20 for further proceedings.

Unregistered Delhi pet shops to face closure

Delhi Animal Welfare Board has mandated that all pet shops and dog breeding centres in the National Capital Territory of Delhi register their establishments within one month

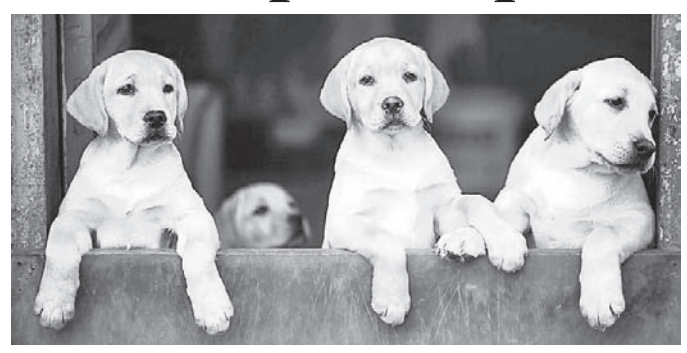
PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

New Delhi, Nov 9: All pet shops and dog breeding centres in the national capital have to register with the Delhi Animal Welfare Board within one month or face closure for non-compliance, according to a public notice.

The move comes in the wake of the Delhi High Court order to ensure accountability and compliance with the laws of the land, and has been welcomed by animal rights activists.

In its public notice dated November 6, the Delhi Animal Welfare Board has mandated that all pet shops and dog breeding centres in the National Capital Territory of Delhi register their establishments within one month.

Failure to comply will result



in the shutdown of non-registered establishments, as per rules outlined in the Dog Breeding and Marketing Rules, 2017, and the Pet Shop Rules, 2018, both under the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Act, 1960, it said.

The Board has enabled online registration via the e-district portal for ease of access, the notice reads.

The move is aimed at bolstering animal welfare and ensuring compliance with legal standards, according to the Board.

Speaking about the notice, Asher Jesudoss, Member of the Executive Committee of the Board, told PTT, "The Dog Breeding & Marketing Rules, 2017, and the Pet Shop Rules, 2018, make it mandatory for

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pet shops and dog breeding institutions across the country to be registered with the State Animal Welfare Board. It is illegal for any such institution to operate without this registration.

shops and noted numerous violations in these establishments, including inadequate safety measures, poor hygiene, and inhumane living conditions for animals," Jesudoss said.

Following an order from the Delhi High Court to ensure accountability and compliance with the laws of the land, the department has intensified its efforts through newspaper advertisements, he said.

He also mentioned that the department plans to broadcast this information on radio and FM channels to reach as many establishment owners as possible, encouraging them to register with the Board. "Any establishment that fails to register within one month of this notice will face closure and sealing as per the rules framed under the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Act, 1960," Jesudoss added.

Meanwhile, Kartick Satyanarayan, Co-founder of Wildlife SOS and executive member of Friendicoes, said "It is a welcome move for pet owners as it will help eradicate cruelty and the illegal trafficking of exotic pets, and ensure better welfare and care for animals housed in pet shops as well as with breeders".



Visitors at the renovated 'Khidkiya ghat', popularly known as 'Namo ghat' which is expected to be formally inaugurated by Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath on the occasion of 'Dev Deepawali' on Nov 15, in Varanasi, Saturday

Delhi launches GPS monitoring for water tankers

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

New Delhi, Nov 9: The AAP-led Delhi government Saturday introduced a real-time GPS monitoring system for water tankers and sewer cleaning machines, aiming to boost transparency and efficiency in the city's essential services.

Chief Minister Atishi directed the launch of the Delhi Jal Board's GPS monitoring portal, which will provide live tracking of these services, an official statement from the CMO said.

The new system will en-



able the officials to track the movements of water tankers and sewer cleaning machines (SCMs) in real-time, ensuring that they adhere to designated routes and schedules, it said.

According to the statement, the initiative is part of a broader scheme of the Delhi govern-

ment to enhance service delivery and address any irregularities swiftly.

"The Delhi government is dedicated to improving public services and ensuring transparency. The use of GPS technology is a significant step towards achieving these goals," Atishi said. With this system, we can monitor water tankers and sewer cleaning operations effectively, ensuring timely delivery of services to residents, she added.

The chief minister emphasized the live GPS monitoring portal marks a major milestone in

the city's efforts to digitise and streamline public utilities, and the portal will allow for better oversight and help the officials respond quickly to any disruptions or deviations from planned routes, the statement said.

To ensure smooth implementation, the Delhi Jal Board officials have been instructed to maintain GPS devices on all tankers and machines properly with a dedicated technical executive appointed in each circle to resolve any issues related to the GPS system, guaranteeing its seamless operation, it added.

Special camps held to register new voters for Delhi polls

New Delhi: In another chance for eligible people to enroll as voters ahead of the upcoming Delhi Assembly polls due in February, a special two-day camp began Saturday. All eligible people can get their names registered in the electoral roll at special camps, said a notice issued by chief electoral officer (CEO), Delhi. The camps have been set up at all the polling stations across the city where people can go for registration from 10 am to 5 pm, officials said.

Darul Uloom Deoband lifts ban on entry of women

Women will have to wear hijab and have to be accompanied by a family member to enter the campus, according to the rules



PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

Saharanpur (UP), Nov 9: The ban on the entry of women in Darul Uloom, an Islamic seminary here in Deoband, has been lifted. They will now be able to enter the campus, subject to some rules, the institution said.

Women will have to wear hijab and have to be accompanied by a family member to enter the campus, according to the rules that came into effect Friday.

The management of the Islamic educational institution, which earlier this year banned the entry of women over complaints of "reels" being shot inside the campus, said videography would be completely prohibited and visitors would have to deposit their phones at the gate before entering.

Ashraf Usmani, media in charge at Darul Uloom, Saturday said that after several rounds of talks, the management has issued rules for the entry of women coming from across the globe.

Following this, women will be able to enter the Darul Uloom campus, he said.

Usmani said the Darul Uloom management has appointed an

officer to issue visitor passes, which will apply to both men and women, for entry into the campus.

Aadhaar card or voter ID or PAN card will have to be shown to the concerned officer for the visitor pass. Visitors' names, mobile numbers, addresses, number of men and women seeking entry, will also be recorded, he said.

Women will have to wear the hijab and will be allowed to enter the institution till sunset. Mobile phones of every person visiting the madrasa will be deposited at the main gate, which will be returned to them when they leave, Usmani added.

He said that the visitor pass will have a validity of two hours and it will be automatically cancelled after sunset.

The Darul Uloom management system banned the entry of women May 17 over complaints that women without veils were taking photos and videos of the buildings of the institution and sharing them on social media. According to the media in charge, students of the madrasa were also getting affected by it.

Weapons used during 1857 rebellion found in UP

The weapons included 20 rusty swords, ten barrels of guns, two country made pistols and a spear

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

Shahjahanpur (UP), Nov 9: A host of weapons, possibly used during the rebellion of 1857, was found by a farmer while working in his field in the district, an official said Friday.

District Magistrate Dharmendra Pratap Singh said Baburam was ploughing his field a few days ago when he stumbled upon an item resembling an iron sword. As he continued digging, the farmer uncovered a large number of weapons buried in the ground.

In total, he found 23 swords, the remains of 12 rifles, a spear and a dagger, Singh told PTT.

The barrels and iron parts of the rifles were all that remained with its wooden components likely consumed by termites, he said.

In terms of design, the rifles



appear to be matchlock guns, the DM said. The weapons have been safely kept in the store-room of the Nigohi police station and a letter has been sent to the Archaeological Survey of India about the discovery, Singh said.

Vikas Khurana, the History

Department head at Swami Shukdevanand College in Shahjahanpur, suggested the weapons likely belong to the Rohilla culture of the Mughal period.

The Rohillas were Afghan settlers who entered India in the 18th century, during the

decline of the Mughal Empire and gained control of the upper Gangetic plains.

Khurana said the weapons might have been used by revolutionaries during the 1857 uprising and they might have moved through this region

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- The weapons might have been used by revolutionaries during the 1857 uprising and they might have moved through this region to the forests of Pilibhit after fighting the British Army
- There is a possibility that the revolutionaries might have hidden their weapons by burying them here in the ground

to the forests of Pilibhit after fighting the British Army.

He said a victorious army never hides its arms and there is a possibility that the revolutionaries might have hidden their weapons by burying them here in the ground.

