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Opposition, Treasury benches agree to discuss Constitution



Prime Minister Narendra Modi with Union Ministers Rajnath Singh, Amit Shah Nitin Gadkari, JP Nadda, and others during the screening of the film 'The Sabarmati Report', at the Parliament in New Delhi

DEEPAK KUMAR JHA NEW DELHI

fter a week of acrimony with no business or Adiscussions held ever since the Winter Session of Parliament started last week, the Opposition and Treasury benches on Monday are believed to have resolved to break the deadlock, and for "work smooth functioning," until a fresh provocation is bulldozed from either side.

On a day when a group of Parliamentarians, led by Prime Minister Narendra Modi, watched a special screening of the Bollywood movie 'The Sabarmati Sabarmati Report' in the Annexe, leaders from both the sides came close to breaking the impasse in Parliament with a discussion the on

Constitution to mark its 75th year of adoption.

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The breakthrough came at a meeting of Speaker Om Birla with floor leaders of different parties. The Opposition parties demanded had discussions in both Houses of Parliament to mark the 75th anniversary of the adoption of the Constitution by the Constituent Assembly. Several Opposition leaders, who attended the meeting, also echoed similar sentiments. The Congress said that the Modi Government has accepted its request for a special two-day discussion on the Constitution and hopefully now it will "allow both Houses to function". The meeting chaired by Birla was attended by Gaurav Gogoi of the Congress,

Kazhagam's (DMK) TR Baalu and Trinamool Congress (TMC) Kalyan Banerjee others among besides Parliamentary Affairs Minister Kiren Rijiju and his deputy in the ministry Arjun Ram Meghwal.

Parliamentary Affairs Minister Kiren Rijiju Affairs expressed confidence that both Houses will function smoothly from Tuesday. Sources said the Lok Sabha will take up the discussion on the Constitution to mark its 75th year of adoption on December 13 and 14, and the Rajya Sabha on December 16 and 17. Asked about the PTI Opposition raising other issues such as Sambhal violence and Manipur, Rijiju said a decision will be taken in accordance with the rules. Congress said the Modi Government has accepted its request for a special two-day discussion on the Constitution and hopefully now it will "allow both Houses to function". The party alleged the Government does not want Parliament to function as it is "running away" from a discussion on issues such as

Adani indictment, Sambhal violence and Manipur unrest. Proceedings in both Houses were adjourned for yet another day on Monday amid protests by Opposition

members over the Adani indictment row, recent violence in Uttar Pradesh's Munnetra Sambhal and other issues.



NCR in GRAP IV grip till Dec 5

RAJESH KUMAR NEW DELHI

The ban on driving BS-3 petrol or a BS-4 diesel cars in Delhi will continue till Thursday, as the Supreme Court (SC) on Monday refused to relax restrictions under the Graded Response Action Plan (GRAP) amid high levels of air quality index levels. The SC observed that despite the alarming air quality levels, there has been a lack of serious enforcement of measures outlined under GRAP Stage IV, which is triggered when air quality deteriorates to hazardous levels, and it will take a call on a proposal for relaxation by the Commission for Air Quality Management on Thursday. The SC stressed on finding a

permanent solution to the issue of air pollution in the National Capital Region (NCR), saying a similar situation arose every year October between and December. It further directed the Delhi police to provide armed protection to those Court Commissioners who

wish to continue monitoring implementation of GRAP IV measures in Delhi-NCR.

Notably, there was a slight improvement in Delhi's air quality for the second consecutive day on Monday, even as it remained of "poor" quality with an Air Quality Index (AQI) of 280 in the morning. According to data provided by the Central Pollution Control Board (CPCB), the National Capital recorded an AQI of 285 on Sunday, an improvement to the "poor" category, and a welcome relief following 32 consecutive days of "very poor" and "severe" air quality

(AQI above 400). A Bench of Justices Abhay S Oka and Augustine George Masih further directed the chief secretaries of NCR states to appear before it through video-conferencing on December 5 to inform whether or not any subsistence allowance was paid to the construction workers who went without work owing to the restrictions.

All is well in Maharashtra: BJP

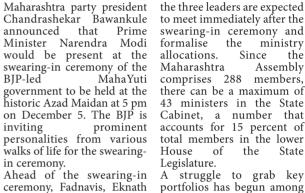
elected on December 4,

T N RAGHUNATHA MUMBA

A fter days of uncertainty, in the wake of it leading the MahaYuti to a spectacular victory in the Maharashtra Assembly polls, the ruling Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) finally began to get its act together on Monday as it called its legislature party meeting on December 4 to elect its leader - ahead of the swearing-in ceremony scheduled to be held on the following day.

