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ADIEU PRINCE OF DARKNESS: A fan pays tribute following the death of Ozzy Osbourne at the Black Sabbath Bridge, on Broad Street in Birmingham, Britain (Obit P2)

#### **HC** orders probe into transfer of tribal land to private individuals

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Cuttack, July 23: Expressing deep concern over transfer of tribal land to private individuals by revenue officials contrary to the process of law, the Orissa High Court has directed the Keonjhar Collector to conduct inquiry into 'willful' administrative lapse and take to task the erring revenue officials.

"The Collector, Keonjhar is directed to cause an inquiry into the manner in which permissions for the sale of coparcenary property were granted without scrutiny, and how mutation and other revenue entries were affected in favour of a private individual in the absence of due process and consultation with all interested parties, particularly members of the Scheduled Caste community," Justice SK Panigrahi ruled in a judgment.

#### IRREGULAR by MANJUL



He was appointed a govt law officer because of his long experience of taking the law into his own hands

## 9 killed in lightning strikes

Bhubaneswar: At least nine people lost their lives and several others were injured in lightning strikes across Odisha Wednesday. The incidents were reported from Angul, Dhenkanal, Puri, Keonjhar, Cuttack, Ganjam, and Nayagarh districts. In Angul, two persons died while working on their farmlands. Two quarry workers were killed and two others critically injured in Dhenkanal. In Puri, a youth was struck by lightning while working in a field. Keonjhar reported one death and one injury. A woman died in Cuttack's Choudwar area. One person died in Ganjam while grazing cattle. In Nayagarh, one person died and another was critically injured. All victims were engaged in outdoor activities when the lightning struck during severe thunderstorms

Bhubaneswar, July 23: Four days

The police contacted AIIMS, Delhi, where the girl is being treated, to seek its permission to talk to her, sources said.

burns July 19, was airlifted from AIIMS Bhubaneswar and admitted at the Department of Burns and Plastic Surgery of AIIMS Delhi July 20. Her condition continues to be critical.

probed by the Balanga police station,

YB Khurania, have visited the place of occurrence and spoke to the villagers, but no clue regarding the miscreants' identity or how they fled was found.

A senior officer said the place is in a village and no CCTV footage was avail-

'We have been making all efforts to get a clue to nab the miscreants, but to no avail. The police scanned the mobile numbers of different people in the area. This effort also failed,'

Therefore, it is planned to again meet the victim in Delhi. The Odisha Police has sought permission from the hospital authorities to facilitate a meeting with the victim, as her statement is very crucial to reach the culprits, the

and Nimapara MLA Pravati Parida visited the victim at AIIMS during

"The girl's health condition remains stable. One procedure of skin drafting has been made and a second one will be undertaken. From her talks, I could know that her pain has reduced. Let us pray for her speedy recovery. I hope that the girl will be fully recovered in 50/60 days," she said.

Samal and some other party MPs also visited the AIIMS and enquired about the health condition of the girl.

ery of the girl.

# 28% kids stunted, 12% underweight in Odisha

Bhubaneswar, July 23: Nearly 28 per cent children under six years of age in Odisha are stunted while 12 per cent are found to be underweight. Similarly 3.21 per cent of children in the 0-5 age group were found to be wasted and 11.63 per cent children underweight, according to Poshan Tracker data for the month of June 2025

Meanwhile, about 37.07 per cent of children under five years of age registered on the Poshan Tracker were found to be stunted, 15.93 per cent underweight and 5.46 per cent wasted nationally, according to official data.

Poshan Tracker consists of pregnant women, lactating mothers, children up to 6 years of age and adolescent girls as beneficiaries.

Nearly 8.61 crore children up to the age of six were registered on Poshan Tracker as of June 2025, which is a slight decline from the previous year's 8.91 crore, according to national data.

It keeps track of intervention to the beneficiaries and their



progress is further monitored by Supervisors, CDPOs and DPOs through daily and monthly reports. The levels of underweight and

wasting in children as obtained from Poshan Tracker are much less than those projected by NF-HS-5, said official sources. While concerns about chronic

under-nutrition and its impact on child growth remain, the trend indicates Odisha is moving in the right direction.

According to Ministry of Child and Women Development, Odisha has recorded a consistent decline in major indicators of child malnutrition since 2022: Stunting fell from 30.6 per cent to 29.1 per cent, wasting dropped sharply from 5.9 per cent to 2.9 per cent and underweight children reduced from 14.7 per cent to 12.8 per cent. As per the World Health Or-

ganization's Child Growth Standard, stunting causes irreversible physical and mental damage to children. A stunted child is too short for their age, does not fully develop and stunting reflects chronic under-nutrition during the most critical periods of growth and development in early life, said pediatricians.

Similarly, children are regarded as underweight if they are in the bottom 5th percentile for weight compared to their height. Underweight is not only classified compared to other children their age, but to their height as we clinically look for a child to be proportionate, they said.

The child stunting and underweight issues occur to below five years of kids mostly due to malnutrition and lack of unhygienic living conditions, they said adding that nutrient content in food intake could help them recover from these physical deficiencies.

#### **POST 5-YEAR GAP** India resumes issuing tourist visas to Chinese

Beijing, July 23: India has announced resuming issuance of tourist visas to Chinese nationals from this week, a move that comes as part of efforts to repair bilateral ties that came under severe strain following the military clashes in Galwan Valley.

India had suspended issuance of tourist visas to Chinese nationals in 2020 largely due to Covid-19 pandemic but the restrictions continued in view of the eastern Ladakh border row The Indian embassy in Beijing

said Chinese nationals may ap ply for tourist visas from Thursday. In a notification, it also explained the required procedures to apply for the visas as well as documents required to be submitted at respective Indian visa application centres in Beijing, Shanghai and Guangzhou.

China Foreign Ministry has welcomed India's decision to open the tourists' visas saying it is a positive move to facilitate cross-border travel.

"It is a positive move," Chinese Foreign Ministry spokesman Guo Jiakun said in a me dia briefing here answering a question on India's decision

# Balanga horror: Police still clueless about perpetrators

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after three miscreants set a 15-year-old girl on fire in Balanga area of Puri district, Odisha Police was clueless about the attackers till Wednesday evening.

The girl, who sustained 75 per cent

Though the case on record is being

a five-member Crime Branch team has launched an investigation into the matter. The police have engaged experts of the Criminal Investigation Department (CID), cyber crime cell, forensic science and dog squad. Top police officers, including DGP

able to help the police.

the officer said.

officer said. Meanwhile, Deputy Chief Minister

the day.

Odisha BJP president Manmohan

The BJD minority cell held a prayer session at the party's state headquarters for the speedy recov-

## Fake embassy busted in Ghaziabad **DIPLOMAT ARRESTED**



Ghaziabad, July 23: In one of the  $most\ bizarre\ incidents\ to\ emerge\ from$ Uttar Pradesh this year, police have uncovered a fake embassy operating in Ghaziabad — complete with diplomatic flags, license plates, passports, and even a self-styled "ambassador." The only catch: The country doesn't exist.

The Special Task Force (STF) of Uttar Pradesh Police said Wednesday it arrested Harsh Vardhan Jain, a resident of Kavi Nagar in Ghaziabad,



sulate while claiming to represent the non-existent "West Arctica.'

Authorities said Jain allegedly duped individuals by promising job placements abroad and is suspected of operating a hawala network through shell companies. He also used doctored photographs showing him alongside high-ranking officials, including the Prime Minister and the President, to gain credibility.

Additional Director General of Police Amitabh Yash said Jain had

been projecting himself as a consul or ambassador of fictional countries including West Arctica, Saborga, Poulvia and Lodonia. He travelled in luxury vehicles bearing counterfeit diplomatic license plates.

The STF said Jain was arrested Tuesday and that four vehicles with fake diplomatic tags were seized. Investigators also recovered 12 forged diplomatic passports of the so-called micronations, two fake PAN cards, 34 rubber stamps of various fictitious entities, two bogus press cards, and documents stamped with counterfeit Ministry of External Affairs seals.

Police also found Rs 44.7 lakh in cash, foreign currency, 18 fake diplomatic plates, and documents linked to several shell companies.

Jain's interrogation revealed past associations with controversial godman Chandraswami and international arms dealer Adnan Khashoggi. He was previously booked in 2011 in connection with the recovery of an illegal satellite phone.



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where work is concerned.

**TAURUS** 

Ganesha predicts that you

You seem determined to succeed, but

Ganesha says this requires steadiness

spend a quiet evening with your spouse,

will work extremely hard to meet your targets today. The dividends

may not be what you anticipated, but do

not let that bog you down. There will be

says Ganesha. Partnership matters may

no cause for anxiety or trouble today.

end up in a cat and mouse chase.

**GEMINI** 

It will be more or less a

hassle-free day, predicts Ga-

nesha. Some of your personal

CANCER

There is a sound prospect

that you will work hard to

Humanity is something that

is missing a lot these days,

and you believe it to be

says Ganesha.

VIRGO

Sunshine time today, says

Ganesha. The spotlight is

on you, and it'll be one of

quite an impression today.

Some private possessions

are close to your heart, and

you may want to keep them

sacred place, says Ganesha.

that way, says Ganesha. Let your mind

in the afternoon as you seek peace of mind. Also, do not discount a trip to a

walk the hidden alleyways of mysticism

**LIBRA** 

those excellent days. Difference of

opinions might crop up at work, but

in the day, candles and dinner will

make you feel blessed. You'll make

belongings are very dear to you. But you

need not be too possessive about them,

especially when you have no options but to share them with others. Your ability

to keep the mood light during the most

improve the welfare of your children,

portends Ganesha. In the afternoon, you may

hear good news about their academic suc-

cess. In the evening, meditation and prayer

will take much of your time, hopes Ganesha.

your duty to ensure that you reach out to

everyone around you, says Ganesha. But

don't expect anything as revolutionary

and emphatic in your personal life. At

work, you may expect smooth sailing of

sorts towards the latter part of the day,

morbid of situations will be tested today



#### **CUMBERBATCH SLAMS 'WASTEFUL' INDUSTRY**

Actor Benedict Cumberbatch has branded the film industry 'grossly wasteful.' The Doctor Strange star is convinced Hollywood needs to improve standards when it comes to recycling, energy efficiency and waste - insisting simple measure such as banning single-use plastic bottles would be a big help.

#### **LINDSAY LOHAN'S SON LUAI** IS ALREADY 'MOCKING' HER

Freakier Friday actress Lindsay Lohan has admitted her two-yearold son Luai has already started 'mocking' her. She told E! News: "I have this thing, where I'm like, 'Luai, don't do that.'



#### Theatre doyen FORTUNE **Forecast** I **Ratan Thiyam** 🡼 Ganesha Speaks.com



New Delhi: Ratan Thiyam, an Indian playwright and former National School of Drama director, died on early Wednesday morning at around 1.30 am at RIMS Hospital in Imphal, Manipur, after a prolonged battle with post-COVID health complications. He was 77.

Thiyam was one of the towering figures of the Indian theatre circuit. He received the Sangeet Natak Akademi Award in 1987 and was honoured with the Padma Shri, the fourth highest civilian honour in the country, in 1989.

A pioneer of the "theatre of roots" movement, Thiyam's masterpieces such as Chakravyuha and Uttar Priyadarshi masterfully blended ancient Indian traditions with modern narratives, earning global acclaim.

He also served as head of the National School of Drama before focusing on his own theatre, the Chorus Repertory Theatre, founded in 1976, transforming Manipur into a cultural hub.

His socially and politically charged plays reflected the rich Manipur's cultural heritage, captivating audiences worldwide with this grand

Manipur Chief Minister N Biren Singh led the tributes for Ratan Thiyam, calling him 'a revered son of Manipur."

"It is with deep sorrow that I express my heartfelt condolences on the passing of Shri Ratan Thiyam, a true luminarv of Indian theatre and an esteemed son of Manipur. His unwavering dedication to his craft, his vision, and his love for Manipuri culture enriched not only the world of theatre but also our very identity."

Theatre lovers and practitioners across the country shared their condolences on social media at Thiyam's demise.

# Shilpa on her inspirations

Mumbai: Actress Shilpa Shetty, who is seen as a judge on the dance reality show *Super* Dancer Chapter 5, has revealed the three iconic women, who have always inspired her throughout her career and life. Shilpa acknow-

ledged three women as her lifelong inspirations, and said: "There have always been three women in my life who have inspired me — Helen Ji, Rekha Ji, and Madhuri Dixit Ji." What made Helen Ji spe-

cial for Shilpa was "that no matter what she wore or did, it never looked in-

wards the betterment

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appropriate.'

Talking about Rekha, she said: "Rekha Ji could speak volumes just with her eyes — her lip-sync and expressions were phenomenal.

For Shilpa, every performance of Madhuri Dixit has a touch of class.

"I actually learned to dance by watching her videos. These three women have always been a great source of inspiration for me."

Speaking about her mother Sunanda, Shilpa shared: "My mother did far more than anyone could. When I was 17, I was very naive and didn't know much. During that time, my mother traveled with me and supported me for nearly 10 years."



# Prince of Darkness exits stage at 76

Ozzy Osbourne, the Prince of Darkness, who almost single-handedly turned Black Sabbath into the template for heavy metal, died Wednesday at 76, just weeks after a hometown farewell that drew 42,000 disciples to Birmingham's Villa Park.

look at Here's a quick his journey

#### **BLACK SABBATH: FORGING METAL** FROM FACTORY SMOKE John Michael Osbourne was

born on 3 December 1948 in the soot-blackened Aston district of Birmingham, England, the fourth of six children in a family that could not afford silence, let alone music. A stint in prison for burglary taught him that volume could be freedom; by 1968 he had renamed his blues cover band Earth and, with guitarist Tony Jommi bassist Geezer Butler and drummer Bill Ward, rechristened it Black Sabbath. Their 1970 selftitled debut invented heavy metal: Tony's detuned tritones, Geezer's occult lyrics, Bill's jazz-into-doom drums, and Ozzy's wounded-angel wail. Three genre-defining albums followed in eighteen months-Paranoid, Master of Reality, and Vol. 4-selling tens of millions and proving that despair could be a stadium spectacle.

**SOLO YEARS:** BAT BLOOD, REDEMPTION Fired in

1979 for chemical excess that dwarfed even

> Sabbath's, Oz- zy reconvened in Los Angeles with bassist Bob Daisley and the late. luminous Randy Rhoads. The result, Randy

1980's Blizzard of Ozz, sent "Crazy Train" screaming up the charts and introduced neo-classical shredding to denim-and-leather culture. Diary of a Madman, Bark at the Moon, and No More Tears kept the platinum streak alive; so did tabloid infamy—bats, doves, the Alamo, and a 1984 attempted-murder lawsuit filed by the parents of a despondent teenager. Yet MTV's The Osbournes (2002-2005) revealed a doddering dad in velvet pajamas, humanizing the demon and expanding his flock beyond metalheads to suburban households who hummed "Mama, I'm Coming Home."

#### **FINAL CURTAIN: FROM STAGE TO STARDUST**

Parkinson's disease, a spinal infection, and a catastrophic 2019 fall chipped away at the indestructible image, but Ozzy refused retreat. He reunited the original Sabbath for 2013's chart-topping 13 and its farewell tour, then mounted his own No More Tours 2 swan-

song—postponed repeatedly by illness, He died quietly Wednesday at home in Los Angeles. surrounded by family. In 2002 he told Rolling Stone he wanted no epitaph beyond his name dates: today the stone is carved, but the and the Ozzy Osbourne roar echo on.

# FSB's children's film fest kicks off with Chaplin masterpiece

Bhubaneswar, July 23: The third edition of the Children's Film Festival, organised by the Film Society Bhubaneswar (FSB), commencedWednesday at the GKCM Odissi Research Centre with enthusiastic participation from students of Classes VI to VII belonging to Loyola Odia Medium School and KIIT International School.

'South has more

professionalism'

Mumbai: Actress Payal Ghosh

has pitched in on the ever-grow-

ing South Vs Bollywood debate.

She claimed that South has more

work cultures of the two indus-

tries, Payal shared, "I have had

the experience of working with

both industries, and whatever

opportunity I have got in both

industries, I am very grateful to

She revealed that she person-

ally finds the South industry a

little more polished and profes-

sional. "They have more clarity

about what they want unlike the

everyone for the same.

When asked to compare the

clarity and professionalism.

The opening day featured *Flow* (2024), an 85-minute silent animated film by Latvian filmmaker Gints Zilbalodis.

"Watching Flow was an amazing experience. I learnt that we should help each other in times of need," shared Somali Basantiya, a Class VI student, Lovola Odia Medium School.

"I enjoyed being part of the workshop. I can't wait to see our work presented on the final day," said Chandana Das, a Class VI student, KIIT International School. The day concluded with a screening of Charlie Chaplin's masterpiece *The Gold Rush*, a 96-minute silent



film celebrating 100thyear release of the old silent classic. The film blends slap-

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stick humour with heartfelt moments.

FSB President Subrat Beura, sharing his vision, said, "Our aim is to expose young minds to films from across the world. The team has been making continuous efforts to bring students from different schools together on a creative platform.

Every edition of the festival features engaging activities for the students, curated by Sankalp Mohanty, Executive Member of FSB.

To solve the Sudoku puzzle, fill in the boxes in such a

manner that every row, column and 3x3 box contains

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**SOLUTIONS** 

#### SCORPIO

Health issues are on top of the list today, Spend more time working out those muscles than working, says Ganesha. Those in marketing and advertising shall have a golden day today. The correct dose of marketing mix will help reap maximum profits.

#### **SAGITTARIUS** Investments for the future, especially for your children,

should be made today advises Ganesha. Work extra hard to clear up tasks you have been putting off for sometime now. Romance is stirring. so take a break from your usual routing to enjoy its sweet smell.

#### **CAPRICORN** The usually high spirit that

you display at work is likely be dampened today by a trivial issue. So, try not to let too many thoughts trouble your mind today, advises Ganesha. Money matters may be pressing, forcing you to take risks. In the circumstances, keeping your cool will be the best thing to do, for a minor slip can cost you all that you may not be prepared to lose.

#### AQUARIUS

Mixed fortunes today. At work, demanding schedules may drive you up the wall, and you may struggle to keep pace with others. Don't be dejected, says Ganesha, these things happen once in a while. It is only after such a busy day that you can bask in the pleasure of a foot massage from your beloved.

