



SET TO ROLL: Chariots stationed near the Lion's Gate of Srimandir in Puri, Saturday, to take the sibling deities on their nine-day annual sojourn starting Sunday

Ratna Bhandar decision July 9

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Bhubaneswar, July 6: The high-level committee set up by the government to supervise the Shree Jagannath Temple Managing Committee in carrying out inventory of valuables including jewellery in the Ratna Bhandar will meet July 9 to fix the date for its reopening.

Justice Biswanath Rath, who is the chairman of the high-level committee said this after the committee held its first meeting in Puri, Saturday.

Speaking to media after the meeting, Justice Rath said, "After examining the available documents and record, it was found that a duplicate key of the Ratna Bhandar is there in the Puri government treasury. So, we have decided to hold another meeting of the panel July 9 to fix the date for the reopening of the

Lock to be broken if need arises

PURI: As the inner chamber of the treasury has not been opened for several decades, the lock of the door might not be working. So, keeping it in mind, a SOP will be prepared with the approval of the government to break the lock in such a situation, committee chairman Rath shared.

Ratna Bhandar: The chief administrator of Shree Jagannath Temple Administration (SJTA), who is the member convenor of the panel, has been asked to produce the duplicate key of the Ratna Bhandar before the committee in the next meeting, he said.

The committee has observed that the repair work cannot be taken up without shifting the jewellery and other valuable ma-

terials stored in the treasury. It was decided in the meeting to ask the temple managing committee to take a decision on proper storage of the jewellery and ornaments during the repair work, added Rath.

He also shared that the SOP will also mention the inventory of valuables including jewellery immediately after its shifting to a safe place.

During the last time, experts from Hyderabad and Chennai were brought for the inventory of the ornaments. So, this time also, the committee will decide who will be engaged for proper inventory of the ornaments, informed Rath.

"We hope that the repair work will be started and shifting of the ornaments will be completed during the Rath Yatra, before the return of sibling deities to the temple," he asserted.

IRREGULAR by MANJUL



New instructions- from now on, even drizzle will be reported as heavy rains

Cold stores in all sub-divisions: CM

POST NEWS NETWORK

Bhubaneswar, July 6: The state government will set up cold storage facilities in all sub-divisions soon to help out the farmers.

Chief Minister Mohan Charan Majhi made the announcement after holding discussions with several farmers' associations here at Krushi Bhawan, Saturday. Deputy Chief Minister and Agriculture Minister KV Singh Deo

and department Secretary Arabinda Padhee were also present on the occasion.

"The state government will take steps to set up a cold store in each sub-division of Odisha for the benefit of farmers. In the initial phase, the facilities will be available in 58 sub-divisions of the state," affirmed Majhi.

The CM also revealed that the government is set to frame guidelines for inclusion of all eligible farm-

ers in the state under PM-Kisan Samman Nidhi.

While the CM assured to set up cold stores in all sub-divisions, Food Supplies and Consumer Welfare Minister Krushna Chandra Patra had, June 24, said that the government is planning to come up with these facilities in every block of the state.

The move will help in controlling the price hike of vegetable, the minister added then.

4TH CASE OF BRAIN-EATING AMOEBA FOUND IN KERALA

Kozhikode: Another case of amoebic meningoencephalitis, a rare brain infection caused by a free-living amoeba found in contaminated waters, has been reported from Kerala.

A 14-year-old boy, a resident of Payyoli in this north Kerala district, is afflicted with the disease, according to sources in the private hospital where he is being treated. This is the fourth case of the rare infection reported in the state since May and all the patients are children, three of whom have already died. In the latest case, one of the doctors treating the boy said that he was admitted to the hospital July 1, and his condition is improving. The doctor said, Saturday, that the infection was identified quickly at the hospital and treatment, including medicines from abroad, was given immediately. A 14-year-old boy infected with the free-living amoeba died in the state, July 3. Before that, two others -- a five-year-old girl from Malappuram and a 13-year-old girl from Kannur -- died May 21 and June 25, respectively, due to the infection. Friday, Chief Minister Pinarayi Vijayan held a meeting in which several suggestions, including not to bathe in unclean waterbodies, were given to prevent further infections.

NEET-UG counselling deferred

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New Delhi, July 6: Counselling for National Eligibility cum Entrance Test-Undergraduate (NEET-UG), 2024, is expected to start by the end of this month, official sources said. The counselling session was likely to begin in the first week of July. However, the authorities had not notified any date or schedule.

The sources said the process of issuing permission letters to some medical colleges was still underway and additional seats were likely to be added.

"The date of counselling will be announced once the exercise gets over to ensure seats of the new colleges can be taken up in

the first round itself," an official source said. The counselling process might begin later this month, the source added.

Amid growing clamour for cancellation of the controversy-ridden NEET-UG, 2024, over alleged malpractice, the Centre and the National Testing Agency told the Supreme Court Friday that scrapping it without any proof of large-scale breach of confidentiality would be counterproductive as it could 'seriously jeopardise' lakhs of honest candidates.

The apex court last month refused to defer the counselling process. It was hearing a petition seeking a direction to pause the process for two days.



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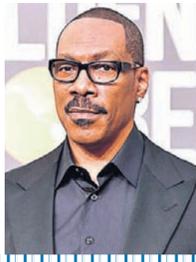


EMMA CALLS JULIA ROBERT'S CLASSICS AS COMFORT MOVIES

Actress Emma Roberts said she has downloaded her Oscar-winning aunt Julia Roberts' movies and watches them for comfort when she is by herself. Emma, who is the niece of Hollywood star Julia Roberts, made this revelation in an interview with *Variety*.

MURPHY DOESN'T WANT A FUNERAL

Actor Eddie Murphy has said that he does not wish to have a funeral and would like to go quietly. Murphy shared a video, where he revealed that he doesn't want a funeral after joking that people should play the Beverly Hills Cop theme music at the event to make people smile, reports *people.com*.



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ARIES
You can make a difference to others' lives. Considerate and thoughtful, today, you will be treasured more than ever as a boss, colleague, parent or beloved. Utilise this exchange of energy to sort out difficult issues. Ganesha gives a thumbs up to mega projects.

TAURUS
Ganesha sees you taking a day off from your work and immersing your self in domestic activities. A lot of time will be spent blissfully with your family folk chatting away or doing this and that. The idea of getting your interiors redone and give your house a new look will surely occur to you.

GEMINI
There is a likelihood of some household disturbance cropping up today. Your family members could make a lot of demands from you. You may feel angry because of your inability to meet all their needs and wants. Unexpected expenses are also indicated.

CANCER
Watch out for winds of change and act accordingly. Ganesha warns you of drowning in a strong current. Your task will be easier if you adjust to circumstances. Fun and entertainment are today's password. In the social sector business, you will have success. This is the right time to enhance social prestige.

LEO
You are advised to be more attentive to your work today. You will try to do the best work possible by putting in your maximum efforts. However, the results might turn out to be lower than your expectations. You need to be wary of excessive expenses or financial loss today.

VIRGO
Family affairs will predominate today. They will even control your thoughts to the exclusion of everything else. Things will look up on the business front. You may spend time relaxing in the evening. Ganesha says a trip to a place of worship is on the cards.

LIBRA
Ganesha says you will give more importance to your family and there may be concerns about the health of a family member. There may be news from abroad regarding the health of a close family member, which may disturb you today. Do maintain your mental balance today and remember that this too shall pass.

SCORPIO
A cloud of emotions surrounds you today and you would like to spend the entire day in introspection and self-analysis. You will try to raise your bar at professional level. Your far sightedness and capability to understand human psychology promises a leader in you, says Ganesha.

SAGITTARIUS
Tough times do not last, but tough people do, remember this fact and move ahead in life. Try to make the complicated life simpler by your optimistic approach. Speak up when it is required and don't get bogged down by unnecessary pressure.

CAPRICORN
You will have heard of many emotional fools who let sentiments rule their lives. Try not to be one of them, and if it's too difficult a task, at least pretend not to be one of them, for Ganesha says going by your feelings can leave you at a low ebb. In other words, your feelings can come in the way of your success.

AQUARIUS
You know how to examine the nuts and bolts of every assignment or project, and it consumes your resources to a great extent. But, like a stitch in time saves nine, your meticulous planning minimises the chances of a loss or a failure, feels Ganesha.

PISCES
You could find yourself re-establishing contact with long lost friends abroad, possibly on matters of business. You will also likely find yourself attending social events. There is a possibility that those who are unmarried, may find their match in these social settings.



Samantha accused of playing victim card

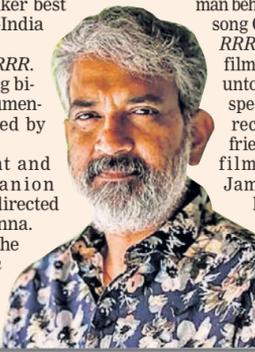
Mumbai: Actress Samantha Ruth Prabhu's latest post on the use of hydrogen peroxide nebulization has not gone down well with Dr. Cyriac Abby Philips, aka The Liver Doc, leading to the duo ending up in a virtual war of words of sorts. After the actress' post, The Liver Doc criticised her, calling her health and science illiterate. In response, Samantha issued a lengthy clarification, explaining she wasn't advocating treatment but suggesting it with good intentions. She emphasised that treatments can be costly and that educated doctors, like her highly qualified MD doctor, often guide these recommendations. In reaction to Samantha's clarification, The Liver Doc released yet another post on X, accusing the actress of playing the victim card and stating that Samantha is a serial offender in the context of healthcare misinformation. Pointedly mentioning the actress, his statement read, "Ms. Samantha Ruth Prabhu has responded to my provocative criticism of her endorsement of unscientific, pseudoscientific, and baseless alternative medicine therapies by playing the victim card and endorsing more alternative practices. Please note that she is a serial offender in the context of healthcare misinformation, and she has been in the line of fire previously too. The reason why doctors like me have to waste time from our busy schedules to fight misinformation online is because it is peddled by large, influential celebrity accounts that have no regard for public health."

"Everyone plays the victim of scientific criticism but will keep embracing and holding on to dogmatic views in healthcare, traditional untested observations, or debunked dangerous therapies without shame or self-reflection. If celebrity influencers really want to impact people positively, then start unlearning and re-learning, develop critical thinking skills, disregard logical fallacies, and stand up for medical science instead of playing victim to the same science that is helping you and all of us survive into the future. I won't be commenting on or debunking any of Samantha's future endorsements of pseudoscientific alternative public health-endangering posts because," he concluded the post.

Netflix announces documentary on Rajamouli

Mumbai: Streaming platform Netflix, Saturday announced a documentary film, titled *Modern Masters: SS Rajamouli*, on the celebrated filmmaker best known for pan-India blockbusters *Baahubali* and *RRR*. The upcoming biographical documentary is produced by Applause Entertainment and Film Companion Studios and is directed by Raghav Khanna. According to the makers, *Modern Masters: SS Rajamouli* will encapsulate his enduring legacy, and his innovative contributions to filmmaking. In addition to this, it will feature an interview with Rajamouli, also known for action movies such as *Eega* and *Magadheera*, and the man behind the best-original song Oscar-winning film *RRR*. The documentary film will shed light on untold stories and perspectives from the director's family, close friends, and celebrated filmmakers such as James Cameron, Joe Russo, and Karan Johar, as well as actors Prabhas, Rana

Daggubati, Jr NTR, and Ram Charan. Monika Shergill, Vice-President Content, Netflix India, said, "S.S. Rajamouli is an icon whose visionary storytelling and cinematic brilliance have built deep fandom and put Indian cinema on the global map. His adventurous spirit and mastery of fantasy and epic genres have left an indelible mark on entertainment-loving audiences globally, breathing life into iconic tales from Indian history and culture." The biographical documentary is set to premiere, August 2.



Hina finding strength in scars

Mumbai: Actress Hina Khan, amid her battle with stage three breast cancer, said that she embraces her scars because they are the first sign of progress. The actress took to Instagram and shared a series of photos dressed in an electric pink racerback paired with black bottoms. "What do you see in this Picture? The scars on my body or the hope in my eyes? The scars are mine, I embrace them with love because they're the first sign of the progress I deserve," she wrote. The actress said that she is manifesting her healing. She wrote, "The hope in my eyes is the reflection of my Soul, I can almost see the light at the end of the tunnel. I am manifesting my healing. And I am praying for yours too. #SacredNotScared #DaddysStrongGirl." July 4, Hina chose to let go of her beautiful hair before it started falling off. The actress, who is undergoing chemotherapy to treat her stage three breast cancer, shared a reel while she was getting a haircut. Hina, who revealed her diagnosis, June 28, shared: "My mother's tearful blessings in Kashmiri were heartbreaking as she faced the unimaginable. Managing grief is different for everyone. To women fighting similar battles, I understand the pain of losing your hair. I choose to take control, cut my hair, and make a wig to avoid prolonged distress."

Taapsee on changing dynamics of showbiz

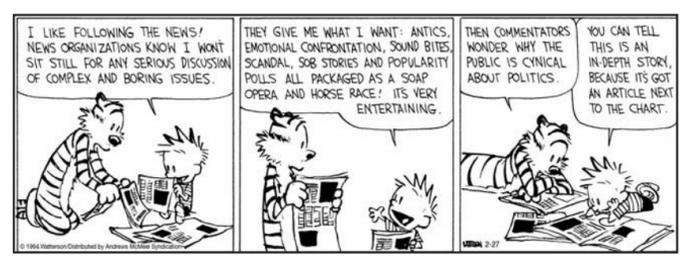
Mumbai: Actress Taapsee Pannu discussed the challenges faced by small-budget films on OTT platforms and sheds light on the shifting dynamics of the entertainment industry. In an interview with a media portal, the *Manmarziyaan* actress explained, "Every studio started packaging their films so that they could get a good price and sell it to OTT so that you are not facing the risk of recovery because you don't have big names to pull in the audience. Strangely, now, OTT has also turned back and said we can't take every film and we don't want to spend money on the PR of every film." The actress added further, "They decided that a small film with no stars is difficult to push in the market even on OTT and they don't want to spend the money on the PR. They ask to release the film in theatres with whatever little PR money you have and they will release it on OTT after whatever number of weeks in the theatres." Taapsee also shared her experience with her production venture *Dhak Dhak*, featuring Sanjana Sanghi, Ratna Pathak Shah, and many others in the lead. Despite being pulled from theatres within a week, *Dhak Dhak* achieved remarkable success on OTT, outperforming *The Archies*, which featured high-profile debutants like Suhana Khan, Khushi Kapoor, and Agastya Nanda.



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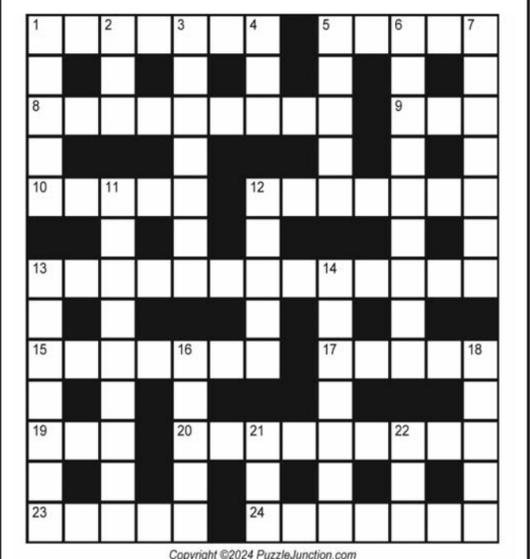
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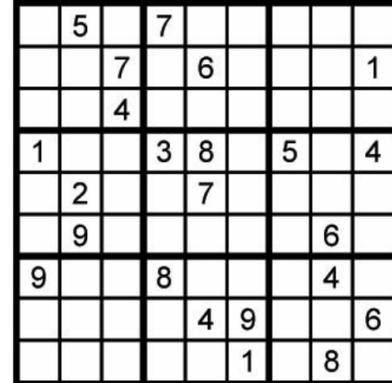
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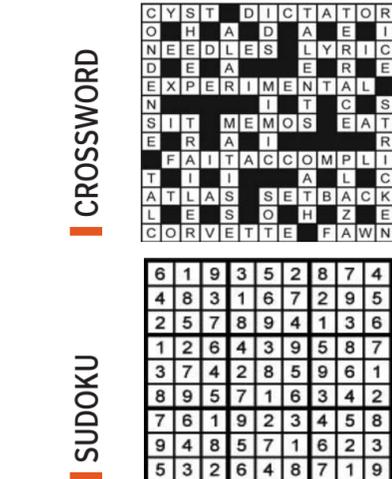
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 - 21 Tourist's aid
 - 22 Dissenting vote

SUDOKU

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



SOLUTIONS



CHECK FOR SOLUTIONS OF THE PUZZLES TOMORROW

New Delhi: Parliament's Budget Session will be held between July 22 and August 12, Parliamentary Affairs Minister Kiren Rijju said Saturday, adding, Union Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman will present the Budget July 23. Rijju said, "Hon'ble President of India, on the recommendation of Government of India, has approved the proposal for summoning of both the Houses of Parliament for the Budget Session 2024 from July 22, 2024 to August 12, 2024 (Subject to exigencies of Parliamentary Business)." This will be the first Budget presented by the government led by Prime Minister Narendra Modi in its third term amid high anticipation following President Droupadi Murmu's assertion that it will be marked by many historic steps. In her address to a joint sitting of Parliament, she had said major social and economic decisions will be a highlight of the Budget.

