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ODISHA MEN IN CRUISE RAVE PARTY

POST NEWS NETWORK

Bhubaneswar, Oct 5: The names of two Odisha men surfaced in the sensational rave party in a cruise ship involving Aryan Khan, son of Hindi film actor Shah Rukh Khan in Mumbai October 2. Sources said two out of the

four persons held Tuesday reportedly hail from Odisha. The accused were identified as Manish Udayaraj Darya, 26, from Rourkela and Avin Dinanath Sahu, 30, of Raghunathpalli of Sundargarh district. The NCB lawyer reportedly claimed that both Manish and Sahu were on the cruise as guests.

The NCB officials seized 2.4 grams of ganja from the possession of Manish while Sahu confessed to have consumed ganja twice on board. However, the reports are yet to be confirmed by the authorities of the central drugs enforcement and intelligence agency. Notably, the Narcotics Control Bureau

Sunday arrested Khan, after drugs were seized by its team from a Goa-bound cruise ship off the Mumbai coast. This was claimed to be the first-ever raid of a cruise ship by NCB. Khan along with two others - Munmun Dhamecha and Arbaaz Merchant- are currently under NCB custody on remand till October 7.

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IRREGULAR by MANJUL



Yes, I feel fresh and rejuvenated today, sir. WhatsApp was down last night and I couldn't connect with friends!

UP police too busy to arrest minister's son

■ A video of the horrifying moment circulating on social media shows an SUV driving into a group of protesters from the rear, crushing many of them

AGENCIES

Lakhimpur Kheri, Oct 5: The UP Police has apparently not found time to arrest Ashish Mishra, the son of Union Minister Ajay Mishra Teni, because they were 'busy' - first with the negotiations and then with post-mortems and cremations. The FIR against Ashish Mishra was filed 24 hours ago and he has been charged with murder and causing death by negligence. The police inaction is fuelling the anger of the farmers as well as opposition leaders over the incident.

Additional Director General Police (Lucknow Zone), SN Sabat, said, "We were first busy with the negotiations with the farmers and then with the post-mortems and then with getting the cremations done. We follow a due process in every case and we will investigate this case thoroughly and then initiate necessary action."

Sabat denied that the police are taking time because the accused are high-profile people. The farmers in Lakhimpur Kheri said the minis-

SIT TO PROBE

Lucknow: The Yogi Adityanath government set up a Special Investigation Team to probe the Lakhimpur-Kheri incident. The six-member SIT will be headed by Additional SP Arun Kumar and will include Deputy SP Sandeep Singh and three inspectors. Violence broke out in Lakhimpur-Kheri Sunday resulting in death of nine persons.

ter's son was at the wheels of an SUV that mowed down a group of people, killing four and injuring several others. The violence it triggered led to four other deaths. A video of the horrifying moment circulating on social media shows an SUV driving into a group of protesters from the rear, crushing many of them.

Ajay Mishra, the Union Minister of State for Home, has claimed that the vehicle overturned, crushing the protesters who were throwing stones at the cavalcade. He also claimed that his son was not present at the site of the incident Sunday.

Congress general secretary Priyanka Gandhi Vadra Tuesday alleged that she was being held illegally at the PAC compound in Sitapur and no notice or FIR has been provided to her even after her 38-hour detention and was not allowed to meet her legal counsel.



POLITICAL MESSAGING: An artist works on a pandal depicting the plight of farmers in the country and their agitation ahead of Puja festival in Kolkata, Tuesday

Denied MDM, girl stages dharna

■ A Class-VII girl in backward Daspalla block of Nayagarh district was removed from her school online group after she protested denial of MDM rice to her by the school authorities

POST NEWS NETWORK

Nayagarh/Daspalla, Oct 5: A Class-VII girl of Adarsha Vidyalaya in Daspalla area of Nayagarh district was deprived of attending online classes after she objected to denial of midday meal rice (MDM), a report said Tuesday.

Rojali Pradhan was removed from her online group in the school and refused permission to attend online classes. The office of the block education officer denied books to her following the incident. The development has sparked resentment among residents who attacked the highhandedness of the authorities and harassment of a young girl. The girl apprised the headmaster of her school, Daspalla



BE0 and the District Collector on the development but her plea is yet to be addressed. Left with no options, the girl accompanied by her parents launched a sit-in outside the block education office in Daspalla, Monday.

Alarmed over her protest, BE0 Pradipta Behera and Daspalla IIC Jayprakash Parida met her at around 11 pm Monday and assured to look into her demands. Later, the girl and her parents withdrew from the sit-in. However, several hours have passed since then but her name is yet to be re-added in her class online group. According to the complaint, Rojali was ad-

mitted to Adarsh Vidyalaya in Daspalla. The BE0's office gave her books after her admission. After receiving books, the class teacher added her name to her class WhatsApp group so that she could attend her online classes.

However, the unexpected happened when the authorities of Radha Mohan High School refused to give her midday meal rice as her name was not there in the school attendance register September 4. She objected to the denial of rice following which her name was removed from the online group in her school.

4 babus forced to quit service

POST NEWS NETWORK

Bhubaneswar, Oct 5: The Odisha government Tuesday issued compulsory retirement notices to four senior officers, citing corruption cases and inefficiency, an official source said. Among them are two Odisha Administrative Service (OAS) officers, besides a district sub-registrar and a district livestock officer, he said.

With this, the number of officers given compulsory retirement in the state went up to 122. Angul Deputy Collector Janakinath Mishra, an OAS officer, was compulsorily retired as he is facing two corruption cases and nine official proceedings.

OAS officer Akul Mallik, the tehsildar of Nuagarh tehsildar in Gajapati, was issued a notice of compulsory retirement. He is facing one corruption case and two departmental proceedings.

Dhenkanal sub-registrar Lalatendu Satpathy was also asked to go on compulsory retirement as he is under probe in two corruption cases, and two official proceedings are going on against him. Ex-district livestock officer of Nuapada Trilochan Dhal was asked to go on compulsory retirement as well with a corruption case pending against him.

3 SHARE PHYSICS NOBEL



■ Jury appreciates physical modelling of Earth's climate, quantifying variability and predicting global warming

AGENCIES

Stockholm, Oct 5: The Nobel Prize for physics has been awarded to scientists from Japan, Germany and Italy: Syukuro Manabe, 90, and Klaus Hasselmann, 89, were cited for their work in "the physical modelling of Earth's climate, quantifying variability and reliably predicting global warming".

The second half of the prize was awarded to Giorgio Parisi, 73, for "the discovery of the interplay of disorder and fluctuations in physical systems from atomic to planetary scales." The panel said

Manabe and Hasselmann "laid the foundation of our knowledge of the Earth's climate and how humanity influences it."

Starting in the 1960s, Manabe demonstrated how increases in the amount of carbon dioxide in the atmosphere would increase global temperatures, laying the foundations for current climate models. About a decade later, Hasselmann created a model that linked weather and climate, helping explain why climate models can be reliable despite the seemingly chaotic nature of the weather.

He also developed ways to look for specific signs of human influence on the climate. Parisi "built a deep physical and mathematical model" that made it possible to understand complex systems in fields as different as mathematics, biology, neuroscience and machine learning.

After the announcement, Parisi said that "it's very urgent that we take very strong decisions and move at a very strong pace" in tackling climate change. "It's clear for future generations that we have to act now," he said.

State tech(s) up fight against hemp

■ The state govt will use drones, satellite imagery and remote sensing technologies to locate and stop hemp farming

POST NEWS NETWORK

Bhubaneswar, Oct 5: Continuing enforcement activities against illegal hemp cultivation in the state, the government destroyed hemp crop across 22,217 acres in 2020-21 as compared to 9,473 acres in 2018-19.

The government has also decided to use drones, satellite imagery and remote sensing technologies to locate such activities in the state.

At a high-level meeting chaired by Chief Secretary SC Mohapatra, it was decided that the police and the excise department will intensify enforcement activity to stop hemp farming in the state.

Mohapatra asked the revenue department officials to check records of land where hemp is cultivated and take action against the



landowners as per provisions of the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Act.

Excise department principal secretary SK Lohani said hemp cultivation was destroyed in 10 districts. "Hemp farming has been contained to a large extent in Angul and Sambalpur districts, but such activity has been detected in Boudh, Deogarh, Gajapati, Ganjam, Kandhamal, Koraput, Malkangiri and Rayagada," he said.

Taking a district wise review of the situation, Mohapatra directed to intensify enforcement activities

through joint action by police, excise and revenue officials. He asked the officials to spot the areas and villages in which illegal hemp cultivation is done through collection of local intelligence.

The Chief Secretary instructed to identify the land record of private persons in whose land hemp is cultivated and proceed against them stringently as per provisions of the NDPS Act.

Collectors have been asked to prepare district-level action plans for prevention of illegal means of earning through targeted alter-

native livelihood interventions.

They were asked to identify tribal poor families who are living on this trade and provide them alternative livelihood opportunities through convergence of Odisha Livelihood Mission, National Livelihood Mission, MGNREGS, high return cash crop, agri-business, agro-product aggregation, small food processing units, goatery, poultry, integrated farming and similar other schemes.

Mohapatra asked the Collectors to visit the villages where hemp cultivation was generally found in previous years and talk to people regarding alternative sustainable livelihood options. It was decided to enhance grants under OLM, NRLM and departmental livelihood schemes in the vulnerable areas.

Development Commissioner Pradeep Kumar Jena advised officials to intensify awareness and IEC activities in the identified villages with involvement of village community, PRI representatives, NGOs, SHGs, farmers' clubs and educated youth.

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	NIFTY	17822.30 ↑ 131.00
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	EURO	86.39 ↓ ₹0.25
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ARIES

You are likely to remain careful and watchful today, foretells Ganesha. And because you'll be invited to parties and other social events, your enthusiasm will remain buoyant. You will also strike the right balance between business and pleasure, says Ganesha.

TAURUS

In all probability, you will discuss certain sacred issues with your beloved today, predicts Ganesha. In the evening, you will be possibly visiting holy places. You had better make up for the lost time to finish pending work in the afternoon. Think twice before you act, warns Ganesha.

GEMINI

You will long for some privacy today, says Ganesha. You may end up earning a large amount of money, mostly through some private venture. The day will be a greatly profitable one for cashiers, money lenders and those in retail business. Keep working hard to achieve success.

CANCER

Today, there is a strong possibility that you may face unexpected job changes. You are likely to spend lavishly to please family and friends. You may feel we make money to spend on loved ones. Still it would probably be a good idea to count every penny before using it, says Ganesha.

LEO

Being good to oneself is not vanity. To Ganesha, it seems as if you take this statement to heart, since it looks quite possible that you make your personal care number one priority today. On the flip side though, you become aware of the fact that the harder you try the more it seems you have to.

VIRGO

A heady mixture of work and partying is on the cards today. The parties may go on well into the night. You will make the right decisions today which will prove to be vital in putting you on the road to success. Ganesha says people will profit by engaging you in their work.

LIBRA

Ganesha has a feeling that today may not be the best day to undertake any government dealings. Call it red-tapism, or bureaucratic procrastination, but it is highly unlikely that such tasks shall be fruitful today. This may test your patience, and in doing so, bring out your competency and efficiency to the fore, especially if you happen to be a public servant. Touché!

SCORPIO

Do not get carried away by sentiments and act like an emotional fool, tips Ganesha. Today, you will be in a dilemma as you have to choose between two best things. But, as they say, right choices are always tough to make. Be practical and take the right decision.

SAGITTARIUS

Today, find yourself driving all your thoughts and actions towards your family. You will also spend some superb time with your dearest and discuss intimate matters. A relaxing day today as you spend time with your friends and family, chilling out and having a good laugh or two.

CAPRICORN

Whether you're an artist, performer, professional or an entrepreneur, career issues will take the foreground today, while personal matters will wait in queue for your attention, says Ganesha. Your performance will be at its all-time high, and your efforts will be duly rewarded, but credit for this must go to your loved ones who will lend their unceasing support for all your endeavours.

AQUARIUS

Aim. Shoot. Achieve. Today, you will concentrate your energies to execute your plans with precision. Naturally, your work progresses by leaps and bounds. By sundown, you will achieve far more than everyone's estimation. That's the way to go, says Ganesha.

PISCES

Of late, the harder you try, the more it seems you have to do. You are likely to put your foot down today and spend some time taking care of yourself and playing truant with your responsibilities. Recharge your batteries fully while you are at it, says Ganesha.



MALEK FEELS BRITISH ROYALS APPRECIATE NORMALITY

Oscar-winning actor Rami Malek recently met the Duke and Duchess of Cambridge at the premiere of *No Time To Die* in London, and the actor revealed the royals appreciate normality. "I'm sure a dose of normality is probably something that is quite refreshing to them," he said.

HELEN MIRREN LOVES THE 'CHAOS' OF THE RUNWAY

Hollywood Actress Helen Mirren recently walked in L'Oreal Paris' runway show at Paris Fashion Week, and she has admitted she loves it's absolute chaos and it was fun seeing it all coming together perfectly when the models 'miraculously' walk the catwalk.

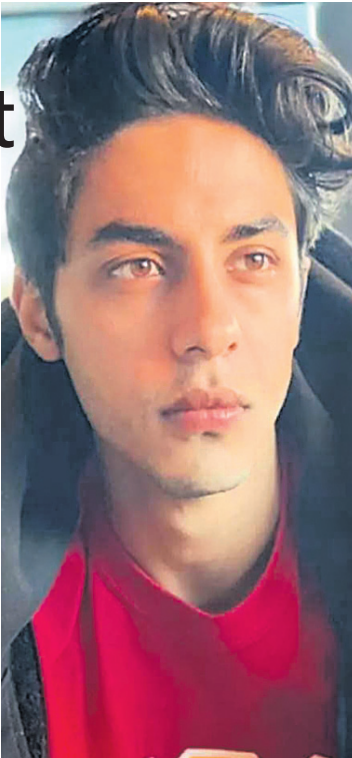


Aryan needs appointment to meet Pa at home!

Mumbai: In a plot straight out of the all-time favourite American comic book 'Richie Rich', the poor rich Aryan Khan has reportedly told the Narcotics Control Bureau sleuths that his father and mega-star Shah Rukh Khan remains so busy that occasionally, he needs an appointment just to meet him.

Ironically, life became a full circle when a couple of days ago, SRK had to take the NCB's permission for a brief meet with his son in the agency lock-up, when the 24-year-old cried before his celeb dad, though eventually it has surfaced that no drugs were recovered from him.

Aryan, along with at least 10 others, was rounded up and arrested at various times Sunday-Monday in the NCB's first-ever raid on a luxury ship, the Cordelia Cruises, as it was preparing to lift anchor for a fun-filled two-night gala voyage to Goa with around 1,300 affluent pas-



sengers on board.

The other youngsters in the NCB net are: Munmun Dhamecha, Arbaaz Merchant, Vikrant Chhoker, Nupur Sarika, Ismeet Singh, Mohak Jaiswal and Gomit Chopra, and the rest nabbed in the second NCB operation aboard the cruiser on Monday.

Pankaj turns green crusader

Mumbai: Actor Pankaj Tripathi is encouraging people to grow trees by endorsing Daan Utsav, a mission of planting more trees by Grow-Trees.com.

Daan Utsav, formerly known as The Joy of Giving Week is an annual festival that is celebrated from October 2 to October 8.

Talking about the initiative Pankaj Tripathi said, "Nature is not just a beautiful backdrop to click a selfie, a resource, a tool, an Instagrammable picture. Organisations like Grow-Trees.com help us to understand and respect ecosystems and I hope millions more get drawn to a massive mass afforestation movement and plant trees not just during Daan Utsav but even afterwards."

"Pankaj is not just a very gifted and intuitive actor; he has great empathy for the environment and for all living beings sharing this planet with us. I am happy that he is speaking out for nature and asking people to plant trees because his voice will for sure galvanise a large number of people to do so," said Bikrant Tiwary, CEO Grow-Trees.com.



Taniya on playing a con woman in *Girgit*



Mumbai: Actress Taniya Kalra who was last seen in Sidharth Shukla's digital series *Broken But Beautiful 3*, will be seen in yet another show *Girgit*. Taniya will essay the role of Shamoli, a con woman, in her next stint. Shamoli is a control freak and a narcissist.

Talking about playing a control freak character, Taniya said: "I play Shamoli in the series. She is the manipulative and assertive one in a duo that you'll see in the series. Anyone can easily fall for her: I play a con-girl and her endeavour is simple, that she needs to gather money that not only satisfies her basic needs but more."

Furthermore, the actress added: "I auditioned for the show and when I was handed over the script, I found it pretty interesting and something really different; something I've never done before. I've never been a part of a show like *Girgit*. It is quite intriguing. I wanted to play with the character since I got the liberty to do so. And I did."

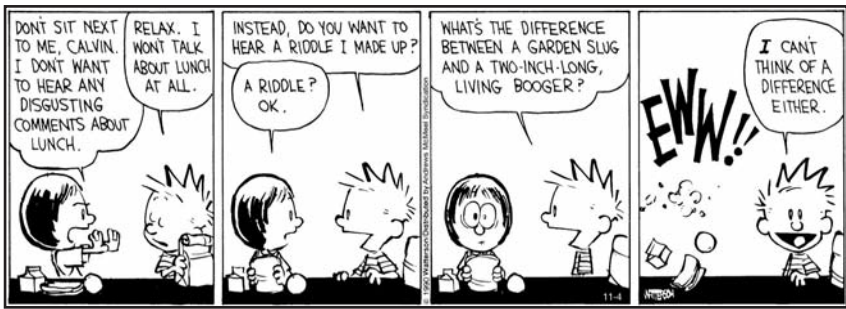


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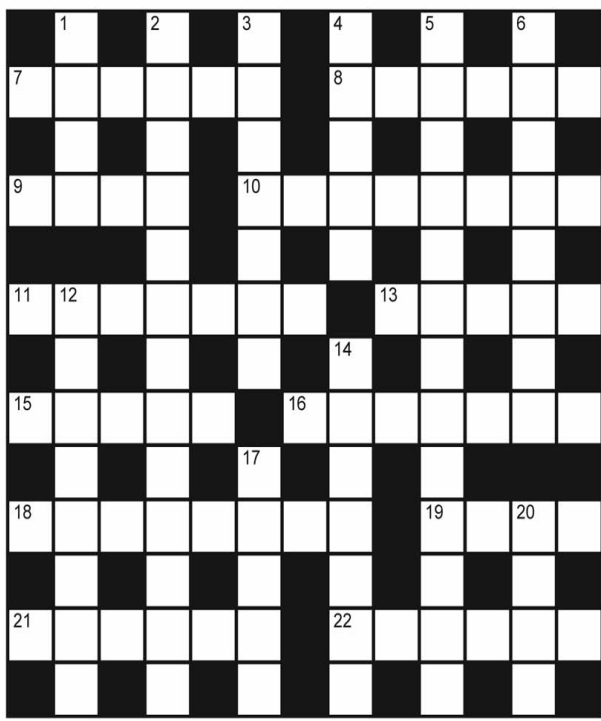
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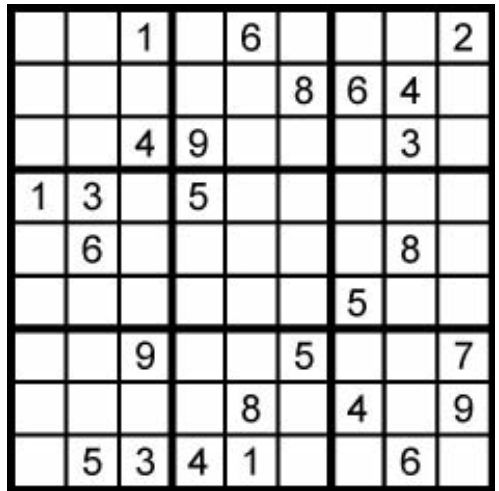
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6 Poisonous flowering shrub
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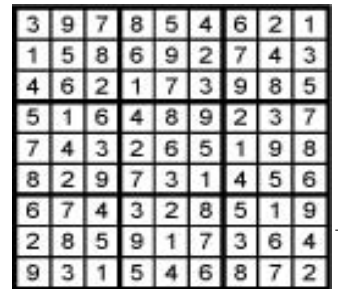


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FLYOVER IN LIMBO

Will 6 yrs of Jatni locals' dismay end in March '22?