Though the BJP has not yet formally announced its Chief Ministerial choice, party sources said that the party's central leadership has put a stamp of approval on the name of its senior leader and CM Devendra former Fadnavis for the top post in the state. At a meeting to be held at 10 am on December 4 in the Central Hall of the Maharashtra Vidhan Bhavan, Fadnavis will in all likelihood be elected as the BJP's Legislature Party (BJPLP) leader, paving the way for his being sworn in as the next CM of Maharashtra on December 5.

The BJP's Parliamentary Board is sending former Gujarat CM and the party's in-charge for Punjab Vijay Rupani and Finance and Corporate Affairs Minister Nirmala Sitharaman as the central observers for the BJPLP meeting. After the BJPLP meeting, the leaders of the ruling MahaYuti, comprising the BJP, Shiv Sena (Eknath Shinde) and NCP (Ajit Pawar), will call Maharashtra Governor CP Radhakrishnan, and formally stake claim to form a new government in the state. While confirming that the



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Finance and Corporate Affairs Minister Nirmala Sitharaman as central observers

BJPLP leader would be need to be sorted out among

the MahaYuti constituents,

the MahaYuti constituents.

The ministries like Home,

and

development are the key

portfolios in the State

Cabinet. Apart from these

four major portfolios, there

will be a lot of bargaining

among the MahaYuti

constituents over other

important portfolios like

Water Resources, Forests,

Rural Development, Energy,

Public Health and Family

Welfare, Women and Child

Development and Excuse.

Finance &

Agriculture,

Revenue

Assembly

Planning,

Industries,

Urban

ceremony, Fadnavis, Eknath Shinde of the Shiv Sena (ES) and Ajit Pawar (AP) are likely to meet in the afternoon of December 4 to discuss and formalise the nitty-gritties of the new government. While the CM and two Deputy CMs will take oath of office and secrecy at the swearing-in ceremony, it remains to be seen as to how many ministers from the BJP, Shiv Sena (ES) and NCP (AP) will be sworn into the office at the December 5 event.

Given that there are issues relating to the Cabinet portfolio allocations that

President to visit Odisha from Dec 3 to 7



BHUBANESWAR

Murmu will visit Odisha from

dent will unveil a new statue

of Pandit Raghunath Murmu

and visit Adim Owar Jarpa

On December 4, she will of-

fer Puja at the Jagannath

Temple in Puri and grace the

75th anniversary celebration

On December 3, the Presi-

Droupadi

of the Gopabandhu Ayurveda Mahavidyalaya, Puri. On the same day, she will attend the Navy Day celebration and operational demonstration at the Blue Flag Beach, Puri. On December 5, the Presi dent will grace the 40th convocation of the Odisha University of Agriculture and Technology, Bhubaneswar, and inaugurate the new Judicial Court Complex at Bhubaneswar. On December 6, at Uparbeda, the President will interact with students and villagers. On the same day, at Rairangpur, she will also interact with students and teachers of the Mahila Mahavidyalaya, Rairangpur. On December 7, the President will lay foundationstones/inaugurate various projects including Bangiriposi-Gorumahisani; Buramara-Chakulia; and Badampahar-Kendujhargarh Rail Lines; Tribal Research and Development Centre, Rairangpur; Dandbose Airport, Rairangpur and Sub-Divisional Hospital, Rairangpur.

Barbaric act in Ganjam Govt constitutes taskforce Artists acting as demons eat live pig on stage! for SODC formation

Announces CM Majhi PNS BHUBANESWAR

The State Government has constituted a taskforce on for- Besides, it ill opine on which Kumar mation of a Southern Odisha Council Development (SODC), said Chief Minister Mohan Charan Majhi in the State Assembly on Monday. He said the government's decision is aimed at including all sections of society in the development process of the State. Majhi said the taskforce

In State

past three years.

PNS BHUBANESWAR

Uybercriminals looted

around Rs 125 crore in sepa-

rate incidents reported from

various parts of Odisha in the

A total of 6,368 cases were

registered and as many as

1,388 persons were arrested

during this period, said Chief

Minister Mohan Charan

Majhi in the State Assembly

would submit its report to the and Animal Resources Develgovernment within 30 days of opment, Micro, Small and its formation. "It will give its Medium Enterprises suggestions on the procedure Gokulananda Mallik, for formation of the SODC, its Nabarangpur MP Balabhadra structure and working style. Majhi, Kandhamal MP Sukant Panigrahi, Digapahandi MLA Siddhant Mohapatra, Malkangiri MLA Madkami, Narasingh Paralakhemundi MLA Rupesh Kumar Panigrahi, Phulbani MLA Uma Charan Mallik and Minister Pattangi MLA Ramchandra Kadam Besides, there are three exofficio members.