Prez arrives on 4-day visit

AGENCIES

Bhubaneswar, July 6: President Droupadi Murmu arrived here on a special IAF flight Saturday on a four-day visit to the state. Governor Raghubar Das and Chief Minister Mohan Charan Majhi received her at Biju Patnaik International Airport.

Murmu then went to a programme held on the occasion of the 96th death anniversary of Odia icon 'Utkalamani' Pandit Gopabandhu Das, who played a pioneering role in the formation of Odisha as a separate state in 1936. Murmu, who hails from Mayurbhanj district of the state, is also scheduled to witness the Rath Yatra in Puri July 7, officials said.

She will visit Udayagiri caves and interact with the students of Bibhuti Kanungo College of Art and Crafts and Utkal University of Culture the next day, they said.

The President will inaugurate the Divine Retreat Centre of Brahma Kumaris at Haridamada village here and launch the 'Lifestyle for Sustainability' campaign July 8.

Murmu will grace the 13th graduation ceremony of the National Institute of Science Education and Research (NISER) here July 9.

STAGE SET FOR CAR FEST

PNN & AGENCIES

Puri, July 6: The stage is set for the Rath Yatra of Lord Jagannath and His siblings - Lord Balabhadra and Devi Subhadra - scheduled to commence Sunday.

This year is considered special as Netra Utsav, Nabajouban Darshan and Rath Yatra will be observed simultaneously Sunday. According to the temple almanac, the stipulated 15-day Anasar period of the deities has been reduced to 13. This year is also special for the administration as the President Droupadi Murmu will witness the festival and pull the chariots Sunday.

The administration has made all arrangements to observe all three important rituals of the deities on a single day. This will delay the pulling of the chariots Sunday, which will resume Monday morning.

As per the temple ritual schedule released to the media, servitors will perform regular rituals of the deities like Mangal Arati, Abakash, Tadap Lagi, Mailam, Rosa Homa, Surya Puja, and offer Gopal Bhog to the deities. Dutta Mahapatra servitors will make facials for the deities, known as 'Banak Lagi', to give a youthful look called 'Nabajouban Darshan'.

The administration has prohibited darshan of the deities during the Pahandi inside the temple. Daita servitors will carry out 'Chhenapatta Lagi Seva' (fixing of body armour on the deities to bear the stress during Pahandi) between 7:30am and 12noon.

The ceremonial Pahandi of the deities will begin at 1:10pm and will be completed by 2:30pm. Then, Gajapati Dibyasingha Deb will perform the Chherapahanra ritual which will be completed by



4pm. The pulling of the chariots will begin by 5pm.

As it is almost impossible to pull all three chariots to Gundicha temple, to maintain tradition, one of the chariots will be pulled a short distance and the pulling will be stopped by evening. It will resume Monday morning.

All three chariots were veered from the Rath Yard to the Lion's Gate Saturday morning. At around 11am, the temple servitor will consecrate all three chariots by performing a 'yajna' before mounting the deities on the majestic chariots.

Bahuda Yatra (return car festival) will be held July 15, and the Suna Basha of the deities will be observed thereafter.

The deities will enter the Srimandir in the ritual called Niladri Bije July 19.

About 180 platoons of police force, headed by three Additional DGPs and several IGs, have been entrusted to ensure the security of the President during the festival. The Grand Road has been divided into six security zones, with one senior officer in charge of the arrangements in each zone. As many as 164 CCTV cameras, with artificial intelligence, have been installed along the

Grand Road and in other parts of the Pilgrim town.

Public announcement drones will be used to communicate with the public, while senior police officers will monitor the entire town and venue from two integrated control rooms.

An elaborate traffic regulation plan is being implemented. Additionally, several units of bomb detection and disposal units, three companies of RAF and five companies of CRPF have been deployed.

The ECoR will operate 315 special trains to Puri from different destinations, while hundreds of buses will transport devotees to the Holy City.

The Health department has made provisions for an extra 100 beds for heatstroke patients apart from a dedicated burn ward. More than 100 doctors, with additional support staff, have been deployed at hospitals in the town and suburbs.

Chief Minister Mohan Charan Majhi, along with his two deputies Pravati Parida and Kanak Vardhan Singh Deo, and local MP Sambit Patra, conducted a cleaning operation by sweeping near the Gundicha temple early Saturday.



RICH TRIBUTES: Orissa POST and Dharitri Editor Tathagata Satpathy, Bhubaneswar (Central) MLA Ananta Narayan Jena, Samaj Joint GM Priyabrata Mohanty and people from various walks of life pay tributes to Utkalamani Gopabandhu Das on his 96th death anniversary in Bhubaneswar, Saturday

Manipal Hospitals treats infant with HRHS

POST NEWS NETWORK

Bhubaneswar, July 6: Manipal Hospitals here has successfully treated a seven-day-old infant with Hypoplastic Right Heart Syndrome (HRHS), a rare congenital condition affecting heart and lung blood flow. The 2.5kg baby arrived with critically low 65 per cent oxygen levels and acidosis.

Consultant at the Cardiology department Dr. Dibya Ranjan Behera headed the surgical team and carried out the live saving operation.

The surgery involved a two-step intervention, stabilising the infant with medication and then performing two crucial procedures, Balloon Pulmonary Valvotomy and PDA Stenting to improve heart function. Post-pro-



RECOVERING NEWBORN & PARENTS WITH DR. DIBYA RANJAN BEHERA (L) & DR. ABHILIPSA ACHARYA (R)

cedure, the newborn's oxygen saturation increased to 95 per cent.

"Hypoplastic Right Heart Syndrome is an extremely rare condition. This can be one of the first cases of its kind in the state to have been successfully treated through timely intervention," Behera said. The multidisciplinary team included the Cath lab, Cardiology

team, Neonatology team led by Dr. Abhilipsa Acharya, Janaki, NICU staff, and cardiac anaesthesiologists Dr. Vivek Choudhary and Dr. Braja Mohan Rath.

The department of Cardiology at Manipal Hospitals here is renowned for its integrated approach and using advanced technologies to diagnose and treat various cardiac conditions.



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Only the soul that is naked and unshamed, can be pure and innocent, even as Adam was in the primal garden of humanity.

SRI AUROBINDO



The Age Factor

American President Joe Biden, who is 81, says he will not drop out of the election in November and intends to be President again. The problem is that he is now being urged by people in his own party to quit, on the understanding that he is too old and too impaired to do the job competently. Age by itself is not so important as much as acuity. Biden would get by if he were physically held back by his advanced years, but here the issue is his mental state.

American presidents more than leaders in parliamentary democracies have for a long time been asked questions regarding age because of the immense power they wield. Ronald Reagan was 73 when he was campaigning for his second term and thought to be too old. Biden was dull during his debate but Reagan on live television took the age issue head on. When a political correspondent named Henry Trehwitt noted that, "you already are the oldest President in history," Reagan responded with a famous line: "I want you to know that also I will not make age an issue of this campaign. I am not going to exploit, for political purposes, my opponent's youth and inexperience."

Biden is already older than Reagan was at the end of his second term and by far the oldest man to hold the office, let alone the oldest to run for a second term. The American constitution prescribes a minimum age (35) for people to be president but there is no upper limit. However, in recent times before Biden and Trump, presidents have tended to be young, with Obama sworn in at 47, Bush at 54 and Clinton 46. Biden is ancient in comparison and leads a cabinet that is not particularly young either. Its top members are Kamala Harris (59), foreign minister Antony Blinken (62), finance minister Janet Yellen (77) and defence minister Lloyd Austin (70). The last named has had health troubles of his own, being hospitalised a few months ago without letting people know.

The United Kingdom's cabinet, appointed after Rishi Sunak's defeat to Keir Starmer, is significantly younger in comparison. Deputy PM Angela Rayner is 44, finance minister Rachel Reeves is 45, home minister Yvette Cooper 55 and foreign minister David Lammy 51. The next two ministers in order of importance are 41 and 40. Starmer is himself 61 and a generation younger than Biden.

In India, the prime minister turns 75 next year though he says he will remain in office. His cabinet is unchanged for those holding the top portfolios. The youngest in it is Amit Shah, who is 59. Then we have Rajnath Singh (72), Nirmala Sitharaman (64), S Jaishankar (69) and Nitin Gadkari (67).

Leaders in parliamentary democracies, which have an executive that is linked to parliament, unlike the presidential form of government, are notionally less powerful and have certain internal checks. The fear in America is that Biden might make some catastrophic mistake or, at best, be less than able to carry out important functions.

Another reason that the Biden candidacy is thought to be important is his opponent. Many Americans fear that given the events after Trump's defeat, their country's democracy came under threat. Their Capitol building was stormed by Trump supporters who wanted the vice president to declare Trump the victor amid calls for him to be hung. They want to ensure that Trump is defeated and for that to happen, the Democrats must have the best possible candidate facing him. Biden has long insisted that this must be him but his performance in the first debate means many are sceptical. It is for the moment up to Biden to determine whether or not he will go ahead and as president, his party will surely respect that if nothing else changes. Unfortunately for him, the election is still months away with plenty of time for him to make further gaffes or moments of weakness from him.

It is hard to see how, if he once again flounders as he did on live television, his supporters will continue to stand by him. The question is what happens if he should drop out. Since the primaries are already over the hard part appears to be behind the Democrats. They have already elected a set of state representatives who will act as an electoral panel and a rough nomination battle will not happen. These representatives, who were for Biden, must now pick someone else. This could be vice president Kamala Harris, who is widely seen as a top contender, but is not popular. Other names including the governor of California Gavin Newsom and other state leaders, none of whom is a national name and if nominated will have to quickly build a reputation to go up against Trump.

For us outsiders, it will be fascinating to see how the Democrats go about it, just as it will be interesting to see what happens if Trump wins or indeed again loses. Lastly, the age of leaders is one reason and the main one that the Nehru versus Patel debate is a non-starter. The reason of course is that Nehru was the younger man by 14 years. Sardar Patel passed away in 1950, the year the Constitution came into effect. All of his major life's work, including the integration of the states had come years before that. Nehru carried on and most of his life's most important work came after 1950.

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Aakar Patel

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Aaron Reeves & Sam Friedman

CLASS ORIGINS MAY SHAPE POLITICAL COMMITMENTS, BUT THEY DO SO IN THE CONTEXT OF CURRENT WEALTH

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WORKING-CLASS GOVT

The United Kingdom will have a new Labour government whose class composition will be radically different from previous ones. According to our analysis of Labour's shadow cabinet, some 46% of Keir Starmer's likely cabinet members were raised by parents with "working class" occupations. That figure is well above average in terms of the broader working population, and it stands in stark contrast to the 7% of outgoing Conservative cabinet members of working-class origin.

Similarly, while 69% of outgoing Prime Minister Rishi Sunak's Conservative government was privately educated at some point, the figure for Starmer's likely cabinet is 17%. That is significantly lower even than previous Labour cabinets. Some 32% of Tony Blair's first cabinet was privately educated, compared to 35% under Harold Wilson and 25% under Clement Attlee. Nationwide, around 10% of the UK's population has been privately educated at some point.

Starmer himself personifies this shift. The son of a tool-maker, he spoke continually of his working-class roots during the campaign. "We were in a position on occasion where we couldn't pay our bills ... so I know how that feels," he explained during his first debate against Sunak.

This changing class profile could have significant political implications. In our new book, *Born to Rule: The Making and Remaking of the British Elite*, we draw on a survey of more than 3,000 people in Who's Who (Britain's longstanding catalog of "noteworthy and influential people") to show that British elites from working-class backgrounds tend to tilt to the left politically and socially. They are more likely to favour increasing taxes on the rich, to emphasise reducing poverty, and to think Britain is a racist country.

Class origins do not only affect latent attitudes. We analysed every decision ever made by the UK Supreme Court and



As Labour returns to power after almost 15 years in the wilderness, class will certainly matter, even if there is no class war

found that rulings by judges with upper-class backgrounds tended to favour the right (such as by limiting the power of the state or supporting big business). This residual influence of family origin may be even more acute among politicians. Our interviews with Labour MPs from working-class backgrounds revealed that their political identities were strongly rooted in their early experiences and the influence of left-leaning parents, grandparents, and local communities.

There are already some signs that the class composition of Starmer's government will affect its policymaking. For example, the prime minister-elect has maintained a steely commitment to increasing taxes on private schools and abolishing the "non-dom" tax exemption (for people who live in the UK, but declare a permanent residence in another country). Both are issues that Labour governments in the past failed to address.

But this is not to suggest that the new government will be unleashing a class war. While politicians change frequently, most elites stick around for considerably longer. To get anything done, Starmer and other key working-class Labour figures – like Deputy Leader Angela Rayner and Shadow Health Secretary Wes Streeting – will have to work with elites in the civil service, the business world, and beyond who do not share their class origins.

In fact, our research shows that over the past century, those from privileged backgrounds have remained vastly overrepresented among this wider British elite – namely, those included in Who's Who. Since the 1890s, if you hailed from the top 1% of the wealth distribution, you were 20 times more likely than others your age to reach the British elite.

Even with the notable decline in their relative power, alumni from the country's nine most elite private schools – the group of Clarendon Schools that includes Eton, Harrow, and Winchester – are still 52 times more likely to reach the British elite than those who attend any other type of school. This high degree of class reproduction matters, because elites from more privileged backgrounds also bring with them a rightward-tilting politics shaped by their life experiences.

Labour has long wrestled with this tension. Blair eagerly sought Rupert Murdoch's endorsement, and Starmer has worked hard to garner support from Britain's business leaders. He has placed great emphasis on endorsement letters signed by executives and even trotted out a billionaire who formerly donated to the Conservative Party.

It is worth noting that the corporate executives in our data are far more likely to be economically and culturally conservative – favouring lower taxes and less public investment, and

espousing more reactionary views on race and the legacy of colonialism. The price of winning over this corporate elite therefore could be a change of direction on some issues.

Moreover, some within Labour's ranks are already sympathetic to Britain's corporate elite, not least because they are wealthy themselves. Class origins may shape political commitments, but they do so in the context of current wealth. Our data reveal that elites from working-class backgrounds who go on to become wealthy tend to be more conservative than elites from the same class origin who have amassed fewer assets.

Though we do not have detailed data on the economic circumstances of the new cabinet members, we do know that many had successful careers before entering politics. Few came up through the trade-union movement or spent much time in working-class jobs. Professional, well-paid careers mingled with working-class backgrounds tend to produce a somewhat unpredictable combination that could manifest itself in capricious ways.

Many Labour politicians may retain a latent desire to tackle class inequality, as our results suggest. But these MPs will be torn between a longstanding sense of injustice inculcated through their family life, their very real economic advantages today, and the wider political context in which they are operating. Whatever Labour's leading figures might personally feel, they could end up suppressing the influence of their working-class roots. As Labour returns to power after almost 15 years in the wilderness, class will certainly matter, even if there is no class war.

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The essence of real power

In a world where influence is often equated with wealth, status, or sheer force, real power remains a subject of profound contemplation. True power transcends these superficial metrics in subtle yet infinitely impactful ways. It is an inner force characterised by resilience, empathy, and the ability to effect meaningful change.

Understanding the true nature of power requires a shift in perspective. It challenges us to look beyond the surface and recognise the profound impact of inner strength and authenticity.

Real power is rooted in integrity. Quiet confidence comes from living authentically and aligned with one's values and principles. Unlike the fleeting nature of authority derived from position or title, integrity fosters deep-seated respect and trust from others. This trust becomes the foundation upon which authentic leadership is built. Absolute power can be seen in the everyday actions of ordinary people who make a significant impact without seeking the limelight. Real power is not loud or ostentatious. Yet, it can transform individuals and communities, creating a ripple effect that extends far beyond the immediate sphere of influence.

Empathy is another cornerstone of genuine power. The ability to connect with others on a deeply human level, to understand and share their feelings, is a transformative force. The allure of traditional power marked by titles, accolades, and material success can be enticing, yet it is often fleeting and superficial. This power relies heavily on external validation and can be as unstable as the structure it seeks to dominate. The fragility of this power becomes evident when its foundation is shaken, whether by economic downturns, shifts in public opinion, or personal failures. An unwavering sense of purpose and integrity characterises real power. Empathy allows us to see beyond our own experiences and biases. It opens our hearts and minds to the struggles and joys of others, creating a shared understanding that can dissolve barriers. This understanding is the bedrock of trust and cooperation, essential for any meaningful and sus-

tainable change. Empathetic leaders listen actively and respond compassionately, creating an environment where people feel valued and understood. This, in turn, fosters loyalty and collaboration, driving collective success.