ADMINISTRATION DOESN'T GIVE TWO HOOTS TO HUNDREDS OF VEHICLES PASSING UNDERNEATH THE HALF-BUILT FLYOVER INVOLVING TREMENDOUS LIFE RISKS



The under-construction flyover at Jatni

POST NEWS NETWORK

Jatni, Oct 5: Locals of Jatni are sceptical about the completion of a flyover; the construction of which began way back in 2015 and was set to be operational by 2017.

The 1,133-metre long and 12-metre wide under-construction flyover lies in the middle of the Jatni main road on National Highway 13, which connects Khurda, Nayagarh and Puri. The state government had begun the construction work in 2015 with an estimated cost of Rs 54.97 crore.

However, six years have passed and the daily commuters of Jatni have been facing loads of difficulties due to the incomplete flyover.

It is pertinent to mention here that owing to land acquisition for the said project, change in contract agencies, and rampant corruption, the total estimated cost has jumped to Rs 100 crore while more than 200 businesses have been displaced, which are yet to be set-

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tled by the administration.

On the other hand, allegation of corruption in setting up of vending zones for evicted businesses from Sitaram Square has raised a lot of eyebrows. Locals are in dismay amidst corruption, change in consulatory dates of completion and political mudslinging.

The worst part about this conundrum is the absence of a well-planned

approach road, which is essential before the onset of any construction work. Hundreds of vehicles are passing underneath the under-construction flyover with tremendous life risks, considering the history of bridge collapses in state and country. Neither the administration nor any political party seems to be bothered about it. Owing to the miserable condition of the passage and innumerable potholes, many accidents have occurred in the area, endangering lives and properties.

Meanwhile, Works Minister Prafulla Kumar Mallik, who visited the site Tuesday afternoon, said the rehabilitation package was delivered three days ago for 23 households evicted during land acquisition for the bridge. He also assured that the construction would be complete by March 2022, and the bridge would be inaugurated April 1.

Jatni MLA Suresh Kumar Routray (Congress) was also present during the minister's visit to the site.

POLITICKLE by MANJUL



JV formed for floating solar projects

POST NEWS NETWORK

Bhubaneswar, Oct 5: A joint venture has been formed between Green Energy Development Corporation of Odisha (GEDCOL) and National Hydroelectric Power Corporation (NHPC) for implementation of floating solar projects in Odisha.

The joint venture will make Odisha a leading state in terms of solar power generation, particularly from floating installations. The GEDCOL was formed in 2013 to spearhead the renewable energy production and achieve the target of renewable purchase obligation (RPO) of the state.

Keeping in view the impacts of climate change, the GEDCOL has set a target to generate 1,500 MW of power by 2022. The corporation on its own has installed 20 MW terrestrial and 4 MW rooftop solar projects in the state while many other projects are in the pipeline.

Terrestrial solar power plants require large land masses. However, the western and southern parts of Odisha are hilly and forested while the coastal region is prone to cyclone, flood and lower solar radiation. Thus, only a few



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districts can host terrestrial installations, sources said. On the other hand, Odisha has several water reservoirs, including Hirakud and Rengali, which can effectively be used to overcome the problem of land scarcity.

Reconnaissance and preliminary study of the reservoirs have been carried out

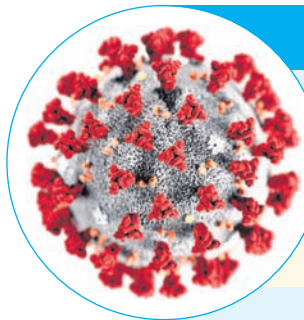
with the help of experts from European Union, International Finance Corporation (IFC) and Solar Energy Corporation of India (SECI), sources added.

Rengali reservoir was chosen for installation of floating solar plants of 500 MW capacity in phases over the next two years. The joint venture between NHPC and GEDCOL has been accepted by the Department of Investment and Public Asset Management of the Union government.

The JV company has prepared detailed project reports (DPRs) for solar plants of 100 MW capacity and invited bids in this regard while the process is underway for projects of another 200 MW capacity.

INTRICATE DESIGN

Artisans crafting decorative pieces at a mutt in Puri for the upcoming Durga Puja



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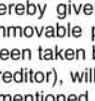
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Borrower: Mr. Sunil Kumar Padhi, S/o: Mr. Chaitanya Padhi, At: Magurgadia, P.O.: Keonjhar, Dist.: Keonjhar-758001 / Co-applicant/Guarantor: Mr. Rabin Chandra Rana, S/o: Mr. Rama Chandra Rana, A/T/P.O.: Nelung, P.S.: Keonjhar Town, Dist.: Keonjhar-758002	₹ 23,07,270/- as on 30.06.2018 with further interest, Cost and expenses

Property No.3: All that part and parcel of the Land and the Building situated at Plot No.: 168/2041, 180/2233, 180/2234 & 168, Khata No.: 276/245 at Mouza: Nelung, Dist.: Keonjhar, in the name of **Mr. Sunil Kumar Padhi**, Area: Ac.1.22 dec., **Plot No.: 168/2041 is Bounded** by North: S. Patra, South: P. Naik, **Plot No.: 180/2233 is Bounded** by North: Jungle, South: P. Bani

Type of Possession: Symbolic / Reserve Price: ₹44,50,000/- / Earnest Money to be deposited: ₹4,45,000/-

BHADRAK BRANCH (ERSTWHILE ANDHRA BANK),
Dist.: Bhadrak, Ph. No.: 06784-241120, Email: bm1812@unionbankofindia.com

Name & Address of Borrowers, Co-applicants, Guarantors & Mortgagees:	Amount Due
Borrowers: 1) M/s. JDP Agro Industries Pvt. Ltd., Rep. by it's Managing Director: Mr. Sachidananda Pati, S/o: Laxmikanta Pati at Gudupal, P.O.: Arasa, P.S.: Tihidi, Dist.: Bhadrak, PIN-756139 2) Sachidananda Pati (Managing Director), S/o: Laxmikanta Pati, At: Jhinkiria, P.O.: Arasa, P.S.: Tihidi, Dist.: Bhadrak-756139, 3) Sabita Routray (Director), W/o: Pratap Chandra Routray, At: Panda Colony, Berhampur, P.S.: Baidyanathpur, Dist.: Ganjam-760003, 4) Jubara Mahala (Director), S/o: Late Dhananidhar Mahala, At: Jhinkiria, P.O.: Arasa, P.S.: Tihidi, Dist.: Bhadrak-756139, 5) Manoj Kumar Sahu (Director), S/o: Surendra Kumar Sahu, At: Kalimegha, P.O.: Bidadyadharpur, P.S.: Tihidi, Dist.: Bhadrak-756139 / Co-applicants, Guarantors & Mortgagees: 1) Surendra Sahu, S/o: Late Margasira Sahu, At: Kalimegha, P.O.: Bidadyadharpur, P.S.: Tihidi, Dist.: Bhadrak-756139, 2) Rama Krushna Pati, S/o: Prahalad Pati, At: Jhinkiria, P.O.: Arasa, P.S.: Tihidi, Dist.: Bhadrak-756139, 3) Satyasree Routray, S/o: Mr. Pratap Chandra Routray, At: Panda Colony, Berhampur, P.S.: Baidyanathpur, Dist.: Ganjam-760003, 4) Mrs. Basantilata Sahu, W/o: Surendra Kumar Sahu, At: Kalimegha, P.O.: Bidadyadharpur, P.S.: Tihidi, Dist.: Bhadrak-756139, 5) Pratap Chandra Routray, S/o: Late Ananda Prasad Routray, At: Panda Colony, Berhampur, P.S.: Baidyanathpur, Dist.: Ganjam-760003	₹ 5,49,13,907.50 as on 04.12.2018 with further interest, Cost and expenses

Property No.4: Homestead (Gharabari) Land at Mouza: Kalapuri (Berhampur Municipal Corporation), Dist.: Ganjam, Khata No.: 18/14, Plot No.: 83/158, Area: Ac.0.095dec., in the name of **Smt. Sabita Routray**, Bounded by East: Land of Smt. Susila Devi Panda, West: Land of Sri. Pratap Chandra Routray, North: Land of Smt. Labangalata Panda, South: Land of Sri Ganga Narayan Padhy and Homestead (Gharabari) Land at Mouza: Kalapuri (Berhampur Municipal Corporation), Dist.: Ganjam, Khata No.: 7, Plot No.: 81/14, Area: Ac.0.030dec., in the name of **Smt. Sabita Routray**, Bounded by East: Land of Smt. Susila Devi Panda, West: Land of Sri Pratap Chandra Routray, North: Land of Smt. Labangalata Panda, South: Land of Sri Ganga Narayan Padhy.

Type of Possession: Symbolic / Reserve Price: ₹81,68,000/- / Earnest Money to be deposited: ₹8,16,800/-

Property No.5: Homestead (Gharabari) Land at Mouza: Kalimegha, Vite: Tihidi, Dist.: Bhadrak, Khata No.: 347/100, Plot No.: 910/1012, Area: Ac.0.14dec., in the name of **Sri Surendra Sahu**, Bounded by East: Plot No.: 910/1006 (BasantilataSahu), West: Plot No.: 910 (P), North: Road & Plot No.: 910/1045 (Manoj Sahu), South: Plot No.: 932.

Type of Possession: Symbolic/ Reserve Price: ₹50,000/- / Earnest Money to be deposited: ₹50,000/-

Property No.6: Homestead (Gharabari) Land at Mouza: Kalapuri (Berhampur Municipal Corporation), Dist.: Ganjam, Khata No.: 18/125, Plot No.: 59/269, Area: Ac.0.088dec., in the name of **Sri Satyasree Routray**, Bounded by East: Land of Sri Pratap Chandra Routray, West: Road, North: Land of Sri Pratap Chandra Routray, South: Land of Sri Nirakar Samantray.

Type of Possession: Symbolic / Reserve Price: ₹76,66,000/- / Earnest Money to be deposited: ₹7,66,600/-

Property No.7: Homestead (Gharabari) Land at Mouza: Kalapuri (Berhampur Municipal Corporation), Dist.: Ganjam, Khata No.: 25/10, Plot No.: 59, Area: Ac.0.033dec., in the name of **Sri Pratap Chandra Routray**, Bounded by East: Land of Smt. Susila Panda, West: 20' Wide road, North: Land of Sri Harihar Patra & Smt. Bishnu Priya Mahapatra, South: Land of Smt. Bhanumati Mahapatra.

Type of Possession: Symbolic / Reserve Price: ₹35,93,000/- / Earnest Money to be deposited: ₹3,59,300/-

Property No.8: Homestead (Gharabari) Land at Mouza: Kalimegha, Tihidi, Bhadrak, Khata No.: 347/116, Plot No.: 910/1006, Area: Ac.0.14dec., in the name of **Smt. Basantilata Sahu**, Bounded by East: Plot No.: 917, 912, 911, West: Plot No.: 910/1012 (Surendra Sahu), North: Plot No.: 918, South: Plot No.: 932.

Type of Possession: Symbolic / Reserve Price: ₹7,00,000/- / Earnest Money to be deposited: ₹70,000/-

Property No.9: Land with Building (Industrial) at Jhinkiria, P.O.: Arasa, P.S.: Tihidi, Dist.: Bhadrak, Khata No.: 925/396, Plot No.: 427 & Plot No.: 428, **Total Area: Ac.0.370dec.**, in

SUBARNAREKHA SAND MINING

SEIAA’s failure to file report irks NGT



POST NEWS NETWORK

New Delhi, Oct 5: The National Green Tribunal (NGT) has expressed dissatisfaction over delay in submitting inspection report regarding illegal sand mining in Subarnarekha River bed by the State Environment Impact Assessment Authority (SEIAA), Odisha.

A bench of Judicial Member B Amit Shalekar and Expert Member Saibal Dasgupta took on record an affidavit filed by the SEIAA stating that it has not been able to get satellite imagery to determine sand mining in Subarnarekha River and observed that it could have used Google maps or official records/ documents to determine excess mining

The green tribunal said it (SEIAA) could have used Google maps or official records and documents to determine excess mining causing environmental damage

tions, Sustainable Sand Mining Guideline 2016 and 2020, Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) Notification and Supreme Court Orders.

The applicant submitted that the miners have been using five machines (excavators), whereas only manual mining is permitted. It was also alleged that they are carrying out stream mining whereas permission is only for Dry Pit Sand Mining.

Earlier, the tribunal had termed a report of joint inspection team on sand mining at Subarnarekha River as shoddy. The tribunal had observed in July that the report submitted by the committee was based on the observations of the teshildar of the area and the joint inspection committee hadn’t applied its scientific mind to assess the amount of sand illegally mined.

causing environmental damage.

“We fail to understand why other methods including Google maps or official records/documents were not used to determine excess mining causing environmental damage. In the earlier report of SEIAA, Odisha, it is clear that excess mining was carried out and heavy machinery (JCB) was used for excavation of sand,” the tribunal observed.

The tribunal granted one month’s time to the authority to file a proper inspection report.

Significantly, an application had been filed in the tribunal alleging illegal mining of sand in Subarnarekha River in Balasore district in violation of the mining plan, environmental clearance conditions, consent to operate condi-

Now, SIs to look after outposts

POST NEWS NETWORK

Bhubaneswar, Oct 5: The state government Tuesday decided to appoint sub-inspectors (SIs) as in-charges of 216 police outposts across the state, in an attempt to provide better policing services to people.

Chief Minister Naveen Patnaik has approved a proposal in this regard, Tuesday. Earlier, the Assistant Sub-Inspectors (ASIs) were heading the outposts.

Sub-inspectors will be appointed in all outposts run by the Commissionerate Police, the district police and Railway police. As proper training has been imparted to the SIs, the government is expecting that the move will be helpful particularly in controlling crimes at the outpost level.

29 DISTRICTS IN ‘GREEN ZONE’ AS ACTIVE CASES FALL BELOW 1K



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Bhubaneswar, Oct 5: Twenty-nine districts of Odisha have been declared ‘Green Zones’, as active Covid-19 cases came down across the state, a Health department official said.

Khurda is the only district that remains in ‘Yellow Zone’ for reporting over 2,000 active cases, while the figure in all other districts stands below 1,000, he said.

Meanwhile, the state registered 453 fresh Covid-19 cases Tuesday, including 53 children under 18 years of age, raising the tally to 10,28,819. The death toll climbed to 8,223 with three more fatalities. Odisha now has 4,935 active

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cases, and 10,15,608 patients have recovered from the disease so far, the official said. Of the fresh infections, 265 were detected in quarantine centres and the rest were local contact cases.

Khurda district, comprising state capital Bhubaneswar, logged the highest number of single-day cases at 201, followed by Cuttack (59) and Jagatsinghpur (24).

The rate of infection among children and adolescents stands at 11.69 per cent as against 18.18 per cent recorded the previous day, he said.

Odisha has thus far conducted over 2.02 crore sample tests, including 58,223 Monday. The state’s positivity rate is at 5.06 per cent.

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ACTION AGAINST SQUATTERS



Civic authorities demolish illegal structures in the Air Field area of Bhubaneswar, Tuesday

OP PHOTO

Join duty by Oct 8 or forgo promotion, headmasters told

POST NEWS NETWORK

Bhubaneswar, Oct 5: The Directorate of Secondary Education, Odisha Tuesday asked all the senior Secondary School Service (SES) headmasters, who have been promoted to the post from junior SES teachers, to join the places of posting immediately.

In a letter to all the district education officers (DEOs), joint director (GS) Basanta Manjari Acharya said that as per report some teachers have not yet joined their places of posting on being promoted to the cadre of Sr SES headmaster. These teachers have already been relieved from the post of assistant teachers consequent upon their promotion.

In the meantime, more than two months have already elapsed and due to delay in joining of these teachers as headmasters, administrative and academic dislocation has occurred in those institutions.

“Hence, you are requested to ensure that the teachers of your district, who are under orders of promotion to Sr. SES cadre but are on leave, will either join their allotted places of posting or forgo their promotion by October 10, 2021,” the letter said. “If anybody continues on leave after this date, disciplinary action, as deemed proper, will be taken against them,” it added.

JK Tripathy takes oath as CIC

WINNER OF PIPLI BYPOLL, RUDRA PRATAP MAHARATHY ALSO TAKES OATH AT THE SPEAKER’S CHAMBER OF THE STATE ASSEMBLY



Newly-appointed Chief Information Commissioner taking oath in the presence of Governor Ganeshi Lal

OP PHOTO

POST NEWS NETWORK

Bhubaneswar, Oct 5: Retired IPS officer Jalada Kumar Tripathy took oath as the new Chief Information Commissioner (CIC) of Odisha.

Governor Ganeshi Lal administered the oath of office to Tripathy in a function organised by the Information and Public Relations (I&PR) department at Abhishek Hall of Raj Bhawan, Tuesday.

I&PR secretary Bishnupada Sethi, after obtaining permission from the Governor, read out the warrant of appointment of the CIC. After the oath, Sethi declared the function closed. Chief Minister Naveen Patnaik joined the function through videoconferencing while Chief Secretary Suresh Chandra Mahapatra, Development Commissioner PK Jena, Secretary

to the Governor Saswat Mishra, family members of the State Chief Information Commissioner and I&PR Director Indramani Tripathy were present physically in the event.