#### **PISCES**

An important day awaits you. Your spirits will be high, and your intuition uncanny. Guided by these, it is likely that you will make several significant decisions today in matters of finance and relationships. Your energy levels will be unflagging and you will find yourself at the peak of your abilities, says Ganesha.

#### **PEANUTS**



#### CALVIN AND HOBBES



#### BREVITY



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# Bring no-trust motion, we'll back: Cong to BJD

Bhubaneswar, July 23: The state unit of Congress Wednesday offered to support the principal Opposition party – Biju Janata Dal (BJD) - if it brings a no-confidence motion against the state's BJP government in the wake of the recent rapes and other crimes against women.

The BJD said its Legislature Party would take a final decision in this regard before the upcoming Assembly session. Addressing a presser here,

Odisha Pradesh Congress Committee (OPCC) president Bhakta Charan Das said, "As the state's principal Opposition party, the BJD should move a no-confidence motion against the Mohan Charan Majhi government over the rising crimes against women. We will support BJD if it moves such a motion for the greater interest of the state.'

"If BJD does not bring such a motion, we are prepared to go for it, but let the regional party announce its support to us. If BJD is really worried about the ongoing assaults on women, it should move a no-trust motion against the BJP government. The need of the hour is to oust the BJP government as it is bringing shame to the state every day," Das remarked.

Citing the Supreme Court's recent remarks on the incident of a 15-year-old girl being set afire at Bayabara village under Balanga police station in Puri district, Das said that the apex court July 21 used words such

**BJD** says its **Legislature Party** would take the final call in this regard before the upcoming **Assembly session** 

as "shame" and "unfortunate" to describe it. This was said to underscore the need to empower and provide a safe haven to women, especially in rural areas, Das said. The Odisha Congress chief said that as an opposition political party, it feels ashamed that such incidents take place in the state.

"However, there seems to be no shame in the BJP government. As the apex court has expressed its serious concern and said 'they are in shame', we all should feel ashamed. The state government should also be ashamed of the incident and the CM and his entire Cabinet should resign," Das said.

He said if the CM and his ministers do not tender resignations, the Opposition parties should remove them from the government. Das said the Odisha government has completely failed to protect the women and girls of the state.

So, it doesn't have any moral right to continue. At least they (govt) should step down, showing respect to the observation of the Supreme Court, Das said.

The Congress leader alleged that Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Chief Minister Mohan Charan Majhi also do not

feel shame over the incidents taking place in Odisha.

"Had that been the case, the Prime Minister would have reacted to the incidents." Das said. Replying to a question, the OP-CC president said that he does not know whether his call to the BJD would reach LoP in the state Assembly, Naveen Patnaik.

"He (Patnaik) meets selected persons. I hope our proposal of support to BJD on a no-confidence motion reaches his ears,' he said. Reacting to Congress' appeal, BJD senior vice-president Debi Prasad Mishra, at a separate press conference, said,

"The BJD has launched a series of protests over the crimes against women. We have staged 'Secretariat Gherao', demonstrated before all the RDC offices, organised a bandh in Balasore, students and youths held agitations across colleges in the state. We, as the principal Opposition party, have been sincerely meeting our responsibility.

Asked whether the BJD would bring a no-confidence motion against the BJP government as suggested by the OPCC president, Mishra said, "The BJD Legislature Party, before the ensuing Assembly session, will take a decision in this regard. BJD president Naveen ji is the Leader of the Opposition in the House and the Legislature Party will take a final call on the matter.

Mishra, however, claimed that the BJP, during its 13 months of rule in the state, has lost trust of the people due to

# Mahanadi dispute can be resolved amicably: CM

Bhubaneswar, July 23: Chief Minister Mohan Charan Majhi Wednesday expressed confidence that the long-standing Mahanadi water dispute with Chhattisgarh can be resolved amicably through direct negotiations between the two states.

Chairing a high-level meeting here, Majhi noted that the process underway at the Central Water Commission (CWC) is progressing slowly.

He stressed the need for bi-

ported by the Central government to reach a mutually-acceptable solution.

"The Central Water Commission can extend the required technical assistance. With cooperation and goodwill, the issue can be resolved amicably, strengthening relations between Odisha and Chhattisgarh," the Chief Minister said.

It is noteworthy that the Mahanadi water issue was previ-

Chhattisgarh Chief Minister Vishnu Deo Sai and Majhi on two occasions this year once on the sidelines

of the All India State Water Resources Ministers' Conference in Rajasthan in February, and again during World Water Day event in Bhubaneswar in March.

Both leaders had agreed on the importance of resolving the matter through dialogue.

The meeting also revealed

tween senior officials of both states are currently ongoing to address the dispute.

Among those present at the meeting were Advocate Gen eral Pitambar Acharya, Chief Secretary Manoj Ahuja, De velopment Commissioner and Additional Chief Secretary of Water Resources department Anu Garg, Principal Secretary to the Chief Minister Saswata Mishra, and other senior officers and engineers from the Water Resources department.



PUJA AHEAD: Artisans shape clay idols of Lord Ganesh at Kumbhar Sahi in Cuttack, Wednesday

Bhubaneswar, July 23: Deputy Chief Minister Pravati Parida Wednesday urged working women to fearlessly raise their voice against sexual harassment at workplace and fight for their rights.

Speaking at an orientation programme on the Sexual Harassment of Women at Workplace (Prevention. Prohibition and Redressal) Act, 2013 or POSH Act at Lok Seva Bhawan here, Parida said, "Sexual harassment is not a stigma or taboo. If we remain silent, we emoower the harasser. Saying 'no' is your right — use it. The government stands firmly with victims."

Parida, the only woman minister in the Mohan Charan Maihi-led BJP government, also heads the Women and Child

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Bhubaneswar, July 23: The

Orissa High Court has issued

notice to Odisha Information

Commission (OIC) seeking

reply on the allegation of arbi-

trary dismissal in a complaint

case, sources said Wednesday. Petitioner Nivedita Roy had

filed an RTI application September 21, 2021 before Public Information Officer (PIO), Chauliaganj Police Station

with prayer for imposition of penalty on the erring PIO and

compensation under RTI Act.

Though about four years

elapsed since the filing of the

complaint, the commission

without hearing the matter sent

a impugned order for dismissing

the case on the ground that the

petitioner has not approached

the First Appellate Authority.

Aggrieved by this arbitrary or-

der, the petitioner approached

the HC seeking dismissal of the

order of the commission.

ablaze by unidentified over 600 government Parida said the Act

> had been neglected since its introduction in 2013. The orientation programme was attended by

renowned lawyer Manasi Padhi, who delivered a detailed presentation on the Act during two dedicated sessions. She explained the provisions, rights, responsibilities, and redressal mechanisms under the Act in depth.

BJD spokesperson Lenin Mohanty, however, in a X post, said, "The Deputy Chief Minister must ensure that when a victim speaks, it is not met with institutional silence from the government or her party. Justice should

He cited the case of a student

from FM (Autonomous) College in Balasore who reportedly faced harassment but failed to get justice due to delays and inaction by the college ICC, police, and political leaders.

"The common people, along with Opposition parties, are now fighting for justice for our sister. Meanwhile, a minor girl belonging to a minority community, from the area represented by Madam Pravati Parida, was set ablaze and is now fighting for her life," Mohanty said, adding that across Odisha, incidents of sexual harassment are being reported almost daily due to the breakdown of law and order under the BJP government.

# Raise voice against sexual harassment at workplace: Parida PINN & AGENCIES Development department. Development department. Development department. Show ad partment. Development department. Development department. Show ad partment. Development department. Develo

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Bhubaneswar, July 23: The All India Institute of Medical Sciences (AIIMS)-Bhubaneswar has received three sets of BHISHM (Bharat Health Initiative for Sahyog Hita and Maitri) cubes – an innovative mobile medical solution developed under the Aarogya Maitri Project – to save lives during disasters, official sources said Wednesday.

These modular, portable medical kits are set to revolutionise emergency healthcare by enabling rapid, on-site treatment at disaster zones

"BHISHM is more than just a medical kit—it represents India's commitment to resilience. innovation, and humanitarian assistance," they said.

Developed by the National Security Council Secretariat (NSCS) with technical support from the Ministry of Defence. each cube is designed to provide immediate trauma care to up to 200 disaster victims and contains 338 essential items, including Ayurvedic medicines, surgical tools, and portable diagnostic devices.

"BHISHM cubes enable life-saving treatment within the critical golden hour, significantly improving survival rates during disasters," said AIIMS-Bhubaneswar Executive Director Ashutosh Biswas.

A dedicated team from the Ministry of Health conducted a comprehensive training and demonstration session for doctors, nurses, and disaster response teams at AIIMS-Bhubaneswar to ensure its quick and effective deployment during emergencies.

Each cube consists 66 lightweight aluminum modules each weighing less than 20kg — which can be transported and set up within just a couple of hours, a significant improvement from the earlier 12-hour setup time.

The cubes are equipped with advanced trauma life support tools, portable X-ray and ultrasound machines, refrigeration units for temperature-sensitive medicines, generator-powered workstations, temporary accommodation for medical personnel, and a fully-functional operation theatre setup.

"In disaster zones, BHISHM cubes bridge the gap between rescue and treatment, delivering last-mile medical support," said Air Vice Marshal (Retd) Prof Dr Tanmoy Roy, chief innovator and designer of the BHISHM cube and former chief surgeon in the Indian Armed Forces.

Already operational in high-altitude terrains by the Indian Army and Air Force BHISHM cubes have also gained international recognition, having been deployed in Sri Lanka, Ukraine, and Myanmar.

#### IMD predicts heavy rainfall till July 28 **HC** notice to info panel for 'arbitrary' dismissal of RTI plaint

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the Opposition BJD and Con-

gress over a brutal attack on

a 15-year-old girl in Puri's Bal-

Parida has been the target of

Bhubaneswar, July 23: The India Meteorological Department (IMD) Wednesday forecast heavy rainfall in several parts of the state till July 28.

In its mid-day bulletin, the Bhubaneswar Meteorological Centre said a cyclonic circulation (remnant of tropical cyclone WIPHA) is expected over the north Bay of Bengal during the next 24 hours.

Under its influence, a low-pressure area would form over the same region, the bulletin said.

Under the impact of the system, heavy rainfall would occur in Koraput, Malkangiri, Nabarangpur, Gajapati, Mayurbhanj, Rayagada and Keonjhar districts before 8:30am Thursday, director of Bhubaneswar Meteorological Centre Manorama Mohanty said.

Thunderstorms with lightning and winds (30-40 kmph) are also expected to occur in maximum parts of the state, excluding the southern region during the period, she said.

# Clean air domes over cities in northern India: IIT-Bhub

POST NEWS NETWORK in Cuttack seeking information about a complaint lodged against her husband Bibhuti. Bhubaneswar, July 23: In The petitioner stated that as the a groundbreaking revelation information relates to life and that challenges long-standing liberty, it should be provided beliefs about urban pollution. within 48 hours. a new study from the Indian In-The PIO did not respond to stitute of Technology (IIT)-Bhuthe RTI application. As the baneswar has discovered that information was not supplied, several cities in northern India she filed a complaint before OIC may actually be cleaner at their

> The findings, published in the prestigious nature portfolio journal 'Communications Earth & Environment', highlight the presence of what researchers call 'clean air domes' - a stark contrast to the commonly accepted notion of urban

core than their surrounding

pollution hotspots. The study, led by School of Earth, Ocean and Climate Sciences associate professor V Vinoj, along with research

scholar Soumya Satyakanta Sethi, analysed two decades of high-resolution aerosol data from 141 Indian cities. Their research reveals that cities in the Indo-Gangetic Plain - including some of the country's most polluted regions — often have city centres that are relatively cleaner than the surrounding non-urban and semi-urban Traditionally, cities are

viewed as 'pollution islands', where emissions from vehicles, industries, and human activities are most concentrated. However, the IIT-Bhubaneswar study uncovers a 'punctured pollution dome' pattern in many northern and northwestern cities. Instead of pollution being trapped above the city, it appears to accumulate more in areas surrounding the city. According to the research-



ers, this phenomenon can be attributed to the 'invisible barrier' effect of urban landscapes. Tall buildings and uneven structures in cities disrupt wind flow and trap pollutants locally — but these In contrast, cities in south same structures can also block polluted air from entering the

city from surrounding regions. In areas affected by long-range pollution - such as dust storms and transported aerosols - this leads to a cleaner urban centre and dirtier peripheries.

ern India, where pollution is more locally generated and not heavily influenced by longrange transport, still display the traditional

urban pollution dome effect, with city centers more polluted than their skirts.

"This finding rewrites how we

understand pollution patterns in Indian cities," said Vinoj. "It tells us that urban pollution isn't just about what happens inside a city — it's equally about what's happening around it and how the city's structure interacts with the atmosphere.

The study also calls attention to the limitations of current air monitoring practices, which often focus only on data collected from within city boundaries. The

researchers argue that without a regional perspective, policies may misjudge the true sources and patterns of pollution.

Beyond air quality, the study has broader implications. The team emphasises the need for integrated urban climate plan ning, especially through tools like urban digital twins — virtual models of cities currently being developed at IIT Bhubaneswar. These models could help policymakers simulate and tackle not only air pollution but also heat stress, flooding rainfall variability, and other climate-related challenges.

As India continues to urbanise rapidly, this research urg es planners and policymakers to move beyond conventional frameworks and adopt a more nuanced, regional, and climate-informed approach to building sustainable cities.

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LITERARY CONFLUENCE: The Eastern Regional Writers' Meet, jointly organised by the Central Sahitya Akademi and Odisha Sahitya Akademi concluded in Bhubaneswar, Wednesday, with speakers highlighting the rich literary legacy of Eastern languages like Odia, Bengali, Assamese, Santali, Bodo, Manipuri, Nepali, and Maithili, while poets, playwrights, and scholars explored contemporary trends and shared socially relevant works

## AIDSO members hit streets seeking girls' safety

Bhubaneswar, July 23: Hundreds of students from various educational institutions across Odisha staged a protest rally Wednesday under the banner of the All India Democratic Students' Organisation (AID-SO) at Lower PMG Square, demanding action on rising crimes against girl students and deteriorating conditions in the education sector.

The protest, led by AIDSO

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saw active participation from state president Somnath Behera, Central Council joint secretary Samar Mahato, and other student leaders. The rally began at Raj Mahal Square and culminated at Lower PMG, where students raised slogans and highlighted mul-

Key among the demands was justice for the Balasore FM Autonomous College student who died by self-immolation. Pro-

testers called for strict action against those responsible. They also flagged rising instances of violence against female students in places like Balasore, Balanga, Gopalpur, and Jagatsinghpur, and demanded guaranteed safety for female students inside and outside campuses.

Students urged the state government to reopen all closed government primary schools, ensure permanent recruitment of teachers and support staff in

vacant posts, and immediately announce dates for student union elections. Another key demand was the repeal of the National Education Policy (NEP) 2020, which the students claimed was anti-student and detrimental to the public education system.

During the protest, a student delegation submitted two memorandums addressed to the CM Mohan Charan Majhi, seeking urgent intervention and fulfillment of their demands.

## City hospital performs landmark brain surgery

Bhubaneswar, July 23: In a major breakthrough for neurosurgery in eastern India, doctors at the Institute of Medical Sciences and SUM Hospital in Bhubaneswar have successfully removed a brain tumour using advanced cortical and subcortical brain mapping techniques.

The technique offers new hope for patients with complex brain tumours located near vital regions of the brain, such as those controlling speech and motor functions.

IMS and SUM Hospital department of Neurosurgery Associate Professor Srikant Kumar Swain led the procedure on a young adult whose tumour was located near areas responsible for speech and motor control.

Speaking to media, Swain said, "Mapping techniques were used during the procedure to precisely identify and preserve key functional areas, ensuring safe and effective tumour re-

The intricate surgery was performed by a multidisciplinary team led by Swain, along with consultant Neurologist Srimanta Pattnaik, and Debi Prasad Mohapatra, who

intraoperative neurological monitoring.

Explaining the methodology, Swain noted, "Cortical and subcortical brain mapping allows us to protect essential brain functions while removing highrisk tumors from eloquent ar-

By employing direct brain stimulation and advanced intraoperative monitoring, the team was able to differentiate and safeguard brain regions responsible for movement and language.

The patient is reported to be recovering well, having retained all essential neurological functions. Post-surgery, the patient is undergoing radiotherapy, as advised following the histopathological report.

Renowned neurosurgeon Ashok Kumar Mahapatra hailed the achievement as a proud moment for Odisha.

"Cortical and subcortical brain mapping is a highly advanced neurosurgical technique. Its successful use here underscores the growing excellence of neurosurgical care in the state," said Mahapatra, Principal Advisor (Health Sci-

#### Udit Pradhan's aide arrested

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Bhubaneswar, July 23: An associate of suspended National Students' Union of India (NSUI) Odisha unit president was arrested in connection with the alleged gang-rape of a 19-yearold college student four months ago, police said Wednesday.

The accused, identified as Ayushman Sahu, was apprehended in Bhubaneswar Tuesday, a senior officer said.

NSUI Odisha unit president Udit Pradhan was arrested Sunday after the woman lodged a complaint before the Mancheswar Police Station, alleging that the Congress student wing chief and his associate mixed an intoxicating substance in her drinks and raped her in a hotel

jan Senapati told PTI.

Following her statement. Sa hu was arrested, and preliminary investigations suggested that the woman was gangraped, the ACP said.

"While recording her statement before the police and the court, the woman alleged that both Pradhan and Sahu had raped her by mixing some intoxicated substance in her drinks," Assistant Commissioner of Police (zone-5) Biswaran-

# Cal HC seeks Odisha's reply on migrant detention claim

matter will come up for hearing

Odisha Advocate General

Pitambar Acharya, appearing

before the court through the

virtual mode, submitted that

there was no arrest of the per-

sons over whom the habeas cor-

He stated before the court

that the law engrafted in the

Foreigners' Act authorises the

civil authority to do certain

things in respect of the suspect-

ed persons whose citizenship is

He stated that there was no

arrest and that it was a lawful

verification of documents as

provided in the law, claiming

that it was a frivolous petition.

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Appearing for the West Ben-

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Kalyan Banerjee stated that

the opinion about a person's

citizenship must be reasonable.

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ment to place before it relevant

documents on whether the

The division bench had July

the matter before the court.