In 2022, cyber fraudsters

97,30,582 was returned.

2022 and 522 in 2023 for vari-

ous cybercrimes

2 held; manhunt launched for others on the run NALINI SAHU 📕 BHUBANESWAR

Odisha was left stunned after an appalling incident of animal cruelty surfaced where as many as five stage actors allegedly consumed a live pig and tormented some poisonous snakes during a theatrical performance. The actors were playing the characters of demons. The incident, which occurred during a rendition of the epic 'Ramayana' on No-Cyber fraudsters clean off Rs 125 cr in 3 yrs vember 24, has sparked outrage and condemnation viewers appalled. across the State. One of the accused actors, duped victims to the tune of identified as Bimbadhar Rs 37,28,96,982 and Rs Gouda, was arrested on Monday from the Khalikote region In 2022, fraud to the tune of in Ganjam district. The other Rs 47,94,50,178 was reported man who was arrested was identified as Narayan Swain, in 2,348 cases. Out of the total amount, Rs 1,52,59,965 was manager of the theatre group which staged the play. Besides, returned. As per the official data, a total of 425 persons three other actors are on the were arrested in 2021, 442 in

the five actors under animal cruelty laws for their alleged role in the gruesome act.

The controversial act unfolded in Ralaba village under Hinjili block, which was meant to be a culturally significant

Tripathy. "A play as auspicious as the

districts and blocks would be included in the council," he added. The taskforce would be

headed by School and Mass Education Nityanand Gond. Its members include Transport Minister Bibhuti Bhusan Jena, Minister of State for Fisheries

Majhi was replying to a

question by MLA Prashant

Behera, who wanted to know

how many cyber fraud inci-

dents were reported and the

amount swindled from

According to the Chief

Minister, Rs 40,39,70,514 was

lost in 2,037 registered cases

in 2021. And Rs 27,56,138 was

refunded to the victims

on Monday.

people.

The State Forest Department has lodged a case against performance of 'Ramayana.'

According to eyewitnesses and footage that went viral on social media, performers allegedly killed a pig on stage by biting it, in what they described as part of the play. They were also seen tormenting two poisonous snakes while portraying their characters. The horrifying depiction left the audience and online

Outrage over the incident grew as local television channels broadcast the footage, prompting swift police action. The event not only violated ethical standards but also ignited a broader conversation about the role of cultural performances in preserving-not distorting-traditions.

The act drew severe criticism from cultural experts, animal rights activists, and the general public.

give the passengers access to

Ramayana should uphold val ues of morality and devotion. Instead, this act tarnished its sanctity with brutal cruelty," added Tripathy.

"This is an extremely inhu-

man, barbaric, and condem-

nable incident that defies so-

cietal norms," said noted cul-

tural expert Pandit Birendra

Animal rights groups across the State have demanded stringent action against all those involved in the incident, emphasising that such behaviour has no place in cultural or artistic expression.

Authorities have intensified their probe to identify other individuals involved in the act, including the organisers of the event. Despite Gouda's arrest, the police have yet to determine the role of other performers or the committee responsible for staging the play.

"We are working to trace Jaher in Bhubaneswar. everyone involved in this incident. Strict action will be taken under relevant sections of the law," said a senior police official

Parking dispute fuels inferno Delhi airport gears up for foggy days ahead

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RAJESH KUMAR MINEW DELHI

n a preemptive move foreseeing the fog this winter, the Delhi airport, for the first time, has made elaborate arrangements for by making passengers. provisions for dedicated enclosures for their comfort in case the travellers' flight is delayed.

Delhi International Airport (DIAL), which Limited operates and manages the Indira Gandhi International (IGI) Airport with three (T1, T2, T3) terminals has set up special enclosures to passengers accommodate who shall be disembarked from flights delayed for over three hours to allow their faster return to board their

respective flights. According to DIAL, these enclosures will be located at

the Bus Boarding Gates and certain aerobridges in Terminal 3, the transfer area in Terminal 2, and the bus boarding gate in Terminal 1. The facilities will serve both domestic and international passengers. The new plan will allow passengers to remain in a separate enclosure, saving time and reducing hassles for both flyers and airline staff.