Tripathy has served the Tamil Nadu police in various capacities including DGP and Chennai Police Commissioner over a span



Newly-elected Pipli MLA Rudra Pratap Maharathy being administered oath of office by Speaker SN Patro, Tuesday

OP PHOTO

4 including album director nabbed for gunrunning

POST NEWS NETWORK

Cuttack, Oct 5: Four persons, including an Odia music album director, have been arrested for their alleged involvement in illegal arms trade, a police official said Tuesday.

The Commissionerate of Police (Bhubaneswar-Cuttack) has arrested the accused persons from Badambadi area in Cuttack, said Cuttack Deputy Commissioner of Police (DCP), Prateek Singh.

The accused were identified as Prakash Rout alias Papu, 35, Gyana Ranjan Sahoo alias Naba, 40, music album director Pramod Kumar Rout alias Jitu, 43, and Susanta Parida, 49. They all belong to Cuttack, he added.

Acting on inputs, a team from Badambadi police station nabbed the accused Gyana Ranjan Sahoo and seized one 7.65 mm country-made pistol loaded with two rounds of live ammunition from his possession, Singh said. On interrogation, Sahoo disclosed that the pistol was purchased from one of the accused Prakash Rout, who deals in illegal arms and ammunition, procuring them from his brother-in-law and professional arms dealer Tukna Swain.

Similarly, two other accused were arrested for their involvement in the illegal arms trade. The police seized two country-made pistols and 16 live ammunition from the accused.

ED quizzes Pathak over money trail

POST NEWS NETWORK

Bhubaneswar, Oct 5: Former Odisha-cadre IFS officer, Abhay Kant Pathak, Tuesday appeared before the officials of Enforcement Directorate (ED) here for interrogation over his illegal money transactions with his son Akash and Gopalpur MLA Pradeep Kumar Panigrahi. He was earlier summoned by the ED that is investigating into the illegal money trail unearthed by Vigilance sleuths last year.

The Vigilance sleuths unraveled that Pathak deposited around ₹8 crore in the account of his son Akash, who was accused of duping several job aspirants of crores on the pretext of providing them jobs in Tata Motors. The ED officials have reportedly asked Pathak about his financial transactions with Panigrahi.

The interrogation that started in the morning is continued till late evening till the news came in. The ED officials have also issued summons to Panigrahi and his daughter to personally appear before it. The father-daughter duo has sought some more time from ED for personal appearance. The Vigilance department accused Pathak of amassing disproportionate assets more than ₹9 crore which was around 435 per cent of his known income sources.

of three decades. With the appointment of CIC, the state Information Commission will run with full capacity. The post of CIC was vacant since August 15, 2021, after the completion of the tenure of Sunil Mishra.

Meanwhile, the newly-elected Pipli MLA Rudra Pratap Maharathy took oath at the Speaker’s chamber of the state Assembly here. Speaker SN Patro administered the oath of office and secrecy. Maharathy won the bypoll to the Pipli Assembly segment by 20,916 votes. He got 96,972 votes while BJP’s Ashrit Pattanayak secured second position with 76,056 votes. Congress candidate Bishwokeshan Mohapatra got 4,261 votes.

Update e-Service book by Oct 31, teachers told

Bhubaneswar: The Higher Education department Tuesday directed the Registrars of all the universities and principals of the government degree colleges including teacher education institutions to update the e-Service book of the regular teaching and non-teaching staffers of the institutions.

Jagadev denied bail

Cuttack: The Orissa High Court Tuesday rejected the anticipatory bail plea of Chilika MLA Prasanta Jagadev who has been booked in an assault case. The court directed him to depose before the lower court Friday and apply for bail. He has been accused of assaulting BJP’s Balugaon unit president over disbursement of pensions to beneficiaries. A complaint in this regard was filed with Balugaon police.

Pangolin scales seized; 2 held

Bhubaneswar: The Special Task Force (STF) of Crime Branch Tuesday apprehended two wildlife criminals and seized pangolin scales weighing over 2 kg. The STF sleuths are interrogating the duo to elicit details regarding their associates. Sources said a team of Wildlife Crime Control Bureau, the statutory body under Ministry of Environment and Forests, had earlier contacted the accused posing as customers. The accused had agreed to show some samples to officials Tuesday. The STF captured the one who came to show the samples and later his associate who possessed a bag containing pangolin scales from Pipli.

Web portal MD, cameraman held for extortion

Bhubaneswar: The Commissionerate Police Tuesday arrested two web journalists for demanding money from a woman at Chakeisani here. The accused were identified as Prasant Kumar Rout alias Tipu of Raghunathpur, Jagatsinghpur, and Chandrakant Dalei of Jankia, Khurda. Rout is the managing director of the web portal, News Paribartan, while Dalei is the cameraman there. Both stay at Sameigadia under Mancheswar police limits. The duo allegedly blackmailed the lady to publish news on their web portal blaming her for non-payment of a loan of ₹1.30 lakh. The victim claimed that her brother, recently died of Covid, had already paid the loan taken from one Manorama Mohanty.

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OHRC seeks report on custodial torture in Malkangiri district

POST NEWS NETWORK

Bhubaneswar, Oct 5: The Odisha Human Rights Commission directed Tuesday the Malkangiri District Superintendent of Police (DSP) to inquire into the alleged torture of two youths in custody at Motu police station and submit a report by November 26 – the next date of hearing.

Taking suo motu cognisance of a newspaper report published in an Odia daily Tuesday, the Commission said the report prima facie proves about the horrible state of affairs violating the human rights 'of the two youths.'



As per the report, two youths Binod Biswas and Biplab Haldar of MV-81 under Motu police station have been subjected to torture in police custody for which their condition turned serious and they have been admitted to a hospital. The newspaper report also discloses about conducting a kangaroo court in the village of the two injured youths, the Commission said.

BHITARKANIKA NATIONAL PARK
Wildlife poaching, forestland encroachment raise concern



POST NEWS NETWORK

Kendrapara, Oct 5: Wildlife poaching and encroachment of wetland and forestland inside Bhitarkanika sanctuary in Kendrapara district has become a cause of concern for environmentalists and activists, a report said.

The issue came up for discussion at a webinar on wildlife conservation marking the 67th Wildlife Week. It was organised by Odisha Environmental Society here. The meeting was presided over by the Society's president Sundar Narayan Patra. Experts denounced increasing human intervention in the forests of Bhitarkanika.

They pointed out reports of 'Worldwide Fund for Nature' and 'United Nation Environment

Programme' in which it has been said that due to unnecessary human interference many species of wildlife and plantations would soon become extinct. They cited Bhitarkanika as an example of human interference in the wild.

A two-member team from International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN) on behalf of UNESCO had visited Bhitarkanika in 2016 to enlist wetland in the World Heritage list.

After assessing the core areas of Bhitarkanika, the team returned. In 2017, the team pointed out in its report about the unnecessary human intervention in the Bhitarkanika core area.

They said that prawn gheries, farming, poaching and encroachments inside the core area of

Bhitarkanika have become hurdles for according World Heritage status to the Bhitarkanika sanctuary. Besides, modern life style in the eco-sensitive zone has been taking a heavy toll on wildlife conservation, they added.

Environmentalists like Biraja Prasad Pani, Hemanta Kumar Rout, Samarendra Mahali and Laxmidhar Swain pointed out that illegal occupation of forestland has been a major problem in Bhitarkanika while more humans than wildlife are staying inside the sanctuary area.

"People have been rearing cattle on forest land. Entry of people in the prohibited area is common. Poaching of wild animals and marine species are routine," they said.

"Prawn gheries are polluting environment. Forestland has been cleared by illegal settlers inside the park. Rearing of domestic animals is causing infection among the wild animals. Besides, Dhamra port and Wheeler Island have a negative impact on wildlife in Bhitarkanika," they observed.

They voiced concern over the fact that National Waterway-5 will be executed in future while coastal highway will split the wetland into two parts. This will only impact wildlife conservation, they noted.

Man abducted, beaten to death in Ganjam

POST NEWS NETWORK

Hinjilicut, Oct 5: In a shocking incident, a person was kidnapped from his house and later beaten to death on a road by a man and his son. The father-son duo then dumped the body of the deceased in a canal so that it is swept away. This gruesome crime was committed at Godarapalli under Hinjilicut police limits in Ganjam district Tuesday.



The deceased has been identified as P Dharmarao (60). Police during preliminary investigation came to know that the

murder was committed due to past enmity.

It was alleged that the two accused of the same village forcibly took Dharmarao

from his house in an auto-rickshaw to Rusikulya Embankment-9 at Mohanapalli. The two then mercilessly thrashed Dharmarao till he breathed his last. On being informed, Hinjilicut IIC Basudev Bhoi and other police officials rushed to the spot. With help of firemen, police retrieved the body of the deceased from the canal. Later, Aska SDPO Umashankar Singh, Patapur IIC Sabyaschi Malla

and Sheragada IIC Mamata Samantray along with a forensic team started an investigation into the murder. The body was sent to MKCG Medical College and Hospital for post-mortem.

The two accused are absconding. Police have mounted a search operation to nab the accused.

However, no complaint had been filed at the police station in this regard till the last report came in.



Health department officials checking the food quality at an eatery in Angul town, Tuesday

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Deogarh farmer inspires other villagers

NARAYAN DEHURY OF BHEJIKUND VILLAGE HAS BEEN ABLE TO COMPENSATE LOSSES INCURRED DUE TO FAILED CROPS BY TAKING UP INTEGRATED FARMING

POST NEWS NETWORK

Deogarh, Oct 5: Though Narayan Dehury is aged at 65 years, he does not consider himself to be old. He belongs to the village of Bhejikund in Nuadihi panchayat under Riamal block in Deogarh district. While his educational qualification is not much, he is renowned as a popular and progressive farmer in this region.

Inhabitants of this village, located amidst the lush green jungles on the hilly region of this tribal-dominated district, mostly depend on paddy farming and local forest produce.

In such a remote village, Dehury has become a source of inspiration and has given a ray of hope to other villagers. The primary means of his earning/livelihood is integrated farming. He has adopted a self-sufficient farming strategy keeping in view the problems and challenges arising out of climate change in the field of agriculture nowadays.

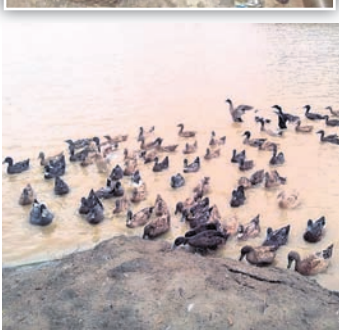
By doing that, Dehury has been able to compensate the losses incurred due to failed crops by cultivating another crop or taking up some other profitable farming.

Using scientific methods, Dehury cultivates paddy on three acres of his



five-acre farmland, and earns up to ₹48,000 per annum. Just after the paddy harvest of kharif season, he grows mustard on two acres, which is otherwise known as rice and mustard intercropping.

Dehury has also taken up fish farming in two ponds dug on an acre of land. Annually, he catches up to 10 quintals of fish on an average and earns about ₹80,000. Apart from this, he also rears Banraj and Kadaknath poultry and earns ₹15,000



per annum by selling eggs and meat. In addition, he earns around ₹40,000 a year by selling the milk of eight jersey cows.

Taking advice of the Krishi Vigyan Kendra and with the help of his son Sanjay, Dehury has bought an egg incubator and subsequently become the only farmer in the district to supply Kadaknath chicks to people interested in poultry.

Taking an extra effort, Dehury also rears almost 80 ducks and sells their eggs and meat. By taking up strategic integrated farming, he manages to make up for losses even during drought or flood situations. He earns about ₹3 lakh from integrated farming and, thereby, has scripted an inspiring success story.



GANGRAPE OF MINOR
25-year RI for 3 in Sundargarh

POST NEWS NETWORK

Sundargarh, Oct 5: The Special POCOS Court here Tuesday convicted three persons for gangrape of a minor girl and sentenced the three to 25 years of rigorous imprisonment. The trio was fined ₹10,000 each and will undergo another year of RI in case they fail to pay the penalty, the court ordered.

The district legal services authority (DLSA) has been directed to pay a compensation of ₹7 lakh to the victim in this case. The case relates to rape of a minor girl which took place in May 2015 in Sundargarh district.

The three accused, Siblu Kumar Oram, Ganesh Sandil and Ajit Kumar Panda were arrested by the local police and booked on charges of rape.

KANDHAMAL COP SUSPENDED FOR ASSAULTING ALCOHOLICS

Phulbani: A police inspector was suspended on Tuesday for allegedly assaulting some inebriated people in Kandhamal district two days ago, a senior officer said. Ramakanta Patra, the inspector of the Khajuripada police station, has been placed under suspension by Director General of Police Abhay on the charges of gross misconduct and dereliction of duty, he said. Patra allegedly misbehaved and assaulted some people who were in a drunken state at the local market at Khajuripada, Sunday evening, Kandhamal SP Vinit Agrawal explained.

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Tender No. eT-M-BBS-Colony-160-21
Name of Work : DAILY CLEANING AND SWEEPING OF BHUBANESWAR (BBS) RAILWAY COLONY AND DISPOSAL OF GARBAGE FOR A PERIOD OF 02 YEARS.
Advertised Value : ₹ 65,44,478.81. Tender document cost: ₹ 5,900/-, Period of completion: 730 Days.
Bidding start date : 08.10.2021, **Tender closing date & time :** at 1530 hrs. of 22.10.2021.
Manual offers are not allowed against this tender and any such manual offer received shall be ignored.
Complete details & tender documents will be available at website www.ireps.gov.in
Sr. Divisional Mechanical Engineer/ Khurda Road
PR-444/M/21-22

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Letter No. S&T/OT/CCTV-FOB-QUAD CABLE/KUR Divn/2021 Dt.: 01.10.2021
(1) Tender No. ST-OT-REPAIRING-CCTV-239, Dt.: 01.10.2021
Name of Work : REPAIRING OF INTEGRATED SECURITY SYSTEM (ISS) CAMERA INSTALLED AT CUTTACK, BHUBANESWAR AND PURI OVER KHURDA ROAD DIVISION.
Tender Value : ₹ 6,61,700/-
(2) Tender No. ST-OT-FOB-KUR-DIVN-240 Dt.: 01.10.2021
Name of Work : (I) PROVISION OF NEW FOOT OVER BRIDGE (3.0 MTR. WIDE) AT BHUBANESWAR END OF MANCHESWAR (MCS) STATION OF KHURDA ROAD DIVISION. (II) PROVISION OF FOOT OVER BRIDGE IN REPLACEMENT OF EXISTING ONE AT KHALIKOT (KIT) STATION, REPLACEMENT OF FOOT OVER BRIDGE (3.66 MTR. WIDE) AT PALASA (PSA) STATION, PROVISION OF 2ND FOOT OVER BRIDGE (6 MTR. WIDE) AT BHADRAK (BHC) STATION, REPLACEMENT OF FOOT OVER BRIDGE AT JAIPUR KEONJHAR ROAD (JKR) STATION, PROVISION OF 3RD FOOT OVER BRIDGE AT SOUTH END OF BHUBANESWAR (BBS) STATION OF KHURDA ROAD DIVISION.
Tender Value : ₹ 12,28,181.70
(3) Tender No. ST-OT-QUAD-CABLE-KUR-241, Dt.: 01.10.2021
Name of Work : PROVISION/ REPLACEMENT OF UNDERGROUND JELLY FILLED 6-QUAD CABLE 0.9 MM DIA. AND ACCESSORIES OF KHURDA ROAD DIVISION.
Tender Value : ₹ 2,68,44,046.14
Bidding start date : 08.10.2021 (for all tenders). **Tender closing date & time :** at 1100 hrs. of 22.10.2021 (for all tenders).
No manual offers sent by Post/Courier/Fax or in person shall be accepted against such e-tenders.
Complete information including e-tender documents of the above e-tender is available in website <http://www.ireps.gov.in>
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Divisional Railway Manager (S&T)/ Khurda Road
PR-445/M/21-22

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OFFICE OF THE SUPERINTENDING ENGINEER, P.H. DIVISION, CUTTACK
e-mail ID: eephctcii@gmail.com, sephdctc521@gmail.com
e-Procurement Notice for Bid Identification No. SEPH-DIVISION, CTC - 75 of 2021-22
1. Name of the Work : 1 No. of P.H. Work
2. Estimated Cost : Rs.19.31 lakhs
3. Period of Completion : 1 Month
4. Date & time of availability of bid document in the portal : From 11.00 A.M. of 07.10.2021 to 5.00 P.M. of 21.10.2021
5. Last date/time of receipt of bids in the portal : 5.00 P.M. of 21.10.2021
6. Date & time of opening of bids : 11.00 A.M. of 22.10.2021
7. Name and address of the Officer Inviting Bid : The Superintending Engineer, P.H. Division, Cuttack - 753004, Odisha, Ph. (0671) 2979063
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GOVERNMENT OF ODISHA
Office of the Superintending Engineer, Kanupur Rehabilitation, Camps & Building Division, AT/PO- Basudevpur, Dist.- Keonjhar, PIN-758047
e-PROCUREMENT NOTICE | Bid Identification No. SE, KRC & BD-03/2021-22
Email- eekrcbdbasudevpur@gmail.com
No. A-501:-

Sl. No.	Name of Work	Approx value of work. (Rs. in Lakh)	E.M.D./Bid Security declaration	Cost of Bid document in Rs. (To be remitted online)	Period of Completion	Class of Contractor	Name & address of the Division under which the work will be executed
1	"Construction of Lord Shiva Temple at Dhubalabeda (Daduan) R & R Colony for the DPs of village	20.10	Nil / Bid Security declaration	6,000.00	10 (Ten) Calendar months	C & B	Kanupur Reh. Camps & Building Division, AT/PO- Basudevpur, Dist.- Keonjhar
2	"Construction of Gramadebati Ghar and pindi with boundary wall at Birikala (2Nos Mundasahi & Naikah) R & R Colony for the DPs of village	20.00	Nil / Bid Security declaration	6,000.00	6 (Six) Calendar months	D & C	-do-
3	"Construction of C.C. approach road with drain to Cluster No-5 at village Kodagadia for the DPs of village Remenshapur(Kha) of KIP"	9.17	Nil / Bid Security declaration	4,000.00	4 (Four) Calendar months	D & C	-do-

Procurement Officer		Bid Identification No.		Availability of Tender online for bidding		Date & time of opening of tender		Place of Opening	
1	2	3	4	From	To	Date	Time	5	7
Superintending Engineer, Kanupur Reh. C. & B. Division, Basudevpur, Dist.- Keonjhar	SE, KRC & BD-03/2021-22	07.10.21	21.10.21	From 10.00 Hours	To 17.30 Hours	22.10.21	11.00 Hours	Office of the F.A. & C.A.O., Kanupur Irrigation Project, Keonjhar	

OIPR-32053/11/0009/2122 Superintending Engineer, Kanupur Reh, C. & B. Division, Basudevpur

GOVERNMENT OF ODISHA
OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER, RURAL WORKS DIVISION, PATNAGARH
E-mail: eerw_ptng@yahoo.in, Phone No. 06658-222121
e-Procurement Notice
IFB Identification No. EEPNTNG-Online-05/2021-22
1. Name of Work : Construction of Road & Building works for 2021-22
2. Total No. of work : 7 (Seven) Road & 2 (Two) Building Works
3. Time for completion : 1 (One) Calendar month to 2 (Two) Calendar months.
4. Approximate Estimated Cost : 0.89 lakh to 77.53 lakh
5. Mode of submission of tender : Tender should be submitted online in www.tendersorissa.gov.in.
6. Other details are as follow :


Procurement Officer	Bid Identification No.	Availability of tender online for bidding		Last date and time of seeking tender clarification	Date & time of opening of tender
		From	To		
Executive Engineer, R.W. Divn., Patnagarh	EEPNTNG- Online-05/2021-22	11.10.2021 at 11.00 A.M.	22.10.2021 upto 5.00 P.M.	18.10.2021 upto 1.00 P.M.	25.10.2021 at 11.00 A.M.