Acharya stated that the Odi-

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in doubt.

Kolkata, July 23: The Calcutta High Court Wednesday directed the Odisha government to file an affidavit in opposition to the contentions in habeas corpus petitions that two Bengali-speaking migrant workers from West Bengal were illegally detained in the neigh bouring state.

The Odisha government strongly denied before the court the contention that they were illegally detained.

The court was informed that the two migrant workers over whom the habeas corpus petition was filed -- Sainur Islam and Rakibul Islam -- have already returned to their resi dences.

Alleging that the two were illegally detained in Odisha, the petitioners' lawyer claimed that they are entitled to compensation.

This contention was disputed by the Advocate General of

A division bench presided over by Justice Tapabrata Chakraborty directed the Odisha government to file an affidavit in opposition to the contention of the petitioners by August 20.

The petitioners were directed to file their reply to the contention of the Odisha government in its affidavit by August 27.

They were directed to answer that if they have been detained, whether such detention was in connection with any court's order and the grounds for that

The Odisha government was also asked to answer whether there has been any correspon dence between the West Benga and Odisha governments.

After the order was dictated Banerjee claimed that this was not a simple habeas corpus pe tition. Acharya stated that this was not an issue between the state governments of Odisha and West Bengal.

He said that it is not about the citizenship of any of the two states, but of the nation.

When Baneriee claimed that several Bengalis have been detained in Odisha over citi zenship issues, Acharya said, "Bengalis are our neighbours and brothers and sisters. Most of the Odia people are very fond of Bengalis.

He said that the current Chief Justice of the Odisha High Court is a Bengali.

"We are not opposed to you why are you opposing us? Acharya asked, to which Banerjee said, "We must know how many Bengalis have been detained in this process.'

Banerjee further claimed that the alleged targeting of Bengali-speaking workers in some states has be

## Governor felicitates achievers

POST NEWS NETWORK

Bhubaneswar, July 23: Governor Hari Babu Kambhampati Wednesday honoured a distinguished group of achiev ers from the state at a special felicitation ceremony held at the New Abhishek Hall, Raj Bhavan. The ceremony celebrated

Padma Shri awardees, Kendra Sahitya Akademi Awardees, international gold medal-winning sportspersons, and successful candidates from the state who cleared the Civil Services Examination 2024, along with their parents

First Lady Jayashree Kambhampati, Commissioner-cum-Secretary to the Governor Roopa Roshan Sahoo, and senior officials were present on the occasion.

"This is not merely a felicitation ceremony. It is a celebra tion of values like hard work, excellence, discipline, creativity and national pride," the



He praised the Padma Shri

awardees for their lifelong commitment to selfless service and innovation, and commended the Sahitya Akademi winners for enriching the state's cultural legacy. He described the sportspersons as "embodiments of vouth, discipline, and patriotism," whose global victories have brought pride on international stage.

Congratulating the newly selected All India Services of ficers, the Governor remarked "Let your work reflect sensitivity to the needs of the last person in the queue, and let your decisions be guided by the principles enshrined in our Constitution.

He also acknowledged the silent support of parents, calling them the 'foundation of every success story'.

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# 'ODISHA KEY CONTRIBUTOR TO INDIA'S RARE EARTH RESERVES'

New Delhi, July 23: Odisha is one of the key Indian states rich in deposits of Rare Earth Elements (REE), playing a crucial role in the country's strategy to secure critical minerals essential for emerging technologies. According to Union Minister of State for Science and Technology Dr Jitendra Singh, India has an estimated 8.52 million tonnes (MT) of rare earth reserves, with Odisha being a prominent contributor.

In a written reply to the Lok Sabha Wednesday, Dr Singh stated that approximately 7.23 MT of Rare Earth Elements Oxide (REO) are found within 13.15 MT of monazite, a mineral containing thorium and rare earths, present in coastal beaches, teri sands, red sands, and inland al-

These deposits are spread across several states including Odisha, Andhra Pradesh, Tam-



il Nadu, Kerala, West Bengal, Jharkhand, Guiarat, and Maharashtra. Additionally, 1.29 MT of rare earths are located in hard rock formations in parts of Gujarat and Rajasthan.

The Atomic Minerals Directorate for Exploration and Research (AMD), under the department of Atomic Energy. is actively engaged in the exploration and assessment of rare earth group minerals in both placer sands and hard rock terrains across the country

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Furthermore, the Geological Survey of India (GSI) has identified and augmented 482.6 MT of REE ore resources at various cut-off grades through 34 exploration projects.

Dr Singh emphasised that while India has exported only 18 tonnes of rare earth minerals in the last decade, there have been no imports, underlining the country's self-reliance in these strategic resources

However, with increasing global competition and export restrictions by some countries. the Ministry of External Affairs is actively engaging with stakeholders at bilateral and multilateral levels to safeguard Indian interests and ensure un-

interrupted supply chains. To bolster its access to critical minerals, the Ministry of Mines has signed bilateral agreements with several mineral-rich countries, including Australia, Argentina, Zambia, Peru, Zimbabwe, and Mozambique. India

is also participating in international forums like the Minerals Security Partnership (MSP), the Indo-Pacific Economic Framework (IPEF), and the Initiative on Critical and Emerging Technologies (iCET) to strengthen cooperation in the mining sector.

Dr Singh informed that the government has established Khanij Bidesh India Limited (KABIL), a joint venture to identify and acquire overseas mineral assets. KABIL has signed an agreement with Argentina's CAMYEN for lithium exploration and is in regular discussions with Australia's Critical Minerals Office.

Negotiations are also underway with Brazil and the Dominican Republic to establish government-to-government cooperation in rare earth and critical minerals exploration, ensuring a sustainable supply for sectors such as electric vehicles, renewable energy, and



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# **Furniture unit at forest** office raises eyebrows



POST NEWS NETWORK

Nayagarh, July 23: Throwing norms to the wind, a furniture unit was found running from Nayagarh forest range office where wooden items such as cots, dining tables, cupboards, and window frames are reportedly being crafted and transported to Bhubaneswar.

On a media query Tuesday morning, the unit was found locked, raising suspicions. Journalists visiting the premises spotted expensive furniture made of teak, and piles of timber, estimated to be over ₹4 lakh. These apart, processed teak and sal planks were also found in two separate rooms. Large timber logs and about five to six carpenters were seen working at the site.

After media personnel questioned officials and captured photos and videos, the unit was abruptly sealed. While officials claimed the unit was operating with permission from the Divisional Forest Officer (DFO) to supply furniture for the Circuit House, ranger quarters, and the forest office, the secrecy surrounding the unit has drawn

According to rules, a furniture unit cannot be operated from a forest office, but it can be licensed by Forest department

According to rules, a furniture unit cannot be operated from a forest range office, but it can be licensed by Forest department

and operate in a non-forest area. Forest offices primarily handle the management and regulation of forest resources, including timber. A furniture unit, especially one that uses wood as its primary material, will need to be licensed by the relevant Forest department and may be subject to specific rules and regulations regarding the sourcing of wood and the oper-

and operate in a

non-forest area



Ashok Kumar Biswal said the seized timber from unidentified cases was legally processed at a sawmill in Bhapur after royalty clearance, and the furniture was being crafted for official use. However, an environment activist, on condition of anonymity, said that government rules mandate handing over seized wood to the Odisha Forest Development Corporation (OFDC), not using it directly for furniture production.

Allegations have also surfaced about illegal felling of trees from protected forests such as Balaram hills and Rukhi reserve on the pretext of unidentified cases. Critics claim more furniture is being made than 'authorised' and is being secretly transported to Bhubaneswar.

Sources suggest that under government procurement norms, offices should purchase furniture through tenders from licensed dealers and not use raw forest timber. They have questioned whether separate rules apply for the Forest department.

There have been calls for an independent investigation into the activities of the Nayagarh range office to ensure transparency and accountability in the use of forest resources.

> According to the complaint, the accused has allegedly been using abusive languages and subjecting the PG students to mental harassment.

MKCG's associate prof

faces harassment charge

Berhampur, July 23: Some

postgraduate students of Ma-

haraja Krushna Chandra Ga-

japati (MKCG) Medical College

and Hospital here have brought

allegations of harassment and

mental torture against an asso-

ciate professor of the Paediat-

the department have lodged a

complaint with the Dean and

the Superintendent of the in-

stitution seeking action against

the associate professor.

The second-year students of

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rics department.

The students have urged the administration to remove the associate professor from duty.

MKCG Medical College and Hospital Superintendent Durga Madhab Satapathy said, a meeting will be convened Thursday to find a resolution based on the nature of the complaints.

## Sexagenarian dies by self-immolation Firm supervisor

PERILOUS JOURNEY: Girl students wait in knee-deep water for the boat to reach their school following the collapse of a jetty at Kauspal ferry ghat near

Digapahandi/Patapur, July 23: In a shocking incident, a 62-year-old man died by self-immolation due to alleged mental distress at Badiaosta village under Dayanidhipur panchayat in Sanakhemundi block of Ganjam district Wednesday.

Bagagahan village under Mahakalapara block in Kendrapara district Wednesday

The deceased was identified as Pitabas Agarya, a village priest. Patapur police recovered a suicide note from his residence reportedly addressed to his son. The suicide note says: "I no longer wish to live. No one is responsible for my death. Please take good care of your mother.'

He has allegedly taken the extreme step after losing mental balance. According to his son, Sitaram, the deceased had been suffering from high blood pressure and diabetes and was undergoing regular treatment. Of late, however, he seemed mentally disturbed, withdrawn and absent minded, speaking little with anyone.

The incident occurred when he reportedly asked his wife to fetch a cold drink from a nearby shop at around 11am, Wednesday. After she left, he went to the backyard, doused himself in kerosene, and set himself ablaze. Family members rushed to extinguish the flames and took him to the nearby Adapada community health centre where doctors pronounced him dead on arrival.

Patapur police handed over the body to the family members after conducting a post-mortem at MKCG Medical College and

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## of live python in opera PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

attempts suicide

Bhanjanagar: A supervisor

of an outsourcing firm here

in Ganjam district tried to

end life by self-immolation

a dismissal notice. He was

Wednesday after he was served

identified as Bhaktaram Sahu.

Sources said some officials of

the firm rescued him when he

pouring kerosene on him. The

dismissal notice, which termed

mentioned that his service will

An official of the firm, however,

expressed ignorance about the

development while efforts to

get the reaction of the officer

of the outsourcing firm also

Police said that the content of

the suicide note will be taken

up for investigation. A case

of unnatural death has been

investigation is underway.

registered, and an

failed to yield any results.

be terminated by month-end.

tried to light the matchstick

for self-immolation after

his work 'unsatisfactory',

Jaipur, July 23: An Odia opera party actor Wednesday appeared before the Forest department officials in this district and explained the controversy surrounding his use of a live python during a rehearsal performance. A video clip of the incident

**Actor grilled over use** 

went viral on social media. triggering concerns over the illegal use of wild animals in live performances. Sources said the rehearsal of

Tulasi Gananatya for Odia play "Ei Bodhe Sesha Dekha" took place near Chandikhole Tues day. In the viral video, actor Sai Satyajit Panda was seen holding a live snake, identified as an African ball python, on stage as part of a dramatic sequence.

The video footage drew sharp criticism online. Bayree Forest Range office issued a notice summoning the actor. Presenting his side before the Forest department, the actor said the snake was a legally purchased exotic species, not protected under the Indian wildlife schedules.

Bayree Forest Range Officer AK Pradhan said no FIR has been filed in this regard yet.

#### **LEAKED BY JILTED LOVER**

# Suicide bid by nursing student

Keonjhar girl earns rare

opportunity to visit ISRO

PNN & AGENCIES

Bhubaneswar/Umerkote,

July 23: A nursing student of Nabarangpur district has attempted suicide by consuming poison after her jilted lover allegedly uploaded her private photos and videos on social media, police said Wednesday.

The second-year nursing student is now being treated at a hospital, while the police

pur SP Madkar Sandeep Sampat told PTI over phone.

The accused, also a college student, allegedly uploaded the photos and videos July 17, shortly after he secured bail in a case of assaulting the woman in Jeypore district.

He allegedly beat up the woman, accusing her of breaking the relationship with him and getting close to another man July 13.

After a complaint was

of the Tata Steel Young Astronomer

Talent Search (YATS) 2024. As part of

the reward, Bhawani visited ISRO's

Telemetry Tracking and Command

Network (ISTRAC) and UR Rao Sat-

ellite Centre (URSC) in Bengaluru.

development and interacted with

top scientists. She also visited

the Visvesvaraya Industrial and

Technological Museum, enrich-

ing her understanding of science

The educational tour, held from

May 24 to 28, 2025, was led by Ur-

miprava Maharana, Deputy Sec-

retary, Department of Science &

Technology, Odisha, and Director

of Pathani Samanta Planetarium,

along with Tata Steel officials.

and technology.

There, she witnessed satellite



dents on the trip.

for ISRO visits.

Guardians accompanied the stu-

and Lilabati Bankula, expressed

her excitement, "Thanks to Tata

Steel YATS, I had an incredible

opportunity to see ISRO's work up

close. This experience strength-

ened my dream of pursuing a ca-

themed "Will Space Be Your Next

Travel Destination?" saw over

71,000 students from Odisha par-

ticipate. Launched in 2007 by Tata

Steel in collaboration with Pathani

Samanta Planetarium, the initia-

tive has so far inspired over 4.71

lakh students, with 230 selected

The 18th edition of YATS,

reer in space technology.

Bhawani, daughter of Harihar

man was arrested, police sources said.

The nursing student is a resident of Nabarangpur but was studying in a college at Jeypore in Koraput district.

Meanwhile, the victim has been shifted to All India Institute of Medical Sciences (AIIMS), Bhubaneswar for advanced treatment.

Police have also detained the father of the student's boyfriend and started inter-

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## Diarrhoea claims another life

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Keonjhar, July 23: Bhawani

Bankula, a 15-year-old Class IX

student of Saraswati Sishu Vidya

Mandir, Katesahi, has made her vil-

lage Guali in this district proud by

emerging among the top 30 winners

Berhampur, July 23: Outbreak of diarrhoea has claimed the lives of three persons and affected several others in at least four villages in Ganiam district, officials said Wednesday.

The casualties were reported from Damapur village under Sanakhemundi block, when several villagers began showing symptoms such as vomiting and loose motion, according to the district Health department. According to officials, Sambaru Mallick, 63, and Kandara Mallick, 60, died at their homes Monday, while Sukura Mallick, 45, passed away Tuesday night at MKCG Medical College and Hospital, where she was undergoing treatment. At least seven others

have been affected by the water-borne disease, four of whom are currently admitted at MKCG Hospital, while others were initially treated at Digapahandi community health centre.

Chief District Medical Officer (CDMO) Sukant Kumar Nayak, however, said the exact cause of the

deaths is still being deter-

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Doubt is not a sport to indulge in with impunity; it is a poison, which drop by drop corrodes the soul



Sebastian Vogelsang

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THE MOTHER

# **Digital Sovereignty**

hen I built my first website back in 1998, the internet felt expansive. You could publish something in Berlin, and someone in Boston or Belgrade might stumble on it within seconds. But today, as a small number of tech monopolies hoover up attention and strangle innovation, that spirit of connection has been lost.

Through their powerful platforms, social-media giants control a large share of the digital world's underlying architecture. Meta (which owns Facebook and Instagram), X, and others operate as walled gardens, and their algorithms discourage users from leaving by deprioritizing posts with outgoing links. People end up stuck on one platform, scrolling mindlessly – an outcome diametrically opposed to the early vision of the internet as a web of interlinked sites and communities.

Europe should recognize this for what it is: a systemic dependency that threatens the continent's digital sovereignty. Just as the European Union seeks to reduce its reliance on external providers for semiconductors, cloud computing, and AI, it must do the same for social media. The dominant platforms extract value from European users by capturing their attention and selling their data, while paying little in taxes and skirting regulations. Their proprietary infrastructure increasingly shapes our lives, from the news we see to the way we speak online.

While European policymakers have long expressed concern about the concentration of corporate power among the big social-media companies, and their outsize influence on society and politics, last year's presidential election in the United States should be sounding alarm bells across the continent. Tech billionaire Elon Musk weaponized X, the platform formerly known as Twitter that he acquired in 2022, to help Donald Trump win re-election by promoting content favorable to him. He has

One solution is to invest in EU-based alternatives. But time and again, policymakers trot out the same excuse: there are no viable options. The European Commission's new International Digital Strategy is likewise skeptical that the bloc can wean itself off Big Tech, instead calling for collaboration with the US to address its dependency.

since threatened to interfere in European

But this stance ignores the emergence in recent years of social-media sites built on decentralized, open protocols. These new platforms are fundamentally different, in principle and design, from American behemoths like Instagram and X. They restore control to users, reduce gatekeeping, and encourage innovation.

Perhaps the best example is the AT Protocol, which serves as the foundation for Bluesky, a fast-growing platform that has amassed nearly36 million users. Designed for interoperability, the AT Protocol allows users to own their data and control the algorithms that curate their feeds. Anyone

can develop apps on the decentralized system – which means that no single company can dominate – and users can easily move between platforms, taking their followers and content with them. That means they never have to start over from scratch.

This dedication to pluralism helps break Big Tech's monopoly power over social media, which has stifled European innovation for decades. Europe-based firms have already used the AT Protocol to create plat-

forms like SkyFeed and Graysky. Others are trying to protect and buildout this social ecosystem free from Big Tech'sgrip. The Free Our Feeds campaign is working to en-

sure that the underlying infrastructure continues to be governed in the public interest. And Eurosky is a new probono effort by a group of European technologists, including myself, to create tools (such as built-in content moderation aligned with EU laws) and infrastructure on the AT Protocol that help European developers build and scale platforms that can rival the social-media giants.

Open protocols are not some utopian project. They are poised to upend the status quo of social media, creating a more democratic digital world. That is why European policymakers should designate these social-networking frameworks as critical infrastructure and invest

Social media should be at the heart of Europe's digital-sovereignty agenda. Building platforms in Europe that rely on an open-source framework would help safeguard democratic discourse from foreign manipulation, create economic value for the continent, and ensure European social-media users control the algorithms that shape what they see. Countries outside the EU could also benefit from these efforts to challenge Big Tech's dominance.