Khurana also noted that one of the matchlock rifles found was still loaded with gunpowder and had been fired. This type of rifle, known as the 'Gajahi' gun in the region, was in use during the British rule, he said.



There were attacks on Sanatan Dharma in India in the past but the ancient religion remains intact to date

AP CM LAUNCHES DEMO SEAPLANE FLIGHT FROM VIJAYAWADA TO SRISAILAM

Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister N Chandrababu Naidu Saturday launched a seaplane demo flight from Prakasam Barrage in Vijayawada to Srisaillam in Nandyal district.



of the day quote

The alumni of an institution are in several ways its lifeline... I strongly urge to have an alumni fund.

Children of Bangladeshi infiltrator father and Adivasi mother will be denied tribal rights if BJP is voted to power in Jharkhand.

The Centre sends lakhs of crores of rupees through its HT line for development, but it is not transmitted to you.

Ram temple completion delayed by 3 months

Ayodhya, Nov 9: The Ram temple in here, initially scheduled for completion by June 2025, will now likely be finished by September 2025, said Nripendra Mishra, chairman of the temple construction committee.

delays in construction," he said Friday. "The complete construction is now expected by September 2025 instead of June 2025," added Mishra, chairman of the Temple Construction Committee.



some stones on the first floor appeared "weak and thin" and will be replaced with Makrana stones to ensure durability.

other structures associated with the temple, including the auditorium, boundary, and circumambulation path, all of which remain under construction.

the temple complex will follow. Two statues of Ram Lalla, already accepted by the temple trust, are also set to be installed in prominent locations.

ED files prosecution complaint against 'conman' Kiran Patel

Srinagar, Nov 9: The Enforcement Directorate (ED) said Saturday it has filed a prosecution complaint against alleged Gujarat conman Kiran Patel before a special court here under the Prevention of Money Laundering Act (PMLA).

Hamirpur/Shimla, Nov 9: The Opposition BJP distributed samosas in Shimla for free, a party MLA ordered 11 for Chief Minister Sukhvinder Singh Sukhu and some even fed it to his poster Saturday, the humble everyday snack once again a hot potato issue steaming up the politics of Himachal Pradesh.



tained that the government had not ordered any such inquiry and it could be an internal matter of the CID. A top CID official has also said that no formal inquiry was ordered into the incident.

He said when the people of the hill state are fighting for their rights, the government should focus on real issues and not on such small matters.

The BJYM, the youth wing of the saffron party, held a samosa-distribution programme in the state capital

Subsequently, CID officials ordered an inquiry into the episode. A noting by a senior official on the inquiry report said the act was anti-government and anti-CID.

SHORT TAKES

5 killed in UP road mishap

Firozabad (UP): Five people were killed and 24 injured when a tempo traveller rammed into a stationary car on the Agra-Lucknow Expressway here as its driver, who was in an inebriated state, was drowsy, police said Saturday.

Railway employee crushed to death

Patna: In a tragic accident at Barauni Railway Station in Bihar's Begusarai, a railway employee was crushed to death after getting trapped between an engine and a bogie Saturday.

2 shooting incidents within 10 minutes

New Delhi: A man was killed and another injured in two shooting incidents carried out by three people within a span of 10 minutes in separate areas of northeast Delhi, police said Sunday.

Slain VDGs given tearful adieu in J&K

Kishtwar/Jammu: The last rites of the two Village Defence Guards killed by terrorists were performed near their village in Jammu and Kashmir's Kishtwar district Saturday, with locals demanding security and adequate relief.

Drug peddler held

Jammu: Jammu and Kashmir Police's Anti-Narcotics Task Force arrested an alleged drug peddler here Saturday and recovered nearly 5,000 banned capsules from his possession, an official said.

COVID-19 SCAM

Sriramulu, Yedi to face prosecution

The report proves the Congress' allegation that the 'then government made money over the dead bodies, misusing the situation', Karnataka Health Minister Dinesh Gundu Rao said



Bangalore, Nov 9: Karnataka Health Minister Dinesh Gundu Rao Saturday said the Justice Michael D' Cunha Commission of Inquiry that investigated alleged irregularities in the purchase of equipment and medicines during the Covid-19 pandemic has recommended prosecution of then Chief Minister B S Yediyurappa and former minister B Sriramulu.

Covid-19, said the BJP was in power, he said. Chief Minister Siddaramaiah, in poll bound Sandur said, based on the report that the cabinet sub-committee submits, the government will decide on future course action, after discussing it in the cabinet.

situation, the government of the day looted and took decisions convenient for them, in violation of rules. As an opposition party then, we (Congress) tried to highlight the issue.

25% of Indians affected by varicose veins: Experts

Hyderabad, Nov 9: Approximately 25 per cent of India's population suffers from varicose veins -- a condition often underdiagnosed in India -- and can be treated without surgery, say leading national and international medical experts.

It was spearheaded by Dr. Rajah V. Koppala, founder of Avis Hospitals and a renowned vascular interventional specialist. The IVC focused on sharing best practices in non-surgical solutions such as laser treatments and other innovative approaches.



Silveira, who shared updates on global trends and challenges in vascular and interventional radiology. The discussions underscored that while non-surgical methods can be highly effective, there are cases where surgical

intervention is necessary. Indian experts engaged in dialogue with international colleagues, exchanging knowledge on advanced treatments and decision-making for complex cases.

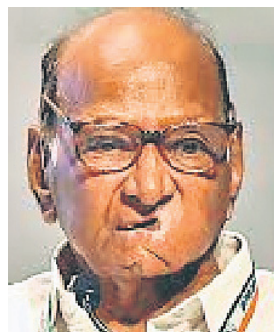
options, with senior specialists outlining which methods are most effective for different conditions. The Congress showcased the importance of continuous learning and adopting new techniques to improve the treatment of varicose veins, a condition often underdiagnosed in India.

said the participation of top vascular experts in Hyderabad and the knowledge shared here will benefit practitioners across the country. "This Congress is not just about sharing information but about shaping the future of medical practice in India. With non-surgical treatments gaining traction globally, our healthcare professionals must integrate these methods into their practice," he said.

Recent advancements in non-surgical treatments are changing how doctors care for patients with vascular issues. These new methods are making it easier for people, even in remote areas, to access high-quality treatment. The Indian Vein Congress (IVC) 2024, held in Hyderabad and hosted by Avis Hospitals, brought attention to this important topic.



Mauritius Coast Guard Ship (MCGS) Valiant being taken under tow by INS Suvarna for passage to India for its maiden refit at Naval Dockyard, Mumbai, on completion of INS Suvarna's visit to Port Louis, Mauritius



I gave whatever I could to Dhananjay Munde. Some people played a key role in splitting our party. They must be defeated

SHARAD PAWAR | NCP (SP) CHIEF

NEET-UG IRREGULARITIES: CBI REGISTERS FRESH CASE

The CBI has registered a fresh case in connection with alleged irregularities in the conduct of NEET-UG, booking a woman medical student caught taking the test for an aspirant in Navi Mumbai, officials said Saturday



of the day quote

They (RJD) always try to create a divide on communal lines. When RJD was in power in Bihar, the state witnessed several communal clashes. But, now the situation is totally different when the NDA is in power



NITISH KUMAR | BIHAR CM

The Congress misled Dalits during the Lok Sabha polls but this fake narrative will not succeed in the assembly polls. The Congress repeatedly insulted Babasaheb Ambedkar and amended the Constitution drafted by him for their convenience



KIREN RIJU | UNION MINISTER

Narendra Modi treats Maharashtra as a stepmother would treat a stepchild. The Aam Aadmi Party would like to remind the PM that he is the PM of the country including states like Maharashtra. Projects worth almost ₹2 lakh crore meant for Maharashtra have been taken away to Gujarat



SANJAY SINGH | AAP MP

POST OF THE DAY

The funniest scene ever. Don't miss. Modiji uses a teleprompter, unconstitutional CM uses a human teleprompter

@priyankac19

SHORT TAKES

J'khand: PM to hold poll rallies today

Ranchi: Prime Minister Narendra Modi is scheduled to hold a mega roadshow and two rallies in poll-bound Jharkhand Sunday. "Prime Minister Narendra Modi will address a public rally in Bokaro at 1 pm followed by another at Gumla at 3.15 pm tomorrow. Then, he will hold a mega roadshow in Ranchi," a BJP leader said. The roadshow is scheduled to begin around 5.15 pm from OTC Ground and culminate at New Market Chowk. According to an advisory issued by the traffic police, entry of all small and big goods vehicles will be restricted in the state capital between 2 pm and 8 pm.