• Further details can be seen from the website www.tendersorissa.gov.in.
• Any Corrigendum/Addendum will be displayed in the above e-tender website only.
OIPR-25154/11/0005/2122 Sd./- Executive Engineer, R.W. Division, Patnagarh

OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER (AGRI), AGRICULTURE ENGINEERING DIVISION, NAYAGARH
Email Id: eeaagri.nayagarh@gmail.com
INVITATIONS FOR BIDS THROUGH e-Procurement
No. L-66
No. e-tender 1/AgriL. Date: 29.09.21
Bid Identification No./e-Procurement Notice No. E.E. (A) - NAYAGARH Division - 01/2021-22
1. The Executive Engineer (Agri.), Nayagarh Division, Nayagarh, Odisha on behalf of Governor of Odisha invites Percentage Rate Bids in Single Cover System for the works as detailed in table below.

Sl. No.	Name of the Work	Approximate Estimated Cost put to tender (Excluding G.S.T.) (Rs.)	Cost of Bid Documents (In Rs.)	Class of Contractor	Period of Completion
1	Construction of BAO Office, Nayagarh, Dist.- Nayagarh	21,93,054.00	6000.00	B & C	6 (Six) Calendar Months
2	Construction of BAO Office, Ranapur, Dist.- Nayagarh	21,93,054.00	6000.00	B & C	6 (Six) Calendar Months
3	Construction of BAO Office, Daspalla, Dist.- Nayagarh	21,93,026.00	6000.00	B & C	6 (Six) Calendar Months
4	Construction of BAO Office, Odagaon, Dist.- Nayagarh	21,93,063.00	6000.00	B & C	6 (Six) Calendar Months
5	Construction of BAO Office, Tangi, Dist.- Khurda	21,93,039.00	6000.00	B & C	6 (Six) Calendar Months

The bidders have to participate in ONLINE bidding only. The website for "ONLINE BIDDING" is <http://tendersorissa.gov.in>. Bid documents will be available in above website from Dt.07.10.2021 at 11.00 A.M. upto 5.00 P.M. of Dt.26.10.2021 for "ONLINE BIDDING".
Date of original bid documents submission Dt.08.10.2021 at 11.00 A.M. to Dt.27.10.2021 upto 4.00 P.M. (Except Holidays)
Bids shall be opened at 11.00 A.M. & onwards on Dt.28.10.2021.
The bidder must possess matching class compatible Digital Signature Certificate (DSC).
Further details and other terms and conditions can be seen from DTGN in the e-Procurement website www.tendersorissa.gov.in.
N.B.: Subsequent corrigendum/addendum if required shall be available in the website as indicated above.
OIPR-01449/11/0001/2122 Sd./- (Mahitosh Giri), Executive Engineer (Agri.), Nayagarh Division, Nayagarh



Do not belong to the past dawns,
but to the noons of future.

SRI AUROBINDO

Wheels of Injustice

The Uttar Pradesh (UP) police claims to be too busy to arrest the son of a Union Minister of State alleged to have run over two protesting farmers. The brutal killings of farmers at Lakhimpur Kheri, Uttar Pradesh, October 3 under the wheels of the motorcade of Union Minister of State for Home Ajay Mishra Teni has drawn national attention. This retaliatory attack forms a set pattern which the BJP government has been following to stonewall protests against its decisions and policies. As it happened on many a previous occasion, this time also, the BJP government in Uttar Pradesh has made the scene of mayhem inaccessible to Opposition politicians and the media.

What is worse in the case of Lakhimpur Kheri is that the Centre has become so insensitive that it has not yet asked the minister involved in the gruesome incident to step down immediately for the sake of fair investigation and justice.

As facts are emerging, the minister himself appears to have set the stage for the bloody showdown which took an ugly turn after the driver of an SUV that was part of the minister's motorcade mowed down the farmers. The driver, some claim it was the minister's son, seemed to have been unnerved by the gathering crowd of protesting farmers and so drove over them.

As observed in a video that has gone viral, the minister provoked the farmers in the haughtiest manner possible warning them of dire consequences if they did not withdraw their nearly year-long agitation against the three controversial farm laws. His words, as heard in the video, only show the scant respect he has for decency. The tone is threatening, to say the least. "This country is of farmers. I am also a farmer; you are also a farmer. If I got down to action, then you would not even have found a way to run away. If the farm laws were bad, the protests would have spread across the country," Mishra purportedly said.


In a way, the Centre's refusal to act against the minister is understandable. For, his words and actions seem to be in consonance with the thinking of his party. It has, by now, made it an integral part of its strategy while dealing with popular protests. It first contemptuously turns down criticism of its policies and laws that it wants to shove down the throats of the people. Thereafter it adopts an ostrich-like policy not to see the reality when protests become stormy. If that does not work, it shows its muscles by making the protests appear a law and order issue. When protesters behave belligerently even after that, attempts are made to brand them as anti-nationals and draconian laws under the Sedition Rules or the Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act (UAPA) are invoked to browbeat them into surrender. It could achieve some measure of success in the case of civil rights activists whom the government calls 'urban naxals'. When the effort to paint the agitating farmers as collaborators of Khalistani separatists failed, the government adopted the tactic of total indifference hoping that once the movement is pushed out of media headlines, it would die down. However, the farmers have proved to be hard nuts and that they are neither dependent on the media nor on politicians to champion their cause. They have shown a unique way of asserting their right and voicing their protests against what they believe are anti-farmer laws on their own strength. And that seems to have unnerved the government. The brutality at Lakhimpur Kheri is one such manifestation.

The minister may also have been prompted by the anxiety of his party that the protests may adversely affect the party in the coming UP Assembly elections in this region, which is why he seems to have chosen the option of whipping up a fear-psychosis among the farmers. The BJP won all the eight seats in this district in the 2017 Assembly polls which was a remarkable improvement as it had bagged only one seat in the 2012 polls. This district in UP's Terai belt has strong links with agriculture with considerable Sikh population.


Lakhimpur Kheri's demography shows Brahmins as the dominant group, followed by Muslims and Kurmis among non-Yadav OBCs. The farmers here mainly depend on sugarcane production. There are chances that there will be electoral repercussion on five other districts in this belt which together account for 42 Assembly seats. The BJP won 37 of these seats in the 2017 Assembly polls, the Samajwadi Party that contested in alliance with the Congress got four seats and the BSP one.

The BJP seemingly fears the farmers' agitation against the three farm laws may upset its appeacart this time around. Hence, the Union Minister of State for Home appears to have used intimidation as a tool to ensure the BJP can repeat its 2017 performance. The Centre's delay in taking action against him and his son involved in the gruesome incident only strengthens suspicion.


WISDOM CORNER

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The greatest use of a life is to spend it on something that will outlast it.

WILLIAM JAMES
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It's not what you've got, it's what you use that makes a difference.

ZIG ZIGLAR
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If you cannot do great things, do small things in a great way.

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Pharmacogenomics

It's well known that patients do not all react the same to a given drug. The range is so wide that some do not respond at all, or only adversely, to drugs which are perfectly adequate for others. It seems that much of the variation is due to small differences in our individual genetic make-ups, often on only a single element of our DNA (called single nucleotide polymorphisms, thankfully abbreviated to SNPs, pronounced snips). The new field of pharmacogenomics builds on the detailed research now being conducted to determine the exact sequence of DNA in our bodies (the human genome), and on the advanced genetic tools now becoming available. The aim is to work out what the differences between patients' DNA mean for drug efficiency and to create suitable diagnostic tests. Pharmacologists can then produce drugs that are tailored for patients with a particular genetic sequence and ensure that patients who are susceptible to the side-effects of a drug are not given it. The word is a combination of pharmaco-, the prefix that relates to the study of medicines or drugs, with genomics, itself a word too new for most dictionaries, meaning the formal study of the genetic make-up of organisms. Within a decade, pharmacogenomics and DNA-chip technology could provide effective drugs personalised to match patients' symptoms with their individual genetic make-ups (Daily Telegraph, Feb. 1998). The real push toward pharmacogenomics may be driven by managed health care. A diagnostic test, even if it does add cost, could avoid the expense of today's trial-and-error methods of making multiple doctor's visits to have a prescription adjusted (Scientific American, Oct. 1998).

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Greedy lawyer

A lawyer opened the door of his BMW, when suddenly a car came along and hit the door, ripping it off completely. When the police arrived at the scene, the lawyer was complaining bitterly about the damage to his precious BMW. "Officer, look what they've done to my Beeeeeemer!!!" he whined.



"You lawyers are so materialistic, you make me sick!!!"

retorted the officer. "You're so worried about your stupid BMW, that you didn't even notice that your left arm was ripped off!"

"Oh no!" replied the lawyer, finally noticing the bloody left shoulder where his arm once was.

"Where's my Rolex????!!!"

TIME FOR A FOOD REVOLUTION

With nature's capacity to support human life having already reached a breaking point, changing what we put on our plates has become an urgent priority – one that will play a crucial role in determining the future living conditions on planet Earth



This year, the United Nations is convening a special gathering to "raise awareness and elevate public discussion" about how food-system reform can help us to achieve the Sustainable Development Goals. But the world needs much more than a food-systems summit. It needs a food revolution. With nature's capacity to support human life having already reached a breaking point, changing what we put on our plates has become an urgent priority – one that will play a crucial role in determining the future living conditions on planet Earth.

Across G20 countries, the majority (60 per cent) of people know that we must make a rapid transition to renewable energies this decade. Not only are the necessary technologies increasingly available and affordable; pressure from both civil society and the financial sector is growing. Yet only 41 per cent of people recognise that we also need to transform our food systems in this decisive decade. This glaring gap in awareness shows that we need a wake-up call.

For decades, land-based ecosystems have been absorbing around 30 per cent of excess carbon-dioxide emissions, protecting us from the worst climate shocks. But over the last 50 years, we have obliterated at least half of these natural assets. When forests, for example, are destroyed for industrial food production, they do not just stop absorbing CO2; they start emitting it. Assets that were contributing to the planet's resilience suddenly become liabilities that are undermining it. This double-whammy is why food production now accounts for over one-third of global emissions.

We are tantalizingly close to being on track for a fossil-fuel-free future. But that achievement will mean little to future generations if we do not also transform our broken food system. Just as we are pushing fossil fuels into retirement (while thanking them for all they have done for us), so too must we phase out industrial agriculture.

Industrial agriculture was designed for the noble purpose of feeding a growing population. But it is no longer fit for that purpose. In addition to its massive contribution to global warming – which

will cause more crop failures, driving up hunger – the current system results in massive levels of food waste, the monopolisation of seeds (which leaves smallholder farmers at the mercy of multinational corporations), the degradation of once-fertile soils, poisoned waterways, and catastrophic biodiversity loss. All this amounts to an injustice that we can no longer tolerate. Ultimately, if we fail nature, we fail on climate, and we fail ourselves.

Many people recognise that we are approaching dangerous climatic tipping points, and most – 82 per cent across G20 countries – want change that protects nature. So, let's show them what that would look like. This year's Food Systems Summit is an opportunity to build momentum in some of the biggest priority areas of food-system reform. For example, we urgently need to make regenerative farming the dominant model globally. This form of agriculture relies on farming and grazing practices that nurture the soil, rather than killing it.

Furthermore, to continue to meet the nutritional demands of the world's population, we also need to expand where food is grown. Agriculture can be practiced in every space available, from rooftops, balconies, and converted car parks to fields and home gardens. And, finally, we need to ensure that people understand that what we eat can contribute directly to our own well-being, as well as that of the planet.

The good news is that we're not starting from scratch. The EAT-Lancet Commission has already scientifically defined a diet that would nurture both people and the planet. This diet, which is readily available to people around the world, features a drastic reduction in meat consumption and a commensurate increase in plant-based proteins.

Plant-based proteins are to the food sector what renewables are to the energy sector. Safe, tasty, and increasingly affordable and accessible, these proteins will soon proliferate widely, in part because investors already see their market potential. By 2040, children will be horrified to learn that we used to mass-produce and slaughter animals in factory farms, just as they

will be incredulous that we used to drive around in cars that spewed toxic fumes into the air.

Another piece of good news is that we are quickly strengthening our understanding of the relationship between soil health and food production. We already know how to improve crop rotations, and we are expanding the use of water-harvesting systems and conservation-based agriculture. This allows us to move away from ploughing that irritates the soil and releases carbon emissions.

Moreover, the Land Institute is developing new forms of perennial – rather than annual – staple food crops. Instead of having to sow their seeds every year, farmers will be able to harvest the same plant for four, five, or six years in a row. And because these perennial crops have root systems that run deeper than those of annual crops, they are more resilient and absorb more carbon in the soil. They also require much less diesel in the tractor.

We know that we can move quickly as a global community when we need to. The pandemic has taught us that rapid change is possible. Now, we must bring the same urgency (and even more follow-through) to fixing our relationship with food and how we produce it. Our food system is our most essential life-support mechanism. But we won't be able to transform it in time if only a minority of us are even aware of the challenge.

This year's summit is an opportunity to raise awareness. But it should be understood as only one step along the way. We can each take an additional step with every meal we share. Changing what we eat is a radical act that will make us and nature healthier and happier. By making nature-conscious eating choices and helping to spread the word, each of us can contribute to keeping planetary warming within the 1.5° Celsius limit laid out in the Paris agreement. A healthier plate makes for a safer planet.

The writer, a founding partner of Global Optimism, is a co-author of the bestselling book The Future We Choose: The Stubborn Optimist's Guide to the Climate Crisis.

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Don't object to marriage, except to an object



Melvin Durai

THIS IS, OF COURSE, A COMMON PROBLEM IN MARRIAGES: ONE PARTNER EXPECTS THE OTHER TO CHANGE

At any given moment, there are probably millions of people around the world who are dreaming of wedding ceremonies. They have a strong desire to dress up in bridal finery and make a lifetime commitment in front of friends and relatives.

Many of these single people are dreaming of marrying a particular person, perhaps a boyfriend or girlfriend or someone whom their parents have selected. But others do not yet have a specific person in mind: they are still searching, hoping, praying, and dreaming.

Some of them are so intent on getting married, wearing a bride's dress or groom's suit that they just go ahead and do it. "Why should I keep waiting for the perfect person?" they ask themselves.

That's what an Indonesian man named Khoiril Anam recently did. He asked himself an important question: "Who has provided me with rice for the last few years?"

After contemplating this question, he dressed up in his traditional

wedding attire and got married in a private ceremony to his rice cooker.

According to news reports, Anam draped a sheer white veil on the rice cooker, giving it the appearance of a bride. He shared pictures of the wedding on social media, including one photo in which he's kissing his bride, and another in which he's signing the official wedding papers. He revealed his reasons for marrying the rice cooker in a caption, saying she was "fair, obedient, loving and good at cooking."

He did not share any details about the wedding night. We can only guess that he kept the bride plugged in and had a steamy night.

No details about the honeymoon were revealed either. Perhaps the newlyweds took a boat ride to a nearby island, and perhaps the bride, in a romantic gesture, sat on the groom's lap the whole time.

Unfortunately, the marriage did not last. Four days after tying the knot, Anam announced that he was divorcing his wife. His reason: she was good at cooking rice

but could not cook any other dishes.

This is, of course, a common problem in marriages: one partner expects the other to change.

Anam: "Rice, rice, rice. All you keep cooking is rice. I'm tired of rice."

Cooker: "Stop pushing my buttons! You keep pushing my buttons!"

Anam: "What else can I do, but push your buttons and hope you cook something else?"

Cooker: "If you had wanted your wife to cook something else, you should have married an Instant Pot. But the Instant Pot isn't fair and obedient, is it?"

The lesson for all single people is clear: do not marry a rice cooker and expect it to suddenly turn into a chapati maker. If you want a chapati maker, then marry a chapati maker.

It's always sad when a marriage ends in divorce, especially when it has a big impact on statistics. As far as I know, the divorce rate in human history when a man mar-

ries a rice cooker is now 100 per cent. I'm not sure, however, what the divorce rate is for all marriages involving humans and objects.

Yes, in case you are wondering, Anam is not the first human to think of marrying an object. One British woman married a duvet (a type of blanket); another Brit married a chandelier; and an American woman married a train station.

None of these marriages are legally binding, of course. Anam's marriage to the rice cooker was mainly a publicity stunt, but thanks to him, perhaps fewer people will object to marrying humans.

Groom's father: "Good news. My son has changed his mind. He will marry your daughter, Priya, after all." Bride's father: "That's wonderful! We were praying for such an outcome. What made him change his mind?"

Groom's father: "I told him to make a choice. I said, 'You must either marry a nice cook like Priya or a rice cooker.' He made a good choice."