The online world has gone astray, with America's tech sector largely calling the shots on how it is developed and used. Europe can help return the internet to its roots by fostering a social-media ecosystem built for pluralism, not polarization, but it needs political leaders who are willing to fight for a new, truly social digital infrastructure.

> The writer is Developer of Flashes, a photo- and video-sharing app built on the AT Protocol.

#### WISDOM CORNER

**b** Do what you will today and not wait for tomorrow

Once we start to act, hope is everywhere. So instead of looking for hope, look for action. Then, and only then, hope

There is no question that climate change is happening; the only arguable point is what part humans are playing in it.

#### THIS DAY IN HISTORY

- 1915: In one of the worst maritime disasters in American history, the passenger liner SS Eastland capsized in the Chicago River, killing more than 840 people, in Chicago
- 1917: Dutch-born dancer and courtesan Mata Hari, whose name became a synonym for the seductive female spy, went on trial, accused of spying for Germany, and was subsequently found guilty and shot by a firing squad.
- 1923: The Treaty of Lausanne, the final treaty concluding World War I, was signed at Lausanne, Switzerland.
- 1998: The World War II drama Saving Private Ryan, starring Tom Hanks, was released, and it became a critical and commercial success, earning five Academy Awards, including best director for Steven Spielberg.

FOCUS DEVELOPMENT

# **INNOVATE OR STAGNATE**

overnment officials, experts have long stressed that innovation drives industrial growth and global competitiveness. Despite this, manufacturing in India has not grown significantly, and exports have only slightly increased.

As per statistics, India produces the second highest number of engineers and there are expectations that within a few years the number would exceed that of China, which happens to be the world leader. But it is a wellknown fact that China is way ahead of India in terms of technological expertise, cost effectiveness and quality of products and competes with the US on equal terms. There is a need for serious introspection in the matter.

The past decade is seeing that young entrepreneurs of the country want to take on the world and make inroads into the global arena. India's economic system is dominated by industry leaders who are giants domestically but have very little presence internationally. Questions arise why these big companies are unable to enter international markets in a big way. While the domestic market is getting large, these companies want to concentrate domestically rather than face international competition. For becoming a global player, the obvious answer lies in emphasising on innovation and use of modern technology to fight competition.

Obviously, they must concentrate on research and come out with innovative products that could be acceptable globally. The need for active collaboration with higher educational institutions has been stressed but very little headway has taken place. What is most important is the need for industry to allocate more funds for Research &Development, which is quite poor



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compared to global standards. Delving into statistics, it has been found that in FY2023, the total expenditure on R&D by the Indian industry was USD 7.4 billion. This was less than a fifth of what Alphabet as a single firm spent on R&D. If India has to see high economic growth of say 7-8 percent over the next two decades to cross the USD 20 trillion-mark, its industry will need to lead the way through its investments in R&D.

It's therefore imperative that Indian industry must capitalise on its strengths in pharmaceuticals & biotechnology, automobiles and auto parts, aerospace and defence and software and computer services. It must continue to grow its capabilities in sectors such as electronics and electrical equipment and seek new opportunities in sectors like healthcare equipment & services where there is a clear and strong domestic demand.

At the same time, it must prepare itself for the rapid developments taking place in areas like artificial intelligence (AI), machine learning (ML) and quantum computing which are likely to disrupt several if not all industries.

Another aspect is the fact that competition can always

encourage companies to build state-of-the-art products. If necessary, the government has to aid innovation to universities reducing bureaucratic hurdles to accessing and using funding, even while demanding more high-quality research from the faculty. The Anusandhan National Research Foundation is a step in the right direction, but its resources need to be multiplied manifold. This is unfortunately not happening, and most universities are starved of funds.

As regards flow of funds, over the years statistics reveal that research funding has decreased, barring that for the IITs and some other research institutions. Most universities, which are old and quite well known, are starved of funds, not just for payment to research scholars but also for upgradation of laboratories. Does the government believe that only funding a handful of institutions in such a large country will bring in the much-needed innovation?

The focus is primarily on technology and fundamental and applied sciences, which are mostly taught in universities, are by and large neglected. This trend cannot be allowed, more so when the country is emerging as a big global play-

lege teachers. Since then, the

Commission has periodically

released guidelines for teach-

er and has an ardent ambition of becoming a developed nation by 2047. There has to be an allround focus both on technology upgradation and science research because the synergy would yield the desired results.

Industry bodies have a big role in charting out areas where collaboration would vield results and formulate a time-bound action plan.

In this connection, it is heartening to know that rare earth magnets would be domestically produced in Hyderabad and the Centre has tasked the National Institute for Transforming Science & Materials (NFTSM) to carry out this work in partnership with industry players. Reports indicate that such manufacturing would be ready within the next three-four months,

which is highly encouraging. Thus, innovation must be given prime consideration, and the government should allocate more funds for the purpose. Not just the few specialised IITs but also many other universities spread across the country. Private sector funding for innovation and research has also to be ensured through collaborations in projects that are useful for industry.

The industry organisations and associations must consider evolving a plan of action in this regard and the government needs to ensure its successful implementation. If these measures are taken up earnestly, the quality of Indian products would improve significantly and be in a position to compete in the global market. It goes without saying the contribution of manufacturing in India's GDP needs to increase in the coming years while exports of various products need to find new markets and more acceptability internationally. A steady and concerted effort to march ahead is how India would reach the position it aims for.

#### SPECTRUM

Dhurjati Mukherjee

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#### **EDUCATION**

# Addressing erosion of trust in academia



Bhaskar Nath Biswal

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The recent controversies engulfing Fakir Mohan College in Balasore and Gangadhar Meher University in Sambalpur have unequivocally exposed a deeply troubling compromise in the integrity of some college teachers. These incidents have not only tarnished the reputation of the teaching profession but have also ignited widespread public outrage, prompting serious questions about accountability within academia. Now, the time has come to take decisive action to restore the dignity, trust, and accountability that are fundamental to the teaching profession.

I recently watched an enlightening interview on a national channel where the anchor posed a thought-provoking question to the chief guest: "What is the most productive work in the world?" The guest's response was immediate and profound: "The 45-minute classroom in an educational institution." I was struck by the simplicity and truth of this answer, and I wholeheartedly agree with it.

Indeed, it is at the classroom that the seeds of future development are sown, and the minds of students are shaped. Although teachers and students may not always realize the significance of this process, it is undeniable that the classroom is where the foundation for future success is laid.

Teaching is not just a profession, but a sacred trust. College teachers play a pivotal role in shaping the minds of future generations, and as such, are expected to uphold the highest standards of ethics and integrity.

As role models and mentors, college teachers have a profound impact on the lives of their students. The ethics of college teachers are therefore of paramount importance, influencing not only the learning environment but also the values and principles that students carry with them throughout their lives. This article delves into the key ethical considerations that college teachers must navigate, and highlights the critical role that ethics play in promoting academic excellence and integrity.

Recognizing the vital role of teachers, the University Grants Commission (UGC) established standards of ethics as far back as 1989. Under the leadership of Prof. Yashpal, then Chairman of UGC, a Task Force was formed to develop a code of professional ethics for university and colers in colleges and universities to follow. The task force outlined six key areas of teacher ethics to guide professional conduct: teacher-student, teacher-colleague, teacher-authority, teacher-guardian, teacher-non-teaching staff, and teacher-community/societv ethics. These categories ensure respectful, accountable. and professional relationships across all aspects of education. Teachers must uphold integrity, respect students' dignity, and treat them impartially. fostering their academic and personal growth while promoting values like democracy, patriotism, and peace. They should avoid vindictive

With colleagues, teachers should maintain professionalism, offer support, and avoid baseless complaints. They must adhere to institutional rules, advocate for positive changes. and avoid external commitments that conflict with their duties. Collaboration with authorities is essential to uphold the profession's dignity and improve institutions. Teachers

behavior, support students be-

yond class hours, and refrain

from inciting division.

should also respect non-teaching staff as equal partners. fostering cooperation through joint initiatives.

Open communication with guardians is vital to keep them informed about their child's progress, building a collaborative partnership.

Continuous professional development through research, seminars, and conferences ensures teachers stay updated and provide high-quality education. Dedication to students, participation in co-curricular activities, and community service further demonstrate their commitment to education and societal well-being.

Ultimately, it is essential that educator s, administrators, and policymakers prioritize ethics and accountability in higher education. By promoting a culture of integrity, transparency, and accountability, we can ensure that college teachers uphold the highest ethical standards, providing students with a safe, supportive, and enriching learning environment.

The writer is founder of Supporting Shoulders - an organization striving for mental health of college students

#### Vice-President's role

Sir, The abrupt resignation of Vice-President Jagdeep Dhankhar on the very first day of the Rajya Sabha's monsoon session has cast a long shadow over parliamentary decorum. Regardless of his reasons, the timing and manner of his exit reflect poorly on the expectations placed on constitutional office-bearers. His tenure was marked more by rhetorical aggression and confrontations than by the calm stewardship the Rajya Sabha demands. Whoever is chosen next as Vice-President and Chairman of the Rajya Sabha will face a daunting task. In a deeply polarised political environment, maintaining decorum, fairness and impartiality in the House will be a true test of leadership. Presiding officers must rise above partisan temptations and uphold the dignity of Parliament by ensuring a balanced platform for all voices—especially the opposition. While the NDA's numbers assure a smooth election of the next V-P, restoring institutional credibility and parliamentary civility will take more than numerical strength; it demands vision, restraint and a deep respect for the democratic process. *Gopalaswamy J*, CHENNAI

#### Balancing ties crucial

Sir, Benjamin Netanyahu, once politically written off, has repeatedly staged a comeback to power by stoking war sentiment. Yet this time the conflict shows no sign of ending, with Israel drawing global condemnation; 25 nations, including the UK's Foreign Minister David Lammy, have criticised Israeli actions. Netanyahu banks heavily on US backing, but tensions simmer. Contrary to perception, Donald Trump repeatedly prevented Netanyahu from escalating conflicts, especially in Syria, though he appeased Israel by recognising the Golan Heights and shifting the US embassy to Jerusalem, Trump's frustration reportedly grows behind closed doors, as Israel fails to recover the hostages or achieve a decisive victory, and is now entangled with Syria, Lebanon, Yemen and Iran. This uneasy US-Israel equation risks further destabilising the Middle East. For India, balancing ties is crucial: while maintaining strategic relations with Israel, it must also strengthen its neutrality and advocate peace to safeguard its own regional interests amid escalating tensions. *RS Narula*, PATIALA



# TWO STATES





**NARCOTICS, COERCION, ABUSE** 

# **Bhopal under shadow of drugs**

MDMA was often introduced as a party enhancer or fitness supplement, distributed freely at first to hook users by the criminals. Once addicted, victims were reportedly coerced into acting as couriers or recruiters—fueling what officials describe as a 'chain-marketing' model of drug proliferation



Bhopal, July 23: In a sweeping crackdown that has rattled Bhopal's underbelly, the Crime Branch has unearthed a sprawling drug and exploitation network operating across the city's social hotspots

The arrests of Yasin Malik and his uncle Shahwar—both caught with MDMA and an unlicensed pistol after a highspeed chase—have exposed a disturbing nexus of narcotics.

coercion, and abuse. Investigators recovered 22 grams of MDMA, two vehicles, and a country-made firearm

But it was the contents of Yasin's mobile phone that deepened the gravity of the case - over twenty videos allegedly depicting drugged young women being sexually exploited and boys subjected to violent beatings.

Police officials, while confirming the authenticity of the footage, noted that none of the victims have yet come forward, complicating the legal pursuit.

Yasin, son of known criminal Mukhtar Malik, already faces multiple cases across city police stations. His arrest, along with Shahwar's, is believed to be part of a larger supply chain targeting college

students and gym-goers.

MDMA was often introduced as a party enhancer or fitness supplement, distributed freely at first to hook users. Once addicted, victims were reportedly coerced into acting as couriers or recruiters-fueling what officials describe as a "chain-marketing" model of drug proliferation. In a parallel operation, the Crime Branch arrested Saifuddin and Ashu alias Shahrukh from Govindpura, seizing 15.14 grams of MD powder, a scooter, and a mobile phone valued at approximately ₹3 lakh.

Saifuddin, who had been absconding with a ₹5.000 bounty on his head, was allegedly ac-

tive in Bhopal's club circuit, using parties to lure young women into drug use and then leveraging them to expand the

The racket's reach extended into gyms, clinics, and lounges, where MDMA was peddled under the guise of weight-loss solutions or high-paying job offers. Victims were drawn in with promises of transformation and status, only to be trapped in cycles of addiction and exploitation.

Police have initiated a wider probe into establishments suspected of facilitating drug distribution.

Licenses may be revoked for venues found complicit, and several drug-dependent youth have already been referred to rehabilitation centers

Authorities have appealed to parents and community leaders to remain vigilant and proactive in shielding children from the lure of synthetic drugs.

As custodial remand continues for the accused, Bhopal's Crime Branch is working to dismantle the entire network—one that has turned aspirations for fitness and glamour into a pipeline of dependency and abuse.

The investigation remains on-going, with more arrests expected in the coming days.

#### **WATERLOGGING WOES**

# Free water sports: AAP mocks Delhi's BJP govt

New Delhi, July 23: In a swipe at the Delhi government over widespread waterlogging in the capital following morning rain, the opposition AAP congratulated the BJP dispensation for starting free water sports in the capital.

AAP leaders shared multiple videos on social media showing waterlogging in residential and industrial areas, and targeted the government for failing to address the issue.

There was no immediate response from the BJP government to the AAP's allegations.

Heavy rain lashed Delhi in the morning, resulting in traffic disruptions and waterlogging in several parts of the city.

According to the India Meteorological Department (IMD), the Safdarjung observatory, the capital's primary weather station, recorded 5.6 mm of rainfall between 5.30 am and 8.30 am.

Pragati Maidan recorded 16.6 mm of rainfall during this period, Pusa 10 mm, Janakpuri 9.5 mm and Najafgarh 2 mm.

Delhi AAP president Saurabh Bharadwaj took to X to share a video of a woman floating in an inflated bathtub on a road.

"This boat service is not provided by the government but (I) salute the special contribution of the BJP government in

Delhi," she said.

In another post, the AAP leader shared a video of a man swimming in a waterlogged street and thanked the "four-engine government" for "free wa-The rain led to waterlogging

and traffic snarls across major areas, including ITO, South Extension, Nehru Place, East of Kailash, National Highway 8 and Mehrauli-Gurgaon Road. The IMD has issued an 'or-

Delhi," he said.

ter sports".

ange' alert for northwest and southwest Delhi and a 'red' alert, indicating the need for immediate action, for South and North East Delhi.

Leader of Opposition in the Delhi Assembly Atishi shared a video of inundated streets in east Delhi.

"Many congratulations to Chief Minister Rekha Gupta for starting water sports in

In another post about water entering a school, she said, "The BJP's four-engine government should be ashamed. Knee-deer water has entered the munic ipal girls school in Tikri Ka lan, but the BJP does not care Where is the BJP's Chief Min ister Rekha Gupta? Where is BJP Mayor Raja Iqbal Singh? Former deputy chief minister Manish Sisodia shared visuals from Patparganj.

"What a mess the BJP has made of the Patparganj assembly (constituency)... BJP MLAs and their extortionist goons are busy sucking the blood of shopkeepers by asking about their caste and religion... and the en tire assembly (constituency) is flooded," he said on X.

Delhi remains on alert as more rainfall is predicted during the day.

# Govt jobs for athletes, laptops for toppers: Delhi bets big on youths



New Delhi, July 23: The Delhi Cabinet Tuesday approved a new set of measures aimed at offering record cash rewards and government jobs to athletes, along with digital upgrades in government schools.

The decisions were cleared at a Cabinet meeting chaired by Chief Minister Rekha Gupta. After the meeting, Sports and Education Minister Ashish Sood confirmed that Delhi will now offer the highest cash prizes in the country to international medal-winning athletes. with Olympic gold winners set to receive ₹7 crore.

"These figures make Delhi the most rewarding state in India for sportspersons," Sood said in the press briefing. **CASH REWARDS INCREASED FOR** 

#### **INTERNATIONAL ATHLETES**

Under the revised Mukhya mantri Khel Protsahan Yojana, Olympic and Paralympic gold medalists will now receive ₹7 crore. Silver and bronze medalists will get ₹5 crore and ₹3 crore respectively.

The government has also raised rewards for other international competitions. Gold medalists at the Asian and Para Asian Games will receive ₹3 crore, silver ₹2 crore, and bronze ₹1 crore. In the Commonwealth and Para CWG categories, winners will get ₹2 crore for gold, ₹1.5 crore for silver, and ₹1 crore for bronze. At the national level, medalists will receive ₹11 lakh (gold). ₹5 lakh (silver), and ₹3 lakh

Athletes will also be eligible for financial support up to ₹5 lakh for training and medical insurance of the same amount. For elite-level sportspersons, support will go up to ₹20 lakh, with insurance coverage of ₹10 lakh.

Those competing in events recognised by the International Olympic Committee will receive up to ₹2 lakh to cover travel, accommodation, meals, and tournament registration fees

#### **GOVERNMENT JOBS BASED ON MEDAL PERFORMANCE**

The Cabinet also approved a policy to offer government jobs to medal-winning athletes.

Athletes winning Olympic gold or silver, or Asian Games gold, will be eligible for Grade A posts in the Delhi government. Those with Olympic bronze, Asian Games silver or bronze, and CWG or Para Games gold and silver will qualify for Grade B roles. Other international medalists will be considered for Grade C

"This is a landmark step towards cultivating a robust sports culture in the city and empowering young athletes to dream big," said Minister Sood. "The government will closely monitor the implementation to ensure Delhi becomes a premier sporting hub.

#### **LAPTOPS AND LABS FOR GOVT SCHOOL STUDENTS**

In the education sector, the Cabinet cleared a ₹50 crore project aimed at improving digital access in government schools. Starting in the 2025-26 academic year, all meritorious Class 11 students will receive free laptops. In addition, the government will roll out fully equipped computer labs in two phases, 175 labs in Phase I, followed by another 175 in Phase II during 2026-27.