Three killed in clash between two groups

Hoshiarpur: Three men died and two others were injured in a clash between two groups at Moranwali village here Saturday, said police. Hoshiarpur Senior Superintendent of Police (SSP) Surendra Lamba said the deceased were identified as Manpreet Singh alias Mani, Sukhpreet Singh alias Sukha and Saranpreet Singh. Police teams reached the spot around 2 pm after receiving information about the clash between two groups and transported the injured to Civil Hospital, Garhshankar, where doctors declared the three men dead, the police said.

Terrorist killed in encounter

Srinagar: An unidentified terrorist was killed in an encounter with the security forces in Sopore area of Jammu and Kashmir's Baramulla district Saturday, officials said. "Acting on a specific input regarding the presence of #terrorists in Rampora #Sopore area of #Baramulla, a joint anti-terrorist operation was launched by Police and security forces," Kashmir Zone Police posted on X.

Bulldozer justice simply unacceptable under rule of law: SC



PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

New Delhi, Nov 9: Citizens' voices cannot be throttled by a threat of destroying their properties and "bulldozer justice" is simply unacceptable under the rule of law, the Supreme Court has said.

Observing that justice through bulldozers was unknown to any civilised system of jurisprudence, a bench headed by Chief Justice D Y Chandrachud said the state must follow due process of law before taking action to remove illegal encroachments or unlawfully constructed structures.

"Bulldozer justice is simply unacceptable under the rule of law. If it were to be permitted the constitutional recognition of the right to property under Article 300A would be reduced to a dead letter," said the bench, which also comprised Justices J B Pardiwala and Manoj Misra. Article 300A of the Constitution says that no person shall be deprived of his property save by authority of law.

The apex court delivered its verdict in a matter related to demolition of a house in Maharajganj district of Uttar Pradesh in 2019.

Holding that the entire process which was followed by the state was "high handed", the bench directed the Uttar Pradesh government to pay Rs 25 lakh compensation to the petitioner, whose house was razed for a road project, as an interim measure.

"Justice through bulldozers is unknown to any civilised system of jurisprudence. There is a grave danger that if high handed and unlawful behaviour is permitted by any wing or officer of the state, demoliti

on of citizens' properties will take place as a selective reprisal for extraneous reasons," the verdict delivered November 6 said.

"Citizens' voices cannot be throttled by a threat of destroying their properties and homesteads. The ultimate security which a human being possesses is to the homestead," said the judgement penned by the CJI.

The November 6 verdict, which was uploaded on the apex court website later, said the law does not undoubtedly condone unlawful occupation of public property and encroachments. The bench said there were municipal laws and town-planning legislation which contain adequate provisions for dealing with illegal encroachments.

"Where such legislation exists the safeguards which are provided in it must be observed. We propose to lay down certain minimum thresholds of procedural safeguards which must be fulfilled before taking action against properties of citizens," it said.

It said the officials of the state who carry out or sanction such unlawful action must be proceeded against for disciplinary action.

"Their infractions of law must invite criminal sanctions. Public accountability for public officials must be the norm. Any action in respect of public or private property must be backed by due process of law," the bench said.

It said before acting in pursuance of a road widening project, the state or its instrumentalities must ascertain the existing width of the road in terms of official records or maps.

The bench said the state must carry out a survey or demarcation to ascertain whether there was any encroachment on the existing road with reference to the existing records or maps.

It said if an encroachment was found, the state must issue a proper written notice to the encroachers to remove the encroachment.



People take part in a boating competition, in Nadia, West Bengal

PTI PHOTO

DeMo, GST weapons to kill farmers, labourers: Rahul

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

Jamshedpur/Dhanbad, Nov 9: Congress leader Rahul Gandhi Saturday attacked the BJP-led Centre, alleging that its policies on demonetisation and Goods and Services Tax (GST) were weapons to kill farmers, labourers and the poor in the country.

He also claimed that a battle is on in India between the ideologies of the BJP-RSS and INDIA bloc, who are believers of hatred and love, respectively. The battle is also between violence and unity, Rahul claimed.

"The policies of Narendra Modi are responsible for spreading unemployment in India. Demonetisation, GST are weapons to kill the poor, farmers and labourers," he said while addressing a poll rally in Jamshedpur.

"The BJP and RSS are playing politics to divide India on the basis of caste, religion and language. The Congress wants to protect the Constitution of India, while the BJP-RSS is hell-bent on destroying it," Rahul Gandhi alleged.

The Congress leader also accused Prime Minister Narendra Modi of funding capitalists who in turn invest money abroad. He, however, did not elaborate on the matter.

Rahul Gandhi exuded confidence that they would defeat Modi and work for the welfare of the masses.



The policies of Narendra Modi are responsible for spreading unemployment in India. Demonetisation, GST are weapons to kill the poor, farmers and labourers RAHUL GANDHI | CONGRESS LEADER

During the address, Rahul Gandhi took a two-minute break after Jharkhand Health Minister Banna Gupta informed him that "Azan" was on.

Addressing another rally at Baghmara in Dhanbad, the Congress leader charged the central government with formulating a tax structure designed to "loot the poor".

"Indian tax structure is to loot the poor. Adani pays taxes equivalent to you. Dharavi land (Mumbai), worth ₹one lakh crore, is being handed over to him," Gandhi alleged.

Taking a jibe at Prime Minister Narendra Modi, the Congress leader alleged that he travels in seaplanes and goes inside the sea, "but the poor and women bear the brunt of price rise."

Rahul Gandhi further alleged that Scheduled Tribes (STs), Scheduled Castes (SCs), and Other Backward Classes (OBCs) constitute 90 per cent of

India's population, but they are not represented in government institutions.

"We will give to the poor funds equivalent to debt of capitalists waived by PM Modi," said Gandhi. The Congress, if voted to power, will ensure caste census and removal of the 50 per cent cap on the reservation, Rahul claimed.

"The Constitution is under constant attack and it needs to be protected. We will remove the cap of 50 per cent reservation at any cost. If we are voted to power in Jharkhand, we will raise reservation of STs to 28 per cent from the present 26 per cent, SCs to 12 per cent from the current 10 per cent and OBCs to 27 per cent from the existing 14 per cent," he claimed.

Rahul also asserted that a caste census is "a must to identify the participation of tribals, Dalits and OBCs" in various institutions and wealth of the country.

Woman gunned down in Manipur

INDO-ASIAN NEWS SERVICE

Imphal, Nov 9: Unidentified armed assailants gunned down a Meitei woman in Manipur's Bishnupur district Saturday, police said.

A police official in Imphal said that the unidentified men fired on Sapam Ongbi Sonia Devi when she was working in her paddy field at Saiton village in Bishnupur, killing her on the spot.

Though the police said that the identity of the attacker and the motive behind the killing remain unknown so far, local media blamed Kuki militants for the killing.

Police personnel led by senior officials have rushed to the area and launched a search operation to nab the assailants. Villagers expressed shock and anguish over the incident. Further details of the incident are awaited.

Saturday's incident occurred within 48 hours after the suspected militants killed another woman and burnt down at least eight houses at a tribal-dominated village Zairon in Manipur's Jiribam district Thursday night. Police officials in Imphal said that armed guerrillas attacked the Hmar tribal-inhabited village Zairon in Jiribam Thursday night and set at least eight houses on fire. A woman named Sangkim, wife of Ngurthansang Hmar from Zairon, had been burnt by the fire which engulfed her home. Local sources report that the remains of her burned body were later dismembered by the militants.

Income Tax raids in J'khand

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

Ranchi, Nov 9: The Income Tax Department Saturday conducted searches at multiple locations in poll-bound Jharkhand, including on the premises of a person linked to Chief Minister Hemant Soren, as part of a tax evasion probe, official sources said.

A total of nine premises in the state's capital Ranchi and Jamshedpur are being raided in an operation that started early morning.



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The locations linked to Sunil Shrivastava, an aide to the CM, are also being searched, they said. The action is linked to recent probes launched by the Enforcement Directorate (ED) and the Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) over alleged illegal liquor trade and mining in the state, the sources said.

The Assembly elections are scheduled for November 13 and 20, and the counting of votes will take place November 23.

U'KHAND FOUNDATION DAY

Almora residents write letters in blood

INDO-ASIAN NEWS SERVICE

Dehradun, Nov 9: 'Devbhoomi' is celebrating Uttarakhand Diwas, the day commemorating the establishment of Uttarakhand as a separate state.