Vaccine rules

Sir, India is justified in slapping tit-for-tat travel curbs on UK national after the latter imposed quarantine rules for Indians who have been vaccinated with two doses of AstraZeneca's Covishield. Under the UK rules, Indian travellers who have received both doses of Covishield vaccine manufactured by the Serum Institute of India will still be considered 'unvaccinated'. In the wake of the UK's refusal to remove quarantine rules for vaccinated Indian travellers, India decided to impose reciprocal restrictions on UK nationals travelling to India from October 4. India can never be blamed for adopting such reciprocal measures against the UK. Notwithstanding the fact that Covishield is a vaccine of British origin, the UK was firm on its rules. By imposing such irrational rules the UK offended Indians and discriminated against them. According to the new Indian rules, all UK nationals, irrespective of their vaccination status, will have to comply with four measures that include RT-PCR test and mandatory quarantine for 10 days. Authorities in the ministry of health and family welfare and ministry of civil aviation would be responsible for the implementation and monitoring of the rules. In the wake of India's imposition of vaccine rules for UK nationals, the UK is frantically trying to engage with the Indian government to resolve the issue. Countries like the UK must realise that when the world is faced with a health crisis, all must stand together and combat the disease. Prejudice and discrimination must be replaced with mutual help and co-operation.

Venu GS, KOLLAM

UP mayhem

Sir, The recent mayhem articulated by unscrupulous and anti-social elements at Lakhimpur Kheri in Uttar Pradesh during the farmers' peaceful agitation is unfortunate and disheartening. The killing and mob-lynching of innocent farmers and political workers have taken the political circles by storm. The house arrest and detention of noted political leaders have worsened the situation. Instead of arresting the culprits, the administration is detaining political leaders and this is not the desired solution. As the state goes to Assembly elections next year, a proper magisterial inquiry and forensic examination will go a long way in nabbing the culprits. It is imperative to maintain law and order in the affected area on a priority basis. The onus is on the state administration to take tough measures against mobs and anti-social elements which are disrupting peace and spreading terror among the public.

Prabhudutt Dash, BHUBANESWAR

MCL OUSTEES IN JHARSUGUDA FRET OVER MULTIPLE PROBLEMS
House panel to find solution for R&R issues

POST NEWS NETWORK

Jharsuguda, Oct 5: A House Committee of the State Assembly on resettlement and rehabilitation will visit Jharsuguda district again after Dussehra to sort out the issues related to oustees of the Mahanadi Coalfields Ltd (MCL). The committee will discuss to find a solution to various issues at a meeting with the Board of Directors of MCL. Reports said, issues related to resettlement and rehabilitation of people displaced from their original places have been persistent in the mining areas of Lakhanpur, Ib valley, Orient and Vasundhara fields of the MCL. Despite their agitations, many demands of the displaced have not been fulfilled, it was alleged. Many times law and order situations had arisen due to this problem, they added. Keeping this in view, a review meeting of the House Committee of the State Assembly has been presided over by Deputy Speaker, Rajani Kant Singh, Monday. Steel and Mines Minister Prafulla Kumar Mallik, Brajarajnagar MLA Kishore Kumar Mohanty, Jajpur MLA Preeti Ranjan Ghadei, Keonjhar MLA



A review meeting of the House Committee on resettlement and rehabilitation of the State Assembly has been presided over by the Deputy Speaker, Rajani Kant Singh

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Mohan Majhi and Hindol MLA Seemarani Nayak were present during the meeting. Representing MCL in the meet-

ing, Director (Technical) OP Singh, Director (Finance) Basudevan, Director (Personnel) Keshav Rao, Lakhanpur field GM Anil Kumar

Singh, Ib Valley GM Anwar Hussein, Orient GM Mehmood Mia, Central workshop GM Krishna Murari Prasad and Vasundhara GM Sanjay Jha were also present. MCL had notified for land acquisition in 1975 for mining purpose. Although the villagers of Khairakuni, Tingimal, Ubuda, Darlipali were evicted for mining, they have not yet been rehabilitated or provided with any alternative employment, compensation till now, it was alleged. The MCL authorities have been accused of creating differences among families and taking advantage of the feuds, instead of fulfilling the demands and giving them the rights of the displaced and affected. The villagers have been on a stir for a period of 44 days at Dirlipali village under Lakhanpur field to get their rights, but the company has given them the cold shoulder. Brajarajnagar MLA, Mohanty warned the MCL authorities that the day when the resettlement and rehabilitation process will be completed, then only the cut-off date will be decided. The House panel has decided to visit Jharsuguda after Dussehra to resolve the issues.

Damaged crops leave farmers a worried lot

POST NEWS NETWORK

Patkura, Oct 5: Even as 23-days have passed, farmlands and pastures that were submerged due to low pressure-induced heavy rains in this block of Kendrapara district continue to remain waterlogged, a report said. The submergence of the farmlands has destroyed the paddy crops first and now they are rotting due to sunny weather condition. The crop loss has pushed the farmers into distress as they had borrowed heavily from private money lenders and local cooperative societies to raise their crops. In such a situation, farmers are now worried over repayment of their loan as well as

Farmers are already in distress as they had borrowed heavily from private money lenders

They also applied chemical fertilisers and pesticides for a good harvest, spending considerable amounts to raise their crops. The saplings had achieved a considerable growth and were nearing harvest. But as ill luck would have it, the low pressure-triggered incessant rainfall shattered their hopes by submerging their farmlands. Consequently, the Sarad variety of paddy was completely damaged, another variety, which is quite resistant to pest attack, has



the money they need to meet the expenses of their family. The rains have severely affected the agricultural activities in several areas in this block, including Bedari, Mahuria Danda, Mukuti, Baramania, Mahishigotha, Baghatala, Kinilo, Padmapur, Bedarichhkita, Daluani, Srichandanpur and Parakana. Farmers had borrowed heavily to buy high yielding variety of paddy seeds such as Swarna, Puja, Sarala and Swarna sub-one varieties for cultivation. They sowed the seeds and waited for the rains to irrigate their farmlands. However, when there was no rain they brought motor pumps on rent to irrigate their farmlands.

developed sprouts. Many of the farmers were seen harvesting the wet paddy and selling it at throwaway prices to mills for preparing flattened rice. With their crops gone, the farmers are now worried over repayment of their loans. Farmers said they will be completely ruined if the state government does not provide them with financial assistance. Bedari sarpanch Gokulananda Behera, villagers Nrusingha Charan Shukla, Dhruva Charan Sahu, Bismaya Khuntia, Gagan Bihari Biswal and Naren Malla have demanded that the administration conduct a probe of the crop loss and provide compensation to the affected farmers.

TRADITIONAL HEALING



Traditional healers attending a training programme on cultivation of medicinal and aromatic plants and their use in treatment of diseases at Kuhurakot village under Jharigaon block in Nabarangpur district, Tuesday

Bamboo shoots provide livelihood for tribals

POST NEWS NETWORK

Umerkote, Oct 5: Livelihood of tribals in Umerkote and other parts of Nabarangpur district hinges on forests and minor forest produce. According to the seasons, collection of minor forest produce changes and so does their seasonal livelihood. Bamboo shoots have now emerged as a good source of earning for many tribal families. This business booms particularly in monsoon as bamboo shoots are available aplenty in forests during this time of the year. Bamboo shoots have high demand in the market as people buy it for its culinary value. Reports said, after farming work, tribal men and even women go to Podagoda forest and other forests where they collect bamboo shoots. "After collecting bamboo shoots, we process them into smaller sizes. They are sold in local markets. A cupful of bamboo shoots is sold for ₹15/20 in the market," some tribals said. A bamboo shoot collector earns

BAMBOO SHOOTS HAVE HIGH DEMAND IN THE MARKET AS PEOPLE BUY IT FOR ITS CULINARY AND MEDICINAL VALUE. A BAMBOO SHOOT COLLECTOR EARNS SOMEWHERE AROUND ₹200 TO 300 PER DAY

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BAMBOO CULTIVATION IS PROMOTED IN MOST PARTS OF THE NORTHEASTERN STATES WHERE TRIBALS AND LOCALS HAVE GOT GOOD SOURCES OF LIVELIHOOD FROM BAMBOO SHOOTS

ENVIRONMENTALIST PRADIP MISHRA SAID THAT WITH CREATION OF BAMBOO FORESTS, MORE TRIBALS WILL HAVE THE SCOPE OF CREATING INCOME FOR THEM



somewhere around ₹200 to 300 per day. "People say, bamboo shoots have high medicinal values. These contain calcium and help in digestion. People love to eat it whenever it is found in the market," they said. A variety of cuisines are prepared from bamboo shoots.

‘Card-clone’ gang busted

Accused from Haryana used to copy details of debit cards and dupe the unsuspecting

POST NEWS NETWORK

Bolangir, Oct 5: Bolangir police arrested Tuesday three members of a high profile ATM looting gang of Haryana. They had been duping depositors with cloned cards. The accused were identified as Sanjeeb, 42, Sumit, 22, of Rohatak and Kuldip, 34, of Lohchab village in Jind district of Haryana. A skimmer and cloning machine, cash worth ₹37,000, 14 ATM cards and three mobile phones were seized from their possession. However, another accused in the case managed to give the slip to police. This was stated here by Sadar SDPO Tophan Bag at a press meet held at the Town police station, Tuesday. Town police IIC Priyanka Routray and sub-inspector Purnima Oram were present during the press conference. The three were arrested in a joint operation by the Bolangir and Titlagarh police. The incidents of duping came to the fore when R Sabyasachi Panda, a resident of Tikrapada in this town was withdrawing money from an Axis Bank ATM near the market, Monday. Panda raised alarm after one of the accused tried to swipe his debit card on a small de-



A machine cloning debit cards seized

vice on the pretext of helping him withdraw money from the ATM. Reports said, Panda had withdrawn ₹10,000 and again tried to withdraw another ₹10,000 which failed. On the pretext of offering help, the accused Sumit, who entered the kiosk, tried to insert Panda's card into a swipe machine which he was carrying. Panda confronted him but Sumit threatened him and tried to escape. Locals rushed to the spot and overpowered Sumit. They handed him over to the police. Subsequently, a joint police team tracked the mobile phones of the other accused. One was nabbed from near Deogaon and the third from the Titlagarh

railway station. However, another member of the gang managed to escape, said Bag. The SDPO informed the three accused used to steal money from the accounts of people by cloning their cards through skimming machines. "The gang members have sound technical knowledge. They would collect data from the debit cards of people by using another machine connected via Bluetooth. With the information, they used to prepare cloned cards," Bag said. Later, the gang members would manage to obtain the secret PIN and later withdraw money using the cloned cards. Further investigation into the case is underway, police said.

BJD makes dent in Congress fort

POST NEWS NETWORK

Daringbadi, Oct 5: Ahead of panchayat polls, the ruling Biju Janata Dal (BJD) has been making a dent into Congress fort like Daringbadi area of Kandhamal district. Over 110 workers of Congress and other parties joined the BJD at a preparatory meeting of the ruling party. The meeting was presided over by BJD's block unit president Jyotiraj Pradhan. Attending the meeting, G Udaygiri MLA Saluga Pradhan called upon party workers, sarpanchs, zilla parishad members and ward members to work hard to consolidate the party base. Highlighting various welfare works of the BJD government, the MLA urged the people's representative to ensure implementation of the developmental works in their respective areas. Many Congress workers in Gumikia area were welcomed into the party.

Biker run over, one critical in Balasore

POST NEWS NETWORK

Sajanagarh, Oct 5: A biker was run over while the pillion rider sustained critical injuries after an auto-rickshaw rammed the bike head on at Balighohi Square on State Highway-19 near the Nilagiri bus stand in Balasore district, Tuesday. The deceased was identified as Gourahari Mahal of Simulia in Nilagiri and the injured pillion rider as Satyanarayan Nayak of Kahalia in the area. The mishap occurred after the auto rickshaw rammed the bike and ran over Gourahari and overturned. Gourahari died on the spot while Satyanarayan sustained critical injuries. Satyanarayan was rescued by the fire personnel and admitted to the Nilagiri hospital but shifted to the district headquarters hospital in Balasore after his health condition deteriorated. The two were on their way to Nilagiri when the mishap occurred. The mishap sparked tension in the area.

DEMOLITION DRIVE



An eviction drive underway on the government land for establishment of a food processing and preservation park at Kismat Krushnapur village under Basudevpur block of Bhadrak district, Tuesday

Poultry to get boost in Bargarh
150 FARMS WILL BE SET UP ACROSS THE DISTRICT

POST NEWS NETWORK

Bargarh, Oct 5: Poultry will be promoted in Bargarh district in a major way to create scope of livelihood for people post-pandemic situation. As many as 150 poultry farms will be set up the district. This was revealed at a meeting of the standing committee of the Zilla Parishad here Tuesday. The committee members underscored the need for successful implementation of various schemes. The meeting was held at DRDA conference hall here. ZP vice chairperson Madan Deep presided over the meeting in the presence of ZP members and officials of various departments. While reviewing the activities of the civil supplies department, the



ZP vice chairperson expressed concern over allegations that genuine beneficiaries are deprived of Antoday Yojana. He observed that civil supplies officials should make visit to villages and identify the people eligible for subsidized rice scheme. During the review of the kendu leaf division, leaf has been collected in 24,369 hectares in 2021-22 fiscal while ₹2.26 crore has been paid as wages to the leaf collectors. Reviewing the work of livestock

department, it was said that a target has been set to raise grass cultivation in 13 acres under community grass promotion scheme while six people have been picked up as beneficiaries. Similarly, 150 poultry farms will be set up in the district while 1000 chickens will be grown in each farm. Three SHGs will be involved in poultry. Moreover, 8000 cows, goats and buffaloes in the district will be ensured.



KERALA FAKE ANTIQUE DEALER CASE

Opposition, govt trade charges in Assembly

AGENCIES

Thiruvananthapuram, Oct 5: The Kerala Assembly Tuesday witnessed trading of charges between the ruling and treasury benches over the now arrested fake antique dealer Monson Mavunkal with Chief Minister Pinarayi Vijayan stating that no one will be spared.

Vijayan added that the Archaeological Survey of India and DRDO have been asked to probe the validity of the antiques which are in possession of Mavunkal.

Vijayan was replying to an adjournment motion moved by Congress legislator PT Thomas, who linked the role of recently retired State Police chief Loknath Behra and a Kerala woman (Anita Pullalylil) hailing from Trissur, now settled in Italy in the fake antique case.

Thomas asked in the House, "How come this lady was present in joint conferences of the Kerala Police and also of the Kerala government." He alleged that she was the link between Mavunkal and the government.

Replying to this Vijayan took a dig and without naming anyone, said, "All in Kerala know who was the one who had gone and stayed there for treatment. I am not going into all such details now. Everything is now being probed by the police," said Vijayan.

Vijayan was referring to State Congress president K Sudhakaran, who had approached Mavunkal for some skin ailment. Though Vijayan did not name Sudhakaran, it's known to all, as Sudhakaran himself had admitted that he had visited Mavunkal.

Vijayan informed that four different cases and a criminal case have also been registered against Mavunkal and none will escape the law.

Thomas pointed out that Behra



Kerala Assembly

went to the extent of providing police security to the antique museum of the fraudster antique dealer.

"All have seen the pictures of top police officials (Behra and now serving additional director general of police Manoj Abraham) visiting Mavunkal's museum and it's surprising that even after suspicion was raised and a letter was there from the police, it took two years for the police to probe the case. It's really surprising that you (Vijayan) said you came to know of this fraud only recently, which means you did not see the police report filed two years back," said Thomas and pointed out that the authenticity of a copper plate inscription on Sabarimala in Mavunkal's possession has also now come up.

Vijayan, however, pointed out that since the entire case is being probed which includes the issue on Sabarimala also, at the moment he will not be able to reveal any more details.

With Vijayan's reply, Speaker MB Rajesh was satisfied and he denied leave for the adjournment motion and soon Leader of Opposition VD Satheesan got up and said it was natural that public personalities like politicians will be photographed at various places.

"The Intelligence had given a

very detailed report in 2019 about Mavunkal and his deeds, but nothing was done. It was the police which gave credibility to this fraudster by providing security and top police officials visited him. We will cooperate with any agency and no need to h target anyone and if anyone is targeted, we will surely hit back," said Satheesan and added that even film stars had gone for beauty treatment.

Satheesan later walked out with other opposition legislators, after permission was denied to discuss this issue.

54-year-old Mavunkal took all his high profile guests into his fold by showcasing antiques in his collection, which he claimed included the "staff of Moses" and "two of the 30 silver coins that were taken by Judas to cheat Jesus Christ".

Police said he had showcased these "rare" items -- a throne said to be used by Tipu Sultan, as well as a huge collection of old Qurans, Bibles (Old Testament and New Testament), and old handwritten copies of Bhagavad Gita. Mavunkal used to bring several VIPs to his palatial residence, a part of which was converted into a museum to house his 'precious' antiques.

Last month he was arrested by the Crime Branch after six people complained of getting cheated by Mavunkal.

Schools likely to reopen in Bengal

SCHOOLS HAVE STARTED OPENING UP IN DIFFERENT STATES

AGENCIES

Kolkata, Oct 5: In a significant development, the West Bengal finance department has sanctioned ₹109 crore to the education department for the renovation of 6,468 state government schools in the state, indicative enough the government is keen to open the schools after Durga Puja.

Though the notification doesn't mention anything about the re-opening of the schools but it is indicative enough the state has moved another step closer to the opening of the schools in the state.

"The opening of the schools is subject to other factors but as of now the third wave of Corona has not made much effect in the state and in that case if the schools are to be opened then we will have to keep the buildings ready. For one year and nine months there has been no activity in the schools and naturally the buildings are in a very bad shape. The opening of the schools will depend on the final nod of the chief



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minister," a senior official of the state education department said.

On August 5 this year after her meeting with the Global advisory body Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee had said that her government was considering re-opening of schools and colleges that have been shut since March due to the second wave of the coronavirus (Covid-19) pandemic.

Banerjee had said that educational institutes might reopen in West Bengal on alternate days after the Durga Puja vacation in

November.

However, the education department officials indicated that the schools might not open in a full-fledged manner.

"There might be an alternative arrangement like the students might be divided into two groups and will be asked to attend the schools three days a week. The number of students in a particular class will be reduced so that a safe distance is maintained. The department is presently working on the modalities," the official added.

Schools asked to repair buildings

The West Bengal school education department has sent a notification to all state-run and state-aided secondary and higher secondary schools to repair their buildings. The notification said a consolidated amount has been allocated for 6,468 secondary and higher secondary schools located in different districts of the state towards repair and maintenance of their buildings and compounds and said the schools concerned will have to send the details of their audited expenses under different heads to the district authorities, officials said. The notification dated October 4 asked the schools to start the process with immediate effect, they said.

Mamata, two other TMC MLAs to take oath tomorrow

AGENCIES

Kolkata, Oct 5: West Bengal Governor Jagdeep Dhankhar Tuesday said he will administer the oath to Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee as a member of the state assembly October 7.

Banerjee won the Bhabanipur by-poll with a record margin of 58,835 votes. She needed to win the election to retain the chief minister's chair.