The government has relaxed the security protocols at airports to allow passengers of flights delayed by over three hours or canceled due to fog, weather or technical issues to disembark and return to the terminal.



"Ranging from 250 to 450 these meters, square enclosures will be able to hold between 55 and 120 passengers at a time. They are intended to facilitate security screening, allowing passengers to smoothly reenter the terminal's Security

Hold Area (SHA). These enclosures will have essential amenities like toilets and vending machines wherever feasible. The enclosures would only be utilized as a security processing area after which the passengers would enter the SHA which would

SAUMYA SHUKLA NEW DELHI

all the facilities available there. Only airline staff escorting passengers from stranded flights would be permitted to enter the enclosures for security reasons", DIAL said in a statement To maintain safety and suspect in Amethi, Uttar security, CISF personnel will Pradesh, over 600 kilometers

be stationed in the enclosures away from the National Capital. According to the screen passengers returning from delayed or stranded flights before they victim, this fiery attack was just the culmination of a string are allowed to join other of threats, and he believes that screened passengers in the if he had been at the scene, his SHA. life endangered as well.

founder

of

Additionally, personnel from the Private Security Agency (PSA) will verify the documents of passengers affected by the fog/weather or technical issues.



organisation 'Jashn-e-Adab', accused has been the harassing and threatening him for over two years. Despite multiple complaints to police, the authorities used to release the accused, identified as Rahul Bhasin, on bail, Singh would have been said.

According to the victim, 48-year-old Ranjeet Singh, an The issue came to a boil reportedly after some Urdu poet, winner of a peace award from Pakistan, and the residents of the locality were not happy with Singh for cultural complaining to the police over he said.

them drinking and loitering in the area at night. "I have been living in this locality for about two decades now and the accused moved here two years ago. His landlord and others instigated him against me. They asked him to park his car in front of mine. When I came on July 13, my car slightly touched his car in the parking lot. However, his brother quickly resolved the issue with me and I even agreed to pay for any damage," Singh said. However, events took a turn for the worse after that when Bhasin damaged two of Singh's parked cars with rods. FIR was registered An following which he was arrested on August 14 but

released on bail in two hours,

routine parking dispute in A Southeast Delhi's Lajpat Nagar erupted into a shocking act of arson, as a man's car was set ablaze, allegedly by his notso-friendly neighbor. Police tracked down the 28-year-old

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 $\mathbf{P}_{\mathsf{resident}}$

December 3 to 7.





Potato crisis: BJD, Cong corner govt in Assembly PNS BHUBANESWAR UP potato trucks arrive in Odisha Opposition BJD and Congress

MLAs on Monday tried to corner the BJP government in the Odisha Assembly on Monday by raising the issue of the potato crisis in the State

Raising the issue, Opposition Chief Whip Pramila Mallick (BJD) criticised the government for doing nothing to bring the potato prices under control. The BJD MLAs staged a demonstration by showing placards in the House.

Leader of Congress Legislature Party Ram Chandra Kadam also slammed the government over the issue

The Opposition members mocked at the government by asking how long would the 300 truckloads of potatoes that have come from Uttar Pradesh last. Hence, the government should take concrete measures to resolve the potato crisis within two days.

BJD MLA Byomkesh Ray said, "A similar potato crisis was witnessed two to three months and even during former CM Naveen Patnaik's term as well. However, it was managed well by the BJD government. The concerned minister now is claiming that potatoes are 300 truckloads of potatoes every

PNS BHUBANESWAR

Amid the soaring price of potatoes in Odisha, 300 trucks carrying

coming from trains and trucks from Uttar Pradesh. There is no actual effort by the minister and the State Government to resolve the issue either by importing the vegetable from West Bengal and

Uttar Pradesh? Ray said Odisha needs around

the vegetable from Uttar Pradesh reached various markets in the State on Monday. The price skyrocketed in Odisha

day.

BJP MLA Saroj Padhi said, "The statement of BJD MLA that the BJP government is not able to manage the situation while it was being managed well by Naveen Patnaik is not correct. In the last 24 years, the previous government never tried to increase potato production

after West Bengal imposed a ban on potato export to neighbouring States.

With Odisha relying on UP for potatoes, the cost of the tuber is soaring in the State with several places recording prices ranging from Rs 40 to Rs 50 per kilogram.

Secretary of the Chhatra Bazaar Traders' Association in Cuttack Debendra Sahu said, "As of now, we are selling potatoes at Rs 38 per kg at wholesale rate."