Saturday marked the 24th anniversary of the formation of the state, also known as 'Devbhoomi' (land of gods) because of its several Hindu pilgrimage spots. Amid the celebrations of state foundation day, some letters written in blood addressed to the top Constitutional offices of the country created alarm and panic in the government machinery. The members of Gevad Vikas Sangharsh Samiti in Chaukhutiya development block wrote letters in blood, addressed to the President, Prime Minister, Chief Minister, Governor of the state and the Supreme Court.

The letters have been handed over to the District Magistrate of Almora.

AAP-BJP spar over implementation of HIMS project

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

New Delhi, Nov 9: The BJP Saturday slammed the AAP government over non implementation of the health information management system in Delhi, accusing it of indecision on the matter.

Sources in the AAP government alleged that the Health department had recommended c-DAC for implementing the health information management system (HIMS), but the officers have backtracked now under pressure of the BJP.

Leader of Opposition in Delhi Assembly Vijender Gupta wrote a letter to Chief Minister Atishi, expressing serious concern over the delay in implementation of the HIMS project. "Due to the government's indecisive approach, implementation of HIMS has been stalled for the last eight years. Despite the chief secretary's recommendation, the government did not take any action in this regard," Gupta claimed in a statement.

The government sources alleged that the project was obstructed due to the officers controlled by the lieutenant governor. No immediate reaction was available from the lieutenant governor's office over charges of the AAP government officers.

"The BJP wants to protect corrupt officers by keeping UPI payments outside HIMS. Why should the BJP have a problem if the Delhi government wants to bring transparency in payments of the private hospitals and laboratories?" the government sources questioned.

Maharashtra to see 'friendly fights' on 29 seats

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

Mumbai, Nov 9: The November 20 Maharashtra election will witness friendly contests among the Mahayuti and Maha Vikas Aghadi (MVA) allies in 29 out of 288 Assembly seats. Friendly fights, however, are more complicated for the MVA, especially since smaller parties who are part of the INDIA bloc are also in the mix.

The ruling Mahayuti's partners BJP, Eknath Shinde-led Shiv Sena and Ajit Pawar's Nationalist Congress, will contest alongside each other in six seats — Mankhurd Shivajinagar (Mumbai), Ashti (Beed), Sindhkhed Raja (Buldhana), Katol (Nagpur), Morshi (Amravati), Dindori (Nashik), Shrirampur (Ahmednagar) and Purandar (Pune).

The Opposition alliance of the Shiv Sena (UBT), NCP (SP) and Congress will engage in such face-offs in 21 Assem-

bly constituencies. One of the major fights will take place in the Nanded North seat, where Congress's Abdul Gaffoor is in the fray with Shiv Sena (UBT) candidate Sangita Patil.

In most constituencies, MVA allies are contesting alongside candidates fielded by the Peasants and Workers Party of India (PWPI), Samajwadi Party and the Left.

The Samajwadi Party has fielded eight candidates and will be contesting alongside the Congress on six seats, namely Bhiwandi West (Thane), Tuljapur (Dharashiv), Aurangabad East (Chhatrapati Sambhajiinagar), Malegaon Central (Nashik) and with NCP SP in Paranda (Dharashiv), and Shiv Sena UBT in Dhule City Assembly seats.

The PWPI has fielded candidates on 14 seats and is in contest with the Shiv Sena (UBT) in Sangole, Loha, Pen, Uran, Ausa, Malegaon Outer and



Panvel, and with NCP (SP) in Katol. A PWPI leader said they had sought six seats where they are in serious contest.

"However, the bigger parties fielded candidates despite our strong presence in these constituencies," he said. The leader said the party had to field candidates wherever it has influence, as it needed to fulfil the electoral criteria of getting the desired number of votes.

Friendly fights, however, are more complicated for the MVA, especially since smaller parties who are part of the INDIA bloc are also in the mix

think they can win the polls on their strength, and there is no need for us (SP)."

Solapur City Central will see a contest between the CPM's Narsaya Adam and the Congress, while in the Wami constituency, CPI's Hepat and Shiv Sena (UBT) candidate Sanjay Derkar are in the fray. In Mahayuti, the Shiv Sena and the NCP are in a friendly contest in Purandar, Dindori, Mankhurd Shivaji Nagar, Sindkhedraja and Shirampur.

The NCP and BJP will battle it in Katol, Morshi and Ashti.

international



There are many supporters of Khalistan in Canada, but they do not represent the Sikh Community as a whole. Similarly, there are supporters of Prime Minister Modi's government in Canada, but they do not represent all Hindu Canadians

VOLCANO SPEWS ASH
Indonesia's Mount Lewotobi Laki Laki volcano spewed towering columns of hot ash high into the air Saturday, days after a huge eruption killed nine people and injured dozens of others.



of the day quote

The world should know that in case of the expansion of war, its harmful effects will not be limited only to the West Asia region; insecurity and instability can spread to other regions, even far away



As we face the most severe and complex security environment, I will balance and strengthen Japan's diplomacy and security



We strengthened NATO. We've pulled NATO together. We've kept 50 countries focused on providing security assistance to Ukraine. The things that we've done in the Indo-Pacific. Quite amazing



TRUMP MOVES TO WHITE HOUSE

Americans mull moving abroad

Sudden enthusiasm for emigration echoes the interest in moving abroad seen after Trump's 2016 victory

REUTERS

Sydney, Nov 9: As US election exit polls began to point to a second presidency for Donald Trump, many Americans were already looking for another kind of exit: moving abroad.

Google searches for "move to Canada" surged 1,270% in the 24 hours after US East Coast polls closed on Tuesday, company data shows. Similar searches about moving to New Zealand climbed nearly 2,000% while those for Australia jumped 820%.

Late Wednesday evening on the US East Coast, Google searches about emigrating were hitting all-time highs for all three countries, according to a Google official.

The search giant does not provide absolute figures but data from the Immigration New Zealand website showed the site logged some 25,000 new US users November 7, compared to 1,500 for the same day last year.

Some immigration lawyers are also being inundated with queries.

"Every half hour there is a new email enquiry," said Evan



Trump is obviously the impetus, but it's also societal. The majority of Americans voted for him and some people don't necessarily feel comfortable living in that kind of society anymore. People are afraid they are going to lose freedoms

EVAN GREEN | MANAGING PARTNER, GREEN AND SPIEGEL

Green, managing partner at Canada's oldest immigration law firm, Green and Spiegel.

The sudden enthusiasm for emigration echoes the interest in moving abroad seen after Trump's 2016 victory. This time, however, the Republican's re-election has followed a particularly divisive campaign in which nearly three-quarters of US voters said they felt American democracy was under threat, according to Edison

US House majority fight: Reds hold narrow edge

Republicans secure at least 211 seats, need seven more for House majority Donald Trump's Republicans held on to a narrow edge Friday as election officials tallied the final votes that will determine control of the US House of Representatives, though Democrats succeeded in flipping a pair of New York state seats. Republicans have secured at least 211 seats, seven short of the majority in the 435-member chamber, with 24 races left to be called, according to projections by Edison Research. Republicans are set to hold a majority of at least 53 seats in the Senate. Full congressional control by Republicans would give Trump great leeway to pursue policies including sweeping tax cuts, energy deregulation and border security controls. Should Democrats succeed in capturing a majority, which would require them to win 18 of the 24 as-yet uncalled seats, it would give them a bulwark to push back against him.



US charges Iranian in plot to kill Trump

The United States charged an Iranian man Friday in connection with an alleged plot ordered by Iran's elite Revolutionary Guards Corps to assassinate President-elect Donald Trump, the Department of Justice said. Farhad Shakeri informed law enforcement "that he was tasked on October 7, 2024, with providing a plan to kill" Trump, the department said in a statement. It said Shakeri told law enforcement he did not intend to formulate such a plan within the time frame directed by the IRGC. Iranian Foreign Ministry spokesperson Esmail Baghaei said in a statement carried by Iranian media Saturday that the claim was a "repulsive" plot by Israel and Iranian opposition outside the country to "complicate matters between America and Iran." The DOJ described Shakeri, 51, as a Revolutionary Guard asset residing in Tehran. It said he immigrated to the US as a child and was deported around 2008 following a robbery conviction. Shakeri is at large and believed to be in Iran, the prosecutors said. Two New York residents whom Shakeri had met in prison, Carlisle Rivera and Jonathan Loadholt, were also charged with helping Shakeri plot to kill prominent Iranian-American journalist Masih Alinejad, described as an outspoken critic of Iran's government who had previously been targeted for murder.