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CREATING AWARENESS

WB legal aid body sets up kiosks at rly stations

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

Kolkata, Oct 5: The West Bengal State Legal Services Authority (SALSA) has started an outreach initiative to make "access to justice for all" easier, and roped in the railways to open kiosks for the programme at several important stations across the state, a senior official said.

The programme is part of the pan-India awareness campaign launched by National Legal Services Authority to commemorate 75 years of the country's independence, Raju Mukherjee, member secretary, State Legal Services Authority, said.

"The State Legal Services Authority is under a statutory obligation to reach out to the last person in the queue residing in the remote areas of the state, and the campaign will go a long way in providing legal aid at doorsteps," Mukherjee said.

The Eastern Railway, South Eastern Railway, North Frontier Railway and Metro Railway authorities have been tapped for the



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project at the behest of Calcutta High Court Acting Chief Justice Rajesh Bindal, who is also the patron-in-chief and executive chairman of State Legal Services Authority, he said.

"These kiosks will not only create awareness amongst the passengers but will also make arrange-

ments for providing free legal services on the spot," Mukherjee said.

"The numbers are expected to rise in the days to come," Mukherjee said. Posters have also been put up inside the coaches of suburban trains in English, Bengali and Hindi and large informative banners placed at various railway sta-

These booths will be functioning daily from 8 am to 8 pm, manned by two trained paralegal volunteers

The zonal railways eagerly agreed to associate themselves with the campaign, assuring all cooperation by providing space for kiosks, banners, posters and other logistic support on the railway premises

Booths have been erected at Howrah, Sealdah, Asansol, Kharagpur and New Jalpaiguri railway stations as part of the campaign, which will continue till November 14

tions across Bengal, the SALSA official said. He further said that an endeavour is being made to set up similar kiosks at metro stations here in a phased manner.

The nationwide campaign was inaugurated by President Ram Nath Kovind on October 2 in New Delhi, in the presence of Chief Justice of India N V Ramana, who is also the executive chairman of NALSA, and Union Law and Justice Minister Kiren Rijiju.

‘RESPIRE - A BALANCE OF LIFE’

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

Kochi, Oct 5: "Ageing gracefully" is a rare art mastered by only a few who celebrate their old age.

For those senior citizens, who need someone to support them to find a meaning for life in the dusk of their glorious lives, an innovative programme has been launched in Kerala to increase their strength, balance and mobility along with relaxation techniques.

Indian Medical Association (IMA) Committee for Care of Older Persons -- Kerala division has dedicated its programme "Respire - A Balance of Life" to help all elderly persons to stay healthy, active and independent. "This innovative exercise programme incorporates the knowledge of modern medicine alongside the Indian traditional martial art form of Kalaripayattu and healing system Yoga," IMA said. 'Respire' provides a myriad of health benefits such as boosting the immune system, preventing and managing chronic conditions like lowering the risk of heart disease, reducing blood pressure, diabetes and so on, IMA said. "It also helps in strengthening your muscles, reducing muscle loss, reducing overall pain and stiffness due to arthritis, main-

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taining joint function, increasing cardiovascular capacity, and reducing the frequency of falls due to loss of balance and posture", it said. As an immediate action plan, the IMA said, its 'Respire' team aims to coach the frontline health workers and gym instructors across Kerala so that they are well-equipped and certified to train the elder community and guide them in every step of their 'Respire' journey.

The virtual launch of the programme was done by state Health Minister Veena George October 1, the International Day of Older Persons themed "Digital Equity for all Ages" affirming the need for access to the digital world for older persons in order to empower them and to have their full participation in the society.

Two other newly elected TMC legislators will also take oath Thursday "Governor WB Shri Jagdeep Dhankhar would administer oath/affirmation to the elected members to the WBLA, viz., MAMATA BANERJEE, JAKIR HOSSIAN and AMIRUL ISLAM at the premises of the West Bengal Legislative Assembly 7 October, 2021 at 11.45 hours," he tweeted.

Jakir Hossain was declared victorious by a huge margin of 92,480 votes from the Jangipur constituency, while Amirul Islam won from Samserganj by a margin of 26,379 votes. The results were declared Sunday. West Bengal Parliamentary Affairs Minister Partha Chatterjee Monday requested the governor to administer the oath to the three legislators, including Banerjee, October 7.

CONG SUFFERS JOLT IN KERALA

AGENCIES

Kalpetta (Kerala), Oct 5: The Congress suffered another setback in Kerala's Wayanad, which is also a VIP Lok Sabha seat represented by Rahul Gandhi, with former DCC president P V Balachandran quitting the party Tuesday, alleging that the grand old party has failed to check the growth of the BJP in the country.

Ending his 52-year-long association with the party, Balachandran, a member of the KPCC executive committee, said both majority and minority communities are moving away from the Congress and the people would not stand with a party which has lost its direction.

He also slammed the style of functioning of the Congress state leadership, alleging that they were not able to take a clear political stand on the issues affecting the people.

MINOR SHAKE-UP IN BJP: In a minor shake-up in the Kerala unit of the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP), five district chiefs have been moved out while K. Surendran continued to hold the post of party president despite speculations that he might be removed and replaced by actor-turned-politician Suresh Gopi.

Three new vice presidents were brought in while five new secretaries were also appointed.

The divine inter-state journey that keeps alive a century-old tradition

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

Thiruvananthapuram, Oct 5: The Gods came out of their respective shrines in Tamil Nadu and embarked on a grand journey Sunday to reach Kerala.

The Covid protocols forced them to shun their usual ceremonial vehicles but their procession is expected to reach here this evening as scheduled, covering several kilometres by road and accepting ritualistic welcome by devotees and the guard-of-honour from the armed police at the borders.

The arrival of these three sacred idols from Tamil Nadu has been marking the beginning of the annual Navratri festivities in Kerala capital for nearly two centuries. For the last over 180 years, the idols of 'Saraswathy', the Goddess of knowledge and art, 'Kurmawasami', the warrior deity

and 'Munnootti Nanga' who symbolises the power worship, have been travelling the distance to mark the festival here as part of a practice that existed in the erstwhile princely state of Travancore (present south Kerala). The idols atop the decked up vehicles would cover a distance of 100 kms between Kanyakumari and the Kerala capital, to and fro.

This year's nine-day Navratri festivities will get underway here October 6. Adithya Varma, a member of the Travancore royal family, said it was the visionary king Swathi Thirunal who had introduced the practice of bringing the idols here in 1839.

All the three idols were brought from Kanyakumari district of neighbouring Tamil Nadu, which had been part of Travancore during the pre-independence royal era. When Kerala was formed



FILE PHOTO

November 1, 1956 after the reorganisation of the states, it had lost

four southern taluks-Thovala, Agastheeswaram, Kalkulam and

MATTER OF FAITH

Though the three idols were traditionally brought atop a caparisoned elephant, silver horse and a decorated palanquin respectively with the accompaniment of hundreds of people including devotees, it was avoided this time due to the pandemic protocol

This year, the idols were being brought to Kerala in vehicles decorated with flowers

Vilavancode - which had been amalgamated to form Kanyakumari district and made part of Tamil Nadu. But, the ceremonial procession of idols have been continuing under the aegis of the democratic governments of the two states till date. The idol of Goddess Saraswathy is brought from the

Thevarakettu temple located inside the historic Padmanabhapuram palace while that of Kurmaraswami from Kumarakoil Shri Murugan Temple.

Goddess Munnootti Nanga joins the procession from the ancient Suchindram temple, which is also located in Kanyakumari district. For the people of the southern states, it is an occasion to reminisce about the tradition, legacy and bond shared by them during their bygone past. Ahead of the procession, Kerala State Minister for Devaswom, K Radhakrishna, Sunday, accepted the traditional sword of Travancore royals kept at "upparika malika" of the Padmanabhapuram palace, from the representatives of the Tamil Nadu government. It was later handed over to the devaswom officials, accompanying the idols during the procession.

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The entire state machinery under the Yogi Adityanath government is trying to suppress the truth of what happened in Lakhimpur Kheri and clamping down on the opposition

JAYANT CHAUDHARY | RLD CHIEF

It has "conclusively" established that there is no rule of law in Uttar Pradesh. The police seem to be carrying out Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath's law and his order

P CHIDAMBARAM | CONGRESS LEADER

The state government will amend its sand policy to ensure that beneficiaries of the Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojna get necessary binding material free of cost to construct their houses

SHIVRAJ SINGH CHOUHAN | MP CM

SHORT TAKES

Girl injured

Srinagar: A girl was injured in an acid attack on Tuesday in J&K's Shopian district, police said. Police sources said a girl in Kral Check village of Shopian was attacked with acid by unknown persons in the afternoon. "The girl suffered injuries on her left shoulder and was shifted to a nearby hospital for treatment where from she has been referred to Srinagar," a source said.

Civilian killed

Srinagar: Continuing their civilian murder spree Tuesday, the militants killed one more civilian in Jammu and Kashmir's Bandipora district. Police sources said the militants shot and killed Muhammad Shafi Lone, a civilian in Naikdhai area of Bandipora district. This is the third civilian killing by militants in Kashmir on Tuesday. Earlier, Makhan Lal Bindroo, owner of Bindroo Medicate was killed by militants at his shop near Iqbal Park in Srinagar city. Bindroo had sustained four bullet wounds and doctors at the SMHS hospital in Srinagar said he was dead on arrival. A non-local vendor - Virender Paswan, a resident of Bhagalpur in Bihar, who was selling Bhelupuri in Lal Bazar area of Srinagar, was also killed by militants.

24 students injured

Silchar: At least 24 school students were injured, three of them seriously, after a hanging bridge collapsed in southern Assam's Karimganj district when the students were on their way home after school, officials said Tuesday. A district administration official said that the hanging bridge over river Singla collapsed at Cheragi area when around 100 girls and boys of Cheragi Vidyapith High School were crossing it on Monday afternoon, with all of them falling into the river. On hearing the noise, local people rescued them.

Ten arrested

New Delhi: Delhi Police have arrested 10 people, including two women for assaulting police personnel and pelting stones on their vehicles in the Seemapura area of the national capital, an official said here Tuesday.

Two boys drown

Mumbai: Two minor boys drowned in the Arabian Sea off south Mumbai, the Brihanmumbai Municipal Corporation Disaster Control said Tuesday. The tragedy occurred when a group of eight youngsters went for a swim opposite the Priyadarshini Park in Malabar Hill. However, two of them failed to return ashore.

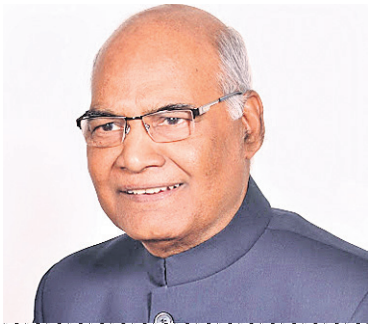


India is a democracy on paper, but its grim descent into a banana republic has begun

MEHBOOBA MUFTI | PDP PRESIDENT

KOVIND TO VISIT KARNATAKA

President Ram Nath Kovind will visit Karnataka from October 6 to 8, a statement issued by the Rashtrapati Bhavan said Tuesday. October 7, the President will inaugurate the newly-built teaching hospital of the Chamarajanagar Institute of Medical Sciences at Chamarajanagar, it said



LAKHIMPUR KHERI VIOLENCE

Letter to SC seeks high-level judicial probe

AGENCIES

New Delhi, Oct 5: A letter was sent to the Supreme Court on Tuesday seeking a high-level judicial inquiry, involving the CBI, under the supervision of the apex court into the October 3 Lakhimpur Kheri incident in which eight people were killed as violence erupted during a farmers' protest.

The letter by two advocates has urged Chief Justice of India N V Ramana to treat it as public interest litigation (PIL) so that guilty could be "brought to justice".

It has also sought direction to the Home Ministry and the police to register an FIR in the case and punish those allegedly involved in the incident.

The letter, written by advocates Shiv Kumar Tripathi and C S Panda, has sought direction seeking the institution of a high-level judicial inquiry under the supervision of

LAST RITES PERFORMED

Bahraich/Lakhimpur Kheri (UP): The Uttar Pradesh authorities Tuesday agreed to the demand for a second post-mortem of a farmer killed in the Lakhimpur Kheri incident after his family refused to cremate him, while mortal remains of the three others were consigned to flames at their native places during the day. Family members of Gurvinder Singh (22) of Moharia village of Bahraich had refused to cremate him till a second autopsy is done, claiming that he was shot dead. They received support from farmer leader Rakesh Tikait and Punjabi singer Sonia Maan, who arrived in the village Tuesday evening. Senior district administration officials confirmed that the second post-mortem of Gurvinder will be conducted at the district hospital. They said a vehicle has been sent to bring the body to the hospital post-mortem house. A team of experts has arrived at Bahraich district police line from capital Lucknow by helicopter for the autopsy, they said.

this court, involving CBI within a stipulated time.

It said having regard to the seriousness of the killing of farmers, it is incumbent upon the apex court to intervene in the matter.

Eight people were killed on October 3 as violence erupted dur-

ing a farmers' protest claiming the lives of both farmers and BJP workers ahead of a visit to Lakhimpur by Uttar Pradesh Deputy Chief Minister Keshav Prasad Mautrya.

The apex court, while hearing a plea by a farmers' body protesting

against the three new farm laws and seeking directions to authorities to allow it to stage 'satyagrah' at Jantar Mantar here, had on Monday observed that nobody takes the responsibility when such incidents happen.

The observations by the top court had come when Attorney General K K Venugopal referred to the "unfortunate" incident at Lakhimpur Kheri.

Several farmer organisations are protesting against the passage of three laws -- The Farmers Produce Trade and Commerce (Promotion and Facilitation) Act, 2020, The Essential Commodities (Amendment) Act, 2020 and Farmers (Empowerment and Protection) Agreement on Price Assurance and Farm Services Act, 2020. Initially, the protests started from Punjab in November last year and later spread mainly to Delhi, Haryana, and Uttar Pradesh.

FLOOD FURY



People carry eatables on a boat at a flooded area at Amta in Howrah district, Tuesday

PTI PHOTO

BJP sweeps GMC polls

INDO-ASIAN NEWS SERVICE

Gandhinagar, Oct 5: Crushing the opposition by bagging 41 ward seats in the civic polls, the BJP ensured that it will rule the Gandhinagar Municipal Corporation (GMC), polling for which was held Sunday. This thumping victory gives the ruling party in Gujarat much more confidence for the assembly elections slated next year.

The BJP scored over arch rival Congress, bagging 41 ward seats out of the total 44 seats. Two seats were claimed by the Congress with the Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) debuting in the political arena here with one seat. The GMC saw approximately over 56 percent polling in eleven wards of the state's capital. This was higher than in the last elections held in 2016, which was 52.02 percent. Polling went off peacefully with no untoward incident reported anywhere.

With the entry of the Aam Aadmi Party in the political scenario of Gujarat, the Gandhinagar Municipal Corporation elections saw a three pronged battle on Sunday.

The Gujarat SEC held the GMC



elections at 284 polling booths. Out of the total booths, four were marked as extremely sensitive, 144 sensitive and 136 normal booths.

Out of the total 2.30 lakh registered voters in the state capital Gandhinagar, approximately over 56 percent exercised their democratic right to elect 44 councillors from 162 candidates across 11 wards of the GMC.

Of the 2,81,897 voters, 1,58,354 exercised their franchise on Sunday, with 86,046 male voters and 72,308 female voters. The least polling was registered in the Panchdev temple ward, in the heart of the city, with approximate 37.41 per cent and the maximum was registered in the Kolawada-Vavol ward with approximate 66.93 per cent polling.

Woman burnt alive

INDO-ASIAN NEWS SERVICE

Yadgir (Karnataka), Oct 5: In a shocking incident, a married 23-year-old woman was burnt alive for resisting a rape attempt in Karnataka's Yadgir district and police have launched a hunt for the accused.

The incident took place in a village near Shahapur town on Monday morning and the woman, identified as Balamma, succumbed to her injuries in the Kalburgi hospital. The accused is identified as Gangeppa, a resident of Chowdeshwarihalala village.

Surapura police have registered the case after recording the statement of the victim in the hospital before she succumbed.

According to police, Gangeppa had his eye on Balamma for a long time and forced her to have affair with him multiple times. When she resisted, he had even assaulted her.

However, she did not lodge a police complaint. The matter was brought to the notice of village elders and they called a meeting, where Gangeppa was warned not to trouble the married woman.

SECURITY THREAT

Ready for 'two front' war: Air Chief Marshal

Air Chief Marshal VR Chaudhari said the IAF should have around 35 fighter squadrons by the next decade as he talked about the phasing out of old aircraft and induction of new ones

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

New Delhi, Oct 5: Chief of Air Staff Air Chief Marshal VR Chaudhari said Tuesday that the Indian Air Force is fully committed to the the-aterisation concept to best utilise India's military resources but at the same time stressed that the new model should reflect the strengths and requirements of each service.

Addressing a press conference ahead of Air Force Day on October 8, he said the IAF is fully prepared to deal with any security challenge in eastern Ladakh and that new air-bases and other infrastructure created by the Chinese side in the region will not affect his force's combat readiness.

The newly-appointed Chief of Air Staff spoke on a range of issues including the IAF's modernisation plan, dealing with new security challenges in the wake of geopolitical developments, enhancing the force's capability to deal with rogue drones and phasing out old aircraft like the MiG-21 jets.

Air Chief Marshal Chaudhari said the IAF should have around 35 fighter squadrons by the next decade as he talked about the phasing out of old aircraft and induction of new ones. He said there are four MiG-21 squadrons and the plan is to retire them in the next three to four years.

Asked about security threats emanating from close ties between Islamabad and Beijing, he said there was nothing to worry about the partnership, but flagged concerns over the possibility of western technology reaching China from Pakistan.

Assuring the nation that the IAF will be ever ready to safeguard the nation's sovereignty and interests in all circumstances, Air Chief



Air Chief Marshal Vivek Ram Chaudhari speaks during a press conference, ahead of the 89th Air Force Day on October 8, in New Delhi, Tuesday

PTI PHOTO

Marshal Chaudhari said his force is effectively capable of dealing with a "two-front" war scenario involving China and Pakistan.

Replying to a question on China ramping up infrastructure development along the Line of Actual Control (LAC) in eastern Ladakh, he said India was aware of it and noted that the neighbouring country continued its deployment at three airbases in the Tibet region.

However, he said the building of airfields and other infrastructure by China will not impact India's military preparedness and suggested that the Chinese military has the disadvantage of high altitude in the region. "That is a weak area for them." "We are fully prepared to deal with any situation and challenge in the region," said the IAF chief.

Air Chief Marshal Chaudhary also noted that the IAF was fully committed to theaterisation concept to maximise the utilisation of military resources. But noted that wider discussions on the requirement of each service should be ensured to carry forward the initiative.