Resilience is equally crucial to the essence of absolute power. Life is filled with challenges and setbacks, and those who possess true power exhibit an unwavering determination to persevere. This resilience is not about brute strength but about adaptability and tenacity. It is the ability to remain steadfast and optimistic in the face of adversity, turning obstacles into opportunities for growth. Resilience is a profoundly personal journey. It involves self-awareness and self-care, recognising the need to nurture mental and emotional well-being. This inner work is essential for maintaining the strength to endure and recover.

Real power also lies in the capacity to inspire and empower others. It is not about exerting control but about fostering an environment where people are encouraged to reach their full po-

tential. Empowering others creates a ripple effect, amplifying the impact of one's actions far beyond individual efforts.

Ultimately, real power feels like a profound sense of purpose. Knowing that one's actions contribute to a greater good, no matter how small. It is the satisfaction of making a positive difference in the lives of others and the world. Real power is humble and often unseen, yet its impact is enduring and far-reaching.

In a world obsessed with superficial markers of success, recognising and embracing the true nature of power can lead to a more compassionate, resilient, and empowered society. Real power is not about domination but about transformation, not about control but about connection. It is the force that drives meaningful change and leaves a long-lasting legacy. Real power is the strength that has the potential to create a more just, inclusive, and harmonious world for all.

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Ashyashree Praharaj

ABSOLUTE POWER CAN BE SEEN IN THE EVERYDAY ACTIONS OF ORDINARY PEOPLE WHO MAKE A SIGNIFICANT IMPACT WITHOUT SEEKING THE LIMELIGHT

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Holding on to anger, resentment and hurt only gives you tense muscles, a headache and a sore jaw from clenching your teeth. Forgiveness gives you back the laughter and the lightness in your life.

JOAN LUNDEN

Inner peace can be reached only when we practice forgiveness. Forgiveness is letting go of the past, and is therefore the means for correcting our misperceptions.

GERALD JAMPOLSKY

He that cannot forgive others, breaks the bridge over which he himself must pass if he would ever reach heaven; for everyone has need to be forgiven.

GEORGE HERBERT

THIS DAY IN HISTORY

1807: The first of the Treaties of Tilsit was signed between France and Russia after Napoleon's victories over the Russians and Prussians.

1898: Hawaiian Islands annexed by the United States. The US Congress annexed Hawaii through a joint resolution signed by President William McKinley on this day in 1898, paving the way for the islands to become a territory (1900) and later a U.S. state (1959).

1937: Chinese and Japanese troops clashed near the Marco Polo Bridge outside Beijing, launching the Second Sino-Japanese War.

1978: Czech-born tennis player Martina Navratilova defeated Chris Evert to win her first of nine Wimbledon singles titles.

Letters

TO THE EDITOR

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Balancing act

Sir, This refers to "India-Russia relations in focus," Orissa POST, July 6. PM Modi is set to meet Russian President Vladimir Putin. Indian Russian ties are historic but have become more important in the evolving multi-polar world order. Despite the West's increasing isolation of Russia due to the Ukraine conflict, India has maintained a neutral stance. This approach aligns with India's historical policy of non-alignment and strategic autonomy. India continues to buy Russian oil despite Western sanctions. India and Russia share a long-standing relationship dating back to the Cold War era. In this backdrop the meeting of Modi with Putin is significant. It is expected to cover a broad range of topics, reflecting the multifaceted nature of India-Russia relations. PM Modi may seek to secure long-term energy supplies from Russia to ensure stability in its energy markets. The conversation may also touch upon India's vision for peace and stability in the Indo-Pacific region, where it seeks to counterbalance China's influence. Bilateral trade has seen growth despite sanctions on Russia, and both countries may seek to expand this further by identifying new areas of cooperation. This balancing act could position India as a crucial player in mediating global conflicts and fostering international cooperation, enhancing its role on the world stage.

N Sadhasiva Reddy, BANGALORE

Crumbling bridges

Sir, The recent crumbling down of a dozen bridges over a fortnight in Bihar not only reflects the poor quality of their construction but also the waste of precious time and human energy, besides crores of taxpayers' money spent on them. Bridges often falling like a pack of cards is a serious blot on the civil engineering profession of the country. Although the general physics of bridge-building has been established for thousands of years, every bridge presents complicated factors such as geology of the surrounding area, the amount of traffic, weather and construction materials. Sometimes these factors are miscalculated or overlooked, which ultimately leads to catastrophe. Bridges are not just physical structures, but symbols of connection. The strength of a bridge lies not just in its materials, but importantly in the bonds it creates between people.

Ranganathan Sivakumar, CHENNAI



ROPES READY: Members of Juang and Bhuyan communities arrive with ropes specially prepared with 'Siall' stem to pull the world's tallest chariot of Lord Baladev during Rath Yatra in Keonjhar, Saturday

RSP despatches water bottles for Rath Yatra

Rourkela: SAIL, Rourkela Steel Plant (RSP) has despatched 1.4 lakh packaged water bottles worth ₹10 lakh to support the drinking water requirement during the world famous car festival in Puri. The water bottles were officially handed over to the Executive Engineer, Rural Water Supply and Sanitation, Puri, Arun Kumar Panda. Senior Manager (Liaison Office - RSP) represented the company at the handing over function. The bottles would be distributed free of cost to ensure health and wellbeing of the lakhs of devotees who come to witness the festival.

Plant trees to combat climate change: Mayur

Rajnagar: Kendrapara Collector Mayur Suryavanshi called upon people here to plant trees to combat climate change and maintain equilibrium in the environment, Saturday. Mayur said the slogan 'Maa Pain Gachhatie' as propounded by Prime Minister Narendra Modi should be the pledge of people while reminding them how coastal village Satabhaya became the first in Asia to lose its existence due to climate change. The Collector said this while speaking as the chief guest at the district level 75th Vana Mahotsav organised by Rajnagar Forest department. Researcher Prasanna Kumar Nayak presided over the meeting which was attended by DFO Sudarshan Gopinath Yadav, tehsildar Ajay Kumar Mohanty, scribe Bhaskar Routray, ACFs Manas Kumar Das, Gagan Kumar Mallik, Poonam Heera Hansda, Gahirmatha ranger Pradosh Kumar Moharana.

Fund sought for daily rituals of 300-year old Jagannath temple

THE STATE GOVERNMENT LAST YEAR HAS SANCTIONED ₹1.98 CRORE FOR THE MAKEOVER OF THE TEMPLE

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

Berhampur, July 6: The development board of the Marda Jagannath temple situated near Mathura in Ganjam district has sought financial assistance from the state government for performing the daily rituals and maintenance of the over 300-year-old temple, an official said.

The temple served as a safe hiding place for the deities of Srimandir, Puri during 1733-1735 AD, when the Kalingan style temples were being targeted by invaders for destruction, a temple priest said.

According to locals, the temple, however, remained empty when the sibling deities returned to their abode - Srikshetra-Puri after the situation calmed down.

Since then there was no deity in the temple and the famous Rath Yatra or any other festival of the deities was never observed in the temple.

But the ritual was continued on three stone pedestals where the deities were placed during their stay here and the place came to be known as Sarana Srikshetra, the residents said.

Block Development Officer (BDO), Polasara, Kuresh Chandra



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Jani, who is also the secretary of the Shri Marda Jagannath Temple Development Board, has recently written a letter to the Commissioner of Endowments in the state for making funds of at least ₹500 per day for smooth conduct of daily rituals in the temple.

"The temple has a glorious history. People from different places visit the temple to know its history as well as to enjoy its scenic beauty. We requested the Commissioner, Endowment to make a provision of funds for its daily rituals and maintenance," said the BDO.

Through there was no deity in the temple, it has a strong and historic connection with the deities of Srimandir, said Mahant

Sundar Ram Das, president of Marda Development Board.

He said Shri Jagannath Temple Administration (SJTA), Puri had provided financial assistance at ₹100 per day for five years from 2008. Now the priests of the temple are performing the daily rituals, including a cooked bhog in the temple on their own, as per the tradition.

The historical significance of the temple will be highlighted if the government declares the place as a tourist place and provides financial assistance for daily rituals in the historic temple, said Das. The government has sanctioned ₹1.98 crore for the makeover of the temple last year, sources said.

Man awarded life term for minor son's murder

POST NEWS NETWORK

Baripada, July 6: The court of the additional sessions judge here convicted a man for the murder of his five-year-old son in 2020 and sentenced him to life imprisonment, Saturday.

Additional Sessions Judge Satya Narayan Patra also slapped a fine of ₹50,000 on the convict Chepa Dehury. In case of default, the victim has to undergo additional six months imprisonment, ordered the judge.

According to the case diary, convict Chepa Dehury, 40, a native of Balidiha village under Kuliana police limits had been residing at his in-laws' house at Beladunguri village of Jadunathpur panchayat under Badasahi police limits for some days.



Chepa returned to her in-laws' house at 2am, October 23 in 2020 and got furious when he could not find his son in the bedroom. After searching for his son, he found him sleeping with his maternal grandmother. Chepa lost his temper and took him away from his grandmother's lap. In a fit of rage, he bludgeoned the minor to death with a stone.

When he was trying to hide the body after committing the crime, villagers overpowered him and informed the police. On being informed, police reached the spot, seized the body and initiated an investigation after sending the body to PRM Medical College and Hospital at Baripada for post-mortem.

A forensic team was also pressed into action. Police arrested Chepa, registered a murder case (133/20) at Badasahi police station and forwarded him to court.

The judge pronounced the verdict after hearing statements of 11 witnesses and going through the police investigation report, scientific team report and the medical report, said Public Prosecutor Krishna Chandra Das.

Hit by ambulance, minor dies; dad critical

POST NEWS NETWORK

Dabugaon, July 6: In a tragic incident, a minor boy was killed and his father critically injured after a speeding ambulance hit them from behind near Mahendri Chowk under this police limits in Nabarangpur district, Saturday morning.

The deceased was identified as Nikhil Mohanty, 10, and the injured father as Ganesh Mohanty, 32, a resident of Mahendri village.

According to sources, Ganesh along with his son Nikhil was coming to a nearby forest on a bicycle on Dabugaon-



Papadahandi main road to attend the call of nature when a speeding ambulance hit them from behind in the wee hours of Saturday. While Nikhil died on the spot, locals rescued Ganesh in a critical condition and rushed him to Dabugaon community health centre (CHC). As the condition of Ganesh deteriorated he was later shifted to the district headquarters hospital (DHH) at Nabarangpur.

Angry villagers staged a blockade by keeping the deceased minor's body on the main road at 6am. On being informed,

Dabugaon PS IIC Sunil Kumar Pradhan, Dabugaon BDO and tehsildar Sarat Majhi, and Papadahandi tehsildar Tapan Nayak rushed to the spot and tried to pacify the angry locals. Later, compensation of ₹20,000 from the Red Cross fund and ₹3,000 under Harischandra Yojana was provided to the deceased's family and the road blockade was cleared.

A case (138/24) was registered at the Dabugaon PS after the deceased's uncle lodged a complaint. Police handed over the body to his family members after post-mortem.

Elderly woman dies as truck rams into house

Rairangpur: An elderly woman was crushed to death after a truck ramed into her house at Purunapani village on National Highway-220 under Rairangpur police limits in Mayurbhanj district, Saturday. The deceased has been identified as Kamala Patra, 65, a resident of Purunapani village. Sources said, Kamala was asleep when the truck ramed into the house injuring Kamala critically. She was rushed to a nearby hospital where the doctors declared her dead. Tension ran high following the mishap as villagers and kin of the deceased staged a roadblock on the national highway demanding compensation. On being informed, Rairangpur Town police reached the spot and were trying to pacify the agitators. Police seized the truck and initiated an investigation into the incident. Vehicular movement was disrupted from both sides, much to the inconvenience of commuters.

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RSP records best performances in key areas in Q1

POST NEWS NETWORK

Rourkela, July 6: SAIL, Rourkela Steel Plant (RSP) has registered an excellent performance in many key production and techno-economic areas in the first quarter of the current fiscal from April to June, 2024-25.

The steel plant produced 10,68,283 tonne of saleable steel during this period to record its best-ever performance in the area surpassing the previous best figure of 9,72,974 tonne achieved in the corresponding period last year. The state-of-the-art Hot Strip Mill was a significant contributor, producing 6,03,851 tonne of HR coils, marking its best Q1 performance ever.

In June 2024, RSP also achieved record monthly outputs in key production areas. Hot metal production reached 3,77,792 tonne, crude steel production was 3,42,966 tonnes, and saleable steel production hit 3,86,784 tonne, all setting new benchmarks for June performance.

The plant's excellent performance extended to despatch, with a best-ever Q1 despatch of 10,68,283 tonne of saleable steel, reflecting a 10% growth over the corresponding period last year.

On the techno-economic front, RSP achieved its best Q1 specific energy consumption of 5.95 Giga Calories per tonne of crude steel, improving from the previous record of 6.0 Giga Calories per tonne set in 2022-23. Also, June 2024 saw a specific energy consumption of 5.9 Giga Calories per tonne of crude steel in another record.

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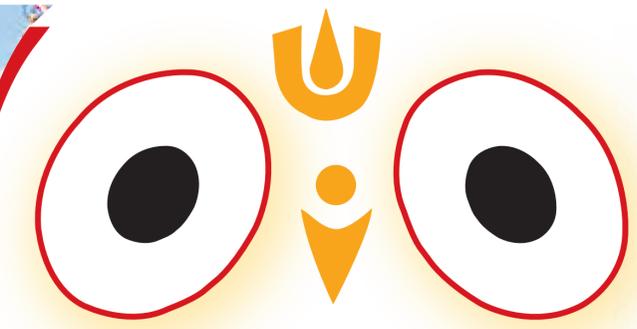
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A sacred journey & tales of divinity

From Krishna to Nila Madhava, and from Nila Madhava to Shree Jagannath, the Lord has undoubtedly undergone a tumultuous journey of transitions, each rich with tales that intertwine faith and the spirit of the land. However, there is one journey that has not been lost to antiquity: the journey of the Trinity from Srirampur to Gundicha and back. This journey roars with significance each year, despite its brevity compared to the earlier transitions. Unlike any other, this journey sees millions of devotees partake alongside the Trinity, making it one of the most sought-after spiritual events annually. The swell of the crowd often makes one wonder what the Rath Yatra encompasses: command gatherings of this scale immersed in Bhakti Rasa at its best. Is it the wish of the deities that draws millions of souls or is it a seeker's quest to glimpse at the spectacular? How potent are the narratives that grip and propel such crowds in action year after year?

Some would dismiss the tales of the temples as mere myths that do not fit the status quo of a reason-driven world, but to those engulfed by the aura of Shree Jagannath, Shree Balabhadra and Maa Subhadra, the Rath Yatra is a corporeal experience of divinity—a reason to cherish existence itself. The divine corporeality of the Trinity has already set them apart from any other deity in the world, but it is the experience of the miraculous that leads one to firmly believe in the idea of Shree Jagannath being the 'ruler of the world'. The Rath Yatra stands as a testament to this proclamation. The deity witnesses the divinity step out of the Garbhagriha only to meet and greet all the devotees who have been otherwise barred from the premises of the temple due to the na-

request to the merchant. He asked for an offering of betel leaf in exchange for having saved his life. This incident left the merchant baffled, after all, what is a betel leaf before life in whole? When the merchant expressed the same astonishment, our mischievous Lord revealed the conditions in which the betel leaf was to be brought. Now, who is unknown of Lord Jagannath's humongous appetite and his love for Bidhya paan? The tambula, the Lord had asked for, was no simple paan. It had to be anointed with sandal paste, camphor, and slaked lime from gaja mukta—one that is found on heads of only blessed elephants of the land. In his ignorance, the merchant endeavored to buy as many elephants as possible in order to attain the slaked lime for offering. He failed once, twice, thrice until it became a regular affair draining all his wealth. The merchant turned a pauper in his ignorance and failed to offer the tambula that he deemed too simple an offering for a deity that saved his life resulting in popularity of the Odia saying.

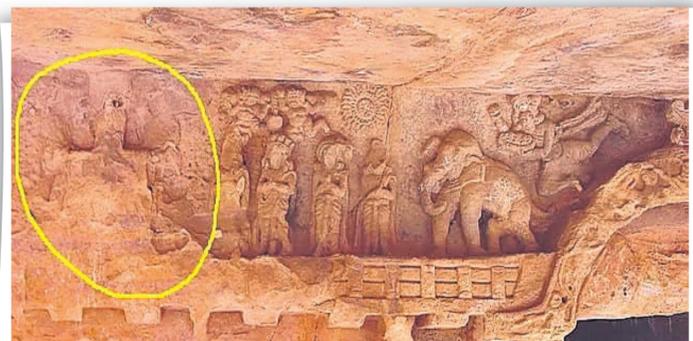
While this tale expresses the notorious righteousness of the Lord that makes the segregation of true devotees from the ones that are half-hearted, there is one tale in particular that has soothed the hearts of devotees across sects, religions, and any other worldly divisions. The tale is that of the Lord's encounter with Salabeg, whom the netizens of Odisha have fondly christened as 'Bhakta Salabeg'.