Meanwhile, Food Supplies and Consumer Welfare Department officials conducted raids at various markets in Cuttack and Bhubaneswar including in Chhatra Bazar amid alleged hoarding and sale of potatoes at inflated prices.

in the State. Whether the Potato Mission or cold storages, everything was destroyed by the previous government."

Padhi further said that if West Bengal is not willing to provide potatoes, the government is in talks with other states including Uttar Pradesh and Punjab.

Interview of the week My primary goal will be to strengthen education system

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also planning to organise events

on Odishi of national and inter-

What are your plans to propa-

Lord Jagannath is the heart and

soul of Odisha and His presence

transcends beyond the temple to

touch the lives of millions.

Jagannath culture and philoso-

phy has had a profound influence

on the social and spiritual fabric

of our State. When our govern-

ment came to power, we opened all

four gates of Shree Jagannath

Temple for the devotees. After 46

years, we reopened the temple's

Ratna Bhandar. We have also allo-

cated a ?500-crore corpus fund to

propagate the Jagannath culture.

Olympics in India. If it takes place

in India, what would be the con-

tribution of Odisha in this regard?

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ent scouting at the grassroots

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tures, ensuring every athlete has

access to top-notch facilities. If the

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Odisha stands committed to pro-

vide all necessary support and in-

frastructure for hosting a success-

ful event under the leadership of

Prime Minister Modi and Chief

Minister Mohan Charan Majhi.

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What steps are there for toning

For higher education, we are

taking various steps to enhance

the quality of education with a

strong emphasis on research and

development. Our government

has decided to implement the

NEP-2020 in higher education.

NEP-2020 prioritises interdisci-

plinary learning, holistic educa-

tion and robust research frame-

Odisha is a treasure trove of

PM Modi is desirous of holding

gate the cult of Lord Jagannath

national prominence.

worldwide?



SUGYAN CHOUDHURY

hat's in a name? That which we call a rose / by any other name would smell as sweet", says the Bard of Avon William Shakespeare. Suryabanshi Suraj, the name which literally means born to the clan of the sun god and radiating like the sun', a Young Turk in politics, who bristles with wit and wisdom' has enamoured youths of the State by his brilliant repartee and gestures of goodwill. This was evident when he was greeted with a thunderous applause having arrested the attention of PM Modi on the very day of the oath-taking ceremony when inducted as a minister in the present BJP government. He is the Minister for Higher Education, Sports & Youth Services and Odia Language, Literature & Culture Department. Representing the Dhamnagar constituency, he is the youngest minister in the State government. He firmly believes in the Prime Minister's "Purvodoya se Vikash ki Suryodaya" policy and works for the dawn of that El Dorado.

In an interview to The Pioneer, Suraj spoke to **Sugyan** Choudhury on many issues concerning his departments.

During the swearing-in ceremony, you arrested the attention of PM Modi owing to tumultuous applause. What's your feeling about it?

First and foremost, I am deeply humbled and grateful to the eople of Dhamnagar and Odisha



to power. How are you going to maintain this?

Odia Asmita is not just a concept; it is the essence of our identity and our pride. It represents the collective spirit of the Odia people, our rich culture, tradition and history. It is essential for us to preserve, promote and celebrate this identity. In the 2024-25 Annual Budget, our government has allocated a corpus fund of ?200 crore for Odia Asmita. This fund will be instrumental in various initiatives aimed at strengthening our cultural identity. We have also undertaken various projects and initiatives aimed at uplifting our cultural fabric. To honour the eminent sons of the soil, it is proposed to establish 20 statues of illustrious personalities across the State. We are committed to honour the legacy of Odisha's unsung heroes like Kasti Dakua, Dora Bisoi, Rendo Majhi and many more which was previously ignored. As a tribute to one of Odisha's greatest leaders, we are celebrating a year-long

Harekrushna Mahtab Jayanti. Our government has decided to give Rs 30,000 as monthly honorarium for the State's Padma awardees in recognition for their contribution to our culture and society. We are also committed to showcase Odisha's rich cultural heritage on the global stage by striving for international recogni-

works, ensuring that students are equipped with critical thinking skills. By integrating research & development into higher education of iconic events like Dhanu tion, students will have access to cutting-edge research opportuni-In addition, our government has ties and technological advance-

State?