Decision on Covaxin clearance next week

INDO-ASIAN NEWS SERVICE

New Delhi, Oct 5: The World Health Organization (WHO) will meet next week with an independent group of experts to take a final decision on whether to grant Emergency Use Listing (EUL) to Covaxin.

The WHO will carry out the risk and benefit assessments next week with the experts and take a final call on granting the much-awaited EUL to Covid vaccine Covaxin.

The global health body said, "WHO and an independent group of experts are scheduled to meet next week to carry out the risk/benefit assessments and come to a final decision whether to grant Emergency Use Listing to Covaxin."

It added that the EUL process of WHO and the technical advisory group of independent experts is centred on determining if a manufactured vaccine is quality-as-

sured, safe and effective.

Indigenous vaccine Covaxin, which has been developed by Bharat Biotech, has not received emergency use approval from the WHO.

The Strategic Advisory Group of Expert on Immunization (SAGE) met earlier on Tuesday to decide on Covaxin getting EUL authorisation.

However, as no decision could be reached, the global health body will meet again next week to decide on the same.

The expert panel started its four-day meet Monday to decide on policy guidance.

The SAGE and the technical advisory group are supposed to go through all the vaccine dossiers submitted to the WHO before deciding on granting EUL to Covaxin.

The WHO has so far included only six Covid vaccines in its EUL list that includes the Oxford-AstraZeneca vaccine, manufactured as Covishield by the Serum Institute of India.

Reprimanding student for indiscipline is no abetment to suicide: SC

IN A JUDGMENT, A BENCH COMPRISING JUSTICES S. ABDUL NAZEER AND KRISHNA MURARI SAID, IT IS NOT UNCOMMON THAT TEACHERS REPRIMAND A STUDENT FOR NOT BEING ATTENTIVE OR NOT BEING UP TO THE MARK IN STUDIES OR FOR BUNKING CLASSES OR NOT ATTENDING THE SCHOOL

INDO-ASIAN NEWS SERVICE

New Delhi, Oct 5: The Supreme Court Tuesday said if a student is simply reprimanded by a teacher for an act of indiscipline and when the same conveyed to the parents to discipline the child, which results in child committing suicide, then teacher cannot be charged and tried for the offence of abetment of suicide under section 306 of the IPC.

In a judgment, a bench comprising justices S. Abdul Nazeer and Krishna Murari said, it is not uncommon that teachers reprimand a student for not being attentive or not being up to the mark in studies or for bunking classes or not at-

tending the school. "The disciplinary measures adopted by a teacher, reprimanding a student for his indiscipline, in our considered opinion, would not tantamount to provoking a student to commit suicide, unless there are repeated specific allegations of harassment and insult deliberately without any justifiable cause or reason", said the bench, adding that it is a solemn duty of a teacher to instill discipline in the students.

The bench noted that a simple act of reprimand of a student for his behaviour by a teacher, who is under moral obligations to inculcate the good qualities in a student, would definitely not amount



to instigation or intentionally aid to the commission of a suicide by a student.

The top court made these observations while quashing an FIR filed against a physical training

teacher of a school on charges of abetment to suicide. A grade 9 student had died by suicide and left a note blaming the teacher. The mother lodged an FIR alleging that her son committed suicide due to mental harassment meted out by the teacher.

"Insofar as, the suicide note is concerned, despite our minute examination of the same, all we can say is that suicide note is rhetoric document, penned down by an immature mind", noted the bench. The bench said a criminal trial is not exactly a pleasant experience and the appellant who is a teacher would certainly suffer great prejudice, if he has to face prosecu-

tion on absurd allegations of irrelevant nature.

The teacher had found the boy regularly bunking classes, initially he reprimanded him but on account of repeated acts, brought this fact to the knowledge of the principal, who called the parents on telephone to come to the school. "No further overt act has been attributed to the appellant either in the First Information Report or in the statement of the complainant, nor anything in this regard has been stated in the alleged suicide note", the bench noted, setting aside the Rajasthan High Court judgment, which refused to quash the FIR against the teacher.

of the day quote

There is nothing to be worried about Afghanistan. At a time when Taliban was emerging, many have received training from Afghanistan to spread militancy in Bangladesh. We are ready to face such challenges. We have to remain vigilant so that change of power in this SAARC country does not affect Bangladesh

SHEIKH HASINA | BANGLADESH PM

Seoul and Pyongyang should work together for joint prosperity ahead of eventual unification, signaling a willingness to push actively for cooperative projects with the North after the restoration of inter-Korean hotlines

MOON JAE-IN | SOUTH KOREAN PRESIDENT

Pakistan has made a number of futile and unsubstantiated allegations against India, including in relation to the Union Territories of Jammu and Kashmir and Ladakh. These do not merit a response, as they pertain to matters internal to India

A AMARNATH | COUNSELLOR IN INDIA'S PERMANENT MISSION TO THE UN

SHORT TAKES

Westminster fire under control

London: London's fire brigade says an incident at Westminster subway station, which saw smoke billowing out from an electrical room in the basement, has been brought under control. In a statement Tuesday, the London Fire Brigade said six fire engines and around 40 firefighters were involved at the incident at the subway station nearest to Britain's Parliament and Prime Minister Boris Johnson's residence at 10, Downing Street.

Blinken meets Prez Macron

Paris: French President Emmanuel Macron and US Secretary of State Antony Blinken met Tuesday to explore potential cooperation in the Indo-Pacific and other areas as the Biden administration moved to repair damage caused to relations by excluding France from a new security initiative. A senior US State Department official said the two discussed possible joint projects that could be announced by Macron and President Joe Biden when they meet later this month at a date and venue that has yet to be decided.

Taliban kill 13 Hazaras

Kabul: Taliban forces have unlawfully killed 13 ethnic Hazaras, including a 17-year-old girl, in Afghanistan's Daykundi province after members of the security forces of the former government surrendered, a new investigation by Amnesty International has revealed. The killings took place in Kahor village of Khidir district on August 30. Eleven of the victims were former members of the Afghan National Defence Security Forces (ANDSF), and two were civilians.

Romanian govt falls

Bucharest: Romanian Prime Minister Florin Ciu of the governing National Liberal Party was ousted Tuesday after a no-confidence motion in his government passed overwhelmingly, deepening an ongoing political crisis. The motion censure was filed by the opposition Social Democrat Party (PSD) and supported by former coalition partner USR-Plus, and the far-right AUR party.



The window to act against climate change is closing quickly. I believe we all have it within ourselves to be part of the solution and create a sustainable foundation for our society

WILLIAM RUSSELL | LORD MAYOR OF LONDON

14% OF WORLD'S CORAL LOST SINCE 2009: REPORT

Approximately 14% of the world's coral has been lost since 2009, report said. Scientists found that between 2009 and 2018 the world lost about 11,700 sq km of coral – the equivalent of more than all the living coral in Australia



A SHOCKING FRENCH REPORT

‘3.3 lakh kids victims of church sex abuse’

ASSOCIATED PRESS

Paris, Oct 5: A major French report released Tuesday found that an estimated 3,30,000 children were victims of sex abuse within France's Catholic Church over the past 70 years, in France's first major reckoning with the devastating phenomenon.

The president of the commission that issued the report, Jean-Marc Sauve, said the estimate, based on scientific research, includes abuses committed by priests and others clerics as well as by non-religious people involved in the church. He said about 80 per cent are male victims. “The consequences are very serious,” Sauve said. “About 60% of men and women who were sexually abused encounter major problems in their sentimental or sexual life.”

The 2,500-page document prepared by an independent commission comes as the Catholic Church in France, like in other countries, seeks to face up to shameful secrets that were long covered up.

The report says an estimated 3,000 child abusers — two-thirds of them priests — worked in the church during that period. Sauve said the overall figure of victims includes an estimated 216,000 people abused by priests and other clerics. Olivier Savignac, head of vic-



tims association “Parler et Revivre” (Speak out and Live again), who contributed to the probe, told The Associated Press that the high ratio of victims per abuser is particularly “terrifying for French society, for the Catholic Church.” The commission worked for 2 1/2 years, listening to victims and witnesses and studying church, court, police and press archives starting from the 1950s. A hotline launched at the beginning of the probe received 6,500 calls from alleged victims or people who said they knew a victim. Sauve denounced the church's attitude until the beginning of the 2000s as “a deep, cruel indifference toward victims.” They were “not believed or not heard” and sometimes suspected of being “in part responsible” for what happened, he deplored.

The report comes after a scandal surrounding now-defrocked priest Bernard Preynat rocked the French Catholic Church. Last year, Preynat was convicted of sexually abusing minors and given a five-year prison sentence.

Pak Taliban’s next target

AGENCIES

Kabul, Oct 5: It is widely believed by the international community and global powers that the swift and shockingly fast takeover of the Taliban in Afghanistan has been possible due to the support of Pakistan, which is said to have been a major beneficiary of gains as a result.

However, the reality on ground in Afghanistan seems to be entirely different as many Taliban fighters see Pakistan as their next target of attack.

The Taliban-led government in Afghanistan has been formed on the basis Islamic values and teach-



SPEAKING TO MANY TALIBAN FIGHTERS DEPUTED AND POSITIONED AS SECURITY PERSONNEL IN DIFFERENT PARTS OF KABUL, IT WAS WITNESSED THAT THE NEXT COUNTRY FOR JIHAD AND IMPOSITION OF ISLAMIC RULE OF LAW, IN THE EYE AND VIEWS OF THE TALIBAN FIGHTERS, IS PAKISTAN

TALIBAN FIGHTERS BELIEVE THAT THE CURRENT GOVERNMENT SET-UP IN PAKISTAN IS UN-ISLAMIC AND VOW TO LAY THEIR LIVES FOR ITS OUSTER AND IMPOSE SHARIAH LAW THROUGH SUICIDE TERROR ATTACKS AND OTHER MEANS

PAK SOLDIERS SURRENDER

As per statements on Twitter, some Pakistan Army soldiers have surrendered to the Tehreek-e-Taliban Pakistan (TTP) armed militia in Waziristan. “Keeping up ‘parampara’ (tradition) of surrender... Surrendered Pakistani Army soldiers paraded by terrorist org Tahrik-e-Taliban TTP in Mirali, Waziristan,” Pakistani human rights activist Arif Aajakia said on Twitter along with an image. Earlier, Pakistan Prime Minister Imran Khan had said the government is in talks with some groups of the banned Tehreek-i-Taliban Pakistan (TTP), seeking a reconciliation, the Dawn had reported.

ings, which has been the prime demand of the group even during their two-year-long negotiations with the US, which led to the 2020 Doha Agreement.

While the Taliban leadership strives to claim their success story in Afghanistan, many fighters believe that the takeover of Afghanistan and imposition of the Islamic Shariah law is not the end to their struggle, but is the beginning of the spread of their jihad in the rest of the world.

“Alhamdulillah we have brought the Islamic Shariah law in Afghanistan. Now, we will do the same in Pakistan. We will attack Pakistan and impose Islamic

Shariah law in that country also soon Insha Allah,” said one of the Taliban fighters.

“The current setup in Pakistan is un-Islamic and is wrong. We will wage jihad on Pakistan and spread our Islamic laws, applied in Afghanistan, into Pakistan soon,” another Taliban fighter stated.

During the conversation, the Taliban fighters lashed out at the Pakistan government for providing bases to US forces and allowing them to be used to kill them through drone strikes. The fighters also slammed Pakistan for providing logistics and routes for NATO supplies to Afghanistan.

“Pakistan's government has been

a puppet government. They gave bases to the US. Provided their land routes for NATO supplies and even worked with them against us. This is not right and we will make sure that Pakistan's current puppet set-up is changed and Islamic laws are implemented there also,” he said. The Taliban leadership may claim that it will not allow its soil to be used against any country including Pakistan, but the sentiments among the Taliban fighters certainly raise major concerns over the tendency and vulnerability of fighters, who may be used by others groups to not only target Pakistan but also push the Taliban leadership under criticism.

Chinese military activity near Taiwan provocative: US



PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

Washington, Oct 5: Declaring that America's commitment to Taiwan was “rock-solid”, the US has told China that it will continue to watch very closely the “provocative” and “destabilising” Chinese military activities near the self-ruled island.

Taiwan's Defence Ministry said 56 Chinese warplanes made incursions into its air defence identification zone on Monday, the highest number since the island began publicly reporting such activities last year.

China views Taiwan as a break-away province. However, democratic Taiwan sees itself as a sovereign state. Beijing has not ruled out the possible use of force to achieve unification with Taiwan.

Responding to questions on the issue of Chinese warplanes frequently entering Taiwan's air defence zone, White House Press Secretary Jen Psaki told reporters at her daily news conference on Monday that, “We remain concerned by the People's Republic of China's provocative military activity near Taiwan, which is destabilising risk miscalculations and

undermines regional peace and stability.” “We urge Beijing to cease its military, diplomatic, and economic pressure and coercion against Taiwan, and we have an abiding interest in peace and stability across the Taiwan Strait,” she said. “That's why we will continue to assist Taiwan in maintaining a sufficient self-defence capability. We maintain our commitments, as outlined in the three communiques, Taiwan Relations Act, and the Six Assurances,” she said.

America's commitment to Taiwan is “rock-solid and contributes to the maintenance of peace and stability across the Taiwan Strait and within the region,” Psaki said. “We have been clear, privately and publicly, about our concern about the PRC's pressure and coercion toward Taiwan, and we will continue to watch the situation very closely,” she said.

Meanwhile, State Department Spokesperson Ned Price told reporters that the US is very concerned by China's provocative military activity near Taiwan.

“This activity is destabilising. It risks miscalculations and undermines regional peace and stability. We strongly urge Beijing to cease its military, diplomatic, and economic pressure and coercion against Taiwan,” he said. Some analysts say the increased military flights could be seen as a warning to Taiwan's president Tsai Ing-wen ahead of the island's National Day October 10.

RAISING VOICE



Women and teachers demonstrate inside a private school to demand their rights and equal education for women and girls, during a gathering for National Teachers' Day, at a private school in Kabul, Afghanistan

PTI PHOTO

UAE’s new space mission

ASSOCIATED PRESS

Dubai, Oct 5: The United Arab Emirates Tuesday announced plans to send a probe to land on an asteroid between Mars and Jupiter to collect data on the origins of the universe, the latest project in the oil-rich federation's ambitious space program.

A successful landing would see the UAE join an elite club of the European Union, Japan and the United States, which have completed the feat.

The probe would remain behind on the asteroid, transmitting back



to Earth information on the composition of the asteroid as long as its batteries remain charged.

The project targets a 2028 launch with a landing in 2033, a five-year journey in which the spacecraft

will travel some 3.6 billion kilometers (2.2 billion miles).

The spacecraft would need to slingshot first around Venus and then the Earth to gather enough speed to reach an asteroid some 560 million kilometers (350 million miles) away.

It's still under discussion what data the Emirates will collect but the mission will be an even greater challenge that previous ones, given the spacecraft will travel both near the sun and far from it, said Sarah al-Amiri, the chair of the UAE Space Agency and a minister of state for advanced technology.

FB, Insta, WhatsApp, Messenger back online

AGENCIES

Washington, Oct 5: Facebook, Instagram, WhatsApp, and Messenger are now back up and running after the popular social media platforms suffered a massive global outage due to a “faulty configuration change” that lasted almost six hours, affecting tens of millions of users worldwide.

The Facebook-owned platforms all crashed Monday evening, blocking users from accessing their services.

The California-based company said late Monday that “the root cause of this outage was a faulty configuration change”, adding that it had “no evidence that user data

Network hurts kids, fuels division : Ex-FB employee

A former Facebook data scientist told Congress Tuesday that the social network giant's products harm children and fuel polarisation in the US while its executives refuse to change because they elevate profits over safety. And she laid responsibility with the company's CEO Mark Zuckerberg. Frances Haugen testified to the Senate Commerce Subcommittee on Consumer Protection. Speaking confidentially at a charged hearing, she accused the company of being aware of apparent harm to some teens from Instagram and being dishonest in its public fight against hate and misinformation. “Facebook's products harm children, stoke division and weaken our democracy,” Haugen said.

was compromised as a result of this downtime.”

“Our services are now back online and we're actively working to fully return them to regular operations,” Facebook Vice President Infrastructure Santosh Janardhan

said Monday. “To all the people and businesses around the world who depend on us, we are sorry for the inconvenience caused by today's outage across our platforms. We've been working as hard as we can to restore access, and our systems



are now back up and running.

“We apologize to all those affected, and we're working to understand more about what happened today so we can continue to make our infrastructure more resilient,” the Indian-American official said in a statement.

All three services are owned by Facebook and could not be accessed over the web or on smartphone apps. WhatsApp users on both

iPhone and Android could not make or receive phone or video calls or send text messages.

While the users of the three social media platforms remained clueless as they repeatedly received error messages for most part of the day, the stocks of Facebook dropped by nearly five per cent. Earlier, Facebook founder Mark Zuckerberg apologised to those

affected by the outage.

“Facebook, Instagram, WhatsApp and Messenger are coming back online now. Sorry for the disruption today – I know how much you rely on our services to stay connected with the people you care about,” he posted on Facebook.

Mark Zuckerberg's personal wealth has fallen by more than \$6 billion in a few hours, knocking him down a notch on the list of the world's richest people, after a whistleblower came forward and outages took Facebook Inc.'s flagship products offline.

A selloff sent the social-media giant's stock plummeting 4.9% on Monday, adding to a drop of about 15% since mid-September.

of the day **quote**

SAF is a big challenge, in which we can only collaborate. So, we are working with Shell, we are working with UOP, and we are working with the Indian petroleum ministry to try and see how we can help with this issue



RONOJOY DUTTA | INDIGO CEO

I see a 50 per cent chance of a marginal hike in the repo rate because such a move will be timely and will help avoid a shock to the market



SAUGATA BHATTACHARYA | AXIS BANK CHIEF ECONOMIST

5G will be a transformational technology when it comes to delivering broadband coverage to the last mile through use cases like FWA and contribute to a more inclusive digital economy



RANDEEP SINGH SEKHON | AIRTEL CTO

SHORT TAKES

NCLT tells Zee to file reply by Oct 7

Mumbai: The National Company Law Tribunal (NCLT) Tuesday directed Zee Entertainment Enterprises to submit reply on a petition filed by Invesco and OFI Global China by Thursday. The tribunal said the matter of the dispute is simple - whether the extraordinary general meeting (EGM) requisition is valid or not and it cannot give Zee Entertainment Enterprises 'weeks and weeks' of time for filing its reply to the same.