Being of Muslim origin, Bhakta Salabeg was bereft of even a glimpse of the Lord as he was barred from the temple premises. But the tales had already etched each corner of his heart as he was enveloped in their mysticism since childhood. Once of age, Bhakta Salabeg would pray each day outside the temple with tears as thick as the width of his eyes. But little to no change of hearts could be noticed, and day in and day out, he continued his prayers; until one day on Rath Yatra, the thick rolls of his devotional tears brought the Nandighoshia and the One seated in it Himself to halt. The great chariot halted and transformed the hearts of every onlooker, redefining the expanse of the Lord's simplicity before his true devotees. Many traditions and rituals have come and gone by, but since then, the Nandighoshia halts at the behest of Bhakta Salabeg each year inspiring many to envision the limitless of the divine.

In tales like these and with a festival like that of Rath Yatra, one is instantaneously transported to the olden times and adds an even more sophisticated layer of devotion—one that would be preserved in the tacility of their experience during the festival. The

enduring permanence of Bhakta Salabeg's tale along with numerous others, breathe a new life of significance when millions arrive to witness the festival. Whether planned or by accident, each soul in the vicinity of the chariots senses the true embodiment of divine Maya. Once the deities emerge from their sanctuaries, they bear witness to the principle that to assert the title as the ruler of the world, even those who cannot be equally accessed within the temple must venture forth—divine yet corporeal—to each their own.

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The Jain connection

Jagannath, or the supreme lord, is unique in many ways. The more I researched about Him, the more opportunity I had to learn about myriad philosophies. He is like an ocean, a melting pot where many thoughts, beliefs and legends converge. In Odisha, or the erstwhile Kalinga, Jainism and Jain philosophy was firmly perched during era of mighty Chedi king

Karakandu who is a celebrated hero in many Jain and Buddhist religious scriptures. The ancient Buddhist text of Kumbhakara Jataka mentions him as 'Pratyekabuddha', or the enlightened living being. During his period, Jain Tirthankar Parshvanath came to Kalinga, and Karakandu was deeply inspired by his teachings. Following the arrival of Parshvanath in Kalinga, it was a probability that the word Jagannath was coined, as out of the 24 Tirthankars in Jainism, the name of 18 ends with 'Natha'. Therefore, the word 'Jagannath' means supreme 'Natha' or the lord of all Tirthankars. But while reading some scriptures, I came across a new word, 'Jinanatha'. Although this word was new for me, it is a very old word in Jain philosophy.

Also, during 750 BC to 500 BC, Jainism spread across the length and breadth of Kalinga. Between 500 and 300 BC, the Kalinga Jina was worshipped across Kalinga, in which the Tri-Ratna (sapphire on a wooden image or Buddha's head) was worshipped. This implies the complete knowledge, complete philosophy, complete character, and Buddhist symbols of Buddha, Dhama, and Sangha. It is also known as the right faith, right knowledge, and right conduct.

It is known from history that the Nanda kings of Magadh defeated Kalinga in a war and took the Kalinga Jina, which was again restored by King Kharavela, who eventually defeated

O.M. Starza discussed Amnirudh Das's theory that the original Jagannath deity was influenced by Jainism and is none other than the Jina of Kalinga taken to Magadh by Mahapadma Nanda. This theory identifies the Jina of Kalinga recorded to have been recorded to Odisha by Kharvela in his Hathigumpha inscription with Jagannath. Now, also in the Udayagiri caves, there are some worn out carvings in this regard.

It is also argued that the twenty-two steps of the Puri temple represent the twenty-two Jain Tirthankars, out of the total twenty-four. The other two Tirthankars are represented through the Ratnaveedi of the temple and the Grand Road, or Badadanda, of Puri, it is said. Whenever a follower of Jainism enters the Jagannath temple and starts climbing these holy steps, he touches each step with deep respect.

Pandit Nilakantha Das suggested that Jagannath was a deity of Jain origin because of the appendage of Natha to many Jain Tirthankars. He felt Jagannath meant the 'World personified' in the Jain context and was derived from Jinanath. Evidence of the Jain philosophy, like the concept of Kaibalya, which means salvation or who makes one free, is present in the Jagannath cult. There are various hymns in Jain scriptures regarding Jinanath. Sample this:

उदक चन्दन तन्दुल पुष्पफले: चरु सुदीप
सुधूप फलारचकै: धवलं मंगल गान र वा कुलै: जनि गृहे
जनिनाथ मह-यजे।
अष्टांग जनिनाथस्य, पंचांग गुरु पादयो:।
सांघरमीना शरिी नत्वा, नमनं त्रविधिं सुधुम्।।

Moreover, just by interlinking the facts, we may conclude that the word Jinanath changed to Jagannath in later phase, but it is left to one's interpretation and perception.

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Mukti, Nirvana & Kaivalya

The cult of Jagannath expresses Odisha, its customs, traditions, socio-cultural and religious values on a single platform. Not only that, the cult has been a journey from a localised tribal (Sabara) deity in the form of Nilamadhaba to a Rashtira debata, and ultimately the Supreme Lord of the Universe. During this journey, it has assimilated many religious practices, philosophies, and traditions. Despite the heterogeneous ritualistic practices, the cult of Jagannath is supreme and unparalleled in the world.

DIFFERENT RITUALS
Lord Jagannath is worshipped as a form of Vishnu, but the rituals observed in the worship of deities in Srirampur differ from other Vishnu temples in India, especially in the form of 'Nyasa', 'Bhutasuddhi', or 'Matrika Nyasa'. Unlike other Vaisnava systems, 'Antarmatrika' is observed in the worship of Jagannath, which involves the placement of 50 Sanskrit alphabets in six chakras (energy points, from Muladhara to Agyan) inside the body. This yogic practice evolved and was propagated by 'Savitri Nathas' and later in 'Shakta' philosophy. Similarly, the representation of 'Mula Prakriti' as Shakti or 'Kundalini' is a Tantric practice in Shakta philosophy. The concept of 'Sata Chakras' and Kundalini in the rite of Bhutasuddhi in the worship owes its origins directly to the influence of 'Shakta' practices in Odisha, and indirectly to the most popular Nathas who have left an indelible impression on the religion, culture, and literature of Odisha.

According to the famous pinda-brahminda (micro cosmos-macro cosmos) 'Yatha Pinda Tatha Brahmanda' theory of Nathas, the cosmic consciousness is present in the bodies of human beings. This theory was later propagated by the panchasakha of Odisha's Gyana Bhakti Marg. It is highly interesting that in the worship of Jagannath as well as in the Shaiva tradition, we find the existence of both types of consciousness, individual and cosmic, as Jivatman and Paramatma simultaneously reside in the human body, one residing in the heart and the other in the head.

USE OF MUDRAS
Yet another unique and important character in the worship of Jagannath is the extensive use of mudras in comparison to other Vaisnava sects in India. This may be due to the strong influence of 'Shaktas' in the religious life of Odisha, as mudra is one of the important elements in Tantra practices. As

far as the rituals of Jagannath temple are concerned, here upacharas (snana, gandha, dhupa, dipa, puspa, and naivedya) are not performed as part of ceremonial worship. Rather, there are extensive rituals for the upacharas that are performed as a daily routine (ritis), like brushing teeth, bathing, dressing, etc. The Samkhya philosophy propagates a dualistic system in which Prakriti and Purusha are independent and separate entities. But the Shakta-Vaisnava system of the Jagannath cult turns 'mula prakriti' as a subordinate to paramatma, which dissolves into him as the time of dissolution of the universe.

The idea of Nirvana has also found its place in Jagannath philosophy. Tantra became a part of Buddhism during the sixth century AD and eventually had an influence on Jagannath philosophy. One of the most important contributions of yogic and tantric methods in the cult of Jagannath is expounding philosophy of mukti, nirvana, and kaivalya.

The famous car festival, or Rath Yatra, added a special element to the uniqueness of Jagannath culture. In modern times, the Rath Yatra has made Lord Jagannath the greatest religious attraction in the world, and the festival is directly to the most popular Nathas who have left an indelible impression on the religion, culture, and literature of Odisha.

On this day, the shrine was consecrated and deities were installed. The number of wheels in the chariots of Lord Balabhadra, Lord Jagannath, and Devi Subhadra stand at 14, 16, and 12, respectively, which, when combined, becomes 42. During the car festival and return car festival, in total, 84 wheels are rolled.

The devotees who pull the raths on this auspicious occasion are said to be free from 84 hells and attain 'mukti'. Apart from Sri Kshetra, the Rath Yatra is observed all over Odisha, India, and the world. As Pattitabana, He comes out of the shrine to those who cannot meet Him due to the prohibition of caste or religion. He is the Lord of the universe and teaches humanity and equality to all.

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Lord and Gundicha Temple

Lord Jagannath, Balabhadra, Devi Subhadra and Chakravaraj Sudarshan embark on their nine-day annual journey to Gundicha Temple on the auspicious occasion of the second day of the bright fortnight of Ashadha month of Odia almanac.

The deities ascend upon three majestic chariots built by the Lord's different categories of servants and begin their journey from 'Kartmabedi' (workplace) to 'Jannabedi' (birthplace). The deities stay at Mausi Maa temple or Gundicha Temple for seven days as the days of Rath Yatra and Bahuda Yatra are excluded from the nine-day long Car Festival.

Thousands of devotees from the state and across the country through the Gundicha Temple to partake the 'Adapa Abadha'—the divine delicacy of the Lord—to earn blessings.

The Lord of the Universe Himself took the form of Budha Maharana or Ananta Maharana to carve out His own idol. It was on the auspicious occasion of Ashadha Sukla Navami when the idols gave darshan to King Indradyumna and Queen Gundicha.

As per the Puranas, Lord Jagannath had asked King Indradyumna to take the sibling deities and Lord Sudarshan to Gundicha temple for a seven-day sojourn every year. Accordingly, the Trinity of Srirampur and Lord Sudarshan embarked on their annual journey on the

occasion of Ashadha Sukla Dwitiya. The deities stay there for seven days and return to Srirampur on Ashadha Sukla Dashami. It is believed that having a darshan of the deities on Adapa Mandap helps earn virtues of a crore births and it frees the soul from the cycle of birth and death.

Earlier, there used to be no boundary wall or temple surrounding the Adapa Mandap. Later, Meghanada Wall and temple were constructed around Adapa Mandap, Mishra added. He also said since Adapa Mandap is known as the 'Jannabedi' (birthplace) of Lord Jagannath, every devotee of the Lord wishes to have the opportunity to partake 'Adapa Abadha'. The Gundicha Temple is decorated with colourful lights and flowers during the nine-day long Rath Yatra.

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Suna Beshha, the golden attire on chariots

Suna Beshha or the golden attire of the holy Trinity is quite captivating and enthralling to the eyes of devotees visiting Puri to witness Rath Yatra. The ritual takes place on the chariots on Asadha Sukla Ekadashi Tithi (the eleventh day of the lunar fortnight in Asadha month of Odia almanac) when the deities are brought back from Sri Gundicha temple to the Singha Dwara of Srirampur. The term 'Suna Beshha' is derived from two words: 'Suna' meaning 'gold' and 'Beshha' meaning 'costume'.

While most of the attire of the Trinity reflect the youthfulness and splendour of the deities, the golden attire reflects their opulence. The Trinity is dressed in this attire on the day following Bahuda Yatra

when they are still atop their respective chariots. They are decked up with various types of gold ornaments like gold diamonds, hands and feet made up of gold, and other ornaments. Lord Jagannath holds a golden Chakra (disk) in his right hand and a silver sankha (conch) in his left hand. Lord Balabhadra, the eldest of the siblings, holds a golden Hala (plough) in his left hand and a golden Gada (mace) in his right hand.

While Suna Beshha, which is also known as Raja Beshha and Raja Rajeshwar Beshha, is performed on the Ratna Singhasan in the temple's sanctum sanctorum on occasions like Kartik Purnima, Kumar Purnima, Dola Purnima and Dussehra (Vijaya Dashami), the Suna Beshha of the Trinity on the final phase of Rath Yatra is witnessed by lakhs of devotees visiting Puri during the festival.

An analysis of history tells us that the erstwhile royals acknowledged Lord Jagannath as the national deity and performed their services to Him, the mentions of which can be found in the rock edicts. Historians said that Suna Beshha was introduced during the rule of King Kapilendra Deva in 1489 AD when he returned home after winning the wars against the rulers of Deccan (modern India). According to the rock edict on Jay Vijay Dwar of Srirampur, Kapilendra Deva brought along with him

a huge bounty which was carried on 16 elephants, and he offered those at the feet of Lord Jagannath. He consulted with the Tadhai Karan and Rajguru to make use of the gold and diamond jewellery in the service of the deities. The Bada Tadhai advised him that it was not possible for a common devotee to witness all the attire of the deities inside Srirampur; and requested the King to adorn the deities with the gold ornaments when

the Trinity was on their chariots near the Singha Dwar on Bada Ekadashi Tithi, on the final phase of Rath Yatra. Since then, the siblings—Balabhadra, Jagannath, and Subhadra—are adorned with this jewellery when the deities are on their respective chariots near the Singha Dwar on the day of Bada Ekadashi after the Bahuda Yatra.

Heading to his request, King Kapilendra Deva instructed to adorn the deities with 138 types of gem-



stone studded jewellery while on their chariots on the Bada Ekadashi. Since then, the Suna Beshha ritual also came to be known as Bada Tadhai Beshha.

The gold ornaments are stored in the temple's treasury known as Ratna Bhandar. The Palia Mekap, Khuntia servants guarded by armed policemen, magistrate and temple officials, bring the required amount of gold to the chariots one hour before the attire. The Palia, Pushpalak, Deitapati, Khuntia, Mekap, Talachhu and Bhitarchhu servants are responsible to deck up the deities with gold jewellery on their respective chariots.

The following ornaments are used in the decoration of the Trinity during Suna Beshha: **Sri Balabhadra:** Sriparay, Sribhujia, Kirita, Odiani, Kundi, Chandra Surya, Adakani, Ghagda Mali, Kadamba Mali, Tilak, Chandrika, Alaka, Jhoba Kanthi, Hala and Mushala (Ayudha), Bahada Mali, Bagha Nakha, Mali, Sebati Mali and Trikhandika Kamarpatti. **Devi Subhadra:** Kirita, Odiani, Kana, Chandra Surya, Ghagda Mali, Kadamba Mali, Duiti Tagadi and Sebati Mali.

Sri Jagannath: Kirita, Sribhujia, Sriparay, Odiani, Chandra Surya, Adakani, Ghagda Mali, Kadamba Mali, Tilak, Chandrika, Alaka, Jhoba Kanthi, Swarna Chakra (Discus) and silver sankha (conch), Harida, Kadamba Mali, Bahada Mali, Tabjia Mali, Sebati Mali, Trikhandika and Kamarpatti. Temple sources said that earlier, the gold ornaments used to adorn the deities weighed more than 200kg in 138 designs. It is believed that whoever sees the Lord in Suna Beshha gets liberated from bad karmas. A large assembly of devotees is witnessed near the Singha Dwar to catch a glimpse of the deities in their opulence and feel energised on this day.

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The government wants to generate maximum investment and employment in the state. Our government will provide full support to the existing industries and those who want to set up industries here

HEMANT SOREN | CM, JHARKHAND

The future of four lakh students is in peril despite paying fees, clearing exams etc. Their future has been ruined by this corrupt government

JITU PATWARI | CONGRESS CHIEF, MP

Development works get stalled for several months as elections are held in a cycle. The 'one nation one election' model is the need of the hour

MANIK SAHA | CM, TRIPURA

SHORT TAKES

Amarnath Yatra suspended

Srinagar: The Amarnath Yatra was temporarily suspended on both routes to the cave shrine Saturday as a precautionary measure due to heavy rainfall, officials said. Intermittent heavy rainfall has been seen along the Baltal and Pahalgam routes since last night, they said. The decision to temporarily suspend the yatra was taken as a precautionary measure to ensure the safety of the pilgrims, the officials added. The number of devotees who have visited the 3,800-metre-high cave shrine and had 'darshan' of the naturally formed ice lingam has crossed 1.50 lakh.

3 die after house's eaves collapse

Faridabad: Three siblings were killed here in Sikri village when their house's eaves collapsed while they were sitting under it, police said Saturday. Police said the eaves, commonly called 'chhajja', was not in a good condition and it collapsed after rain in the area. The owner of the house has been booked, police said, adding that they are trying to catch him. He had given out the house on rent despite the fact that it was in a dilapidated condition, they said.