Judge pauses Trump 2020 election case

A US judge Friday set aside pending deadlines in President-elect Donald Trump's 2020 election case after federal prosecutors said they were grappling with the unprecedented circumstance of his impending return to the White House. US District Judge Tanya Chutkan in Washington approved a request from Special Counsel Jack Smith, who is prosecuting the criminal case, to set aside the deadlines, according to a court order, while they weigh its future. Prosecutors wrote the delay was necessary to afford the Government time to assess this unprecedented circumstance and determine the appropriate course going forward consistent with Department of Justice policy. Under a Justice Department policy dating back to the 1970s, a sitting president cannot be subject to criminal prosecution.

SHORT TAKES

Amsterdam bans stirs

Washington: Amsterdam banned demonstrations for three days from Friday after overnight attacks on Israeli soccer supporters by what the mayor called "antisemitic hit-and-run squads", and Israel sent planes to the Netherlands to fly fans home. Mayor Femke Halsema said Maccabi Tel Aviv fans had been "attacked, abused and pelted with fireworks" around the city, and that riot police intervened to protect them and escort them to hotels. At least five people were treated in hospital. Videos on social media showed riot police in action, with some attackers shouting anti-Israeli slurs. Footage also showed Maccabi Tel Aviv supporters chanting anti-Arab slogans before Thursday evening's match.

NK's GPS manipulation

Seoul: North Korea staged GPS interference Friday and Saturday, affecting the operations of ships and private aircraft, South Korea's military said Saturday. South Korea's Joint Chiefs of Staff (JCS) advised ships and aircraft operating in the West Sea area to be cautious of North Korea's GPS signal jamming. The JCS urged North Korea to immediately halt the latest provocation and warned it will be held accountable for its actions. Tensions between the Koreas have rekindled since the North began flying balloons carrying trash into the South in late May, prompting the South to restart loudspeaker propaganda broadcasts.

9 stabbed in two days

Seattle: A man has been arrested in connection with a spate of random stabbings over two days in Seattle, in which nine people were injured -- five of them Friday afternoon, police said. "This incident was apparently one individual over a 38-hour period of time committing random assaults," Deputy Chief Eric Barden said at the scene Friday. The stabbings Friday afternoon took place in a roughly four-block area in Seattle's Chinatown-International District. A weapon was found near the person who was arrested, and a knife was lodged in one of the victims, police said.

Relief for Pak's Khan

Lahore: An anti-terrorism court in Pakistan has granted post-arrest bail to jailed former prime minister Imran Khan in four arson cases in Lahore and adjourned hearings in another eight ones till November 30. The Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI) supreme leader was booked in 12 cases in Lahore in connection with May 2023 violence, including for allegedly attacking the government and military buildings following his arrest in a graft case.

Pak train station bomb blast kills 24



REUTERS

Quetta, Nov 9: At least 24 people were killed and more than 62 injured in a bomb blast Saturday at a railway station in the city of Quetta in southwestern Pakistan, police and other officials said.

Inspector general of police for Balochistan Mouzzam Jah Ansari said 24 people have died so far

from the blast at the railway station, which is usually busy early in the day when the explosion took place. "The target was army personnel from the Infantry School," he said, with many of the injured in critical condition. Quetta Commissioner Hamza Shafiq said 16 soldiers were among the dead.

The Baloch Liberation Ar-

my (BLA), a separatist militant group, claimed responsibility for the attack in a statement. The BLA seeks independence for Balochistan, a province of about 15 million people that borders Afghanistan to the north and Iran to the west. The BLA is the biggest of several ethnic insurgent groups battling the government, saying it unfairly exploits the province's rich gas and mineral resources.

In August, at least 73 people were killed in Balochistan after separatist militants attacked police stations, railway lines and highways.

Quetta is the capital of Balochistan province, which is grappling with a surge in strikes by separatist ethnic militants that has raised security concerns for projects aiming to develop the province's untapped mineral resources

Spotlight on petrostate ahead of COP29 climate summit

Diplomats from across the world will descend on the capital Baku for the annual climate summit, known as COP29, to discuss how to avoid increasing threats from climate change in a place that was one of the birthplaces of the oil industry

REUTERS

Baku, Nov 9: Tens of thousands of people from around the globe will gather next week for COP29, the annual UN climate summit, in Azerbaijan's capital of Baku.

But as each year's summit has produced its own set of promises, plans and paperwork to chase, the rationale for these discussions can be hard to follow.

Here's what you need to know about why COP, short for Conference of the Parties, matters:

WHY DO WE HAVE A YEARLY COP?

Because climate change will affect every country, regardless of whether it contributed to the problem, it demands global solutions that can address the diversity of needs across countries.

In signing the 1992 UN Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) that launched the global negotiations, the parties that agreed to it took pains to differentiate between the wealthy nations that caused the bulk of warming

and poorer countries that suffer disproportionately from it.

Put another way, the talks are framed around the idea that the countries that benefited the most from industrialising should take the most responsibility for dealing with the warming that resulted.

Addressing that imbalance has become more difficult as developing countries' economies have grown and rich nations juggle competing costs including war.

WHAT CAN A YEARLY SUMMIT ACHIEVE?

The summit provides a place for countries to discuss solutions, including energy policies, financing schemes or funding needs.

Nearly every summit is also attended by world leaders, giving an important signal that their countries are committed to the UNFCCC goals. The leaders' presence also helps countries hold one another accountable for past promises.

But the annual COP is just the main event in a continuous process. Country representa-



tives meet year round to build support for new climate action proposals ahead of the COP, where they can be agreed by consensus of all countries.

IS THE PROCESS WORKING?

While each summit is meant to advance global climate action from the year before, the event also offers citizens a chance to show their citizens the problem is being addressed. Importantly, the exercise



A member of the Korean Confederation of Trade Unions holds a banner showing an image of South Korean President Yoon Suk Yeol during a rally calling for Yoon to step down and enhanced labor rights in Seoul, South Korea, Saturday. The sign reads 'Yoon Suk Yeol to step down'

STATE OF WAR

Israeli airstrikes in Gaza kill at least 13

Deir al-Balah (Gaza): Two separate Israeli strikes killed at least 13 people, including women and children, in Gaza Saturday, Palestinian medical officials said, as Israel announced the first delivery of aid in weeks to the war-battered northern Gaza. One of the strikes hit a school-turned-shelter in Gaza City's eastern Tufah neighbourhood, killing at least six people, Gaza's Health Ministry said.



Ukrainian drones hit Russian arms factory

Kyiv: Ukrainian drones struck a munitions factory in central Russia in an overnight attack, a source in Ukraine's SBU Security Service told Reuters Saturday. The attack on the Aleksinsky chemical plant, which produces gunpowder, ammunition and weapons in the Tula region about 200 km (120 miles) south of Moscow, was part of a strategy to target factories that support Moscow's war against Ukraine, the source said. As the war against Russia approaches its 1,000-day mark, Ukraine is on the back foot on the battlefield against its larger and better-equipped foe.





Our strategy on enhancing market share, along with changes in product and channel mix, without compromising on profitability, is yielding very visible results
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SCHEME TO SUPPORT MEDTECH INDUSTRY

The government has launched a scheme with an outlay of Rs 500 crore for strengthening critical areas of the medical device industry. The scheme covers the manufacturing of key components and accessories, skill development, support for clinical studies, development of common infrastructure and industry promotion.



of the day quote

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RBI includes spot deals to expand forex reporting requirements

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

Mumbai, Nov 9: The Reserve Bank has said it has decided to expand the reporting requirement of forex transactions and include foreign exchange spot deals to ensure completeness of transaction data in the trade repository (TR) of the Clearing Corporation of India.

Currently, authorised dealers report all over-the-counter (OTC) foreign exchange derivative contracts and foreign currency interest rate derivative contracts undertaken by them directly or through their overseas entities to the TR of Clearing Corporation of India Limited (CCIL).

"To ensure completeness of transaction data in TR for all foreign exchange instruments, it has been decided to expand the reporting requirement to include foreign exchange spot (including value cash and value TOM) deals in a phased manner," the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) said in a circular, Friday.

Accordingly, transactions in foreign exchange cash; foreign exchange tom; and foreign exchange spot, involving the rupee or otherwise shall now be reported to the TR, it said.