Ragging allegation at Rs 17-cr ganja crop destroyed in Gajapati MKČG College again

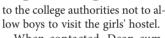
Dean refutes the charge

PNS BRAHMAPUR

 $T_{he \ prestigious \ MKCG \ Medical}$ College here has once again found itself in the midst of controversy after a junior student accused his seniors of ragging and forcing him to do their tasks. In a complaint to the college's anti-ragging cell, the junior claimed he was mentally and physically tortured if he refused to obey the orders of the seniors.

Based on the new complaint, the anti-ragging cell has called a meeting to thoroughly investigate the matter

A day back, the father of a second-year MBBS student had also complained to the anti-ragging cell against some seniors about ragging in the college. Sources said the complainant, the parent of a girl student, also reportedly appealed



When contacted, Dean-cum-Principal of the college Suchitra Dash refuted the allegations and stated that MKCG has reiterated its zero-tolerance policy towards ragging.

"We had received a complaint from a student's father that seniors had forced juniors to write their records. However, the student claimed that the person was not her father. Moreover, the juniors have also declined any such record writing. The anti-ragging cell is very active and keeps a strict vigil. Strict action will be taken against the seniors if their records are found in

any room of juniors," said Dash. "We had also conducted a surprise raid and we have not recovered any record of any kind. We have a meeting in the evening and the next course of action will be decided there, Dash added.



PNS PARALAKHEMUNDI

In a crackdown against illegal ganja cultivation, a joint team of the Excise Department and police destroyed acres of ganja crops worth more than Rs 17 crore in Gajapati district.

According to sources, the team swooped down on the ganja cultivation in 87 acres of land at Raipanka panchayat under the Adaba police station.

Vast swathes of land were cleared of ganja plants in the drive that also covered adjoining areas including Kaliamma, Ganjeipadar and Garada village forest areas. Over 200 personnel participated in cutting down and destroying the

part of the State Government's Green Clean Mission' campaign that aims to eliminate cannabis cultivation in the State by 2026.

The drive in Gajapati came close after a joint State taskforce destroyed more than 10 acres of cannabis crop in the Digapahandi area of Ganjam district about a week ago.

Incidentally, at about the same time, 62 acres of forestland in Subarnapur district were also cleared off cannabis crops.

Reports of last week stated that over 3,500 kilograms of cannabis were seized; 80 individuals were arrested; cash of Rs 15 lakh seized; and over 20 vehicles used in the illegal trade were confiscated in sepa-

SURYABANSHI SURAJ

Ayushman Yojana in State this financial yr

BHUBANESWAR

L he much-awaited Centre's flagship health coverage scheme Ayushman Bharat Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojana (AB-PMJAY) would be implemented in Odisha by the end of current financial year, informed State Health Minister Mukesh Mahaling on Sunday.

This health insurance scheme will be integrated with the State's own health scheme Gobandhu Jan Arogya Yojana (G-JAY) and individual cards will be provided to

nearly 3.5 crore people in the State after an MoU is signed with the Government of India.

The scheme will benefit elderly persons above 70 years.

"Under the scheme, people avail treatment facilities in around 27,000 hospitals from Kashmir to Kanyakumari," said Mahaling.

He further noted that the Odisha Government would implement the Ayushman Bharat Yojana with a vision to improve health facilities and provide good and quality services to the people.

Govt to take action

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m he\,Odisha\,Government\,is\,now}$ gearing up to take action against the doctors who are absent from work by availing prolonged leave in the State.

Minister Mukesh Mahaling in the State Assembly on Monday. Replying to a question by BJP

MLA Tankadhar Tripathy, the

rate drives of the 'Green Clean Mis-

196 absentee doctors in State

PNS BHUBANESWAR

The mission was undertaken as

This was informed by Health

minister informed that at present 196 doctors from various cadres including Odisha Medical Health Service (OMHS), Odisha Medical Education Service (OMES), and Odisha Homeopathic Medical Service (OHMS) are on leave for a prolonged period. The doctors remain absent from their work citing various reasons for leave, he said and informed that steps are being taken for action against such doctors as per the government provisions.

for their trust and support. The applause that I received during the swearing-in ceremony reflects not only the faith they have placed in me but also the aspirations they hold for a brighter future. Under the visionary leadership of Hon'ble Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi and Hon'ble Chief Minister Shri Mohan Charan Majhi, I am confident that we can continue to work towards building a prosperous Odisha. PM Modi's leadership has shown that with dedication, innovation and collaboration, we can transform challenges into opportunities for growth. As minister, my primary goal will be to strengthen the education system, promote sporting excellence and to preserve and pro-

mote Odia language, culture and rich heritage. BJP made Odia Asmita an is-

sue during the elections and came

decided to open a National Schoo of Drama Outreach Centre in Bhubaneswar to promote Odia drama and theatre. Moreover, we have recently given the State Film Awards for 2020, 2021 and 2022 to encourage and honour Odia cinema and talent, which were long pending.