Dalai Lama turns 89, Tibetans in limbo

REUTERS

Dharamsala, July 6: In a monastery beneath snow-capped mountains in northern India, the Buddhist monk entrusted with protecting the Dalai Lama and foretelling his people's future is concerned.

The Dalai Lama turns 89 Saturday and China insists it will choose his successor as Tibet's chief spiritual leader. That has the Medium of Tibet's Chief State Oracle contemplating what might come next.

"His Holiness is the fourteenth Dalai Lama, then there will be a fifteenth, sixteenth, seventeenth," the medium, known as the Nechung, said. "In countries, leaders change, and then that story is over. But in Tibet it works differently."

Tibetan Buddhists believe that learned monastics are reincarnated after death as newborns. The Dalai Lama, who is currently recuperating in the United States from a medical procedure, has said he will clarify questions about succession - including if and where he will be reincarnated - around his ninetieth birthday. As part of a reincarnation identification process, the medium will enter a trance to consult the oracle.

The incumbent Dalai Lama is a charismatic figure who popularised

Key suspect in Hathras stampede held

Two additional suspects, Ramprakash Shakya, 61, and Sanju Yadav, 33, were arrested in Hathras in connection with the stampede that resulted in 121 deaths

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Noida, July 6: Devprakash Madhukar, the main accused in the July 2 Hathras satsang stampede, was arrested from Delhi by Uttar Pradesh Police which claimed he was recently contacted by some political parties and suspected that self-styled godman Bhole Baba's events were "funded" by a political party.

Two more suspects -- Ramprakash Shakya, 61, and Sanju Yadav, 33, were held in Hathras in connection with the

stampede that left 121 people dead, according to the police.

Madhukar, 42, was arrested late Friday from Delhi's Najafgarh area by a Special Operations Group of Hathras police, Hathras Superintendent of Police Nipun Agarwal said.

The officer said Madhukar worked as a fundraiser for events of self-styled godman Surajpal alias Narayan Sakar Hari alias Bhole Baba and collected donations. The police will apply for remand of Madhukar, he said.

"His financial transactions and money trails are being looked into, and call detail records are also being checked," Agarwal added.

However, Friday night, Madhukar's lawyer AP Singh had claimed he had surrendered to the police in Delhi, where he had come for medical treatment.

Around 2.15 pm Saturday, Madhukar was brought by the police to the Bagla Combined



District Hospital in Hathras for a medical examination amid heavy security deployment in and around the government hospital.

Madhukar had his face covered with a handkerchief and a stole around his head.

Madhukar was the 'mukhya sevadar' of the satsang where the



stampede occurred. He is the only accused named in the FIR lodged at Sikandra Rao police station in Hathras in connection with the incident.

Agarwal said the investigation also revealed that some political parties had contacted him some time back.

"A detailed investigation is

Kejriwal victim of conspiracy: Sunita

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

New Delhi, July 6: Delhi Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal's wife Sunita Kejriwal alleged Saturday that her husband was a victim of a "deep political conspiracy" and urged the people to rally behind him or else no educated and honest person would like to join politics.

In her first video message after the Lok Sabha results, she alleged that Kejriwal was arrested by the ED in the excise policy case based on a "false" statement by a witness and repeated the allegations levelled by the Aam Aadmi Party leaders against Magunta Srinivasulu Reddy (MSR), who was recently elected to Lok Sabha on a TDP ticket, and his son Raghava Magunta, an accused-turned-appraiser.

She said Kejriwal was a normal, educated, patriotic and staunchly honest man, and no educated and honest person in the country will enter politics if Delhi people do not support him.

The ED arrested Arvind Kejriwal based on the statement of TDP MP Magunta Srinivasulu Reddy (MSR). The Telugu Desam Party is a constituent of the ruling NDA, she said.



She claimed that MSR changed his statement to the ED about his meeting with the Delhi chief minister after his son Raghava Magunta Reddy was arrested and denied bail. According to Sunita Kejriwal, MSR earlier said that he had met the Delhi chief minister March 16, 2021, regarding land for a charitable trust he wanted to open in Delhi, but changed his statement July 17, 2023, following his son's arrest.

"In his statement to the ED, MSR said Kejriwal asked him in the presence of nearly 10-12 people to enter the liquor business in Delhi and pay ₹100 crore to AAP. Would anybody ask for money before so many people," she asked.

Similar allegations were levelled by AAP leader Sanjay Singh in April.

No immediate reaction was available from the ED or MSR.

Magunta Srinivasulu Reddy even after the arrest of his son gave several statements but kept repeating his earlier claim that he met Kejriwal regarding land for his family charitable trust, Sunita said.

During this time, Raghava Magunta's wife due to shock tried to commit suicide and his elderly mother's health deteriorated. Seeing all this, Magunta Srinivasulu Reddy changed his statement, she claimed.

MSR said that March 16, 2021, he went to meet CM Arvind Kejriwal, and his meeting lasted barely 4-5 minutes. He also said that this was his first and last meeting with the chief minister, she claimed.

Sunita Kejriwal mentioned that the very next day after this statement, his son got bail.

Appealing to people to share her video, the Delhi chief minister's wife alleged that Prime Minister Narendra Modi wanted to "finish off" Kejriwal and the Aam Aadmi Party using the ED and CBI.

'Conduct NEET-UG again in transparent manner'

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

New Delhi, July 6: The Congress Saturday demanded that the medical entrance exam NEET-UG be conducted again and all "paper leak scams" thoroughly investigated under the Supreme Court's supervision.

Congress president Mallikarjun Kharge alleged that be it NCERT books or leakage in exams, the Modi government is bent on "destroying our education system".

The Congress also took a swipe at

the government over the NEET-UG, 2024 counselling session, which was likely to begin in the first week of July, now expected to start by the end of this month.

Congress general secretary Jairam Ramesh said, "The whole NEET-UG issue is getting worse by the day. The non-biological PM and his biological Education Minister are adding further proof to their demonstrated incompetence and insensitivity."

"The future of lakhs of our youth is simply unsafe in their hands," Ramesh said.

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Letter No. 3922 / 1F, Dated, Kalahandi the 05th July-2024
NOTICE INVITING TENDER

SI No.	Name of the work	SUPPLY AND INSTALLATION OF CHAIN LINK FENCING MESH WITH 4 MM dia of GI and IRON ANGLE
1	Date & Time of availability of bid document in the portal	From 06th July 2024 (10.00 AM) to 18th July 2024 (5.00 PM)
2	Last date for submission of Tender documents	18th July 2024 by 05.00 P.M
3	Date & Time of Bid opening	19th July 2024 by 05.00 P.M
4	Name & Address of the Officer inviting Bid	Divisional Forest Officer, Kalahandi South Division, At/Po-Parmanandpur, Bhawanipatna, Ward No.4, Rly Station Road, Dist-Kalahandi, Odisha,

Others can see the details from the Notice inviting Tenders, available in website- www.kalahandi.odisha.gov.in. Corrigendum if any, shall only be published in the above website.
OIPR-08122/11/0002/2425

SC TO HEAR PLEA ON FREE SANITARY PADS

The Supreme Court is scheduled to hear July 8 a plea seeking directions to the Centre and states to provide free sanitary pads to girl students of class 6-12 and ensure separate female toilet facilities in all government-aided and residential schools



Loco pilots draw Rahul's attention to 'safety issues' in rlys

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

New Delhi, July 6: The All India Loco Running Staff Association's South Zone president said Saturday loco drivers handed a memorandum to Leader of the Opposition in the Lok Sabha Rahul Gandhi, blaming poor working conditions for recent train accidents.

R Kumaresan, who played a crucial role in organising the interaction between the former Congress president and the loco pilots at the New Delhi railway station on Friday, told PTI that they wanted to bring to Gandhi's attention serious safety issues faced by drivers and passengers in the Railways.

Recent accidents, including collisions in Indian Railways, apart from other issues, have brought forth the urgent necessity to resolve the working conditions of loco pilots since it is said that there is human failure, the association said in the memorandum.

being conducted regarding the collection of funds to see if such programmes and other resources are being funded by any political party. From the investigation so far, it appears that some political party is connected with them for its political and personal interests," the police officer said.

"All the bank accounts, movable and immovable properties, money trail, related to the accused Devprakash Madhukar are being investigated, in which assistance will be taken from other agencies as per the need," he added.

The IPS officer said after preliminary interrogation, accused Madhukar said he had been working on contract as a junior engineer in MNREGA in Etah district since 2010. He has been associated with the (Bhole Baba's) organisation for years and organises programmes and collects funds for it.

ODISHA HYDRO POWER CORPORATION LTD.
(A Gold Rated State PSU)
O/o. SR. GENERAL MANAGER, RENGALI HYDRO ELECTRIC PROJECT
P.O. RENGALI DAM SITE, PIN-759105, DISTRICT: ANGUL (ORISSA), TEL.NO.-06760-266031, Email: sgmeil500@gmail.com
No.OHP/CRHEPTW/PUR-III/176/ 23-24 4839 /Date:04.07.2024
No.CAD-469:
'e'-TENDER CALL NOTICE NO- 04/2024-25

Sl. No.	Description of the Tender	Cost of Tender Paper (Non-refundable) in Rs.	EMD (refundable) in Rs.	Period of availability of tender at e-Procurement website	Last date & Time of receipt of tender	Date & Time of Opening of Techno-Commercial bid
1	Replacement of damaged glass panel from Rengali Power House with Vision Glass Panel (Double Glazed)	Rs.11,800.00+ (Rs.10,000.00+ 18% GST)	Rs.93,396/-	From Dt.08.07.2024 (10.00 A.M.) to dt. 24.07.2024 (upto 05.00 P.M.)	Dt.24.07.2024 (upto 05.00 P.M.)	Dt.25.07.2024 at 11.30 A.M.

Further details can be seen from the Govt. website [www.https://tendersodisha.gov.in](https://tendersodisha.gov.in). Addendum/Corrigendum/Cancellation if any shall only be published in the above website.
OIPR-04022/11/0008/2425 Sd./- C & P Head, RHEP, Rengali

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, KRCC & BD-01/2024-25
Email: eekrcbbsasudevpur@gmail.com

Sl. No.	Name of Work	Approx. Value of Work (Rs. in Lakh)	E M D / Bid Security in Rs. (To be remitted online)	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 Market Complex including electrification at Dholabada (Daduan) for the DPs of village Daduan of KIP"	28.27	29000.00	6,000.00	06 (Six) Calendar months	"C" & "B"	Kanupur Reh. Camps & Building Division, At/Po-Basudevpur, Dist-Keonjhar
2	Construction of Market Complex including electrification at Birikala R & R Colony for the DPs of village Gobindapur of KIP"	28.27	29000.00	6,000.00	06 (Six) Calendar Months	"C" & "B"	Kanupur Reh. Camps & Building Division, At/Po-Basudevpur, Dist-Keonjhar

Procurement Officer	Bid Identification No.	Availability of tender online for bidding	Date & Time of opening of tender	Place of Opening
1	2	From To	Date Time	
Superintending Engineer, Kanupur Reh. C & B Division, Basudevpur, Dist-Keonjhar	SE, KRCC & BD 01/2024-25	11.07.24 From 10.00 Hours	20.07.24 Upto 17.00 Hours	22.07.24 11.00 Hours

Sd./- Superintending Engineer, Kanupur Reh. C & B Division, Basudevpur OIPR-32053/11/0001/2425

Government of Odisha "e" procurement Notice OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER, RURAL WORKS ELECTRICAL DIVISION, SAMBALPUR.
E-mail - eeerwlectricaldiv@sambalpur@gmail.com
Bid Identification No. EE/RWELCTE/SBP/03/2024-25 No.O-95

1. Name of the work	: SHIFTING AND CONSTRUCTION OF 3PH3W 11KV LINE 3PH4W LT LINES DUE TO IMPROVEMENT OF ROAD & CD WORK ON RD ROAD ON T-3 FROM NH RAILWAY STATION TO BORAPADA ROAD FOR SEFTY POINT OF VIEW UNDER SADAR BLOCK IN DHENKANAL UNDER RWES DHENKANAL
2. Estimated Cost	: Rs. 14,72,560.00/-
3. Availability of bid document in the website	: 11.30 Hours of 09.07.2024 to 17.00 Hours of 18.07.2024
4. Date of Opening of Tenders	: 11.30 Hours on dt. 19.07.2024

Further details and any corrigendum / Addendum / Cancellation of tender can be seen from the Web Site www.tendersodisha.gov.in only.
Executive Engineer
OIPR-34175/11/0003/2425 R.W Electrical Division, Sambalpur

OFFICE OF THE SUPERINTENDING ENGINEER MINOR IRRIGATION DIVISION, DHENKANAL
No.2025/Dt.30.06.2024
e-Procurement Notice
Bid Identification No.- DMID / 02 / 2024-25
e-mail ID: eemidki@yahoo.co.in

No.A-128:- The Superintending Engineer, Minor Irrigation Division, Dhenkanal on behalf of the Governor of Odisha invites online percentage rate tender through "e" procurement for the works detailed in the Annexure to this bid notice.

Name of the work:	Civil works in Different Blocks of Dhenkanal District under the ERM Scheme for the year 2024-25
No. of Works:	12 (Twelve) Nos. only
Estimated Cost:	Varies from 8.00 lakhs to 34.00 lakh (Approximately)
Cost of Tender Paper:	4000/- to 6000/- (Non-refundable)
Period of Completion:	03 (Three) Calendar months
Availability of bid documents for sale and receipt through on-line:	From dt.08.07.2024, 10.00 A.M. to dt.22.07.2024, upto 5.00 P.M.
Last date / time of receipt of bids in the portal:	22.07.2024 (5.00 PM)
Date of Technical bid opening through online:	On dt. 23.07.2024 at 11.00 A.M. in the Office of the S.E., M.I. Division, Dhenkanal.
Mode of Payment of Bid Cost:	Online
Digital Signature Certificate of Bidder:	The Bidder must possess compatible Digital Signature Certificate (DSC).
The detail tender call notice can also be seen in the DOWR website http://dowrorissa.gov.in	
Name & Address of the OIT:	Superintending Engineer, Minor Irrigation Division, Dhenkanal. At/P.O./District - Dhenkanal. Ph.No./Fax No.- 06762-224461. Email ID: eemidki@yahoo.co.in
Further details can be seen from the e-Procurement market place http://tendersorissa.gov.in	

Sd./- Superintending Engineer, M.I. Division, Dhenkanal
OIPR-32027/11/0004/2425

national

of the day quote

Great news for the people of Assam. The National Medical Commission has officially recognized Tinsukia Medical College, approving 100 undergraduate admissions per year. With this, the number of medical colleges in Assam has now risen to 13

Policemen should not be involved in hobnobbing with real estate dealers. I am telling you in clear terms that if we come to know about it, we will take stringent action

Any move to usher in such a change with the help of the majority sans any discussion with all sides concerned, cannot be labelled as a welcome change, a good change which augurs well by me

X POST OF THE DAY

We live in a country where Wedding of Ambanis is a public event But PM Cares Fund is private.

SHORT TAKES

Sisodia's judicial custody extended

New Delhi: A court here Saturday extended till July 15 the judicial custody of former Delhi deputy Chief Minister Manish Sisodia in a corruption case linked to the alleged excise policy "scam". Special Judge Kaveri Baweja extended AAP leader Sisodia's custody after he appeared in the court on the expiry of his judicial custody granted earlier. The Enforcement Directorate (ED) had March 9 last year arrested him in the case related to the now-scrapped Delhi excise policy 2021-22.

Rahul to visit Manipur

New Delhi/Imphal: Leader of Opposition in the Lok Sabha Rahul Gandhi will visit Manipur July 8 in what would be his third visit to the northeastern state since violence broke out there in May last year. The announcement about Gandhi's visit was made at a press conference in Imphal by Manipur Congress chief K Meghachandra.

Four terrorists eliminated; Solider dies in encounter

Srinagar, July 6: At least four terrorists were killed and a soldier laid down his life in twin encounters in Kulgam district of Jammu and Kashmir Saturday, officials said.

The site of the encounter is not near the Srinagar-Jammu National Highway but in the interior areas of the district, the IGP said. He said the J-K Police and security forces continue to keep track of the movement of terrorists and the killing of these terrorists is a significant achievement for the security forces. The officials said an army soldier sustained fatal injuries in the exchange of fire.

FLOODS BATTER EAST INDIA

Flood levels are rising in Bihar and Assam, critically affecting 24.5 lakh people across 30 districts in Assam due to torrential rain

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

New Delhi, July 6: Water level in different rivers in Bihar started rising at many places and the flood situation in Assam remained critical with 24.5 lakh people in 30 districts affected as torrential rain battered eastern parts India.

Union Home Minister Amit Shah spoke to Assam Chief Minister Himanta Biswa Sarma to take stock of the flood situation and said the National Disaster Response Force and the State Disaster Response Force were working on a war footing to rescue and provide relief to the affected people.