However, money-changing transactions are not in the scope of the latest directions. Authorised dealers have been asked to report all inter-bank foreign exchange contracts undertaken by them to the TR of CCIL with effect from February 10, 2025.

India's power sector set for robust growth: Nomura

INDO-ASIAN NEWS SERVICE

New Delhi, Nov 9: As India is poised to see a surge in energy demand than any other country over the next decade owing to its sheer size and scale of rising demand from all sectors, the country's power transmission sector is set for significant growth due to ambitious renewable energy targets.

The Central Electricity Authority expects \$110 billion in investments over FY22-32E, as electricity demand surges amid ambitious renewable energy capacity addition targets. According to Japanese brokerage Nomura, India's power demand is likely to grow at a CAGR of more than 7 per cent over the period financial year 2024 and 2027.

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"The share of renewable energy will grow from here on. It will account for 55 per cent of the total power capacity," said a Nomura note.



According to the latest International Energy Agency (IEA) 'World Energy Outlook' report, India, which was the fastest-growing major economy in 2023 with output increasing by 7.8 per cent, was on track to become the third-largest economy in the world by 2028.

In the Stated Policies Scenario (STEPS) based on current policy plans, by 2035, the total energy demand in India was set to increase by nearly 35 per cent by 2035, and electricity generation capacity nearly tripling to 1400 GW.

India's National Electricity Plan (Transmission) launched last month aims to transmit 500 GW of Renewable Energy

installed capacity by the year 2030 and over 600 GW of Renewable Energy installed capacity by the year 2032.

As per rating agency ICRA, the share of renewable energy, including hydro, in the country's power generation is projected to rise to 35 per cent by FY30, up from 21 per cent in FY24.

Achieving the renewable purchase obligation (RPO) target of 43.3 per cent by FY30 will require more than doubling the current renewable energy capacity of 200 GW to meet future demand.

The government has committed to achieving 50 per cent of its installed power capacity from non-fossil fuel sources by 2030.

Trump's presidency may benefit India: Moody's

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

New Delhi, Nov 9: Donald Trump's presidency may see trade and investment flows diverting away from China as the US tightens investments in strategic sectors but this shift might benefit India and ASEAN countries, Moody's Ratings said.

The November 5 election of Trump as the next US President will likely materially shift its policies from those of the current Joe Biden administration. In a second Trump administration, Moody's expects large fiscal deficits, protectionist trade actions, climate-measure rollbacks, a stricter stance on immigration, and easing regulations.

Trump is likely to pursue more aggressive immigration policies, including increased deportations, the construction of additional border barriers, stricter visa regulations, and reduced asylum grants.

"Although aimed at reducing unauthorised immigration and prioritising legal immigration based on merit, they could lead to labour shortages in sectors that rely heavily on immigrant labour, such as agriculture, retail, hospitality, construction and healthcare," Moody's said in its comment on US presidential elections.

About Trump's foreign policy, Moody's said in the Asia-Pacific region, trade and investment flows might be further



diverted away from China as the US tightens investments in strategic sectors, which would negatively affect China's economy and consequently dampen regional growth.

"However, this shift might benefit India and ASEAN countries. Continued US-China polarisation also risks exacerbating geopolitical divisions in the region, increasing risks of disruption to the global supply of semiconductors," it added.

In Europe, the reduced US support for Ukraine might increase European governments' fiscal burdens as governments initially try to compensate for the US support, Moody's said.

"US disengagement from NATO would also increase security risks in Europe by emboldening Russia, putting countries along NATO's eastern border at greatest risk. Also, the proposed blanket tariffs and US-China tensions will likely hurt trading partners in the region, but could indirectly benefit Europe by making it a more attractive investment destination because of its relative policy stability," the US-based rating agency said in its report released late Friday evening.

SHORT TAKES

Govt sets coal production target

New Delhi: The government Saturday expressed optimism that it will achieve the production target of more than 170 million tonnes from captive and commercial coal blocks in the ongoing fiscal year. The production from captive, commercial mines from April 1 to November rose 33 per cent to 100.08 MT over 75.05 MT in the year-ago period, the coal ministry said in a statement. The total dispatch from captive, commercial coal mines during the period rose to 107.81 MT from 80.23 MT, it said.

Emami MD new FICCI president

New Delhi: Emami Limited Vice Chairman and Managing Director Harsha Vardhan Agarwal has been elected as the Ficci president for 2024-25, the industry body said. Agarwal is currently serving as the Senior Vice President of Ficci. He will succeed Mahindra & Mahindra's Group CEO and Managing Director Anish Shah as the new president at the conclusion of the 97th Annual General Meeting of Ficci, which will be held November 21. "Agarwal is a second-generation leader of the USD 3.1 billion diversified business conglomerate Emami Group," Ficci said. Agarwal spearheads the FMCG business of the Group - Emami Limited - as its Vice Chairman and Managing Director.

Dixon ties up with Nokia

New Delhi: Dixon Technologies, a leading electronic manufacturing services company, has commenced manufacturing fixed broadband devices in India in collaboration with Finnish telecom giant Nokia. This will tap the demand for fixed broadband services in India, which has surged in recent years, led by the rapid adoption of Fiber to the Home (FTTH) and 5G Fixed Wireless Access (FWA) technologies, said a joint statement. devices annually at its facility in Noida, it added. "This collaboration will produce GPON, 5G FWA, and Mesh Wi-Fi devices capable of delivering up to one gigabit per second per home," it said.

BIZ BUZZ

BonV Aero unveils 'Air Orca'

Bhubaneswar: Odisha-based deep tech start up BonV Aero launched 'Air Orca', India's first fully autonomous logistics drone at the CV Raman Global University, here Saturday. The launch garnered international attention with the presence of renowned US venture capitalist Tim Draper, famous for his early investments in Tesla and Hotmail. Draper's endorsement highlights the global interest in Bon V Aero's innovation. "Today's launch of Air Orca marks a significant leap in India's logistics capabilities," said Satyabrata Sathapathy, CEO of BonV Aero. "This drone, developed and manufactured entirely in India, is tailored to meet our unique logistical challenges. We are grateful for Tim Draper's support as we aim to expand its applications in both civilian and defense sectors." Air Orca is designed to tackle logistical challenges in inaccessible regions, offering solutions for disaster response, military logistics, and high-altitude operations. With a world record for lifting a 30 kg payload at 19,024 feet in Ladakh, the drone showcases India's growing prowess in advanced technology. Draper praised its potential, stating, "Air Orca is a game-changer for modern logistics and disaster relief."



'Oil prices would have rocketed without India's Russian imports'



REUTERS

New Delhi, Nov 9: Global oil prices "would have hit the roof" if big importer India had not bought oil from Russia following the Ukraine war, India's oil minister said, adding that prices would determine where the country buys oil from.

India, the world's third largest oil importer and consumer, has become the top buyer of discounted Russian sea-borne oil shunned by Western countries since Ukraine's invasion began in early 2022. Before that, India bought little oil from its long-running defence partner,

Russia. New Delhi has repeatedly defended its purchases from Russia as necessary to keep prices in check in the developing country of 1.42 billion people. "What many around the world don't seem to realise is that global oil prices would have hit the roof if India had not bought oil from Russia," India's oil minister, Hardeep Singh Puri, wrote on X late Friday. "We owe it to our citizens - India will buy oil from wherever our companies get the best rates."

India's crude oil imports from Russia rose by 11.7% to about 1.9 million barrels per day in September, accounting for about two-fifths of the South Asian nation's overall crude imports in the month. Russia was followed by Iraq and Saudi Arabia as India's biggest suppliers.

Stock market on consolidation path; DIIs absorb heavy selling

INDO-ASIAN NEWS SERVICE

Mumbai, Nov 9: The week saw Donald Trump returning to power in the US election amid a second consecutive rate cut by Fed this year, as the Indian stock market continued to experience consolidation due to heightened selling pressure from foreign institutional investors (FIIs).

This broad-based correction is particularly evident in sectors with excessive valuations, according to experts.

However, despite the massive FII selling, the stock market is resilient since the valuations are fair and every selling is being absorbed by domestic institutional investors (DIIs) and individual investors, particularly high-net-worth individuals (HNIs).

DIIs have been a strong buyer absorbing the selling and mitigating the fall. They infused more than Rs 1 lakh crore in Indian equities in October, keeping the stock market healthy compared to its global peers.

On the other hand, the recent rebound in India's domestic manufacturing activity is a positive sign.