Jatra and Bali Jatra.

Odia language and Odishi Dance have got the Classical tag, but Odishi Music has not yet got the same status. How are you contemplating to achieve it?

Odishi Dance and Odishi Music are the integral part of Odisha's rich cultural heritage, celebrated not only within India but across the world. Odishi Dance is known for its graceful movements, deep spiritual roots and intricate expressions. To promote and preserve this tradition, we are planning to strengthen institutions like the Guru Kelucharan Mohapatra Odissi Research Centre. We are

provide quality to higher education? To ensure accessible and equitable education, we have opened 17 new government degree colleges in block level. Our government has decided to bring an amendment to the Odisha University (Amendment) Act, 2020 introduced by the previous government. Through this amendment, our focus is on improving the recruitment process, enhancing more academic excellence and empowering universities with more autonomy. We have also signed an MoU with the Government of India to implement the Pradhan Mantri Uchchatar

What plans are envisaged to

Shiksha Abhiyan (PM-USHA) with an aim to improve the quality of higher education by enhancing infrastructures and encouraging research and skill development.

days.

'Fostering science for holistic development'

crops.

Bigyan 'O' Paribesh Cong jubilee concludes PNS BHUBANESWAR

The silver jubilee session of the Odisha Bigyan 'O' Paribesh Congress, organised on the theme 'Fostering science for holistic development' under the joint auspices of the Orissa Environmental Society Minerals and Materials (IMMT), Bhubaneswar has concluded.

Held under the chairmanship of OES president Dr Sundara Narayana Patro, the function had former Vice-Chancellor of BPUT Prof Omkar Nath Mohanty as the chief guest and Director of RMRC



(OES) and the CSIR-Institute of Dr Sanghamitra Pati as the guest of honour.

> Prof Mohanty highlighted the advancements of science and technology and emphasised on adopting a holistic approach to development and building a balanced society by controlling the application of various technologies in human

life. Citing the case of the Covid

epidemic, Dr Pati explained how scientific research is capable of achieving positive solutions to diverse human problems.

In his presidential speech, Dr Patro stressed on the importance of applying science in ensuring environmental protection. Convener Dr Nabin Kumar Dhal presented the welcome speech. Prof Sandeep Kundu of Ravenshaw University introduced the guests, and convener and working president of OES Dr Jaya Krushna Panigrahi proposed a vote of thanks.

Earlier, a panel discussion was held on the focal theme which was presided over by former Dean of CET, Bhubaneswar, Prof B Seetaram Patro. Odisha Bigyan Academy secretary Prof Ashish Kumar Mohanty; Advisor of Indian Science Congress Association, Kolkata, Dr Amit Krishna De; Vice-President, Jindal Steel & Power, Bibhu Prasad Mishra; and Environmental Engineer of Paradeep Phosphates Ltd Sandeep Tripathi participated in the discussion.

In Balangir Forest staff killed in elephant attack BALANGIR BALANGIR Behera said the Forest Department

An elephant attacked a team of forest officials on Sunday, claiming

the life of one of the employees and critically injuring another in the Kantabanji forest area of Balangir district.

The incident occurred near Bandhanpali village under the Dholamunda section of the Kantabanji Forest Range.

As per reports, the forest officials were attempting to drive away the elephant when the animal suddenly attacked them.

Three individuals, including

Nayak, elephant tracker Kupesh Chhatria and forest worker Tareshwar Rana, were critically injured.

Subsequently, they were rushed to Bhima Bhoi Medical College Hospital here where Rupesh Chhatria succumbed to the injuries.

The elephant had strayed close to human settlements and Forest Department teams were monitoring its movement. The tusker suddenly charged at one of the vehicles leading to the incident.

tracks. The incident occurred when their vehicle braked suddenly at one point," stated Behera. Investigations are ongoing to ascertain whether the protocols for handling such situations were followed and whether adequate safety

precautions were taken during the

had been tracking the elephant's

movement for the past 15 to 20

"Team members from three to

four different forest departments

were following the elephant's

operation to drive away the ani-Balangir DFO Sudarshan mal

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'Delinking Waltair from ECoR to hit Odisha interest' World AIDS DAY held at PPA Hospital "Since its establishment in

Ex-Union Min Jena urges PM to reconsider move PNS BHUBANESWAR

Senior Congress leader and former Union Minister Srikant Jena has expressed concern over the move to delink the Waltair Division from the East Coast Railway (ECoR) and merge it with the South Central Railway Zone (SCR). In a letter to Prime Minister Narendra Modi, Jena said such a move would affect the operational and financial viability of the ECoR.