Samsung launches Galaxy F42 5G

Bhubaneswar: Samsung announced the launch of its first F series 5G smartphone Galaxy F42 5G on Flipkart. The model features 64MP triple camera with night mode, segment-leading 6.6" FHD+ display with 90Hz refresh rate and 12 bands 5G support and 5000mAh. Galaxy F42 5G will be available in two memory variants- 6GB+128GB priced at ₹20,999 and 8GB+128GB priced at ₹22,999. Consumers [will be able to purchase Galaxy F42 5G at a special introductory price of ₹17,999 for 6GB+128GB and ₹19,999 for 8GB+128GB on Big Billion Day.

Meesho's annual sale from Oct 6

New Delhi: Meesho announced that its first annual flagship sale event the Maha Indian Shopping League will begin October 6 to 9, 2021. The company has on boarded over 1 lakh new sellers ahead of the four-day festive sale. Consumers can shop from over 700 categories and stand a chance to win prizes worth ₹20 crore.

Joint initiative to boost startups

Bhubaneswar: The MeitY Startup Hub, an initiative of the Ministry of Electronics and IT (MeitY) has entered into a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with Amazon Internet Services Private Ltd. (AISPL), which undertakes the resale and marketing of Amazon Web Services (AWS) Cloud services in India, to promote technology innovation and the sustainable growth of startups in India. As part of this new collaboration, MeitY Startup Hub and AWS will work together to identify startups with deep technology capabilities, and enable and empower them to build impactful solutions to address the biggest problems facing society in India.



We face a global recovery that remains 'hobbled' by the pandemic and its impact. We are unable to walk forward properly – it is like walking with stones in our shoes

KRISTALINA GEORGIEVA | IMF CHIEF

COAL CRUNCH

Power plants left with less than 4 days of dry fuel stocks

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

New Delhi, Oct 5: Ahead of the festival season, coal supply crisis seems to be deepening as 64 non-pithead power plants are left with less than four days of the dry fuel stocks.

The latest report on coal stocks for power plants from the Central Electricity Authority (CEA) also showed that 25 such power plants had coal stocks for less than seven days as on October 3.

As many as 64 non-pithead thermal power plants had less than four days of stocks of the dry fuel.

The CEA monitors coal stocks at 135 power plants that have a cumulative generation capacity of 165 GW on a daily basis.

Overall, total coal stocks of 78,09,200 tonnes were available at the 135 plants as on October 3 and that was sufficient for four days.

The daily coal requirement of the 135 power plants with 165 GW of installed capacity is 18,24,100 tonnes. Among the 135 plants, not even a single one had eight or more days of coal stocks.

According to the report, there were seven non-pithead plants (where the coal mine is more than 1,500 kilometres away) which had



less than five days of coal (super critical) while one such plant had less than nine days of stocks of dry fuel (critical).

Among the pithead power plants, three had less than three days of coal (supercritical) while seven had less than five days of stocks of dry fuel (critical).

The report also showed that 17 plants - with cumulative installed power generation capacity of 21,325 MW - had zero coal stocks while 20 power plants of 22,550 MW capacity had one day of the dry fuel stocks.

As many 20 power plants with a total generation capacity of 29,960 MW had two days of coal stocks while 19 power plants, with total gen-

eration capacity of 22,000 MW, had three days of the dry fuel stocks, as per the report.

The report showed that there were 15 power plants, with cumulative generation capacity of 16,890 MW, which had four days of coal stocks. Six power plants, having 7,174 MW generation capacity, had dry fuel stocks for five days.

Nine power plants with 9,360 MW total generation capacity had coal stocks for six days while one power plant of 2,270 MW generation capacity had dry fuel stocks for seven days.

Power Minister R K Singh had reportedly termed the coal shortage as way beyond normal.

JSW Paints enters Odisha market

POST NEWS NETWORK

Bhubaneswar, Oct 5: JSW Paints has now forayed into the Odisha market with its all water-based portfolio of paints. The company has begun rolling out its portfolio comprising of 1,808 colours in the City.

Launched in 2019, JSW Paints has so far established a strong presence in the South and West markets. It is now scaling up its operations in the North, Central and East regions to become a pan-India player. JSW Paints has earmarked an investment of ₹750 crore to scale-up its operations across North, Central and East regions. These investments will be utilised to expand current paint-manufacturing capacities aimed at servicing the customers' demand in Odisha and other new markets as well as on marketing and distribution initiatives.

Anuradha Bose, Vice President



(Marketing) said, "We are pleased to offer in Odisha the advantage of any colour one price. For the first time in India, our customers will benefit from pricing transparency while choosing colours for their homes. With a focus on being environment-friendly, our water-based range of paints for all surfaces including wood and metal will ensure that we cater to painting needs of every home in this state."

Srivaatsan Vijayaraghavan, Vice President (Sales) said, "In Odisha, the customer's involvement in the selection of paint is growing. Every product packs global best practices and better features in comparison to current offerings in the market. In order to ensure that our consumers have easy access to our product portfolio, we are putting in place a robust network of retailers across Odisha."

DoT mulls withdrawing cases against telcos

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

New Delhi, Oct 5: The government is considering withdrawing legal cases against telecom companies, involving disputes of about ₹40,000 crore, according to a source.

In line with this, the Department of Telecom has already filed an affidavit before the Supreme Court in a case against Anil Ambani-promoted Reliance Communications to take an informed decision whether to proceed with the present appeal or not, the source said.

DoT has said the telecom sector is passing through a financial stress due to various circumstances and telecom services providers are making losses.

It has sighted representation from the Indian Banks' Association that adverse developments in the telecom sector may lead to failures, vanishing competition, monopoly, unsustainable operations and severe loss for the banking system which has a huge exposure to this sector.

"...The central government is desirous of reviewing and/or reconsidering its decision to proceed with the present proceedings of appeal. It is submitted that con-



sidering the nature of issue involved, this decision will have to be taken after the scrutiny at various levels which may consumer some reasonable time," the affidavit dated October 4 said.

According to the government, the amount involved in the cases imposes financial liability to the tune of ₹40,000 crore approximately on various telecom operators.

DoT has asked the Supreme Court for three weeks' time to enable "the central government to take an informed decision whether to proceed with the present ap-

AGENCIES

New Delhi, Oct 5: International ratings agency Moody's Tuesday upgraded India's rating outlook to 'stable' from 'negative', saying a recovery is underway in Asia's third-largest economy and growth this fiscal will surpass the pre-pandemic rate.

Moody's Investors Service however kept India's sovereign rating at 'Baa3' - which is the lowest investment grade, just a notch above junk status.

The change in the rating outlook to 'stable' from 'negative', which was assigned in November 2019, reflected receding downside risks to the economy and financial system.

"An economic recovery is underway with activity picking up and broadening across sectors," Moody's said.

Following a deep contraction of 7.3 per cent in fiscal 2020 (ended March 2021), Moody's expects India's real GDP to surpass 2019 levels this fiscal year (April 2021 to March 2022), rebounding to a growth rate of 9.3 per cent, followed by 7.9 per cent in the next financial year.

"Downside risks to growth from subsequent coronavirus infection waves are mitigated by rising vac-

'INDIAN GAMING MARKET TO REACH \$3.9BN BY 2025'

The pandemic era has seen huge growth in the gaming segment in the country and the gaming market is estimated to reach USD 3.9 billion by 2025, a joint report titled 'Building up the e-gaming ecosystem of India and the influence of smartphones' by industry body IAMAI OnePlus and RedSeer said.



Invest in EVs, charging pods: Govt to Coal India

REUTERS

Chennai, Oct 5: India's coal ministry has asked state-run Coal India to diversify its interests to areas such as electric vehicles and charging stations, according to an agenda document on the ministry's website.

"Coal India must diversify its business and must explore prospects in sunrise industries electric charging pods, electric vehicles etc," the coal ministry said in a document titled "Ministry of Coal's agenda for 2021-22".

Coal India is the world's largest coal mining company by production and accounts for over 80% of India's output of the fuel.

India is the second-largest importer, consumer and producer of coal, and has the world's fourth-largest reserves. It mainly imports from Indonesia, Australia and South Africa.

The federal government-controlled miner has already an-

nounced plans to invest in solar wafer manufacturing and power generation, coal gasification, extraction of coal bed methane and setting up aluminium smelters.

India has also asked the miner to consider participating in foreign tenders seeking coal after meeting domestic demand.

"Traders/coil consumers of the neighboring countries can also participate in the Special Spot e-auction / Spot e-auction windows of Coal India," the document read.

The ministry also said a "robust media campaign" was needed for "perception management in the coal sector," adding that plans submitted by Coal India and its units were being finalized.

Indian utilities are currently scrambling to secure coal supplies as inventories hit critical lows after a surge in power demand from industries and sluggish imports due to record global prices push power plants to the brink.



Moody's upgrades India's rating outlook to stable from negative



cination rates and more selective use of restrictions on economic activity, as seen during the second wave," it noted.

The US-based ratings firm had in 2020 lowered India's rating from 'Baa2' with a 'negative' outlook, saying there would be challenges in policy implementation amid low growth and deteriorating fiscal position.

In a statement on Tuesday, Moody's said "the decision to change the outlook to stable reflects Moody's view that the downside risks from negative feedback between the real economy and fi-

ancial system are receding."

With higher capital cushions and greater liquidity, banks and non-bank financial institutions pose much lesser risk to the sovereign than Moody's previously anticipated.

"And while risks stemming from a high debt burden and weak debt affordability remain, Moody's expects that the economic environment will allow for a gradual reduction of the general government fiscal deficit over the next few years, preventing further deterioration of the sovereign credit profile," it added.

Govt amends rules to allow 50% sale of coal from captive mines

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

New Delhi, Oct 5: The government Tuesday said it has amended rules with a view to allow 50 per cent sale of coal from captive mines.

The move is likely to benefit over 100 captive coal and lignite blocks with over 500 million tonnes per annum peak rated capacity as well as all coal and lignite bearing states.

"The Ministry of Coal has amended Mineral Concession Rules, 1960 with a view to allowing sale of coal or lignite, on payment of additional amount, by the lessee of a captive mine up to 50 per cent of the total coal or lignite produced in a financial year, after meeting the requirement of the end use plant linked with the mine," the coal ministry said in a statement.

Earlier this year, the Mines and Minerals (Development & Regulation) Amendment Act had been amended to this effect.

This is applicable for both the private and public sector captive mines.

With this amendment, the government has paved the way for releasing of additional coal in the

Nalco posts highest cast metal production

POST NEWS NETWORK

Bhubaneswar, Oct 5: The National Aluminium Company Limited (Nalco) has registered the highest ever half-yearly production of cast metal in the financial year 2021-22. The achievement was announced in a social media by the Navratna CPSE.

The company announced in tweet, the Nalco, under the Union Ministry of Mines, has produced 22,60,28 tonne of cast metal in the financial year of 2021-22 as against to 20,41,43 tonne of cast metal during the past fiscal.

Union Minister for Coal and Mines Pralhad Joshi congratulated the company for the achievement. In a tweet, Joshi said, "Nalco has yet again reached another milestone in its glorious journey of Business Excellence. The Navratna CPSE has achieved the highest ever half-yearly production of cast metal since inception in H1 FY22."

On the production front, Nalco has put up an impressive performance in the first quarter of the current fiscal. During the first quarter, the production of bauxite, alumina and aluminium have been 17.61 lakh tonnes, 5.21 lakh tonnes and 1.14 lakh tonnes respectively, compared to 17.10 lakh tonnes, 4.65 lakh tonnes and 0.98 lakh tonnes respectively in the comparative period of the last fiscal.

Nalco also reported impressive results in the Q1 ended June 30. The net profit has jumped to ₹347.73 crore from ₹16.63 crore achieved in the corresponding period of the previous year.

The company also posted revenue from operations of ₹2474.55 crore, an increase of 79.2% compared to ₹1380.63 crore achieved in the corresponding quarter of the previous year.

CIL board approves pre-feasibility report for project in Odisha

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

Kolkata, Oct 5: State-run Coal India Ltd Tuesday said its board has approved a pre-feasibility report for setting up an integrated aluminium project in Odisha.

The miner, in December last year, had got in-principle approval for venturing into aluminium and solar sectors and creation of special purpose vehicles.

"CIL, in its board meeting held on date had accorded its in-principle approval to pre-feasibility report for setting up of integrated greenfield aluminium project in Odisha which shall include bauxite mining, alumina refinery, aluminium smelter and associated captive power plant by its wholly owned subsidiary Mahanadi coal-fields Limited," the coal behemoth said in a regulatory filing.

The Maharatna PSU accounts for over 80 per cent of domestic coal output and has expertise in mining.

market by greater utilisation of mining capacities of captive coal and lignite blocks, which were being only partly utilised owing to limited production of coal for meeting their captive needs.

Availability of additional coal will ease pressure on power plants and will also aid in import-substitution of coal.

The allowance for sale prescribed quantity of coal or lignite shall also motivate the lessees to enhance the production from the captive mines.

Further, payment of additional premium amount, royalty and other statutory payments in respect of the quantity of coal or lignite sold shall boost the revenue of the state governments.

The government has also made provisions for grant of mining lease to a government company or corporation for coal or lignite for a period of fifty years.

Grant of mining leases for a period of fifty years shall boost seamless continuous production of coal or lignite by the government companies or corporations contributing to the coal/lignite security of the nation.

MI SHOW ROYALS THE DOOR



Nathan Coulter-Nile appeals for a wicket; (inset) Ishan Kishan plays a shot

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

Sharjah, Oct 5: James Neesham (3/12) and Nathan Coulter-Nile (4/14) bowled exceptionally well to keep Mumbai Indians alive and kicking as they outclassed Rajasthan Royals by eight wickets in a low-scoring IPL match, here Tuesday.

Neesham and Coulter-Nile got required help from Jasprit Bumrah (2/14) to choke Rajasthan for a meagre 90/9. The five-time champions then knocked off the runs in 8.2 overs to go up to 12 points and more importantly improve their net run-rate to -0.048. This was also the biggest victory for MI in terms of balls left (70).

Ishan Kishan (50 n o, 25b, 5x4, 3x6) got some much-needed confidence during the short chase as MI knocked Royals out of IPL from the league stage itself yet again as they flattered to deceive.

MI will now meet Sunrisers Hyderabad Friday, another must-win game but they would also want

TODAY'S MATCH

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Kolkata Knight Riders (12 points, NRR +0.294) to lose their last match against Royals Thursday.

In case KKR win and move up to 14 points, MI on the last day would know how much they require to get past Shah Rukh Khan-owned team's net run-rate.

On the day, Neesham and Coulter-Nile hit the ideal length on a tacky strip as they choked Royals to the lowest T20 total by any team batting first at Sharjah.

Rohit Sharma was spot-on in deciding to bowl first and Neesham, playing his first game of the UAE leg, took the pace off his deliveries on a Sharjah track where the ball wasn't coming onto the bat.



Coulter-Nile was equally effective with his change-ups and hitting the hard-lengths more often than not en route one of his best IPL spells.

Royals were blown away in a space of four overs as they slumped from 41/1 in the last over of Powerplay to 50/5 by the time the first 10 was about to end. There was no looking back for MI from that position.

The in-form Sanju Samson (3) tried to slash hard without reaching to the pitch of the delivery as Jayant Yadav at point took a diving catch. Shivam Dube after the CSK hero-



James Nisham reacts after dismissing a Royals batter, Tuesday

ics tried to reach at a fuller delivery on 'fifth stump' and dragged it back while Rahul Tewatia (12) in the midst of a horrendous season, tried to pull a short ball that came late and took the edge into keeper's hands.

Neesham's induction in place of Krunal Pandya proved to be a master-stroke as he didn't give enough pace to manoeuvre and also bowled wicket-to-wicket, not experimenting much.

Evin Lewis (24) once again started in rollicking fashion but

the course of Royals innings was changed when talented Yashasvi Jaiswal (12) failed to ride the bounce off a Coulter-Nile delivery to be caught behind. Once Bumrah got rid of Lewis, rest of the Royals batters fell like a pack of cards.

BRIEF SCORES

RR 90/9 (Evin Lewis 24; Nathan Coulter-Nile 4/14, James Neesham 3/12, Jasprit Bumrah 2/14) **lost to MI 94/2** (Ishan Kishan 50 n o; Mustafizur Rahman 1/32) **by 8 wickets.**

Hockey India pull out of 2022 CWG

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

New Delhi, Oct 5: India Tuesday pulled out of next year's Birmingham Commonwealth Games' hockey competition, citing COVID-19 concerns and UK's discriminatory quarantine rules for travellers from the country, a day after England's withdrawal from the junior men's World Cup in Bhubaneswar over similar reasons.

Hockey India President Gyanandro Ningombam communicated the federation's decision to Indian Olympic Association (IOA) President Narinder Batra in a letter.

Hockey India reasoned that there is only a 32-day window available between the Birmingham Games (July 28-August 8) and the Hangzhou Asian Games (September 10-25).

HI said it can't risk sending its players to the UK, which has been one of the worst affected by the coronavirus pandemic.

"You will appreciate that the Asian games is the Continental qualification event for the 2024 Paris Olympic Games and keeping the priority of the Asian Games in mind, Hockey India cannot risk any members of the Indian teams contracting COVID-19 during the Commonwealth Games," Ningombam wrote.

"Therefore, Hockey India will not be sending its men and women teams to Commonwealth Games 2022 and are informing you in advance to kindly notify the Organisers to identify reserve teams."

The UK recently refused to recognise India's COVID-19 vaccination certificates and imposed a 10-day hard quarantine on travellers from the country even if they were fully vaccinated.

The discrimination was prominently mentioned in Ningombam's letter to the IOA President, who has issued instructions for co-ordination with the sport's world governing body FIH for the details of the reserve teams. Batra heads the FIH as well.

"Such discriminatory restric-



tions were not imposed on Indian athletes and officials during the recent Tokyo Olympic Games and this 10-day quarantine requirement for vaccinated sports persons will affect their performance," Ningombam stated. "We feel these restrictions are biased against India and term it as very unfortunate," he said.

HI's move comes a day after England pulled out of the junior World Cup to be held in Bhubaneswar next month, citing a number of COVID-related concerns and taking "note" of the Indian government's mandatory 10-day quarantine protocol for all UK nationals. India imposed reciprocal curbs on all British nationals arriving in the country after UK's steadfast refusal to reconsider its restrictions.

Under India's new norms, all British nationals arriving here from the UK, irrespective of their vaccination status, will have to produce the result of the RT-PCR test done within 72 hours before travel.

They will also have to undertake two more RT-PCR tests, one on their arrival at the airport in India and the second one on Day 8 after arrival.

The Birmingham CWG would have been first big event for both the teams after their inspirational performances at the Tokyo Games, where the men's team won a bronze while the women finished a creditable fourth.

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