The focus will be on 544 schools operating across 350 buildings, many of which currently run in double shifts and lack adequate digital facilities. Each lab will be equipped with 40 desktop computers and essential digital learning tools. A monitoring unit will oversee rollout



#### At Madhya Pradesh Police Training Centres, Ramcharitmanas may be recited every night

BHOPAL: In Madhya Pradesh's Police Training Centres, a fresh cultural and moral dimension may soon be added to the daily routine of police trainees. In a recent meeting with the Superintendents of Police from all Police Training Schools, Additional Director General (Training) Raiababu Singh suggested that recruits could begin collectively reciting Chaupais from the Ramcharitmanas every night in their barracks before going to sleep. Singh said this practice, if adopted, would not only help trainees absorb the deeper meaning of these verses but also encourage them to implement those teachings in real life, ultimately shaping them into more grounded, value-driven police officers. Describing Ramcharitmanas as a "treasure trove of wisdom" and "a guide for ideal, value-based living," Singh said the aim was to instill inner strength. discipline, and ethical clarity among those preparing for a challenging public service career. The suggestion comes at a time when several recruits undergoing the ninemonth constable basic course training have been requesting transfers to centres closer to their homes. Singh expressed concern over this trend, noting that such preferences risk weakening the state-level character of the Madhya Pradesh Police force

#### Inspired by crime shows, BSF constable robs jewellery store using toy gun

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

New Delhi, July 23: A BSF constable, who joined the force a month ago, was arrested for robbing a Delhi jewellery store with a toy gun in broad daylight, after allegedly getting inspired by crime shows following losses in online gambling, an official said Wednesday.

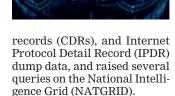
The accused, identified as Gaurav Yadav (22), had completed his training in May 2025 after he enrolled in the Border Security Force (BSF) in 2023, the official added.

"Yadav was posted in the BSF in Fazilka, Punjab. On June 18, a day before the robbery, he took leave and travelled to Delhi, where he planned the heist while waiting to switch trains," Deputy Commissioner of Police (Shahdara) Prashant Gautam said.

The incident occurred June 19 at a jewellery store in Farsh Bazar, when a man entered the store brandishing what appeared to be a pistol and stole four gold bracelets before fleeing on foot.

A case under Section 309(4) (robbery) of the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita (BNS) was registered at the Farsh Bazar Police Station, and an investigation

was launched, the DCP added. Police carried out technical surveillance, analysed multi-



"After sustained efforts and detailed analysis, the accused was identified as a BSF constable posted in Fazilka, Pun jab. A raid was conducted at his native village in Shivpuri Madhya Pradesh, where he was apprehended. During interrogation, he confessed to the crime,' DCP Gautam said.

According to the police, Yaday allegedly developed a gambling addiction, incurred significant losses, and plotted the robbery after watching crime shows. "He bought a toy pis tol from a local shop and used it to commit the robbery. He later travelled to Meerut, then Lucknow, and finally reached his home in Shivpuri, where he sold two of the stolen bracelets and deposited ₹2 lakh into a bank account," the DCP added.

# Rare 1914 revolver donated to BSF's arms museum in Indore

The `Webley .455 Mark 5' revolver, belonging to late Sitaram Rungta, would cost several crores in the international market of antique weapons

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

Indore, July 23: The family of a businessman from Jharkhand has donated a revolver made in Britain in 1914 to the arms museum of the Border Security Force's Central School of Weapons and Tactics (CSWT) in In-

dore, officials said Wednesday. The 'Webley .455 Mark 5' revolver, belonging to late Sitaram Rungta, would cost several crores in the international market of antique weapons.

But his son Nandlal Rungta, a businessman from Chaibasa in Jharkhand, has donated it as the family wants to make Sitaram Rungta's memory ever-lasting, they said.

The businessman donated his father's weapon on the basis of permission from the West Singhbhum district's arms magistrate, the officials said.

After all the legal formalities were completed, a representative of Rungta handed over the revolver to the BSF museum in the presence of CSWT's officiating Inspector General Rajan Sud, they said.

According to officials, Nandlal Rungta was inspired by an article published in a Kolkata newspaper two years ago on CSWT's arms museum and decided to donate his family revolver.



All India BSF Ex-Servicemen Welfare Association president Ajay Kumar Jain helped the businessman in donating the

revolver to the BSF museum. "The price of this revolver is being estimated in crores of rupees in the international market of antique weapons, but Rungta decided to donate this weapon to the BSF museum to make the memory of his father ever-lasting," Jain told PTI.

The rare revolver will be safe

launchers, they said. The museum specially dis-

plays weapons from the 14th century to those of the later generations, the officials said.

in the BSF museum and will

make the coming generations

aware of the history of weap-

Nearly 300 rare weapons

have been preserved in the

museum, established in 1967

at the behest of BSF's first Di-

rector General KF Rustamji, as

revolvers, rifles, sub-machine

guns, light machine guns, me-

dium machine guns, rocket

launchers, mortar and grenade

These include guns, pistols,

ons, he said.

per officials

ple CCTV footage, call detail

## ISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS **COLLECTORATE, JAJPUR NOTIFICATION**

No. XXIV-13: SO-3840(E) Dt.06.09.2024.- Whereas by the notification of the Government of India in the Ministry of Road Transport and Highways, 1313 Dated:13.03.2024, published in the Gazette of India, Extraordinary, Part II, Section 3, Sub-section (ii) issued under sub-section (1) of section 3A of the National Highway Act, 1956 (48 of 1956) (hereinafter referred to as the said Act), the Central Government declared its intension to acquire the land specified in the Schedule annexed to the said notification for building (widening/ four-laning, etc.), maintenance, management and operation of NH16 in the stretch of land from Km. 62 to Km. 98 (Collectorate - Jajpur, LA (Civil) Section, AT/PO/ PS/Dist. Jajpur) in the district of Jajpur in the State of ODISHA.

And whereas the substance of the said notification has been published in "Samaj" and "OrissaPost" both dated 21.04.2024; under sub-section (3) of section 3A of the said Act;

And whereas the Competent Authority has received objections filed under Section 3-C, considered and settled the same appropriately;

And whereas, in pursuance of sub-section (1) of section 3D of the said Act, the competent authority has submitted its report to the Central Government;

Now, therefore, upon receipt of the said report of the competent authority and in exercise of the powers conferred by the sub-section (1) of section 3D of the said Act, the Central Government hereby declares that the land specified in the said Schedule should be acquired for the aforesaid purpose;

And further, in pursuance of sub-section (2) of section 3D of the said Act, the Central Government hereby declares that on publication of this notification in the Official Gazette, the land specified in the said Schedule shall vest absolutely in the Central Government, free from all encumbrances.

#### SCHEDULE

Brief description of the land to be acquired, with or without structure, falling within the NH-16 in the stretch of land from Km. 62 to Km. 98 (Collectorate - Jajpur, LA (Civil) Section, AT/PO/ PS/Dist. - Jajpur) in the district of Jajpur in the State of ODISHA.

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4	392/469	Private	Gharabari	0.0080939	Sahoo, Swadeshna Sahoo, Sukanya Sahoo, Subham Sahoo, S/o. Dhirendra Kumar Sahoo - 392/469
5	392/474	Private	Gharabari	0.0141643	Rashimrekha Sahoo, W/o. Dhirendra Kumar Sahoo, Swadeshna Sahoo, Sukanya Sahoo, Subham Sahoo, S/o. Dhirendra Kumar Sahoo - 392/474
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6	1044	Private	Chaka	0.0121408	Suresh Chandra Sahoo, S/o. Paramananda Sahoo, kismat 5ana 4pahi of Village: Brundadeipur, Manorama Das, W/o. Chandan Kumar Das kismat 5ana 4pahi of Village: Darpani. Prafulla Kumar Sahoo, S/o. Makar Sahoo Kismat 5ana 4 pahi - 1044
7	1045	Private	Chaka	0.0101174	Prafulla Kumar Sahoo, S/o. Makar Sahoo - 1045
8	1051	Private	Chaka	0.0080939	Bhagaban Rout, Raghunath Rout, S/o. Nanda Rout - 1051
9	1052	Private	Chaka	0.0040469	Anjali Kumar Padhi, S/o. Raghunath Padhi of Village/P.S.: Badagarh Hal Sakin Nijagan - 1052 Naliniprava Mallik, W/o. Niranjan Mallik, Kismat 9ana 7pahi of Village: Mahulia, P.S.: Badamba
10	1053	Private	Gharabari	0.0141643	Hal Sakin Badamangalpur, Niranjan Mallik, S/o. Bansidhar Mallik, Kismat 6ana 5pahi of Village: Mahulia, P.S.: Badamba Hal Sakin Nijagan - 1053
11	1084	Private	Gharabari	0.0121408	Samsul Joha, Samsul Hoque, Jafar Ahemad, Sabnam Era Begum, W/o. Saha Rasid Ahemad of Village: Badamangalpur Hal Sakin Pandua - 1084
12	1085	Private	Gharabari	0.0161878	Samsul Joha, Samsul Hoque, Jafar Ahemad, Sabnam Era Begum, W/o. Saha Rasid Ahemad of Village: Badamangalpur Hal Sakin Pandua - 1085
13	1088	Private	Dalua - I	0.0080939	Prakash Chandra Baral, S/o. Surendranath Barala - 1088
14	1091	Government	Patita	0.0020235	Abada Jogya Anabadi - 1091
15	607	Private	Chaka	0.0169972	Saha Mohammad Farahim, Saha Mohammad Abdul Raheman, Saha Mohammad Abdul Majid, Kamrun Nisha, Taslim Khatun, S/o. Saha Mohammad Yasin, Almara Banu, Mohammad Sabir Alam, Sanjiba Banu, S/o. Saha Basir Ahemad - 607
16	610	Private	Chaka	0.0271145	Saha Mohammad Abdul Rajak, W/o. Saha Mohammad Abdul Latif - 610
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17	200	Private	Gharabari	0.0157831	Pruthiraj Sendha, S/o. Pradeep Kumar Sendha - 200
18	201	Private	Gharabari	0.0121408	Sankarsan Sethy, Bela Sethy, Jira Sethy, S/o. Kanhu Sethy, Chandana Sethy, Bhagyadhar Sethy, Badana Sethy, Sasmita Sethy, S/o.
19	202	Private	Gharabari	0.0315662	Purastam Sethy - 201 Diptikanta Dora, S/o. Sanyasi Dora - 202 Triveni Eearthmoovers Private Limited Ba:
20	204	Private	Karakhana	0.0194253	B. Pravakaran, S/o. P. Bala Subhramnyam of Bhadrasahi - 204
21	205	Private	Karakhana	0.014569	Triveni Eearthmoovers Private Limited Ba: B. Pravakaran, S/o. P. Bala Subhramnyam of Bhadrasahi - 205
22	206	Private	Karakhana	0.0169972	Triveni Eearthmoovers Private Limited Ba: B. Pravakaran, S/o. P. Bala Subhramnyam of Bhadrasahi - 206
23	207	Private	Chaka	0.0161878	Sansanka Sekhar Rout, Susanta Kumar Rout, Sukanta Kumar Rout, S/o. Babaji Charan Rout - 207
24	208	Private	Gharabari	0.0109268	Gajendra Mallik, S/o. Banchhanidhi Mallik - 208
25	209	Private	Chaka	0.0113314	Gajendra Mallik, S/o. Banchhanidhi Mallik - 209 Hrushikesh Sahoo, Amaresh Sahoo, Pitabas
26	210	Private	Chaka	0.0242817	Sahoo, S/o. Harekrushna Sahoo - 210
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0.0020235 Fidros Nasrin, W/o. Sk. Amin Hosen - 269

0.0121408 Abdul Bari Khan, S/o. Abdul Sakur Khan - 271

Shyama Sahoo, S/o. Benu Sahoo of Village,

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36	272	Private	Chaka	0.0072845	Farida Begum, W/o. Mursid Alli Kismat 8 ana of Village, Brahmabarada, Saib Akatar, S/o.
37	273	Private	Chaka	0.0072845	Mohammad Sadak Kismat 8ana - 272 Sk. Amin Hosen, S/o. Sk. Abdul Gafar - 273
38	275	Private	Sarada Jala Dofasal - I	0.0194253	Laxmidhar Moharana, Paramananda Moharana, Dharanidhar Moharana, S/o. Sunakar Moharana, Kulamani Moharana, S/o. Sunakar Moharana, Kismat 8ana Mohan Chandra Moharana, Chaitanya Kumar Moharana, Kailash Moharana, S/o. Purna Chandra Moharana kismat 3ana Jagannath Moharana, Pyus Ranjan Moharana, S/o. Pravakar Moharana, Amit Kumar Moharana, S/o. Pravakar Moharana kismat one ana of Village: Samantarapur, P.S.: Jajpur, Umesh Chandra Sahoo, Ramesh Chandra Sahoo, S/o.
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40 <b>Villa</b>	270 ge: Rathia - <b>78</b>	Private 9	Gharabari	0.0121408	Kiranbala Behera, W/o. Krushna Chandra Behera, Prafulla Chandra Behera, S/o. Krushna Chandra Behera of Nijagan - 270
41	770	Private (Gharabari)	Gharabari	0.0060704	Dhirendra Kumar Sahoo, S/o. Pranakrushna Sahoo - 770
42	772	Private	Chaka	0.0020235	Baikunthanath Sahoo, Mrtyunjaya Sahoo, S/o. Krushna Chandra Sahoo - 772
43	773	Private	Gharabari	0.0064751	Trilochan Biswal, S/o. Krushna Chandra Biswal, Sima Biswal, W/o. Sanjaya Kumar Biswal - 773
44	774	Private (Chaka)	Chaka	0.0020235	Anuwar Mohammad, Manuwar Mohammad, S/o. Abdul Mohammad - 774 Baikunhanath Sahoo, Mrtyunjaya Sahoo, S/o.
45	777	Private	Gharabari	0.0161878	Krushna Chandra Sahoo - 777  Krushna Chandra Sahoo, Narayan Sahoo,
46	786	Private	Gharabari	0.0364225	Gobinda Chandra Sahoo, S/o. Uchhab Sahoo, Indramani Sahoo, S/o. Chuin Sahoo - 786
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55	806	Private	Chaka	0.0036423	Biswal - 805 Bhagaban Biswal, S/o. Krushna Chandra
56	807	Private	Chaka	0.0202347	Dakhinray - 806 Bhagaban Biswal, S/o. Krushna Chandra Dakhinray, Dhirendra Kuamr Biswal, S/o.
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58	1773	Private	Jalasechita - III Sarada Ana	0.0202	Sundarray - 1773  Rabinarayan Aich, Biranchinarayan Aich,
59	1774/ 2103	Private	Jalasechita - III	0.0081	Narendra Kumar Aich, S/o. Harekrushna Aich - 1774/2103
60	1775	Private	Sarad Ana Jalasechita - III	0.004	Narana Aich, S/o. Raghunath Aich, Kuntala Aich, W/o. Raghunath Aich - 1775
61	1775/2104	Private	Sarad Ana Jalasechita - III	0.004	Rabinarayan Aich, Biranchinarayan Aich, Narendra Kumar Aich, S/o. Harekrushna Aich - 1775/2104
62	1776	Private	Sarad Ana Jalasechita - III	0.0081	Akshaya Kumar Aich, S/o. Rajkishore Aich - 1776
63	1795	Private	Sarad Ana Jalasechita - III	0.004	Naran Malik, Karunakar Malik, Debakar Malik, Girirdhari Malik, Rama Malik, Laxmidhar Malik, Gouranga Malik, S/o. Bhagu Malik, Kuntala Malik, W/o. Bhagu Malik of Nijagan - 1795
64	1822	Private	Gharabari	0.0202	Parameswar Malik, S/o.Indra Malik, Hari Malik, Nari Malik, Sambhunath Malik, S/o.Kali Malik, Gagan Malik, Panchanan Malik, Raghab Malik, Pandab Malik, S/o. Shyam Malik, Muturi Malik, W/o. Syama, Baja Malik, S/o. Balei Malik, Kanda Malik, Nanda Malik, Manu Malik, S/o. Rai Malik, Dhruba Malik, S/o. Bai Malik, Sudarsan Malik, Keshab Malik, Bhaskar Malik, Minaketan Malik, S/o. Babaji Malik, Malli Malik, W/o.Babaji Malik, Bhikari Malik, Krushna Chandrn Malik, S/o. Baishnab Malik, Kanhei Malik S/o. Maguni Malik of Nijagan - 1822
65	1824	Private	Gharabari	0.0364	Nari Malik, Sambhunath Malik, S/o.Kali Malik, Gagan Malik, Panchanan Malik, Raghab Malik, Pandab Malik, S/o. Shyam Malik, Muturi Malik, W/o. Syama, Baja Malik, S/o. Balei Malik, Kanda Malik, Nanda Malik, Manu Malik, S/o. Rai Malik, Dhruba Malik, S/o. Bai, Sudarsan Malik, Keshab Malik, Bhaskar Malik, Minaketan Malik, S/o. Babaji Malik, Malli Malik, W/o.Babaji Malik, Bhikari Malik, Krushna Chandrn Malik, S/o. Baishnab Malik, Kanhei Malik S/o. Maguni Malik of Nijagan - 1824
66	1825/2276	Private	Gharabari	0.0121	Hari Malik, Nari Malik, Sambhunath Malik, S/o. Kali Malik of Nijagan 1825/2776
67	1833	Private	Sarad Ana Jalasechita - III	0.0121	Sahadeb Khuntia, S/o. Basu Khuntia of Nijagan - 1833
68	1837	Private	Sarad Ana Jalasechita - III	0.0202	Janaki Sahoo, W/o. Prabhakar Sahoo - 1837
69	1841	Private	Gharabari	0.0121	Umesh Chandra Mallik, S/o. Bhikari Charan Mallik - 1841
70	1842	Private	Sarad Ana Jalasechita - III	0.004	Panchanan Sahoo, S/o. Nidhi Sahoo of Nijagan - 1842
71	1850	Private	Sarad Ana Jalasechita - III	0.0162	Nanda Malik, S/o. Rai Malik of Nijagan - 1850
72	1851	Private	Sarad Ana Jalasechita - III	0.0202	Bhikari Charan Malik, Krushna Chandra Malik, S/o. Baishnab Malik, Baja Malik, S/o. Balei Malik of Nijagan - 1851
73	1852	Private	Sarad Ana Jalasechita - III	0.0121	Madhusudan Malik, S/o. Ratnakar Malik of Nijagan - 1852
74	1854	Private	Gharabari	0.0202	Madhusudan Malik, S/o. Ratnakar Malik of Nijagan - 1854
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#### **HC GRANTS PRE-ARREST BAIL TO PRABIR PURKAYASTHA**

The Delhi High Court Wednesday granted anticipatory bail to NewsClick's founder and editorin-chief Prabir Purkayastha in two cases, including the one lodged by Delhi Police concerning foreign funding. Besides the foreign funding case, Justice Neena Bansal Krishna granted him the relief in a money laundering case of the Enforcement Directorate (ED)



#### SHORT **TAKES**

#### Several schools receive hoax bomb threats

Shimla: Multiple schools here received bomb threat emails Wednesday morning, triggering panic among students and their parents. The threats later turned out to be hoaxes. according to police.