"This year, government spending is expected to be back ended due to general elections this year, so there is a leading expectation of improved corporate earnings in H2 FY25," said market watchers.

The festive season in Q3 is likely to revive consumption,



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which should support market sentiment and will aid find a floor in the near future.

On the global front, the return of Trump has reduced political uncertainty, providing relief to global markets. The Fed's 25 bps interest rate cut also offers some support.

After the massive FII selling

of Rs 113,858 crore in October, FIIs have so far sold equity for Rs 19,849 crore in the cash market this month.

Experts said that the FII selling trend is likely to continue in the near-term till data indicate the possibility of a trend reversal.

Friday, the Indian stock market closed flat. Sensex slipped 55.47 points, or 0.07 per cent, to 79,486.32. Nifty fell 51.15 points, or 0.21 per cent, to 24,148.20.

According to Deepak Jasani, Head of Retail Research at HDFC Securities, Nifty extended losses to a second session after a range bound zigzag move.

"The short-term trend of Nifty continues to be choppy, and this consolidation is likely to continue in the near term with a weak bias. The next lower supports to be watched around 23,800 levels. Immediate resistance is placed at 24,537 levels," he mentioned.

Tesla hits \$1 trillion market value as Trump win fans optimism

REUTERS

San Francisco Nov 9: Tesla's market value closed above the \$1 trillion mark in a sharp rally Friday, on expectations that CEO Elon Musk's companies will get favorable treatment under President-elect Donald Trump for his extensive support during the poll campaign.

The electric automaker's shares jumped 8.2% to \$321.22, catapulting the company's valuation above the trillion-dollar mark for the first time in more than two years.

The stock gained 29% this

week, adding more than \$230 billion in market capitalization, its best since January 2023.

"Tesla and CEO Elon Musk are perhaps the biggest winners from the election result, and we believe Trump's victory will help expedite regulatory approval of the company's autonomous driving technology," said Garrett Nelson, senior equity analyst at CFRA Research.

The billionaire could push for favorable regulation of autonomous vehicles that Tesla plans and also get the U.S. National Highway Traffic Safety Administration to hold off on



potential enforcement actions involving the safety of Tesla's

current driver-assistance systems, a source had told Reuters.

Musk has focused on self-driving vehicle technology, ditching plans to build an economy car priced at under \$30,000. However, development and regulatory hurdles have delayed the commercialization of such technologies.

"If Musk can convince Trump to establish federal autonomous vehicle rules, we think that's a good thing for the auto industry because we think firms want one set of rules rather than each state making their own," said David Whiston, equity strategist at Morningstar. Musk's wealth topped \$300

billion, according to Forbes real-time billionaires list.

Tesla shares jumped in late October after the company reported a rise in quarterly profit margin and forecast 20% to 30% growth in deliveries next year.

It has been the world's most valuable automaker for years, with Japan's Toyota Motor, China's BYD and others trailing by a wide margin.

Tesla shares trade 93.47 times their 12-month forward earnings estimates, compared with 38.57 for AI chip giant Nvidia, 30.77 for Microsoft and 6.29 for Ford.

Crushing defeat for Odisha

Mulani, Himanshu shine in Mumbai's innings and 103-run victory over Odisha

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

Mumbai, Nov 9: Spinner Shams Mulani (5/71) and Himanshu Singh (4/77) wreaked havoc by sharing nine wickets between them as defending champions Mumbai crushed Odisha by an innings and 103 runs in their Elite Group A match in the Ranji Trophy, here Saturday.

Mulani was adjudged the Player of the Match for his impact in the outcome of the match. He snared 11 wickets in the game which the hosts dominated after piling up a massive 602 for four declared.

Odisha were shot out for 214 in the second innings after Mumbai captain Ajinkya Rahane imposed a follow-on. They could manage only 285 in their first essay.

Resuming at 126 for five on the final day, Odisha's hopes of delaying the inevitable were dashed by Mulani when he trapped wicketkeeper-batter Aashirwad Swain (51) soon after he completed his half-century.

Odisha's Kartik Biswal (45 not out off 77 balls) put up a gritty fight, adding crucial runs alongside the lower order. He showcased solid technique, handling Mumbai's spinners Mulani and Himanshu Singh with maturity and timing several boundaries off left-arm pacer Royston Dias. However, the day belonged to Mulani.

The rest of the Odisha batters could not trouble the scorers much as their innings folded in a jiffy. Mumbai earn a bonus point for their outright win.

Shreyas Iyer's 233 and Siddhesh Lad's unbeaten 169 had powered Mumbai to a mam-



Mumbai's bowler Shams Mulani after taking 11 wickets during the Ranji Trophy 2024-25 cricket match against Odisha, in Mumbai, Saturday

moth first innings total.

"The ball wasn't turning much in the first innings. I got most of my wickets caught in the first slip on the straighter ones. There wasn't much turn but Aju da (Ajinkya Rahane) insisted that I must stick to my

strengths," Himanshu told reporters after the game.

"Our captain is very calm. He made me understand that I must set my fields and allowed me to bowl freely. We make the strategies together, if our plans are not working then he

brings his own ideas into play," he added.

Brief Scores:
Mumbai: 602/4 declared
Odisha: 285 & 214 in 72/5 overs (F/O) (Aashirwad Swain 51; Shams Mulani 5/71, Himanshu Singh 4/77).

OFC AIM FOR REBOUND AGAINST MOHUN BAGAN

POST NEWS NETWORK

Bhubaneswar, Nov 9: The Kalinga Warriors will look for an instant response to the shock defeat against NorthEast United FC when neighbours and in-form Mohun Bagan Super Giant come visiting for a crucial Indian Super League 2024-25 clash at the Kalinga Stadium, Bhubaneswar Sunday.

The Kalinga outfit's last win came against the other Kolkata team, East Bengal FC, at home. The last two games away from home, have ended in a draw and loss respectively for Sergio Lobera's men.

Last season, the two teams met six times across two competitions, resulting in two wins apiece and two draws.

The league stage match ended all square, while Odisha FC won the first leg of the ISL semi-final 2-1.

Head Coach Sergio Lobera returns to the touchline after a one-match suspension, along with Moroccan midfielder Ahmed Jahouh, whose presence strengthens the team following his one-match ban.

Mohun Bagan Super Giant come into this match with momentum on their side, having secured back-to-back wins—first in the Kolkata Derby against East Bengal FC and then away against Hyderabad FC. Sergio addressed the pre-match press briefing Saturday, along with midfielder Rohit Kumar.

Asked if the objective now was to aim for a top-six spot rather than go for the ISL Shield, Sergio emphasised taking things "step by step".

"We need to work a bit more and take advantage of the opportunities this competition offers. Thinking about where we might be at season's end



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ROHIT KUMAR | MIDFIELDER

no injury concerns for the team. With the squad welcoming a few fresh faces during the summer, Rohit talked about the team chemistry.

"The squad is stronger. Players are working hard to understand each other's strengths, and though we haven't played our best game yet, we have 17 matches to turn things around. We have players with strong personalities, and I believe the points will come," he said, expressing confidence in the squad's potential to improve.

When asked about the all-Indian midfield combination in the last game, he said, "I've built a good understanding with Puitea and Raynier, and the coach put faith in us when he selected an all-Indian midfield. We're growing as a team, and game by game, we'll reach our best."

Odisha FC is banking on the return of Sergio Lobera and Ahmed Jahouh to secure three important points and in what could be a statement win for the home team.

The highly anticipated match kicks off at 7:30 PM Nov 10. The game will be live on Sports 18 and Jio Cinema.

is premature. We have long-term targets, but we need to take it game by game," the coach said.

On changes for this match and MohunBagan's form, he added: "They're a strong team with a lot of potential, but so are we. We showed our capabilities last season, finishing top of the table in the AFC competition. The Kalinga has something special, and we need to stay positive and confident to go into the break with three crucial points."

Lobera confirmed there are

SHORT TAKES

Oz A beat India A

Melbourne: Wicketkeeper-batter Dhruv Jurel built a strong case for a possible Test eleven inclusion with his second successive fifty but it was not enough to prevent India A going down to Australia A by six wickets on the third day of the second and final unofficial Test here Saturday. With this defeat, India A lost the two-match series 0-2, as the visitors had earlier lost the first unofficial Test by seven wickets at Mackay. Resuming from overnight 73 for 5, Jurel, who made a valiant 80 in the first innings, once again stood tall amid the ruins with a patient 68 off 122 balls during which he hit five boundaries.