Assam has been reeling from floods, with more than 24.5 lakh people affected in 30 districts and major rivers flowing above the danger level at several places.

Cachar, Kamrup, Dhubri, Nagaon, Goalpara, Barpeta, Dibrugarh, Bongaigaon, Lakhimpur, Jorhat, Kokrajhar, Karimganj, and Tinsukia are among the districts affected. Flood in urban areas of three districts of Kamrup (Metropolitan),

Assam, Bihar hit hard



Kamrup and Dibrugarh was also reported.

So far, 52 people have been killed in this year's flood while 12 others were killed in landslides and storms. The Brahmaputra river is flowing above the danger mark in Guwahati, Guwahati, Goalpara and Dhubri.

The Barak river is flowing above the danger mark in AP Ghat, BP Ghat, Chota Bakra and Fuletral, and its tributaries Dhaleswari in Garmura, Katakhal in Matizuri and Kushiya in Karimganj town. The devastating flood in the Kaziranga National Park has claimed 114 wild animals while 95 were rescued till Saturday, an official said.

In Bihar, light to moderate rain was recorded in many districts since July 4, according to the latest rainfall bulletin issued by the water resources de-

On account of the heavy rains, a flood-like situation has occurred in Assam. Spoke with Assam CM Shri @himantabiswaji about the ongoing situation

AMIT SHAH | UNION HOME MINISTER

partment. In East and West Champaran districts, people living in low-lying areas were shifted to safer places.

"The incessant rain in certain districts in the state caused rivers and streams to overflow. The increased inflow also caused the water level in many dams to rise. Besides, incessant rainfall in catchment areas of Nepal has also led to rivers touching or flowing above danger level at several places," state officials said. The Kosi river is flowing above the danger level in Supaul and its surrounding areas Basantpur while it touched the warning level in Khagaria and Beldaur Friday, the report said.

The Kamla river touched the warning level in Madhubani, Jainagar and Jhunjharpur. The Parman river crossed the danger level in Araria district Friday, it said. The Kosi river in Khagaria and Beldaur is touching the dan-

ger level. The Gandak has jumped the red mark in Gopalganj and its Sidhwalia area.

Heavy rain lashed parts of Himachal Pradesh, including Kangra's Dharamshala and Palampur where rainfall levels exceeded the 200-mm mark. According to the Emergency Operation Centre, 150 roads -- 111 in Mandi, 13 in Sirmour, nine in Shimla, eight each in Chamba and Kullu, and one in Kangra district -- were closed following torrential rain.

It added that 334 transformers were disrupted and 55 water supply schemes affected. Dharamshala recorded the highest rainfall at 214.6 mm, followed by Palampur (212.4 mm), Jogindernagar (169 mm), Kangra city (157.6 mm), Baijnath (142 mm), Jot (95.2 mm) and Nagrota Surijan (90.2 mm).

The Met office in Shimla has issued a 'yellow' alert warning for thunderstorms and lightning at isolated places till July 12. In Rajasthan, Shahabad in Baran district recorded 195 mm rainfall in a 24-hour period as heavy rain continued to lash the state, Met officials said.

Heavy rain was recorded at some places in Jaipur, Bundi, Kota, Tonk and Baran districts. Shahabad was the wettest place in eastern Rajasthan while Parbatsar in Nagaur district in the western part of the state received 71 mm rainfall.

6-storey residential building collapses

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

Surat, July 6: A person was killed and three to four others were still feared trapped under the debris as a six-storey residential building collapsed in Pal area of Surat city in Gujarat Saturday afternoon, officials said.

While a woman was rescued soon after the collapse, the body of a man was pulled out at night, said Surat police commissioner Anupam Singh Gehlot. The structure collapsed around 2.45 pm.

"A six-storey building collapsed during the afternoon in the Pal area of the city. We learned that four to five flats were occupied in the building. One woman has been rescued. three to four people are still feared trapped.

Search and rescue operations are ongoing with the help of NDRF and SDRF. We hope that the operation will end in a couple of hours," said Pardihi.

Surat Police Commissioner Anupam Singh Gehlot, who arrived at the scene to oversee the rescue operation, confirmed that the voices of trapped persons were heard at the beginning of the rescue efforts.

He said the building was constructed in 2016-17. Prima facie,



around five flats in the building, were occupied, mostly by those who work in factories in this area, he added.

CCTV GRAFT CASE

Delhi L-G gives nod for probe against Jain

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

New Delhi, July 6: Delhi L-G V K Saxena has approved a recommendation for a probe against jailed former Delhi minister Satyendar Jain in a graft case related to CCTV installation in the city, Raj Niwas officials said Saturday.

The ruling Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) alleged that the case against Jain was part of the BJP's "relentless conspiracies" against it and the Delhi government. The BJP, on the other hand, said the sanction for investigation "comes as no surprise" and it was expected long back. In a statement, the AAP said, "The BJP is relentlessly engaging in sinister conspiracies against the Delhi government day and night to halt its works."

It claimed that with "over 200 cases filed against AAP ministers and MLAs, and sending our top leadership, including Delhi Chief Minister (Arvind) Kejriwal to jail in just 10 years, this case is yet another step towards suppressing the AAP". The BJP, however, described Jain as a "master of corruption in the Delhi Cabinet". Jain was arrested by the Enforcement Directorate (ED) in May 2022 in connection with a money laundering case.

NHRC issues notices to states, UTs

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

New Delhi, July 6: The NHRC has issued notices to the chief secretaries and the police chief of all the states and union territories over reports that women are allegedly being forced into sex work of anti-social elements on the pretext of providing them with lucrative job opportunities.

In a statement Friday, the National Human Rights Commission observed the content of a news report quoting statements by women arrested during a raid, if true, raises a serious concern relating to the life, liberty, equality and dignity of women, irrespective of caste, religion and geographical boundaries.

"The media report, carried July 1, indicates that most of the arrested women during a

raid at a hotel in Ranchi, Jharkhand, got into sex trade out of compulsion and helplessness. Many of them were pushed into this web by their relatives and some of them were forced to enter into this ugly business to fulfil the needs of their families and could not come out of the vicious network of anti-social elements once got into their grip," it said.

The news report indicates that the victim women are natives of different places, "trapped in the name of a job" and their handlers are reportedly operating from distant locations. This indicates the "depth of the crime syndicate" across the country, which requires a pan-India action against such criminal elements, the statement said. The NHRC, after taking suo motu cognisance of the



media report, issued notices to the chief secretaries and the director generals of police of all the states and UTs, seeking a detailed report on the steps taken and proposed to be taken to deal with the anti-social elements pushing women into sex trade, it said.

Issuing the notices, the commission further observed that despite several laws and schemes in the country for the protection, safety and welfare of women, the anti-social and crim-

inal elements manage to target the vulnerable sections of society, particularly women.

In another statement issued Friday, the NHRC said it has taken suo motu cognisance of media reports that 30 children allegedly fell ill and five died at an ashram (shelter home) in the Indore district of Madhya Pradesh. "They are of 5-15 years. Reportedly, blood infection and food poisoning are suspected to be the reasons behind this. Most of the children living in the ashrams are orphans," it said.

WOMEN COERCED INTO SEX TRADE

Indian Bank
ALLAHABAD

ZONAL OFFICE: SAMBALPUR
2ND FLOOR, SHYAM ARCADE,
KHETRAJPUR, SAMBALPUR - 768003,
e-mail: zosambalpur@indianbank.co.in

E-AUCTION SALE NOTICE
(See proviso to rule 6(2) & 8(6) Sale Notice for sale of property/ies under SARFAESI Act 2002)

Sale of Immovable property/ies mortgaged to Bank under Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 (No. 54 of 2002)

Whereas, the Authorised Officer of Indian Bank had taken possession of the following property/ies pursuant to the notice issued under Sec 13(2) of the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 in the following loan accounts with right to sell the same on "AS IS WHERE IS BASIS", "AS IS WHAT IS BASIS" and "WITHOUT ANY RECOURSE BASIS" for realization of Bank's dues plus interest as detailed hereunder and whereas consequent upon failure to repay the dues, the undersigned in exercise of power conferred under section 13(4) of the said Act proposes to realize the Bank's dues by sale of the said property/ies. The Sale will be done by the undersigned through e-auction platform provided at the Website <https://www.mstcecommerce.com/auCTIONhome/ibapi/index.jsp>.

Sl. No.	BRANCH / Name & Address of Borrowers / Guarantors / Mortgagors	Description of the Immovable Property	Date of Demand Notice / Date of Possession Notice/ Outstanding Dues	Reserve Price / EMD / Bid Increment Amount
1.	SAMBALPUR BRANCH, Mob No.: 7076468647/ Borrower: M/s. Bhavya Textiles, Prop.: Mrs. Komal Murjani, W/o.: Mr. Dipak Kumar Murjani (Borrower/Proprietor), At: Gujjarati Colony, Near Ashapali School, Sambalpur-768001 / Guarantors/Mortgagors: 1) Madhu Murjani, W/o.: Ajay Murjani, 2) Sri Prem Murjani, S/o.: Ramesh Chandra Murjani, Both are At: Mamata Bhawan, LIC Office, Budharaja, Sambalpur-768004	All that piece and parcel of Property recorded in the name of Mr. Prem Murjani and Mrs. Madhu Murjani, at Mouza: Sambalpur Town Unit No.: 14, Danipali, P.S./Tahasil/Dist.: Sambalpur, Khata No.: 733/421, having Plot No.: 2117, Area: Ac.0.070 Dec, Kissam: Gharabari, Bounded by North: Road, South: Road, East: House of Sriharsa Majhi, West: Road	06.03.2024 / 14.06.2024 / 2,70,63,011/- as on 03.07.2024 + further interest, costs, other charges and expenses thereon	₹271.00 Lakhs / ₹27.10 Lakhs / ₹ 0.10 Lakhs

Document

Tender

E-auction Website

Location

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DATE AND TIME OF E-AUCTION: 09.08.2024 from 11.00 AM to 5.00 PM with unlimited extension of 10 Minutes duration
LAST DATE AND TIME FOR SUBMISSION OF EMD AND DOCUMENTS ON OR BEFORE 08.08.2024 upto 05.30 PM by online

Date & Time of Inspection of Properties: 22.07.2024 to 08.08.2024 between 10.00 AM to 4.00 PM (with prior appointment from bank) at their own expenses

TERMS & CONDITIONS: 1) For detailed terms and conditions of the sale please refer to the link: <https://www.mstcecommerce.com/auCTIONhome/ibapi/index.jsp> and <https://ibapi.in>. Prospective bidders may also contact the Authorised Officers / Branch as mentioned in above list. 2) This is a statutory 30 days sale notice to the above mentioned borrowers/guarantors under Rule 8(6) of the SARFAESI Act, 2002. 3) This is a 30 days notice to the Borrower / Guarantor / Mortgagor of the above said loan about holding of this sale on the above mentioned date. 4) All expenses relating to the stamp duty and registration of Sale Certificate/conveyance, if any, shall be borne by the successful bidder. 5) The Authorized Officer will not be held responsible for any charge, lien, encumbrance, property tax or any other dues to the Government or anybody in respect of the property under sale. 6) The Authorized Officer has the absolute right to accept or reject any bid or adjourn/postpone/cancel the sale without assigning any reason thereof. It may be noted that nothing in this notice constitute or deemed to constitute any commitment or representation on the part of the bank to sell the property.

STATUTORY 30 DAYS SALE NOTICE UNDER RULE 8(6) OF THE SECURITY INTEREST (ENFORCEMENT) RULES, 2002.

Borrowers/Guarantors/Mortgagors are hereby notified to pay the total dues along with up to date interest and ancillary expenses before the date of E-Auction, failing which the property will be auctioned/ sold and balance dues, if any, will be recovered with interest & cost.

Place: Sambalpur, Date: 06.07.2024 **Sd/-Authorised Officer, Indian Bank**

रजिस्ट्री सं. बी.एल.-33004/99 REGD. NO. D. L.-33004/99

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भाग II-खण्ड 3-उप-खण्ड (ii)
PART-II-Section 3-Sub-section (ii)
प्राधिकार से प्रकाशित
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सं. 1957] नई दिल्ली, मंगलवार, मई 21, 2024/वैशाख 31, 1946
No. 1957] NEW DELHI, TUESDAY, MAY 21, 2024/VAISAKHA 31, 1946

MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS
NOTIFICATION
New Delhi, the 21st May, 2024

S.O. 2056(E). In exercise of powers conferred by sub-section (1) of section 3A of the National Highways Act, 1956 (48 of 1956) (hereinafter referred to as the said Act), the Central Government, after being satisfied that for the public purpose, the land, the brief description of which is given in the Schedule below, is required for building (widening/two lane with paved shoulder/four lane etc.), maintenance, management and operation of NH53 in the stretch of land from Km. 65.755 to Km. 77 in the village(s) namely- Nimidihi, Paradeeggarh, Udayabata Taluk- Kujang in the district of Jagatsinghpur in the state of ODISHA hereby declares its intention to acquire such land.

Any person interested in the said land may, within twenty-one days from the date of publication of this notification in the Official Gazette, object to the use of such land for the aforesaid purpose under sub-section (1) of section 3C of the said Act.

Every such objection shall be made to the Competent Authority, namely, Tahasildar, Kujanga in writing and shall set out the grounds thereof and the Competent Authority shall give the objector an opportunity of being heard, either in person or by a legal practitioner, and may, after hearing all such objections and after making such further enquiry, if any, as the Competent Authority thinks necessary, by order, either allow or disallow the objections.

Any order made by the Competent Authority under sub-section (2) of section 3C of the said Act shall be final.

The land plans and other details of the land to be acquired under their notification are available and can be inspected by the interested person at the aforesaid office of the Competent Authority.

SCHEDULE

Brief Description of the land to be acquired with or without structures falling NH53 in the stretch of land from Km. 65.755 to Km. 77 in the village(s) namely- Nimidihi, Paradeeggarh, Udayabata Taluk-Kujang in the district of Jagatsinghpur in the state of ODISHA.

File Number: Cha/Paradip/8Lane/LA/3(a)/Kujanga/3A
ABHAY JAIN, Dy. Secy.

District: Jagatsinghpur
<https://egazette.gov.in/WriteReaDdata/2024/254304.pdf>
Publication Date: 21 May 2024
<https://bhoomirashi.gov.in>

Note : The physical copy of this notification is also available at the office of CALA/PIU/PMU/RO/ED and Landowners may also see the notification there.

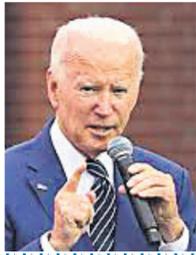
Regional Stressed Assets Recovery Branch: Sambalpur
CORRIDGENDUM
With reference to our E-Auction Sale Notice published on dt. 30.05.2024 in the Orissa Post, in the property description of Borrower: Mr. Hemasagar Meher (SI.No.1) of our Jharsuguda Branch, the Area should be as Area: Ac.0.10 Dec. instead of Area: Ac.0.22Dec., All other facts remain unchanged.
Date: 06.07.2024 Authorised Officer
Place: Sambalpur Bank of Baroda

EAST COAST RAILWAY
Tender Notice No.-13-KUR-TRD-OT-2024-25
Dtd.: 01.07.2024

Name of Work: PERIODICAL OVER HAULING (POH) OF 10NOS OF 1322SKV, 216MVA TRACTION POWER TRANSFORMERS AT SLT2SS(TR-68), KPR/RTSS (TR-49), GRM/RTSS (TR-77), JKP/RTSS (TR-82), TMK/RTSS (TR-85 AND TR-86), HCH/RTSS (TR-87 AND TR-88) AND KDJ/RTSS (TR-89 AND TR-90) IN KHURDA ROAD DIVISION.
Advertised Value: ₹ 24,81,876.31, EMD: Rs. 2,71,800/-
Tender Notice No.-15-KUR-TRD-OT-2024-25
Dtd.: 02.07.2024

Name of Work: OHE MODIFICATION IN CONNECTION WITH PROPOSED REPLACEMENT OF GIRDERS OF MAJOR BRIDGES (BGM/L) (13 NOS) IN JAKHAPURA-BHADRAK SECTION IN CONNECTION WITH MISSION-3000 MT UNDER THE JURISDICTION OF KHURDA ROAD DIVISION.
Advertised Value: ₹ 82,38,629.01, EMD: Rs. 1,64,800/-
Completion Period: 180 Days (For all Tenders)
Tender closing Date & Time: At 1300 hrs. on 23.07.2024 (For SI.No.1) & 26.07.2024 (For SI.No.2)
The Tender documents complete details available at www.reps.gov.in
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“If the Lord Almighty came down and said ‘Joe, get out of the race,’ I’d get out of the race. The lord Almighty’s not coming down
JOE BIDEN | PRESIDENT, US

GAZA TRUCE ON CARDS

Hamas has given initial approval for a US-backed proposal for a phased cease-fire deal in Gaza, dropping a key demand that Israel give an upfront commitment for a complete end to the war, a Hamas and an Egyptian official said Saturday



of the day quote

The UN is deeply concerned at the increase in the intensity of exchanges of fire across the Blue Line yesterday, which heightens the risk of a full-scale war

Representatives of NATO members, particularly in small countries of Europe, should be aware of what they are playing with. The constant escalation could lead to grave consequences

Several PTI workers had been picked up in recent days, vowing to take the matter before the court. “We strongly condemn this state brutality

SHORT TAKES

July Fourth violence claims at least 33

Washington: Shootings and other violence during the extended Fourth of July weekend have left at least 33 people dead, including 11 in Chicago, and injured dozens more nationwide, authorities said. The Fourth of July historically is one of the nation’s deadliest days of the year. A flurry of shootings around the holiday a year ago left more than a dozen people dead and over 60 wounded. And a year before that, seven people died in a mass shooting at a Fourth of July parade near Chicago. Violence and mass shootings often increase in the summer months, with more people gathering for social events, teens out of school and hotter temperatures. In Chicago alone, 11 people had been killed and 55 wounded in shootings as of Friday morning during the extended July Fourth weekend, the Chicago Sun-Times reported.