#### 4 kanwariyas killed as speeding car hits them

Gwalior: Four devotees out on the Kanwar Yatra were killed and two others injured when a speeding car hit them in Madhya Pradesh's Gwalior district in the wee hours of Wednesday, police said. After hitting the kanwariyas (devotees of Lord Shiva) while they were walking on a road side, the speeding car overturned as the driver lost control over the wheels, they said.

#### Court sends Palghar woman, paramour to police custody

Palghar: A court in Maharashtra's Palghar district Wednesday remanded a woman and her paramour in police custody till July 30, a day after they were arrested on charges of killing her husband and burying the body under tiles at home. The sessions court at Vasai sent the woman, Chaman Devi (28), and her paramour Monu Sharma (20) to police custody.

#### PM embarks on 4-day visit to UK, Maldives

New Delhi: Prime Minister Narendra Modi Wednesday left on a four-day visit to the UK and the Maldives, expressing confidence that this will boost India's ties with the two

**BIHAR ELECTORAL ROLL REVISION** 

# 1 lakh electors 'untraceable': EC

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

New Delhi, July 23: The **Election Commission Wednes**day said 1 lakh electors remain "untraceable" in the ongoing Special Intensive Revision (SIR) of electoral rolls in Bihar while enumeration forms of 7.17 crore have been received and digitised.

It said 20 lakh electors have been reported "deceased" so far and 28 lakh have been found to have permanently shifted from their present addresses. The poll authority noted that 15 lakh electors' enumeration forms have not been returned to local poll officials.

On August 1, on the completion of the first phase of the SIR, the draft electoral roll will be published. If there is any error in the draft poll roll, any elector or political party can file an objection regarding the inclusion of the name of any proposed elector with the concerned electoral registration officer of that assembly constituency by September 1

Similarly, if any eligible person does not find their name in the draft roll, they can file their claims up to September 1, the EC noted.

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#### Tejashwi-Nitish spat in Bihar Assembly

Patna: High drama unfolded in Bihar Assembly Wednesday after Chief Minister Nitish Kumar's intervention during leader of the opposition Tejashwi Yadav's statement on the special intensive revision of electoral rolls triggered a heated exchange. The situation escalated quickly, prompting Speaker Nand Kishor Yadav to adjourn the proceedings till 2 pm, barely 30 minutes after the House had convened at 11 am. The Speaker expressed disgust over the conduct of many opposition members, who used unpar liamentary language, as also those on the ruling side, who refused to back down despite repeated requests.

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September 1," the EC noted in its statement. Similarly, eligible individ-

uals who do not find their names listed in the draft rolls may submit claims by the same deadline.

The Election Commission has stressed that the SIR is being carried out to ensure a clean, updated and error-free electoral roll ahead of upcoming electoral exercises in the state. Bihar, with its vast and often transient voter population, poses a unique logistical challenge for the revision of electoral records. The roll revision exercise comes in the backdrop of mounting political activity in the state and heightened scrutiny of electoral integrity across the country.

## Gujarat ATS busts terror module linked to Al-Qaeda affiliate, arrests four men

Ahmedabad, July 23: The Gujarat Anti-Terrorist Squad (ATS) Wednesday claimed to have busted a terror module after arresting four persons, who were allegedly promoting the ideology of Al-Qaeda in the Indian Subcontinent (AQIS), a proscribed outfit.

The quartet, two of them from Gujarat, was arrested from different locations in a multi-state operation, offi cials said.

"A terror module affiliated with AQIS has been busted by the Gujarat ATS. Four persons linked to the proscribed terror outfit have been arrested," the agency said.

These four men were involved in sharing radical and provocative content, including jihadi propaganda videos of AQIS, on social media platforms with an aim to uproot democratic system and implement 'sharia' (Islamic law) in India through an armed rebellion, said an official release. The ATS recently received a tip-off that some Instagram account holders were spreading extremist ideology of AQIS and trying to attract Muslim youth towards radical outfits by sharing inflammatory content call ing for violence or terrorist acts against Indian citizens, said the release. Acting on the tip-off, the ATS kept a close watch on five such Instagram accounts and nabbed four persons, two of them hailing from Gujarat, who were running them, it said.

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Faig, a resident of Delhi, Zeeshan Ali, an inhabitant of Noida (Uttar Pradesh) Saifulla Qureshi a native of Modasa town of Arvalli district, and Ahmedabad resident Mohammad Fardeen Shaikh. "These four individuals came into contact with each other through social media. We learnt that Delhi-resident Faiq was in contact with a Pakistani Instagram user and discussed ways to spread jihadi activities in India," said Deputy Inspector General of Police (DIG), Gujarat ATS, Sunil Joshi.

During a raid at Shaikh's house in Fatehwadi area of Ahmedabad city, the Anti-Terrorist Squad found a sword and AQIS literature promoting jihad against India for its 'Operation Sindoor' carried out against Pakistan in May, he

#### ED files case against Myntra

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

New Delhi, July 23: The Enforcement Directorate Wednesday said it has registered a case against Flipkart-backed e-commerce platform Myntra, its linked companies and directors for alleged FDI violation of over ₹1,654 crore.

The complaint was filed by the federal probe agency's Bangalore zonal office under a section of the Foreign Exchange Management Act (FEMA) based on "credible information" that Myntra Designs Private Limited, whose brand name is Myntra, and its related companies are doing multi-brand retail trade in the guise of "wholesale cash and carry"

This is in alleged violation of Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) guidelines and provisions of the FEMA, the agency said in a statement.

At present, the country's FDI policy does not permit FDI in the inventory-based model of e-commerce. It is allowed on ly in firms that are operating through a marketplace model.

A spokesperson of the Bangalore-headquartered Myntra, a fashion and lifestyle e-commerce platform, said the company will cooperate with the authorities. "At Myntra we are deeply committed to upholding all applicable laws of the land and operating with the highest standards of com pliance and integrity." "While we have not received a copy of the subject complaint and the supporting documents from the authorities, we remain fully committed to cooperating with them at any point of time," the spokesperson said.

#### Siddaramaiah clarifies **GST on UPI payments;** traders call off strike

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

Bangalore, July 23: Karnataka Chief Minister Siddara maiah Wednesday announced that the state government will not pursue tax notices issued to traders for arrears on exempted goods and services over the past three years. Following this, traders agreed to call off their planned strike

July 25 in the city. The protest had been trig gered by tax notices linked to Unified Payment Interface (UPI) transactions, with traders in parts of Bengaluru and across Karnataka "calling for a

boycott of UPI payments." According to the Commercial Taxes Department, around 6,000 such notices were issued across the state based on UPI transaction data. "Old tax arrears will not be pursued. provided all such traders register under the GST and begin paying GST moving forward,'

Siddaramaiah added. "I told the traders not to go on strike or stage a demonstration at Freedom Park. They have agreed to withdraw their agitation," the Chief Minister

#### Ahmedabad: A Diu-bound IndiGo flight from Ahmedabad carrying around 50 passengers

#### Ahmedabad-Diu IndiGo flight aborts take-off

**SNIPPETS** 

and crew members aborted take-off at the last minute Wednesday due to a technical issue, sources said. As per the schedule, the flight was supposed to depart around 11.15 am from the Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel International Airport, they said. The aircraft was in the take-off roll phase when the pilot decided to stop it on the runway. "A technical snag indication was noticed just before the take-off on IndiGo flight 6E7966 operating from Ahmedabad to Diu July 23," IndiGo said in a statement. Following the standard operating procedure, the pilots informed the authorities and returned the aircraft to bay, it said. The aircraft will undergo necessary checks and maintenance before resuming operations, it said. The airline also said it will accommodate the passengers in the next available flight or will provide a full refund against cancellation, as per their preference.

#### Gelatin sticks, detonators found in bag at bus stand Bangalore: Six gelatin sticks and some detonators were discovered in a carry bag outside a

toilet in Kalasipalya BMTC bus stand here Wednesday, police said. A case has been registered in this connection. A bomb disposal squad and dog squad were immediately dispatched to the spot, as soon as the police received the information about an abandoned bag, they said. The entire area was immediately cordoned off and a thorough search of the premises was conducted before police seized the recovered materials for further examination.

#### Rlys gave 45% subsidy on travel in FY24: Govt

New Delhi: The Indian Railways provisionally spent ₹60,466 crore in subsidy, 45 per cent of the cost of passenger travel, in the financial year 2023-24, the Centre informed the Lok Sabha Wednesday. Railway Minister Ashwini Vaishnaw gave the information in response to the questions raised by several MPs on the recent rail fare hike. Vaishnaw said the Indian Railways provides affordable transportation service to more than 720 crore passengers and its fares are among the lowest in the world, even when compared with neighbouring countries.

# Disruptions rock Parliament for third consecutive day

New Delhi, July 23: Parliamentary proceedings were virtually washed out for a third consecutive day Wednesday as Opposition members led vociferous protests in the Lok Sabha and the Rajya Sabha, demanding a discussion on the revision of the electoral rolls in Bihar ahead of the Assembly polls

(NDA), sought to put the government on

the spot by questioning the development

of the rail network in poll-bound Bihar.

When the Lower House re-convened

Waving placards and raising slogans, discussion on the Pahalgam terror attack and the Opposition members repeatedly stormed into the Wells of both Houses, Lok Sabha and Raiva Sabha expected to hold a 16-hour debate each. While the government leading to an adjournment of the proceedhad agreed to the 16-hour discussion in the ings for the day in the post-lunch session. Lok Sabha at the Business Advisory Committee Upset over the repeated disruptions, Lok meeting July 21, a similar decision was taken at the Rajya Sabha's BAC meeting Wednesday, Sabha Speaker Om Birla said members amid the Opposition's insistence that Prime are bringing street-like behaviour to Minister Narendra Modi should speak on the Parliament and requested them to inissue. The Lok Sabha will begin the discussion trospect on their role as lawmakers. The July 28 and the Rajya Sabha a day later if there are no disruptions, sources said. Lok Sabha was first adjourned till noon minutes into the Question Hour, when Giridhari Yadav, a member of the Jaat noon, BJP member Sandhya Ray nata Dal (United), a key constituent of the ruling National Democratic Alliance

allowed the laying of parliamentary papers and introduction of two bills, before adjourning the proceedings till 2 pm as the Opposition members raised slogans against the ongoing Special Intensive Revision (SIR) of the electoral rolls in Bihar.

Parl to debate Op Sindoor,

pahalgam attack next week

#### AIR INDIA CRASH

#### India trashes British media report that UK families received wrong bodies

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

New Delhi, July 23: India Wednesday trashed a British media report which claimed that two grieving families in the UK received wrong bodies of the victims of the Air India plane crash in Ahmedabad.

The Ministry of External Affairs (MEA) said all mortal remains were handled with utmost professionalism and with due regard for the dignity of the deceased. The Boeing 787 Dreamlin-

er of Air India crashed into a building shortly after taking off from Ahmedabad for London June 12, killing 241 people on board and 19 others on the ground. One passenger survived. The victims included 53 British nationals.

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#### **PAK GOVT SECURED \$26.7BN LOANS IN LAST FISCAL YEAR**

Pakistan secured a record \$26.7 billion in foreign loans during the last fiscal year, according to a media report that said it indicates the country's deepening dependence on multilateral and bilateral creditors. Nearly half of these loans were in the form of rollovers of previously obtained loans 





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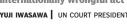
**The Prime** Minister expressed his appreciation for the UK's role in de-escalation of tensions during the Pakistan-India standoff and reiterated that Pakistan was ready for a meaningful dialogue with

**India on all outstanding issues** 

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state to take appropriate action to protect the climate system... mav constitute an internationally wrongful act



#### SHORT **TAKES**

#### Racist attack: Indian student hospitalised

Melbourne: An Indian student, Charanpreet Singh, has been hospitalised after sustaining injuries in an alleged racist attack in Australia's Adelaide, local media reported. Singh, 23, was assaulted by a group of men in a parking lot Saturday in Kintore Avenue over a parking dispute, 9news reported Tuesday, Singh said the group approached his vehicle and hurled racist abuse, before beating him unconscious, the report said "I've suffered trauma to the head, torn tissue around my left eye, and swelling in my jaw. The swelling in my head still hasn't gone down," SBS Punjabi quoted Singh as saying. A 20-yearold man from Enfield has been arrested after the incident and was charged with assault causing harm, 9news reported. Police have appealed to the public for information regarding the other attackers, who fled the

#### Pak, B'desh reach agreement on visa

Islamabad: Pakistan and Bangladesh Wednesday reached an agreement to permit visa-free entry for holders of diplomatic and official passports. The decision was taken at a meeting between Interior Minister Mohsin Naqvi and his Bangladeshi counterpart Lieutenant General (retired) Jahangir Alam Chowdhury in Dhaka, the state-run Radio Pakistan reported. The move signals a further thaw in bilateral ties long shaped by historical hostility, observers opine. Relations between Pakistan and Bangladesh have witnessed a marked improvement following the establishment of the interim government led by Muhammad Yunus in

## Iraqi guv resigns

after mall fire Baghdad: The governor of an Iragi province where a fire in a shopping mall killed more than 60 people resigned Wednesday. The fire last Wednesday tore through a newly opened shopping centre in the town of Kut in Wasit province. While an investigation is ongoing, officials and residents have said that lack of safety measures in the building exacerbated the tragedy. Provincial Gov Mohammed al-Mivahi said he had resigned "in honour of the blood of the martyrs, as they are in need of a gesture that may soothe part of their deep wounds, and in lovalty to them and to the people of this province". The provincial council elected a new

governor, Hadi Majid Kazzar.

**BANGLADESH JET CRASH** 

# Teacher dies saving students from inferno



At least 29 people, most of them children. were killed when the F-7 BGI crashed into the school. trapping them in fire and debris

Dhaka, July 23: When a Bangladesh Air Force fighter jet crashed into her school and erupted in a fireball Monday, Maherin Chowdhury rushed to save some of the hundreds of students and teachers facing mortal danger, placing their safety before her own.

The 46-year-old English teacher went back again and again into a burning classroom to rescue her students, even as her own clothes were engulfed in flames, her brother, Munaf Mojib Chowdhury, told Reuters by telephone. Maherin died Monday after

suffering near total burns on her body. She is survived by her husband and two teenaged

"When her husband called her, pleading with her to leave the scene and think of her children, she refused, saying 'they are also my children, they are burning. How can I leave them?" Chowdhury said.

At least 29 people, most of them children, were killed when the F-7 BGI crashed into the school, trapping them in fire and debris. The military said the aircraft had suffered mechanical failure.

"I don't know exactly how many she saved, but it may have been at least 20. She pulled them out with her own hands," he said, adding that he found out about his sister's act of bravery when he visited the hospital and met students she had rescued.

The jet had taken off from a nearby air base on a routine training mission, the military said. After experiencing mechanical failure the pilot tried to divert the aircraft away from populated areas, but it crashed into the campus. The pilot was among those killed.

"When the plane crashed and fire broke out, everyone was running to save their lives, she ran to save others," Khad ija Akter, the headmistress of the school's primary section. told Reuters on phone about

# Brahmaputra dam will not impact India, B'desh: China

Chinese Premier Li Qiang announced the start of the construction of the dam in the lower reaches of the Brahmaputra River, locally known as Yarlung Zangbo, at Nyingchi City located close to the Line of Actual Control in the Arunachal Pradesh sector

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

Beijing, July 23: China Wednesday defended the launch of the construction of a dam over the Brahmaputra river in the ecologically sensitive Tibet region and allayed concerns over its impact in the lower riparian countries such as India and Bangladesh.

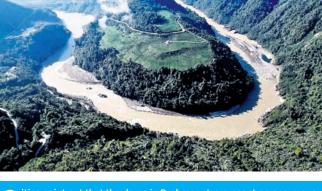
It is learnt that India is keep ing a close eye on the construction of what is said to be the world's largest hydropower dam.

Chinese Premier Li Qiang Saturday announced the start of the construction of the dam in the lower reaches of the Brahmaputra River, locally known as Yarlung Zangbo, at Nyingchi City located close to the Line of Actual Control (LAC) in the Arunachal Pradesh sector.

The project "will not have any negative impact on the downstream regions", Chinese Foreign Ministry spokesperson Guo Jiakun said at a media briefing, while responding to a question on concerns in India and Bangladesh over the dam.

There have been mounting concerns in India over the potential environmental impact of the dam.

Arunachal Pradesh Chief Minister Pema Khandu recently called it a ticking "water bomb", an existential threat and a bigger issue than any



ritics point out that the dams in Brahmaputra present an enormous ering challenges as the project site is located along a tectonic plate boundary where earthquakes occur frequently

he Tibetan plateau, regarded as the roof of the world, periodically experiences earthquakes as it is located over the tectonic plates

thing else apart from the military threat.

In an interview to PTI Videos July 8, Khandu said the world's largest dam project on the Brahmaputra river is a matter of grave concern as China is not a signatory to the international water treaty that could have forced it to abide by international norms

"The issue is that China cannot be trusted. No one knows what they might do," said Khandu.

The dam is expected to generate more than 300 billion kWh of electricity each year, enough to meet the annual needs of over 300 million people.

Concerns arose in India as the dam besides empowering China to control the water flow the size and scale of it could also enable Beijing to release large amounts of water that could flood border areas on the Indian side.

Playing down the concerns of the lower riparian states, Guo said China has cooperated with them by sharing hydrological data, flood prevention and disaster alleviation.

China had necessary commu-

nication with the two countries on the project, he said, adding that China would continue to enhance cooperation with downstream countries to benefit the people along the river. The Chinese foreign ministry

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ing local people's lives and in response to climate change, he added. In the planning, design and construction of the hydro power projects in the lower reaches,

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tecting ecological environment in an all-round way, he said. He also claimed that the development of the project will help prevent disasters along the whole river and will not have a negative impact on the

downstream regions.