Vinicius nets hat-trick

Barcelona: Vinicius Junior scored a hat-trick to lead Real Madrid a 4-0 win over Osasuna Saturday in a much-needed victory that was dampened when teammate Eder Militao left on a stretcher. Madrid had heard jeers in its previous two home games — a 4-0 loss to fierce rival Barcelona and 3-1 defeat to AC Milan. Militao was taken off after the central defender crumbled to the turf and clutched the back of his right knee shortly before halftime. Vinicius, who felt overlooked when the Ballon d'Or went to Spain's Rodri last week, got his second hat trick of the season and took his overall tally to 12 goals.

Czech legend Zelezny comes on board as Neeraj's mentor



PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

New Delhi, Nov 9: Star Indian javelin thrower Neeraj Chopra Saturday roped in three-time Olympic champion and world record holder Jan Zelezny as his coach, setting the ball rolling for the upcoming season, where he will defend his World title.

Zelezny, 58, is widely considered the greatest javelin thrower of the modern era. The Czech won three Olympic gold medals (1992, 1996, 2000) and as many world titles (1993, 1995, 2001) in his illustrious career.

Zelezny holds the world record of 98.48m in the event.

Chopra till recently worked with German biomechanics expert Klaus Bartonietz, who also doubled up as his coach.

Neeraj, after becoming the first Indian athlete to win a gold at the Tokyo Olympics, finished second best at the

2024 Paris Games.

The star Indian athlete said he was a great admirer of Zelezny in his formative days and watched the Czech legend's videos to hone his skills.

"Growing up, I admired Jan's technique and precision and spent a lot of time watching videos of him. He was the best in the sport for so many years, and I believe that working with him will be invaluable because our throwing styles are similar, and his knowledge is unmatched," Neeraj said.

Neeraj, who has not crossed the 90m mark in competition so far, would be eager to break the 'barrier' and Zelezny's experience could come in handy.

The collaboration also symbo-

lises a fusion of generations, with the young champion drawing inspiration and expertise from what many consider the greatest javelin thrower of all time.

Zelezny's expressed his happiness, saying he was always looking forward to train the Indian star as he still has a lot of potential.

"I have already spoken about Neeraj as a great talent many years ago. When I saw him early in his career, I realised great possibilities for top results."

Zelezny said in a statement.

"I also said that if I should start to coach somebody from outside Czechia (Republic), my first choice would be Neeraj. I like his story and I see big potential, as he is young and able to improve. There have been many athletes contacting me for coaching, so for me to take this up means that it is a great honour to have him in my team. We are getting to know each other more closely and will start in person at a traditional winter camp in South Africa. I believe in his progress, especially in the technical aspect, so that he can continue achieving top positions at the main championships."



NEERAJ CHOPRA

Behera qualifies for national championship



POST NEWS NETWORK

Bhubaneswar, Nov 9: Odisha's talented para shooter, Pravakar Behera, has delivered an outstanding performance at the 5th Zonal Para Shooting Championship 2024, securing two medals.

The championship, held at Shree Shiv Chhatrapati Sports Complex in Balewadi, Pune witnessed Pravakar winning a silver medal in the Men's 10m Air Rifle Standing SH-2 category with a score of 374 out of 400 points. He also claimed a bronze in the 10m Prone Mix Air Rifle SH-2 event, scoring 393 out of 400 points.

With this achievement, Behera has qualified for the upcoming 5th National Para Shooting Championship 2024, scheduled to be held from November 10 to 14. This national championship will feature top athletes, including international medalists and high-performing zonal competitors. Pravakar's success at the zonal level has now opened doors for him to showcase his skills on a national platform, aiming to bring further glory to Odisha.

SNIPPETS

Harmanpreet, Sreejesh bag top honours at FIH Star Awards

Lausanne: Indian men's hockey team captain Harmanpreet Singh and the legendary PR Sreejesh have won the FIH Player of the Year and Goalkeeper of the Year awards for the year 2024. Both Harmanpreet and Sreejesh received the recognition during the 49th FIH Statutory Congress in Oman last night. Harmanpreet beat the likes of Netherlands duo of Joep de Mol of Netherlands and Thierry Brinkman, Hannes Muller of Germany and Zach Wallace of England to bag the top award. Indian captain Harmanpreet Singh led the scoring charts at the Paris Olympics with 10 goals, including goals in the quarterfinal, semi-final and both goals in the bronze medal match against Spain, which India won 2-1 to secure their second consecutive podium finish at the Olympics. Double Olympic medallist Sreejesh, who quit the game after the Paris Olympics, prevailed over Netherlands' Pirmin Blaak, Luis Calzado of Spain, Jean-Paul Danneberg of Germany and Argentina's Tomas Santiago to win the top prize in goalkeepers category.



Cueist Advani bags record 28th World Billiards title

New Delhi: Ace Indian cueist Pankaj Advani clinched a historic 28th world title, seventh in a row, defeating England's Robert Hall 4-2 at the IBSF World Billiards Championship in Doha Saturday. Advani's winning streak had begun in 2016 and has also survived two years (2020, 2021) of vacuum created by the Covid-19 pandemic. Hall took an early lead in the opening frame, but the Indian rallied to reach the magic 150 first. He then delivered an astonishing unfinished 147 break in the second frame, leaving Hall stunned. The third frame was a masterclass in tactical brilliance from both finalists. Advani emerged victorious in the cerebral duel, positioning himself just one frame away from making history. However, Hall refused to bow out quietly, crafting a flawless 151 break in the fourth frame to keep his hopes alive. "It feels amazing to be on a winning streak of world billiards titles. It wasn't easy though. The competition was tough. When I was not in full flow, it was my brother Shree, a sports psychologist, who came to the rescue. He helped me stay in the present and kept the scoreboard ticking. This win is for my country and family," said Advani.



ICC CHAMPIONS TROPHY

BCCI intimates ICC about not going to Pak

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

New Delhi, Nov 9: The Pakistan Cricket Board won't have any other option but to organize the ICC Champions Trophy in 'Hybrid Model' as the BCCI has intimidated the global body about India's inability to travel to the neighbouring nation.

As reported earlier, India will play all its matches in Dubai and the high-profile India vs Pakistan match will also be held in the UAE.

"This is an ICC event and BCCI has informed the global body that it won't travel to Pakistan. It will depend on ICC to inform the host nation about the development and then close in on the



scheduling of the tournament. The convention is to announce the schedule 100 days prior to the commencement of the event," a BCCI source told PTI on conditions of anonymity.

While PCB chairman Mohsin Naqvi in a press conference had said that his board has not received any official communication from the BCCI, it is understandable that it will be ICC's

prerogative as the principal organizers to intimate Pakistan about the latest development.

The PCB has maintained that it has not received any official communication from the global body also. Naqvi, who is also a federal interior minister in current government also said that if India doesn't come to Pakistan then he will have to consult his government for further directive.

It is understandable that Dubai is the best location for India's matches as it has the highest capacity among three stadiums, an existing set-up already in place having organized the Women's T20 World Cup last month.

AGENCIES

Mumbai, Nov 9: In the form of his life, Sanju Samson has truly turned his world around with his brilliant consistency across formats. In his last six competitive games, the wicket-keeper batter has scored three hundreds, including one in the Duleep Trophy, hitting a purple patch that he arguably never did in his career before. Samson's 107 off 50 balls against South Africa, his second T20I hundred in as many matches after his 111 against Bangladesh last month, has helped him to partially brush off the tag of an underperformer.

Speaking to reporters, Samson admitted that he might get emotional if he thinks too much

Samson fights emotions after century

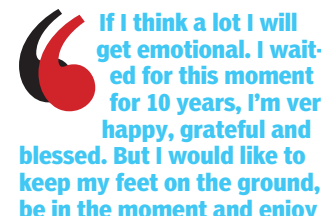


about his current run, as he has been waiting to get such recognition for the last decade.

"If I think a lot I will get emotional. I waited for this moment for 10 years, I'm very happy, grateful and blessed. But I would like to keep my feet on the ground, be in the moment

and enjoy," Samson said after the end of the first innings.

Samson has often highlighted the need to be aggressive in the shortest format, showing intent that delivers results. Against South Africa in Durban, the cricketer from Kerala managed to do just that.



SANJU SAMSON

"Really enjoyed my time out there in the middle. I made maximum utilisation of my current form you can say," Samson said after collecting his player of the match award. "The intent, we have been talking about being aggressive and keeping the team ahead of yourselves. Once you play three-four balls you are looking for the boundary."