France goes to polls

Paris: French voters face a decisive choice Sunday in the runoff of snap parliamentary elections that could produce the country’s first far-right government since the World War II Nazi occupation — or no majority emerging at all. Marine Le Pen’s anti-immigration, nationalist party National Rally stands a chance of winning a legislative majority for the first time, but the outcome remains uncertain because of a complex voting system and tactical maneuvers by political parties. Voters across France and overseas territories can cast ballots for 501 of the 577 seats in the National Assembly, the lower and most important of France’s two houses of parliament.

Trump steers away from Project 2025

Miami, July 6: Donald Trump distanced himself Friday from Project 2025, a massive proposed overhaul of the federal government drafted by longtime allies and former officials in his administration, days after the head of the think tank responsible for the program suggested there would be a second American Revolution. “I know nothing about Project 2025,” Trump posted on his social media website. “I have no idea who is behind it. I disagree with some of the things they’re saying and some of the things they’re saying are absolutely ridiculous and abysmal. Anything they do, I wish them luck, but I have nothing to do with them.” The 922-page plan outlines a dramatic expansion of presidential power and a plan to fire as many as



50,000 government workers to replace them with Trump loyalists. President Joe Biden’s reelection campaign has worked to draw more attention to the agenda, particularly as Biden tries to keep fellow Democrats on board after his disastrous debate. Trump has outlined his own plans to remake the government if he wins a second term, including staging the largest deportation operation in US history and imposing tariffs on potentially all imports. His campaign has previously

warned outside allies not to presume to speak for the former president and suggested their transition-in-waiting efforts were unhelpful. Heritage Foundation President Kevin Roberts said on Steve Bannon’s “War Room” podcast Tuesday that Republicans are “in the process of taking this country back.” Former US Rep Dave Brat of Virginia hosted the show for Bannon, who is serving a four-month prison term. “We are in the process of the second American Revolution, which will remain bloodless if the left allows it to be,” Roberts said. Those comments were widely circulated online and blasted by the Biden campaign, which issued a statement saying Trump and his allies were “dreaming of a violent revolution to destroy the very idea of America.”

Moderate Pezeshkian new Iran Prez

IRAN’S PRESIDENT-ELECT, LOW-PROFILE MODERATE MASOUD PEZESHKIAN, CARRIES THE HOPES OF MILLIONS OF IRANIANS SEEKING FEWER CURBS ON SOCIAL FREEDOMS AND A MORE PRAGMATIC FOREIGN POLICY

REUTERS

Dubai, July 6: Relative moderate Masoud Pezeshkian urged people Saturday to stick with him on “the difficult road ahead” after beating a hardline rival to win Iran’s presidential election.

Friday’s run-off vote was between Pezeshkian, the sole moderate in the original field of four candidates, and hardline former nuclear negotiator Saeed Jalili. Pezeshkian, a 69-year-old cardiac surgeon, has pledged to promote a pragmatic foreign policy, ease tensions over now-stalled negotiations with major powers to revive a 2015 nuclear pact and improve prospects for social liberalisation and political pluralism. However many Iranians are

sceptical about his ability to fulfil his campaign promises as Supreme Leader Ayatollah Ali Khamenei, not the president, is the ultimate authority in the Islamic Republic.

“Dear people of Iran, the election is over, and this is just the beginning of our working together. A difficult road is ahead. It can only be smooth with your cooperation, empathy and trust,” Pezeshkian said in a post on social media platform X.

Turnout was almost 50% in Friday’s vote, following historically low turnout in the first round ballot June 28, when over 60% of Iranian voters abstained. The election was called after President Ebrahim Raisi was killed in a helicopter crash in May.

Commending the high turnout, Khamenei congratulated Pezeshkian on his win and



counselled him to continue Raisi’s policies.

Pezeshkian managed to win with a constituency - whose core was believed to be mostly the urban middle class and young - that had been widely disillusioned by years of security crackdowns that stifled any public dissent from Islamist orthodoxy.

FOREIGN POLICY Pezeshkian’s victory lifted hopes of a thaw in Iran’s relations with the West that might create openings for defusing its nuclear dispute with world powers.

The election coincided with escalating regional tension due to the conflicts between Israel and Iranian allies Hamas in Gaza and Hezbollah in Lebanon, as well as increased Western

pressure on Iran over its fast-advancing nuclear programme.

Under Iran’s dual system of clerical and republican rule, the president cannot usher in any major policy shift on Iran’s nuclear programme or support for militia groups across the Middle East, since Khamenei calls all the shots on top state matters.

However, the president can influence the tone of Iran’s policy and he will be closely involved in selecting the successor to Khamenei, now 85.

Backed by Iran’s reformist camp led by former President Mohammad Khatami, Pezeshkian is faithful to Iran’s theocratic rule and has no intention of confronting the powerful security hawks and clerical rulers.

Modi congratulates

New Delhi: Prime Minister Narendra Modi Saturday congratulated Masoud Pezeshkian for his election as Iran’s new President. “Looking forward to working closely with you to further strengthen our warm and long-standing bilateral relationship for the benefit of our people and the region,” PM Modi said in a post on X. Congratulations @drpezeskian on your election as the President of the Islamic Republic of Iran. Looking forward to working closely with you to further strengthen our warm and long-standing bilateral relationship for the benefit of our peoples and the region. India-Iran partnership in various sectors, including connectivity, has expanded tremendously in recent times, especially during the tenure of Iran’s late President Seyed Ebrahim Raisi who passed away in a helicopter crash in May this year.

Foreign leaders sent congratulatory messages to Pezeshkian, among them Russian President Vladimir Putin and Saudi Arabia’s King Salman and Crown Prince Mohammed bin Salman.

Catholic Church to pay \$76mn to abuse victims

AGENCE FRANCE-PRESSE

Montreal, July 6: The Catholic Church is to pay 104 million Canadian dollars (\$76 million) to hundreds of victims of sexual abuse from eastern Canada, according to a statement released Friday.

In 2020 the Archdiocese of St John was found liable for one of Canada’s largest child sex abuse scandals, at Mount Cashel Orphanage, a now-defunct boy’s orphanage in Newfoundland and Labrador province.

The court found sexual abuse was perpetrated by priests and other church officials at the orphanage starting in 1940 and continued over the course of several decades.

A total of 292 victims will receive payouts ranging from 55,000 to 850,000 Canadian dollars, according to the report seen by AFP.

Accounting firm Ernst & Young has been tapped as a third-party intermediary to determine the amount distributed to each victim.

The Archdiocese of St John declared bankruptcy in 2021, though it has raised 40 million Canadian dollars through selling buildings that belonged to it.

BOLD START New UK PM Starmer scraps Rwanda deportation policy



PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

London, July 6: British Prime Minister Keir Starmer said Saturday that he is scrapping a controversial Conservative policy to deport asylum-seekers to Rwanda.

“The Rwanda scheme was dead and buried before it started,” Starmer said in his first news conference. “It’s never acted as a deterrent. Almost the opposite.”

The move was one of Starmer’s first acts in office,

though it was widely expected. He had said during his campaign that he would ditch the plan that has cost hundreds of millions of dollars, but never taken flight. Starmer made the announcement after holding his first Cabinet meeting at 10 Downing St, the day after his Labour Party’s landslide victory overturned 14 years of

Conservative rule. The Rwanda plan was one of the showcase policies of former Conservative Prime Minister Rishi Sunak to try to curb migrants from making dangerous English Channel crossings.

But it was beset with challenges over human rights issues and never managed to deport a single person despite spending hundreds of millions of dollars in a pact with the east African nation.

Suella Braverman, a hard liner on immigration who is a possible contender to replace Sunak as party leader, was critical of Starmer’s anticipated

plan to end the Rwanda deal. “Years of hard work, acts of Parliament, millions of pounds been spent on a scheme which had it been delivered properly would have worked,” she said.

“The Rwanda scheme was dead and buried before it started. It’s never been a deterrent. I’m not prepared to continue with gimmicks that don’t act as a deterrent”
KEIR STARMER | PM, UK

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of the day quote

We (startups) were more or less the last player of the food chain, we had to make do with whatever was left... now we are right in the front... that line now starts from startups... This is a dramatic difference... it is truly a golden period... obviously no period is perfect...but this is simply the best ever India has ever been

VIJAY SHEKHAR SHARMA | PAYTM FOUNDER

If we execute well, we can realistically take this business from ₹10,000-plus crores in top line today to potentially to... ₹2.5 lakh crore of top line over the next 10 years or next five years

AADIT PALICHA | ZEPTO CO-FOUNDER AND CEO

Today domestic semiconductor industry is being served by several global companies. I want to serve the industry as an Indian company. iVP Semiconductor is an Indian company and it would become a global brand

RAJA MANICKAM | IVP SEMICONDUCTOR PVT LTD CO-FOUNDER AND CEO

SHORT TAKES

15 per cent jump in power generation

New Delhi: India's electricity production went up by a robust 15.06 per cent to 167.55 billion units in May this year compared to 145.61 billion in the same month last year, as demand surged amid the scorching heat wave, according to the monthly report of Central Electricity Authority. Thermal power, generated mainly from coal-and gas-based plants, contributed 127.87 billion units which represented a 14.67 per cent increase over the same month last year. The demand for electricity peaked at a record high of 250GW on May 30 as an extended heat wave across North India kept electricity demand elevated in May and most of June. The peak power demand is projected to go up to 260GW in 2024-25.

RBI fines PNB for breach of rules

Mumbai: The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) said Friday that it has imposed a penalty of ₹1.32 crore on Punjab National Bank for non-compliance with regulations on 'Loans and Advances - Statutory and Other Restrictions' and breach of KYC norms. The RBI has in its statutory inspection found that PNB "sanctioned working capital demand loans to two State Government-owned Corporations against amounts receivable from Govt by way of subsidies/refunds/reimbursements." PNB also failed to preserve the records pertaining to the identification of customers and their addresses obtained during the course of business relationships in certain accounts.

Crypto hacking thefts double to \$1.4bn in first half of 2024

REUTERS

London, July 6: The amount of cryptocurrency stolen in hacks globally more than doubled in the first six months of 2024 from a year earlier, driven by a small number of large attacks and rising crypto prices, blockchain researchers TRM Labs said. Hackers had stolen more than \$1.38 billion worth of crypto by June 24, 2024, compared with \$657 million in the same period in 2023, TRM Labs said in a report. The median theft was one-and-a-half times larger than the year before, the report said.

"While we have not seen any fundamental changes in the security of the cryptocurrency ecosystem, we have seen a significant increase in the value of various tokens - from bitcoin to ETH (ether) and Solana - compared

Vedanta chairman meets Odisha CM

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

Bhubaneswar, July 6: Vedanta Group chairman Anil Agarwal met Odisha Chief Minister Mohan Charan Majhi Saturday, and held discussions on the development projects in the state. During the meeting, Agarwal reiterated Vedanta Group's unwavering commitment to the state's progress, the company said in a statement.

The discussion focused on identifying new areas of collaboration that could further accelerate Odisha's transformative journey, enhancing its industrial and socio-economic development, it said.

Expressing his confidence in the new government's vision and leadership, Agarwal said



Odisha's remarkable growth is a testament to the sheer hard work and commitment of its people.

"The state has been crucial to Vedanta's success, and we remain dedicated to its sustainable and inclusive development," he said. "My meeting with Majhi-Ji was highly productive, and we discussed our shared vision for Odisha's growth. Under his capable leadership, our longstanding partnership will continue to thrive, driving the state to greater heights," he added.

The Vedanta Group said it has invested more than ₹1 lakh crore in the state and has created over 1 lakh jobs.

This is the conglomerate's largest investment anywhere in the world, it said.

Drugmakers seek tax reliefs

India, whose pharmaceutical market is expected to be valued at \$130 billion by the end of the decade, is the world's third largest manufacturer of drugs by volume after the US and China



REUTERS

Hyderabad, July 6: India's pharmaceutical companies are hoping for tax incentives and financial assistance for research on innovative drugs as Prime Minister Narendra Modi's government readies a Union Budget to be presented July 23.

The upcoming Budget would be Modi's first major policy announcement in his third term as Prime Minister.

Indian drug manufacturers must focus on developing complex drugs beyond the usual generic variety if the country is to continue being renowned for being the 'pharmacy of the world' for its affordable medicines, experts say.

"If the Indian government can give some income tax exemptions for 5-10 years for any new molecule developed in India...that can pull innovation to grassroots level...companies

will start investing in innovation," Bharat Biotech's Chairman Krishna Ella told Reuters on the sidelines of an event in Hyderabad Friday.

Bharat Biotech developed India's first indigenous COVID-19 vaccine, Covaxin.

India, whose pharmaceutical market is expected to be valued at \$130 billion by the end of the decade, is the world's third largest manufacturer of drugs by volume after the United States and China and is a hub of generic drug manufacturers.

Generic drugs are cheaper versions of brand-name drugs.

In March, research firm Bernstein said that India needs to create a domestic market where innovative drugs can be profitable at the right price.

"Spending millions on clinical

trials with no pricing power is not a business they (pharma companies) want to be in," Bernstein said in an open letter to the prime minister.

The firm also said insurance coverage for novel drugs and harmonising regulatory standards for manufacturing and clinical trials will be required for fostering innovation.

India has offered incentives since 2020 to spur the manufacturing of a broad range of products from drones to drugs in the country. But manufacturers of novel drugs are not eligible for the incentives yet.

"I think government is evaluating on how their existing scheme is working...but industry is expecting a policy from the government to boost research and development in companies," HIV drugs maker Hetero Drugs' Chairman Partha Saradhi Reddy told Reuters.

India's export sales, which dominate the US generics market, is expected to double to \$55 billion by 2030, according to a government-backed trade body Pharmaceuticals Export Promotion Council of India (Pharmexcil).

"And if you want to have this flag going high in the entire globe and again...I think probably we have to look a little bit out of the box," Raja Bhanu, director general of Pharmexcil, said.

Ola exits Google Maps, moves to Ola Maps

INDO-ASIAN NEWS SERVICE

New Delhi, July 6: India's major ride-hailing company Ola has exited Google Maps and has shifted to its own Ola Maps for cab operations.

Bhavish Aggarwal, co-founder and Chairman of the Ola group said that through this move, the company will save nearly ₹100 crore per year.

Last month Aggarwal cut all his ties with Microsoft Azure and shifted his company's entire workload to in-house Artificial Intelligence (AI) firm Krutrim.

In a social media post, he asked users to check Ola apps and update if required.

Aggarwal said on X, "After Azure exit last month, we've now fully exited Google Maps. We used to spend ₹100 cr a year but we've made that 0 this month by moving completely to our in-house Ola maps! Check your Ola app and update if needed."

Aggarwal announced many more new features like street view, NERFs, indoor images, 3D maps, drone maps, etc will be integrated into Ola maps soon.

"Many more features coming soon - street view, NERFs, indoor images, 3D maps, drone maps, etc!" Aggarwal said in a social media post.

In October 2021, Ola acquired Pune-based geospatial services provider company GeoSpoc.

Currently, Ola Maps provides services to its flagship ride-hailing app Ola cabs.

FPIs infuse ₹7,962cr in equity this month

INDO-ASIAN NEWS SERVICE

New Delhi, July 6: Foreign portfolio investors (FPIs) infused ₹7,962 crore in equity this month (till July 5) while their debt investments in the same period stood at ₹6,304 crore, market watchers said Saturday, citing the NSDL data.

This year, FPIs have invested ₹11,162 crore in equity till now while the FPI investment in debt for the same period stands at a massive ₹74,928 crore. The inclusion of Indian government bonds in the JP Morgan Emerging Markets (EM) Government Bond Index

and the front-running by investors have contributed to this divergence in equity and debt inflows, according to market experts.