China has already operationalised the \$1.5 billion Zam Hydropower Station, the largest in Tibet, in 2015, which raised concerns in India.

#### Trump strikes tariff deal with Japan; auto stocks surge

Washington/Tokyo,

July 23: US President Donald Trump struck a trade deal with Japan that lowers tariffs on auto imports and spares Tokyo from punishing new levies on other goods in exchange for a \$550 billion package of US-bound investment and loans. It is the most significant of

a clutch of agreements that Trump has bagged since unveiling sweeping global levies in April though, like other deals, exact details remained unclear. As part of the deal, Japan

will buy 100 Boeing planes and hike defense spending with US firms to \$17 billion annually, from \$14 billion, a White House official said.

Japan's auto sector, which accounts for more than a quar ter of its US exports, will see existing tariffs cut to 15% from levies totaling 27.5% previ ously. Duties that were due to come into effect on other Jap anese goods from August 1 will also be cut to 15% from 25%.

US Treasury Secretary Scott Bessent said in an interview with Bloomberg Television that Japan received the 15% rate on auto tariffs "because they were willing to provide this innovative financing mechanism" that he did not think other countries could replicate.

The announcement Tues day evening sent Japan's benchmark Nikkei stock index climbing almost 4% to its highest in a year, led by stocks in automakers with Toyota up more than 14% and Honda nearly 11%.

Wall Street opened higher Wednesday, shoring up expec tations of further agreements ahead of the fast-approach ing August 1 deadline. "I just signed the largest TRADE DEAL in history with Japan,' Trump said in announcing the deal on social media.

#### PM Oli's party rejects ex-prez's bid to re-join party politics

Kathmandu: Nepal's ruling CPN-UML has blocked former president Bidya Devi Bhandari's bid to re-enter active politics, saying it would be inappropriate for a former head of state to engage in a partisan role. During a meeting of the CPN-UML's Central Committee, the party also endorsed the proposed statute amendment - passed by the party's Secretariat and Politburo - to remove the age limit of 70 years and the two-term cap for leadership. With this amendment, 74-year-old Prime Minister and CPN-UML chairman KP Sharma Oli, who is serving his second term as party chairman, can continue to serve the party in his position. Bhandari's decision to re-join party politics was anticipated as a challenge to Oli, who has been elected as the party's chairman twice. He is planning to contest for the post of the party's chairperson for the third time. Briefing the media, party's General Secretary Shanker Pokharel said Wednesday that Bhandari's general membership of the party has become ineffective as the central committee made the decision towards that direction. The central committee has concluded that it is not appropriate for the former president to return to party politics, Pokharel said.

#### May 9 riot: 7 leaders of Khan's party get 10-year jail term

Lahore: Seven prominent leaders of the Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf party Tuesday were sentenced to 10 years of imprisonment in the 2023 riots cases. "The Anti-Terrorism Court (ATC) Lahore handed down 10-year sentences each to Senator Ijaz Chaudhry, former Punjab governor Sarfraz Cheema, former provincial ministers Yasmin Rashid and Mahmoodur Rashid, and Advocate Azeem Pahat, who contested the last election against Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif in Lahore, in the May 9, 2023, case related to the Sharpao Bridge riots," a court official told PTI. All these leaders are facing multiple May 9 cases under terrorism charges. Political observers anticipate that these leaders may also be convicted in other May 9 cases. The court, however, acquitted PTI vice-chairman and former foreign minister Shah Mahmood Qureshi in this case. In a separate case, ATC Sargodha handed down a 10year jail term to Leader of Opposition in Punjab Assembly Malik Ahmed Khan Bhachar, PTI parliamentarian Ahmed Chattha, and former lawmaker Bilal Ejaz in the May 9 case.



A horseback rider performs a fire stunt during a show organized for the participants of the "Gallops" orienteering and endurance equestrian race, involving international teams of 5 or 6 members, near Lake Song Kol in an alpine

# Spy cockroaches, AI robots: Germany plots the future of warfare

Munich/Berlin/Frankfurt,

July 23: Germany is undergoing a dramatic defence transformation, aiming to become a central force in Europe's military rearmament. Triggered by Russia's invasion of Ukraine and growing doubts about US security guarantees, Chancellor Friedrich Merz's government is fast-tracking investment in AI, robotics, and defence startups, reshaping a sector long hindered by bureaucracy and pacifist tradition.

#### **STARTUPS AT THE CORE**

Munich-based Helsing, Europe's most valuable defence startup at \$12 billion, and ARX Robotics, a maker of autonomous tank-like robots, are part of a booming ecosystem. These firms, once starved of capital, are now advising the government alongside estab-

lished giants like Rheinmetall and Hensoldt. Berlin is cutting red tape to fast-track innovation, including a draft procurement law enabling upfront payments and limiting tenders to

DEFENCE BUDGET SURGE Germany plans to nearly triple its annual defence budget to 162 billion by 2029, committing to NATO's 3.5% of GDP target faster than most allies. Defence Minister Boris Pistorius declared, "Money is no longer an excuse – it's there now." Al and drone warfare are prioritized, as Berlin aims to rival US defence tech leaders like Lockheed Martin and Anduril.

#### **FROM PACIFISM TO**

**POWERHOUSE** Long hesitant due to WWII legacy, Germany's attitude has shifted sharply. Defence innovation is now seen as both a strategic and economic imperative. Military R&D is

being likened to the WWII-era Manhattan Project. Already the second-largest military backer of Ukraine after the US, Germany is increasingly viewed as Europe's defence

#### **SPY COCKROACHES AND BATTLEFIELD AI**

Startups like Swarm Biotactics are developing cybernetic

"spy cockroaches" equipped with micro-cameras and sensors, steered via neural stimulation for surveillance missions. AI-driven systems are also being designed to operate in swarms or autonomously on the battlefield. Annette Lehnigk-Emden, head of Germany's defence procurement, called AI and drones as revolutionary as tanks or airplanes.

■ Two of three European defence "unicorns" are

■ Government more supportive of defence startups, CEOs say

 Govt creating fast track to bypass procurement red tape, sources say

■ Smaller firms advising govt alongside Rheinmetall, source says

#### ECONOMIC BOOST

FROM DEFENCE Germany's economy, hit by energy costs and weak exports, may benefit from the defence pivot. Defence-driven innovation has historically created civilian breakthroughs, from the internet to GPS. Engineering talent from struggling sectors like automotive is already migrating to startups. Stefan Thumann of Donaustahl, which

makes loitering munitions, reports daily applications from auto workers

#### **RISING INVESTMENT** AND GLOBAL ROLE

Venture capital funding in German defence startups reached \$1.4 billion over five years—Europe's highest. The number jumped to \$1 billion in 2024 alone

Unicorns like Helsing, Quantum Systems (drones), and Portugal's Tekever are evidence of Europe's changing landscape. The US began funding startups years earlier, but Europe is rapidly catching up, with 19 countries projected to outspend the US in procurement this year.

Germany is no longer the reluctant military power of old. By embracing defence innovation, empowering start ups, and ramping up spending, it's setting the pace for Europe's future of warfarepowered by AI, robotics, and even cyborg insects.

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Improved market access and reduced tariffs will further benefit Indian leather and footwear, auto components, spices, tea, and processed foods, adding the FTA is also expected to streamline regulatory approvals for Indian pharmaceutical products in UK

#### RADISSON HOTEL GROUP **LAUNCHES RADISSON FLIGHTS**

Radisson Hotel Group Wednesday announced the launch of Radisson Flights in India through a partnership with global flight technology provider Etraveli Group. This new digital offering will enable guests in India to book flights and hotels in one transaction through the Radisson Hotels platform, Radisson Hotel Group said in a statement. The India launch is part of a phased global rollout across 14 countries and reflects Radisson Hotel Group's long-term vision to reshape the role of a hospitality brand in a digitally connected world



capital raise through the qualified institutional placement (QIP) lender and also

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#### 01 RESULTS

#### Infosys profit rises

Bangalore: Infosys Ltd Wednesday reported an 8.7 per cent rise in its June quarter net profit and narrowed its full-year revenue forecast after stronger-than-expected earnings growth. Consolidated net profit of Rs 6,921 crore in April-June - the first quarter of 2025-26 fiscal year - compared with Rs 6,368 crore earnings in the same period a year back, according to a company

#### Dr Reddy's profit up

New Delhi: Dr Reddy's Laboratories Wednesday reported a 1 per cent increase in consolidated net profit to Rs 1.410 crore during the June quarter. The Hyderabadbased drug major reported a net profit of Rs 1.392 crore in the year-ago period. Revenue increased to Rs 8.545 crore in the period under review from Rs 7.673 crore a year earlier. Shares of the company ended 0.58 per cent up at Rs 1.247.55 apiece on the BSE.

#### Syngene PAT surges

New Delhi: Syngene International Wednesday reported a 61 per cent increase in its consolidated profit after tax to Rs 87 crore in the first guarter ended June 30, 2025 The company posted a profit after tax (PAT) of Rs 54 crore in the April-June quarter of the last fiscal. Revenue from operations rose to Rs 875 crore during the first quarter as compared with Rs 790 crore in the yearago period, the contract research, development and manufacturing organisation (CRDMO) said in a regulatory filing.

#### TCPL profit increases

New Delhi: FMCG major Tata Consumer Products Ltd (TCPL) Wednesday reported a 14.7 per cent increase in consolidated net profit to Rs 331.75 crore in the June quarter, led by growth from its core India business. The company had posted a consolidated net profit of Rs 289.25 crore in the year-ago period, according to a regulatory filing from TCPL, the Tata Group FMCG arm.

#### ABREL posts loss

New Delhi: Aditya Birla Real Estate Ltd (ABREL) Wednesday reported a consolidated net loss of Rs 27.08 crore for the first quarter of this fiscal. The company had posted a net profit of Rs 17.35 crore in the year-ago period. Total income also declined to Rs 157.41 crore during the April-June period of FY26 from Rs 365.24 crore in the corresponding period of the preceding year, according to a regulatory filing.

#### **WHITE METAL SHINES**

# Silver hits record high of ₹1.18L/kg

Silver prices surge ₹4,000 to a record high of ₹1.18 lakh per kg, while gold jumps ₹1,000. Global uncertainty and industrial demand drive prices

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New Delhi, July 23: Silver prices surged by Rs 4,000 to hit a record high of Rs 1,18,000 per kilogram while gold advanced Rs 1,000 in the national capital Wednesday due to heavy buying by stockists.

According to the All India Sarafa Association, gold of 99.9 per cent purity climbed Rs 1,000 to Rs 1,01,020 per 10 grams (inclusive of all taxes). It had closed at Rs 1,00,020 per 10 grams in the previous mar-Gold of 99.5 per cent purity

appreciated Rs 900 to Rs 1,00,450 per 10 grams (inclusive of all taxes) on Wednesday. In the previous trade, the yellow metal finished at Rs 99,550 per 10 grams. "Gold continues to be in de-

mand as global uncertainty rises, largely due to diminish-



ing expectations for a US-EU trade deal ahead of August 1 deadline.

"This uncertainty has intensified market anxiety, which drives flow towards the safe-haven," Saumil Gandhi, Senior Analyst - Commodities at HDFC Securities, said.

The precious metal is also

supported by overall weakness in US Dollar, Gandhi said. In the national capital, Silver had soared Rs 3.000 to close at Rs 1,14,000 per kg Tuesday. It had risen by Rs 7,500 per kg in the last three sessions.

Bullion traders said the ongoing bullish sentiment in the silver market is primarily driven by industrial demand.

Meanwhile, silver futures for September delivery climbed Rs 896 or 0.77 per cent to hit a fresh record high of Rs 1,16,551 per kg on the Multi Commodity Exchange (MCX).

Additionally, gold futures for August delivery slipped Rs 24 to Rs 1,00,305 per 10 grams on the commodities bourse.

On the global front, spot gold fell 0.26 per cent to \$3,422.87 per

According to Jateen Trivedi, VP Research Analyst - Commodity and Currency at LKP Securities, investors will await manufacturing and services PMI data from major economies, including US, UK and Eurozone, which will provide more cues trajectory of bullion prices in the near term.

Spot silver climbed 0.26 per cent to \$39.39 per ounce in the overseas markets.

# SENSEX JUMPS NEARLY 540 PTS



Mumbai, July 23: Benchmark Sensex jumped nearly 540 points while Nifty closed above the 25,200 level Wednesday. The 30-share BSE Sensex jumped 539.83 points or 0.66 per cent to settle at 82,726.64. During the day, it surged 599.62 points or 0.72 per cent to 82.786.43.

50-share NSE Nifty gained 159 points or 0.63 per cent to settle at 25,219.90 as 37 of its constituents advanced and 13 declined.

Among Sensex firms, Tata Motors rose the most by 2.51 per cent. Bharti Airtel, Bajaj Finance, Maruti, Bajaj Finserv, ICICI Bank, HDFC Bank and Reliance Industries were also the major gainers. Private banking giants HD-

FC Bank and ICICI Bank hit their 52-week high levels intra-day before settling nearly 1 per cent higher. Value buying in Reliance In-

dustries, following five days of losses, also supported the rally. RIL shares closed higher by 0.83 However, Hindustan Unile-

ver, UltraTech Cement, Bharat Electronics and ITC were among the laggards. The BSE midcap gauge climbed 0.24 per cent and small-

cap index went up by 0.05 per cent. Among BSE sectoral indices, telecommunication jumped 1.14 per cent, followed by au to (0.86 per cent), bankex (0.75 per cent), teck (0.74 per cent), financial services (0.70 per cent) healthcare (0.70 per cent) and energy (0.65 per cent).

Realty dropped 2.60 per cent FMCG (0.46 per cent), capital goods (0.31 per cent) and services (0.20 per cent).

In Asian markets, Japan's Nikkei 225 index jumped 3.5 per cent as US President Donald Trump announced a trade deal with Japan, with a 15 per cent tax on goods imported from that country. South Korea's Kospi, Japan's Nikkei 225 index, Shanghai and Hong Kong markets settled in positive ter

Markets in Europe were trading in green and US markets ended mostly higher Tues

Foreign Institutional Investors (FIIs) offloaded equities worth Rs 3,548.92 crore Tuesday, according to exchange data. Domestic Institutional Investors (DIIs) bought stocks worth Rs 5,239.77 crore in the previous trade.

Global oil benchmark Brent crude dipped 0.45 per cent to \$68.29 a barrel.

The rupee stayed weak for the sixth consecutive session and settled with a loss of 3 paise at 86.41 against the dollar Wednesday, amid a strong American currency and out flow of foreign funds.

## AM/NS India inaugurates digital skill centre in Barbil



BARBIL: ArcelorMittal Nippon Steel India (AM/NS India) inaugurated a Digita jhar as part of its Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) initiative Project 'Daksh'. The Digital Skill Centre, setup in collaboration with ployability of local youth by providing essential digital

literacy and vocational skills. The centre was inaugurated by Debendranath Pingua, Sub Divi sional Police Officer (SDPO), Barbil in the presence of Vikas Yadvendu, Head - CSR, AM/NS India, Indrakant Saha, Mines Manager, Thakurani Iron Ore Mine, AM/NS India, Uday Verma Head - Security, AM/NS India, Pramod Acharya, Welfare Officer, Thakurani Mine, AM/NS India, Tilak Dwivedi, Project Manager, NASSCOM Foundation along with employees of AM, NS India and community members. Debendranath Pingua, SDPO, Barbil said, "This initiative by AM/NS India is a commendable step towards empowering our youth with digital skills that are essential in today's job market.It will open new livelihood opportunities and create brighter futures for the Barbil community." Vikas Yadvendu, Head - CSR, AM/NS India said, "Through Project 'Daksh', AM/NS India is committed to creating inclusive and sustainable skill development opportunities. The Digital Skill Centre in Barbil reflects ou dedication to uplifting local communities and bridging the digital divide.

#### **RBI** cancels licence of **Karwar Urban Co-op Bank**

MUMBAI: The Reserve Bank Wednesday said it has cancelled the licence of Karnataka-based The Karwar Urban Co-operative Bank as it does not have adequate capital and earning prospects. Consequently, the bank ceases to carry on banking business, with effect from the close of business July 23, 2025. The Registrar of Co operative Societies, Karnataka has also been requested to issue an order for winding up the bank and appoint a liquidator for the bank, the RBI said in a statement. On liquidation, every depositor would be entitled to receive the deposit insurance claim amount of his/her deposits up to a monetary ceiling of Rs 5 lakh from Deposit Insurance and Credit Guarantee Corporation (DICGC) As per the data submitted by the bank, 92.9 per cent of the depositors are entitled to receive the full amount of their deposits from DICGC, RBI said. As of June 30, 2025, DICGC has already paid Rs 37.79 crore of the total insured deposits. Giving details, the RBI said the cooperative does not have adequate capital and earning prospects. "The bank with its present financial position would be unable to pay its present depositors in full," it said. The RBI also said that the continuance of the bank is prejudicial to the interests of its depositors.

#### All-new Renault Triber launched



Renault India with Mr.Francis

co Hidalgo, Vice President (Sales & Marketing), Renault India at the launch of All-New Triber in Mumbai

(L-R) Mr. Venka-

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Managing Director

focus on customer satisfaction exemplified by the launch of the All-New Triber. This model is also the first in India to proudly feature Renault's new brand logo, symbolizing the company's bold, modern direction and deep alignment with Indian aspirations.

Francisco Hidalgo, President (Sales & Marketing), Renault India, said, "The Triber has always reflected our deep understanding of the evolving needs of Indian families, blending smart engineering, modularity, and exceptional premium value. With the All-New Triber, we continue to champion our 'rethink space' philosophy, offering India's most spacious sub-four metre car, now with a fully renewed design and features.

# SEBI revamps FAQs for research analysts

SEBI INTRODUCES A REVISED FAQ TO INCORPORATE CONSEQUENTIAL AND REGULATORY CHANGES ARISING FROM RECENT AMENDMENTS PERTAINING TO RESEARCH ANALYSTS' NORMS

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New Delhi, July 23: Security Exchange Board of India (SEBI) Wednesday asked persons associated with research services to obtain the required NISM (National Institute of Securities Markets) certification within one vear.

This one-vear period is applicable from the date of this circular. Sebi said.