Milind Muchhala, Executive Director, Julius Baer India, said India remains an attractive investment destination amid a healthy economic and earnings growth momentum, and the FPIs cannot afford to ignore the markets for too long. "In the event of a global risk-on environment, triggered by increasing expectations of rate cuts, it could lead to increasing flows to EM equities, with India expected to emerge as one of the bigger beneficiaries of the flows," he added.

June saw over 42L new demat accounts

INDO-ASIAN NEWS SERVICE

New Delhi, July 6: As the Indian stock market keeps touching new highs amid a record bull run, over 42.4 lakh new demat accounts were opened in the month of June, the highest account opening rate since February.

In May, 36 lakh new demat accounts were opened, according to data from the Central Depository Service and National Securities Depository. The total demat accounts are now at more than 16.2 crore.

This is the fourth time when new demat openings crossed 40 lakh in a single month. The feat was earlier achieved in December 2023, January 2024 and February this year. Thursday, Sensex and Nifty made a new all-time high of 80,392 and 24,401 respectively.

LUXURY HOUSING SALE SURGES

India's real estate market witnessed higher luxury housing sales in H1 2024 due to the robust economy and growing demand for luxury lifestyles. A new report from property consultant firm Knight Frank titled 'India Real Estate: Residential and Office (January - June 2024),' said that luxury residential sales surged in the first half of 2024.



More foreign firms enlist to invest in India

New Delhi: More large foreign manufacturers of heavy machinery used in the infrastructure sector figure in the list of more than 15,000 companies that have registered to set up units in the country during June, according to data compiled by the ministry of corporate affairs. Senior officials see this as the outcome of the increasing demand for such machinery as the government is making massive investments in highways, ports, airports and railway projects. It also reflects the success of the Government's Make-in-India and Aatmanirbhar policy that encourages foreign companies to start operations in the country, an official said. UK's Auger Torque Europe Ltd, one of the foreign companies which has registered for starting operations in India, manufactures earth drills and attachments and is part of Germany's Kinshofer Group which makes attachments for truck cranes and excavators.

With Best wishes to all on the occasion of **Ghosa Jatra 2024**

Dr. Sadananda Putel
Youth farmer leader and Eminent social worker
At: Kandel, Kesinga, Kalahandi

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Zimbabwe stun India

NEXT-GEN INDIAN STARS LOSE BY 13 RUNS IN THE FIRST T20I

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

Harare, July 6: An inexperienced yet spirited Zimbabwe pulled off an upset of massive proportions when they stunned an Indian team brimming with an array of Next-Gen stars by 13 runs in the first T20I of the five-match series here Saturday.

India, who were recently crowned champions in the T20 World Cup albeit with a different set of players, were expected to trot past an unfancied Zimbabwe and the script followed that line when the hosts were restricted to 115 for nine.

But from there, Zimbabwe wrote their own narrative, reducing India to 28 for four in the Power Play and then eventually bowled them out for 102 in 19.5 overs.

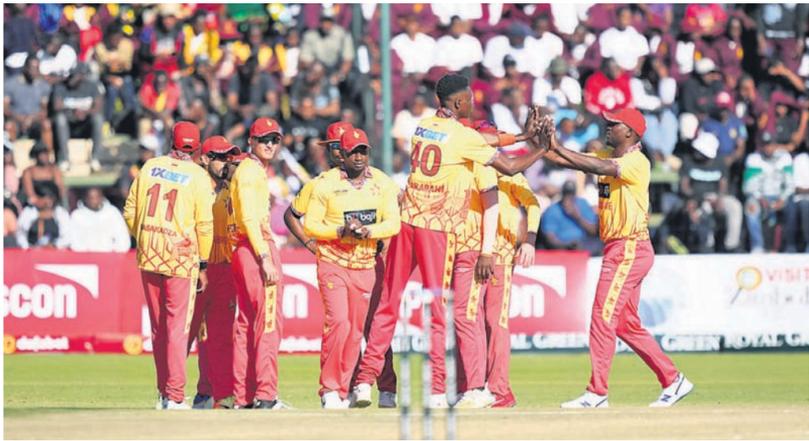
Pacer Tendai Chatara (3/16) and skipper Sikandar Raza (3/25) led the home side bowling with aplomb.

The second match of the series is slated Sunday.

India's stutter began in the first over itself, losing Abhishek Sharma, one of three T20I debutants along with Riyan Parag and Dhruv Jurel, for duck.

Sharma's almighty cross-batted heave off Brian Bennett was caught easily by Wellington Masakadza in the outfield. But what was perceived as an initial scratch soon turned into a deep gash as India kept losing wickets.

Ruturaj Gaikwad (7) could not negate a slightly bouncier offering from pacer Blessing Muzarabani, edging it to Innocent



The loss was India's first defeat in T20Is in 2024 and first against Zimbabwe in eight years

Kaia at the floating first slip.

Soon, pacer Tendai Chatara dealt a double blow to India, dismissing Parag (2) and Rinku Singh (0) in the space of three balls in the fifth over.

Parag's over-enthusiastic loft over mid-off could not clear substitute Brandon Mavuta, while Rinku did not have the necessary space to execute pull off a climbing-up delivery.

However, skipper Shubman Gill kept India in the chase with a sensible knock (31, 5x4), but Sikandar Raza accounted for his counterpart with a delivery that skidded past his bat to rattle the

stumps.

Avesh Khan (16, 12b) and Washington Sundar (27, 34b) added 23 runs for the eighth wicket to take India to 84 but a full-blooded smash off a Masakadza full-toss was accepted by Raza at long-off.

At 84 for eight and then at 86 for nine, the fight was well and truly over.

India needed 16 runs off the last over and despite Washington being there, they could only manage just two runs as Zimbabwe celebrated a famous win with all fervour.

Before their batters faltered, the Indian bowlers led by leg-spinner Ravi Bishnoi, performed admirably on a pitch that had a hint of extra bounce and sufficient carry.

Bishnoi returned with a career-best 4/13 and received adequate

support from off-spinner Washington (2/11) as Zimbabwe struggled to stitch any meaningful partnership.

However, Zimbabwe made a rather brisk start to their innings, reaching 40 for two in the Power Play segment even though their batters were not always convincing.

After the early dismissal of Kaia, who dragged a Mukesh Kumar delivery onto his stumps, Wessly Madhevere (21, 22b) and Bennett (22, 15b) added 34 runs in quick time.

Brief Scores

Zimbabwe 115/9 (Dion Myers 23, Clive Madande 29 not out; Ravi Bishnoi 4/13, Washington Sundar 2/11) beat **India** 102 all out in 19.5 overs (Sikandar Raza 3/25, Tendai Chatara 3/16) by 13 runs

SUPERBET CLASSIC

Praggnanandhaa, Gukesh lose in tiebreaker; Caruana wins title

Caruana, not known as a tiebreaker master, proved that he can get the better of the younger generation as he defeated all three -- Gukesh, Praggnanandhaa and Alireza to come up trumps and win the first prize hamper of \$68500



PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

Bucharest (Romania), July 6: World number two Fabiano Caruana defended his Superbet Classic title by winning all three rapid games in a thrilling four-way tiebreaker, featuring Indian Grandmasters D Gukesh and R Praggnanandhaa, after a rather dull tournament.

Caruana lost to Anish Giri of Holland in the Classical format to split the competition wide open as Gukesh, Praggnanandhaa and France's Alireza Firouzja all finished the classical section tied for first.

Praggnanandhaa survived by the skin of the teeth against Alireza, who held a completely winning position for a long time. If the Frenchman had won the final classical round there would have been no need of tiebreak games as he would have overtaken Caruana on points.

But Caruana lost, Gukesh and Praggnanandhaa drew and that set up a four-way tiebreaker to

decide the winner.

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The tiebreaker saw the two Indians on the backfoot. Gukesh could have done better but Caruana was spot on while Praggnanandhaa could have complicated things.

Earlier, Praggnanandhaa was staring at his first defeat in the tournament as Alireza was clearly on top.

The Indian struggled in the middle game and had to part with a rook for a minor piece but fought till the last to salvage a lost position.

Gukesh played out a draw with Wesley So in a mere 22 moves, the

Nimzo Indian defense did not give any confidence to the American and the draw was through repetition of moves.



SHORT TAKES

Vinesh wins Spanish Grand Prix gold

Madrid: In a perfect build-up to the Paris Olympics, top Indian wrestler Vinesh Phogat clinched the women's 50kg gold medal at the Grand Prix of Spain Saturday. The two-time World Championship bronze medalist defeated Mariia Tiunerekova 10-5 in the final to bag the gold. Mariia is a former Russian wrestler who is now competing as an Individual Neutral Athlete. Vinesh, who received her Schengen visa at the last minute on Wednesday, won three bouts without much difficulty to storm into the final. The 29-year-old former Asian Games gold medalist first beat Pan American champion Yusneylis Guzman of Cuba 12-4 on points. She then registered a win by fall against Madison Parks of Canada, a silver medalist at the 2022 Commonwealth Games in Birmingham, in the quarterfinals. In the semifinals, Vinesh beat another Canadian Katie Dutchak 9-4 on points. After her training-cum-competition stint in Spain, Vinesh will travel to France for a 20-day training stint in preparation for the Paris Games.

Diksha finishes Tied-14th

London: India's Diksha Dagar gave away a costly and rare triple bogey on the 16th hole of the third and final round as she dropped out of Top-10 at the Aramco Team Series London golf tournament. The left-hander, who is headed to the Major Evian Championships next week and then to the Olympic Games in Paris, finished with a round of 2-over 75 and was T-14 after being inside Top-5 at one stage. It was still her best individual finish in the Aramco Series. Except for that Par-4 16th in the final round, she indicated that her game was in good shape for the bigger events. India's other player to make the cut, Tvesa Malik (75) was T-48, while Pranavi Urs had withdrawn after the first round.

Bhambri-Olivetti pair ousted

London: India's Yuki Bhambri and his French partner Albano Olivetti made a second-round exit from the Wimbledon Championships after losing to Germany's Kevin Krawietz and Tim Puetz in three sets here. The Indo-French pair squandered a one-game lead to go down 6-4 4-6 3-6 to the eighth seed Germans in two hours, five minutes Friday. Bhambri and Olivetti had downed the Kazakh duo of Alexanderublik and Alexander Shevchenko in the opening round. On Saturday, veteran Rohan Bopanna and his Australian partner Matthew Ebden will be in action. The second seeds, who are the reigning Australian Open champions, will face Germany's Hendrik Jebens and Constantin Frantzen in the second round.

Rajawat stuns world No 4

THE SHUTTLER CRUISES INTO THE SEMIFINALS OF THE CANADA OPEN

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

Calgary (Canada), July 6: Continuing his dream run, rising Indian shuttler Priyanshu Rajawat stunned top seed and world number four Anders Antonsen of Denmark to cruise into the semifinals of the Canada Open here.

World number 39 Rajawat defeated Antonsen 21-11, 17-21, 21-19 in a gruelling one hour 19 minutes quarterfinal Friday night.

However, the women's doubles pair of Treesa Jolly and Gayatri Gopichand made a quarterfinal exit.

The third-seeded Indians were handed a 18-21 21-19 16-21 defeat by Chinese Taipei's Pei Shan Hsieh and En-Tzu Hung.

The win against Antonsen is the 22-year-old Rajawat's first-ever victory over a top-10 player. He will take on Alex Lanier of France in what will be his second World Tour Super 500 semifinal.

Rajawat was off to a bright start, taking a 7-4 lead in the opening game before Antonsen levelled it at 9-9.

The Indian then picked up five points on the trot to gain the upper hand while the Dane tried to fashion a comeback, Rajawat claimed seven



successive points to take the first game.

Trailing 0-1, Antonsen made a strong comeback in the second game and although Rajawat matched him, even levelling the game at 17, he lost four straight points as

the world No 4 forced a decider.

In the final game, Rajawat initially led 5-1, but Antonsen responded with six consecutive points, bringing the score to 7-5 in favour of the Danish player.

Rajawat staged a comeback by winning three points but the experienced Dane entered the

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mid-game break with a slender 11-10 lead.

With little differentiating the two players, it could have been anybody's game but at 19-19 Rajawat won back-to-back points to seal the match.

Rajawat is the only Indian left in the competition.

He had pulled off victories against higher-ranked opponents -- world number 24 Rasmus Gemke of Denmark and Japan's Takuma Obayashi, ranked 33rd, in the first and second rounds respectively.

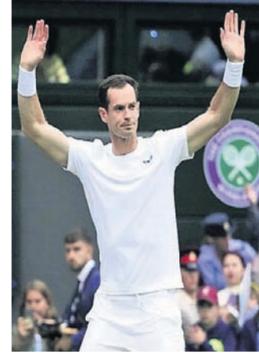
Murray's career in Wimbledon ends after Raducanu pulls out

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

London, July 6: Andy Murray's Wimbledon career came to an anticlimactic end when Emma Raducanu, his mixed doubles partner, pulled out of that competition hours before their first-round match Saturday because of an issue with her surgically repaired right wrist.

The 37-year-old Murray, a two-time singles champion at the All England Club, has said he will head into retirement after competing at Wimbledon and the Paris Olympics, which start later this month.

Mixed doubles was supposed to be the last event at the grass-court Grand Slam tournament for Murray, who withdrew from singles because of an operation to remove a cyst from his spine June 22, and then exited in the first round of men's doubles alongside his older brother, Jamie.



"Unfortunately, I woke up with some stiffness in my right wrist this morning, so therefore, I have decided to make the very tough decision to withdraw from the mixed doubles tonight," Raducanu said.

"I'm disappointed as I was really looking forward to playing with Andy, but got to take care."

Tendulkar gets standing ovation

London: Cricket legend Sachin Tendulkar received a standing ovation from the capacity crowd at Centre Court when he took some time off to enjoy an afternoon at the Wimbledon Saturday. Dressed in a beige-coloured suit, Tendulkar, with a smile on his face, could be seen waving his hands in acknowledgement after the crowd at the Centre Court gave him a rousing welcome. "It's great to welcome you back to Centre Court, @sachin_rt," Wimbledon wrote in 'X' with a video. The announcer in the Centre Court also welcomed the Indian maestro. It was a cricketers' day out at the Centre Court as England's Test and white-ball captains Ben Stokes and Jos Buttler, former skipper Joe Root were also present among the attendees in the Royal Box, sitting just behind Tendulkar.



END OF AN ERA RONALDO BIDS EUROS GOODBYE

The Portugal star's European Championship career ended in anguish, as his team was eliminated from the tournament after a quarterfinal penalty shootout against France

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

Hamburg, July 6: France's heartache in penalty shootouts is over. So is Cristiano Ronaldo's last-ever European Championship.

In a clash of the soccer superstars, it was Kylian Mbappé -- and not Ronaldo, his idol -- advancing to a semifinal match against Spain as France beat Portugal 5-3 in a shootout following a 0-0 draw Friday.

Portugal substitute Joao Felix hit a post with the only miss in the shootout and Theo

Hernández showed no sign of pressure by converting the clinching kick into the top corner.

It was a record sixth and final European Championship for the 39-year-old Ronaldo, who scored Portugal's first penalty in the shootout and ended up consoling fellow veteran Pepe afterward as the 41-year-old defender cried on his captain's shoulder.

"We need to go through this moment of our loss, which is very painful," Pepe said.

Ronaldo's 20-year career in the Euros included the title in 2016 -- when Portugal beat France in the final -- and it remains to be seen if the five-time world player of the year will continue playing for his country through to the 2026 World Cup, when he will be aged 41.

"Everything is too raw," said Portugal coach Roberto Martinez, when asked if that was Ronaldo's last game for his country. "We are suffering a defeat as a team -- there are no individual deci-



Ronaldo scored his first international goal at Euro 2004 as a teenager 20 years ago and won his first and only international trophy at Euro 2016

sions at this point."

The victory ended the recent

heartbreak of Mbappé and France in shootouts, having lost in them at their last two major tournaments -- in the last 16 at the Euros in 2021 and in the 2022 World Cup final.

Before that, the French were also defeated on spot kicks by Italy in the 2006 World Cup final so it had been 26 years -- since beating the Italians in the quarterfinals of the World Cup in 1998 -- that Les Bleus had been victorious in a shootout.

Mbappé didn't even take a penalty this time, having been substituted during halftime of extra time following a couple of knocks to his broken nose that was covered by a protective mask. France coach Didier Deschamps said his captain was tired, too.

Les Bleus didn't need their star player, as Ousmane Dembele, Youssouf Fofana, Jules Kounde and Bradley Barcola all found the net in the shootout -- held at the end housing Portugal's vocal fans -- before Hernández's coup de grâce set off jubilant scenes for the French inside the stadium in Hamburg.

Ronaldo had long hinted that this would be his last Euros, given that he will be 43 the next time the tournament rolls around, and finally confirmed it earlier in the week. He was unable to score during Euro 2024.

"It is, without doubt, my last Euros," he said after an emotional night against Slovenia in the round of 16.