Further, institutional investors are not required to give signed consent on the terms and conditions, including the Most Important Terms and Conditions (MITC). However. Research Analysts (RAs)/research entities will still share and disclose these terms to

them, according to the circular. These decisions have been taken based on feedback from RAs and research entities, and to make compliance easier. Additionally, in order to provide clarity and guidance for compliance by RAs with the



has issued clarifications in the form of Frequently Asked Ques-

tions (FAQs). Under this, it has stated that a research report does not include communications related to general trends in the securities market, discussions on broad-based indices, or commentaries on economic, political, or market conditions.

It also clarified that research reports do not include periodic reports prepared for unit holders of Mutual Funds or Alter-

native Investment Funds, or clients of Portfolio Managers and Investment Advisers; internal communications not shared with current or prospective clients; statistical summaries of financial data of companies; and technical analyses relating to demand and supply in a sector or index. SEBI further clarified that

journalists employed by media agencies such as newspapers or television are not required to register with it. However, if they make recommendations or offer opinions on securities or public offers, such recommendations must be based on research reports of registered research analysts or other SE-BI-registered intermediaries permitted to issue research reports.

The regulator said that a person located outside India can issue a research report or analysis on securities listed or proposed to be listed on Indian stock exchanges. However,

before doing so, the person is required to enter into an agreement with a research analyst or research entity registered under the RA regulations.

Regarding trading restric tions, the regulator has said that independent research analysts, part-time research analysts, individuals employed as research analysts, or their associates would not deal in or trade any securities that the research analyst recommends or follows within 30 days before and 5 days after the publication of a research report on the sub-

ject company. They are also prohibited from dealing in securities they review in a manner contrary to their recommendations.

Additionally, they shall not purchase or receive securities of an issuer before its initial public offering (IPO) if the is suer is principally engaged in the same type of business as companies that the research analyst follows or recommends

# Resilient trade ties present strategic opportunities: RBI

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POST NEWS NETWORK

Mumbai, July 23, 2025: Re-

nault India, a fully owned sub-

sidiary of the French carmaker

Renault Group, today launched

the All-New Renault Triber - In-

dia's most innovative 7-seater

car. Designed with thoughtful

enhancements the new Triber

is now available in four new

variants, Authentic, Evolution,

Techno and Emotion, creating a

premium value with a starting

price of INR6,29,995 (Ex-show-

room). Bookings open today

Venkatram Mamillapalle,

Managing Director, Renault

India, said, "India remains a

cornerstone of Renault's glob-

al strategy, driven by a strong

product pipeline, expanding ex-

port operations, and a renewed

across all dealerships

Mumbai, July 23: Building more resilient trade partnerships present a strategic opportunity for India to deepen its integration with global value amidst rising uncertainties and geo-economic fragmentation, Reserve Bank's bulletin

said Wednesday. It also said India's economic activities held up during June-July despite tariff policy uncertainties.

India is scheduled to sign a free trade agreement with UK Thursday. Prime Minister Narendra Modi has already left for London to witness signing of the comprehensive economic and trade agreement. New Delhi is also in discussion with Washington for a India-US free trade agreement.



Economy' in the Reserve Bank's July Bullet said the global macroeconomic environment remained fluid in June and July so far amidst geopolitical tensions and tariff policy uncertainties.

"Domestic economic activity held up, with improving kharif agricultural season prospects, continuation of strong momentum in the services sector and modest growth in industrial activity," it said.

It further said that as intense

negotiations are underway for closing trade deals before the new import tariff rates kick in from August 1, 2025, the focus is back on US trade policies and their spillover effects globally.

The average trade tariff rates are set to touch levels unseen since the 1930s, the article said. Moreover, risk of imposi-

tion of new high tariffs looms large for additional sectors. The evolving pattern of global trade flows and supply chains are far from settled. These uncertainties pose con-

siderable headwinds to global economic prospects.

"Amidst rising trade uncertainties and geo economic fragmentation, building more resilient trade partnerships

presents a strategic opportu-

nity for India to deepen its

integration with global value

chains," it said.

The article also noted that the headline retail (CPI) inflation remained below 4 per cent for the fifth consecutive month in June driven by deflation in food prices System liquidity remained

in surplus to facilitate a faster transmission of policy rate cuts to the credit markets. The external sector remained resilient, backed by ample foreign exchange reserves and a moderate external debt-to-GDP ratio.

Easing inflation, improving kharif season prospects, front-loading of government expenditure, targeted fiscal measures and congenial financial conditions for faster transmission of rate reductions should support aggregate demand in the economy, going forward, it added.

#### PayPal, NPCI Int'l to launch global UPI-enabled platform New Delhi: Global Payments firm

PayPal Wednesday announced a tie-up with National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI) for integration of UPI on PayPal World's platform for seamless cross border payment. This is part of series of global partnerships unveiled by the company that will connect many of the world's largest payment systems and digital wallets on a single platform, starting with interoperability with PayPal and Venmo. Together, the launch partners represent nearly two billion users globally, PayPal said in a statement. The announcement outlines the vision for PayPal World and how it will transform the way people send money, shop online, in-store, and with Al agents across borders, it said. The challenge of moving money across borders is incredibly complex, and yet this platform will make it so simple fo

nearly two billion consumers and busi-

nesses, said PayPal President and CEO

Alex Chriss, Speaking on the develop-

Ltd MD & CEO Ritesh Shukla said the

integration of UPI on PayPal World's platform will mark a significant step

in expanding UPI's global footprint. It

alians with our vision to make cross-

border payments more seamless,

secure, and inclusive.

# India reach 264/4 at stumps

Fifties from Jaiswal, Sudharsan steer India to commanding position



missing a reverse hit off a

full ball from Chris Woakes.

on Pant's right foot, leaving

him in a lot of pain and even-

tually he had to be taken off

There were also blood

stains on the foot, enough

to unsettle the Indian fans

and the dressing room. Pant

the field in a golf cart.

The impact of the ball was

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Manchester, July 23: Sai Sudharsan made the opportunity count in his comeback game with a fifty while Rishabh Pant suffered another injury as India played the old-fashioned way to reach 264 for four at stumps on day one of the fourth Test here Wednesday.

At stumps, Ravindra Jadeja (19 batting off 37) and Shardul Thakur (19 batting off 36) were holding fort in fading light.

Put in to bat in overcast conditions. Indian openers KL Rahul (46 off 98 balls) and Yashasvi Jaiswal (58 off 107) put on 94 runs for their highest stand of the series before Sudharsan (61 off 151) produced a dogged knock under pressure to justify his selection over Karun Nair.

Batting alongside Sudharsan, Pant (37 retired hurt off 48) had just started going his way, having been dropped down the leg side on 20 by keeper Jamie Smith off Ben Stokes. He rode that luck to play

a couple of pull shots off Archer before playing a crisp

Until his injury, Pant played his usual way, successfully sweeping Archer before dispatching Carse for a six down the ground.

Despite backing Nair on batter for Sudharsan.

> Jaiswal 58, KL Rahul 46: vs **England**

#### Farokh devastated over 'not receiving recognition' in India

Lord's Test.

Jofra Archer.

the majority of the day but

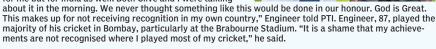
the slow nature of the pitch

gave the batters enough time

to tackle the extra pace of

While Sudharsan was at

Farokh Engineer was Wednesday bestowed with a rare hon-our of having a stand named after an Indian cricketer in an overseas ground – the storied Old Trafford in Manchester. The B Stand, located in between the Player and Media Centre and the extension of the Hilton hotel at Old Trafford, was formally named as the Sir Clive Lloyd and Farokh Engineer Stand before the toss of the fourth Test. Both Engineer and legendary West Indies captain Lloyd were in attendance as the stand was unveiled in recognition of their immense contribution to the Lancashire Cricket Club. "It is a proud moment not only for me but for India as well. Both Clive and I were talking



the crease, he looked comfortable and also had luck

back foot punch off Stokes.

In the afternoon session, England removed a well set Rahul and Jaiswal before sending back Shubman Gill to leave India at 149 for three

the eve of the game, Gill dropped the number three

flexing his muscles before had come into this must-win The other two were forced changes with uncapped Angame after recovering from a finger injury he suffered shul Kamboj and Shardul Thakur making way for the while keeping during the injured Akash Deep and Nit-The sun stayed away for ish Reddy respectively.

#### **BRIEF SCORES**

India: 264 for 4 in 83 overs



It's time for METTLE MEET. An initiative by the state's only home grown English daily, OrissaPOST to revive quizzing in Odisha. This year, the Preliminaries will take place August 9 and the Grand Finale August 10. Like in the previous years, top  $educational\ institutions\ of\ the$ State both from schools and higher education institutions will be competing for Prizes worth ₹3,50,000 theChampions Title in both Junior and Senior segments.

Extravaganza

s a reader of **OrissaPOST**, this is a chance for you to be part of the exciting Grand Finale if you can give correct answers in the daily quiz. Starting July 01,2025 there will be one question each day for you to answer till July 31, 2025. Every day two winners will be selected from correct entries. Then winners will be decided by draw of lots. The winners will be invited for the Grand Finale which will be conducted by a nationally acclaimed quizmaster. So buckle up and get set for some brainstorming.

#### **TODAY'S QUESTION**

y what name do we know Harikrishan Giri Goswami, who was born on this day in 1937? He died earlier this year and was given the nickname Bharat Kumar for his pa-

ANSWER TO WEDNESDAY'S QUESTION

**Bal Gangadhar Tilak** 

#### **RULES & REGULATIONS** • Everyone will have to mail their answers to

- mettlemeet@orissapost.com Answers to the questions will follow the next day. The
- names of the winners will also be announced along with their pictures.
- Answers mailed between 8.00am to 6.00pm each day will be considered valid. OrissaPOST's decision on all entries will be final. No
- complaints will be entertained. Participants must send their entries with a passport size photograph, mobile numbers and residential
- address. Otherwise the entries will not be entertained There can be only one winner from one family. Invitation cards to the winners will only be issued on
- presentation of Valid ID proof Voter Card. Aadhaar Card, Driving License, Passport, School ID card (In case of students till Class XII)
- No employee or families of OrissaPOST team can be part of the competition.

#### THE TWO LUCKY WINNERS



**OMM PRAKASH SAHOO** 

Others who answered correctly are

Dr Joseph John, Parsuram Swain, Sarthak Sushobhit, Rajendra Kumar Panda, BishnuPrasada Dash, Madan Harijan, Firoja Kumar Badhai, Sachim Minj, Ayushi Pradhan, Gobinda Sahoo, Divyanshu Mohanty, Dinabandhu Pradhan, Himansu

# Learning from internet, teen Archer from Vedanta Aluminium's Archery Training Initiative brings glory sets 5 Guinness World Records

Chandigarh, July 23: Janvi Jindal, a 17-year-old selftaught freestyle skater from Chandigarh, has made history, becoming the voungest girl to hold the maximum Guinness World Records in India with five records to her name.

Janvi also gained recognition for being the youngest person to perform Bhangra on skates. She was featured in the India Book of Records 2021 for this unique feat. Without any formal

coaching, Janvi trained herself using YouTube and home setups, for which she has won multiple national medals and is a pioneer of Bhangra and Yoga on skates. She has set the following records, which have been ratified in the July 2025 edition of Guinness World Records.

Her journey from practising on footpaths to global records is a testament to passion, discipline, and innovation, making her a role model for India's

after Yuvraj Singh to enter the Guinness World Records. Yuvraj has two records in his name.

Janvi gives credit to parents for this achievebig ment.

'Janvi's training began 5–7 years ago. We couldn't find a coach, so I learned from the internet and trained her myself. It was tough balancing work and staying up late to watch videos," said her father, Munish Jindal, who is also her coach and played a pivotal role in her rise.

Janvi said her aim in life is to motivate more children, especially girls, to take up skating and sports. She believes that if anyone has passion for something, it has to be followed to a logical end.

#### **STELLAR SKATER**

youth. She is the second

person from Chandigarh

Most 360-degree rotations on inline skates in 30 seconds – 27 spins Fastest slalom (20 cones) on two wheels - 8.85 seconds

Most one-wheeled 360-degree spins in 30 seconds - 42 spins

Most one-wheeled 360-degree spins in one minute - 72 spins Most consecutive one-wheeled 360-degree spins – 22 spins

Bhubaneswar, July 23: Vedanta Aluminium, India's largest producer of aluminium, through its flagship Sports Training Initiative in Lanjigarh has been supporting young archers from Kalahandi district.

Khirod Kumar, a voung archer from the region bagged two gold and one bronze medal at the prestigious CBSE East Zonal Archery Championship held in Kolkata.

Competing in the Under-19 Indian round category, Khirod displayed remarkable focus and precision to emerge as a top performer. A dedicated student-athlete, he has previously secured five gold medals at the National School Archery Championship and has been receiving structured coaching under Vedanta's Archery

Training Initiative for the



past three years. Speaking on the occa-

sion, Pranab Kumar Bhattacharyya-CEO, Vedanta

"Khirod's achievements is a powerful testament to the transformative impact of our grassroots sports initiatives. At Vedanta we are deeply committed to empowering rural youth through sports, fostering discipline, confidence, and national pride. We are proud of Khirod's dedication and talent, and we re main committed to nurtur ing many more such champions from Kalahandi".

Alumina Business, said

## FIDE Women's WC: Divya enters finals

*In a historic* milestone, Divya becomes the first Indian to make it to the Candidates' tournament

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Batumi (Georgia), July 23: International Master Divva Deshmukh stormed into the final, defeating former world champion Zhongyi Tan of China in the second game of the semifinals and winning the mini-

Women's World Chess Cup here Wednesday.

The stakes are high here as the final berth also ensured her entry in the women's Candidates' tournament next year that will decide the challenger to Wenjun Ju, the reigning women's world champion.

Having already eliminated second seed Zoner Jhu of China and then compatriot Grandmaster D Harika in the quarterfinals, Divya continued to be the giant slayer of the event and her game against



Tan was a testament to her growing chess skills.

With the Indian boys making a great headway at the top of the chess world, it was already time for

the girls to have a say and Divya is the new girl on the block after R Vaishali.

Divya had an outside passed pawn after the dust subsided and it should have been an easy picking, but the fortunes fluctuated a lot. For the record, the game lasted 101 moves.

In the second semifinal, Koneru Humpy drew with top seed Tingjie Lei of China. Playing white, Humpy faced the Slav defense and went for the iconic exchange variation that normally yields to either equal or giving white the better prospect.

#### USOPC bars transgender women from competing in women's sports

Washington, July 23: The United States Olympic & Paralympic Committee (USOPC) has updated its pol icy to align with an executive order signed earlier this year by US President Donald Trump barring transgender women from competing in

women's sports.

"The USOPC will continue to collaborate with various stakeholders with oversight responsibilities, e.g., IOC IPC, NGBs, to ensure that women have a fair and safe competition environment consistent with Executive Order 14201 and the Ted Stevens Olympic & Amateur Sports Act," the USOPC said in an update to its Athlete Safety Policy.

The USOPC did not respond to a request for comment on the change.

USOPC President Gene Sykes and CEO Sarah Hirsh land referenced Trump's executive order in a memo "As a federally chartered

# Sports governance bill introduced for greater transparency in NSFs

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New Delhi. July 23: Sports Minister Mansukh Mandaviya Wednesday introduced the National Sports Governance Bill in Lok Sabha that proposes to institute a Board which will have sweeping powers to lay down rules and oversee the functioning of federations, including the cash-rich BCCI

Mandaviya introduced the bill that has provisions for a National Sports Board (NSB) to create a stringent system of accountability. All National Sports Federations (NSFs) will have to attain NSB's recognition for access to central government funding.

Another striking feature is the proposal for a

which will have the powers of a civil court and decide disputes ranging from selection to election involving federations and athletes. Once instituted, Tribunal's decisions can only be challenged in the Supreme Court. The bill makes some

National Sports Tribunal.

concessions on the issue of age cap for administrators by allowing those in the bracket of 70 to 75 to contest elections if the concerned international bodies' statutes and byelaws allow for it. It is a departure from the national sports code that capped the age limit at 70.

'...as a part of the preparatory activities for the bidding of Summer Olympic Games 2036, it is imperative



that the sports governance landscape undergoes a positive transformation to bring better outcomes, sporting excellence and aids in improved performance in major international competitions," read the bill's statement of objectives. All recognised national sports bodies would also come under the ambit of the Right

to Information (RTI) Act,

something that the BCCI has vehemently opposed since it is not dependent on government funding.

"Now we have to study the bill and we will have to see if we need to place it before the Committee (Apex Council). We can only comment after that,' BCCI vice President and Rajya Sabha member Rajeev Shukla said outside

the Parliament. "Obviously BCCI members will study the bill and its clauses and if put forth to any committee, they will study and then we will see what needs to be done. We will also have discussions with the government," he added.

The NSB will comprise a chairperson and its members will be appointed by the central government from "amongst persons of ability, integrity and standing." The Board's constituents will also be expected to possess "special knowledge or practical experience in the field of public administration, sports governance, sports law and other related fields."

appointments would be done based on the recommendations of a search-cum-selection committee, according to the draft bill that has been finalised after extensive consultations with stake-holders and public inputs. The selection committee

would be made up of the Cabinet Secretary or Secretary Sports as chairperson, the Director General of the Sports Authority of India, two sports administrators who have each served as the President or Secretary General or Treasurer of a National Sports Body and one eminent sportsperson who is a Dronacharya, or Khel Ratna or Arjuna awardee.

The bill also provides for a National Sports Election Panel consisting of former members of the Election Commission of India or the State Election Commission

ficers of the States or Deputy Election Commissioners. Mandaviya also intro-

or former Chief Electoral Of-

duced The National Anti-Doping (Amendment) Bill-2025 that seeks to incorporate the changes sought by the World Anti-Doping Agency (WADA), which objected to "government interference" in the functioning of the country's Anti-Doping Agency (NADA).

The act was originally passed in 2022 but its implementation had to be put on hold due to objections raised by WADA. The world body objected to the institution of a National Board for Anti-Doping in Sports, which was empowered to make recommendations to the government on anti-doping regulations.

to the Team USA communi ty sent out this week, ABC News reported, which said organization, we have an obligation to comply with federal expectations. Trump signed the "Keep ing Men Out of Women's Sports" order in February

in a bid to exclude transgender girls and women from fe male sports, a directive that supporters said will restore fairness but critics argue it infringes on the rights of a tiny minority of athletes.

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