1996, ECoR has consistently ranked among the highest revenue contributors to Indian Railways. The removal of the Waltair Division will significantly weaken ECoR, potentially jeopardizing its operations and its critical role in Odisha's development," said Jena adding, "In earlier deliberations, the creation of Statecentric railway zones was set aside to uphold national interests. However, if the current government is now prioritizing State-centric zones, it is imperative that Odisha also be granted its own comprehen-

sive railway zone. I strongly advocate merging Sundargarh, Baleswar and Mayurbhanj into the East Coast Railway (ECoR) by establishing a new railway division in northern Odisha." He also said additionally, creating another railway division in Rayagada would enhance operational efficiency.

Recalling how the ECoR was created out of a long struggle and the contribution of former PM HD Deve Gowda and former Railway Minister Ram Vilas Paswan, besides his own role as Union Minister of Parliamentary Af-

fairs, Jena underscored the importance of ECoR with its Khurda Road, Sambalpur, and Waltair Divisions, in the context of Odisha's economy and urged the intervention of PM Modi to reconsider the decision.

He also lamented the role of Railway Minister, Ashwini Vaishnaw, a Rajya Sabha MP from Odisha, as the move is against the interest of the State. He requested PM Modi to ensure equitable treatment for Odisha by granting more comprehensive railway zones in line with the demands of the people of Odisha.

PNS ■ PARADIP

The World AIDS Day was observed at the PPA Hospital with the theme "Take the rights path: My health, my right" that emphasised how important human rights are to reaching the 2030 AIDS eradication target. In order to guarantee that everyone has access to HIV prevention, treatment and care services, it highlights the necessity of addressing disparities, stigma and prejudice.

On this occasion, a walkathon as a part of IEC activity was organised to cre-



ate awareness about AIDS among the denizens of the port township starting from the PPA Hospital and ending at the Officers' Club.

PPA Chairman PLHaranadh administered the

Samiti and NGOs (IRDMS & CASD) working on AIDS, transgender and general public participated in the event. The PPA Hospital staffs, Saksharata Samiti members and volunteers wore symbolic red ribbons to commemorate the occasion. Further, a screening camp for truckers was organised in association with CASD/IRDMS. Of the 230 people screened, none was found positive for AIDS. The PPA Hospital regularly screens for HIV/AIDS as an obligation under the MoU "Mainstreaming of HIV/AIDS at Major Ports".

term as well. However, it was

managed well by the BJD gov-

ernment. The concerned min-

ister now is claiming that po-

tatoes are coming from trains

and trucks from Uttar

Pradesh. There is no actual ef-

fort by the minister and the

State Government to resolve

the issue either by importing

the vegetable from West Ben-

Ray said Odisha needs

BJP MLA Saroj Padhi said,

"The statement of BJD MLA

that the BJP government is not

able to manage the situation

while it was being managed

well by Naveen Patnaik is not

correct. In the last 24 years, the

previous government never

tried to increase potato pro-

duction in the State. Whether

the Potato Mission or cold

storages, everything was de-

stroyed by the previous gov-

Padhi further said that if

West Bengal is not willing to

provide potatoes, the govern-

ment is in talks with other

states including Uttar Pradesh

ernment.

and Punjab.

around 300 truckloads of po-

gal and Uttar Pradesh."

tatoes every day.

Vedanta observes Diabetes Day in J'suguda Potato crisis: BJD, Cong University Cricket Series at KIIT



PNS BHUBANESWAR

L he International University Bilateral Cricket Series was inaugurated at the KIIT Cricket Stadium on Monday. Organised collaboratively by the Association of Indian Universities (AIU), KIIT University, and the Odisha Cricket Association, the series was inaugurated by KIIT and KISS founder Achyuta Samanta.

For the first time, the KIIT University is hosting such a bilateral cricket series with In-

In Keonjhar Mining officer attacked by sand mafia

PNS KEONJHAR

driver, who were subsequently ${
m A}$ mining officer sustained ${
m rescued}$ by the Ghasipura po-

dia and Australia participating. Selected players from various universities in India and Australia are competing in the series. The schedule includes three T20 matches on December 2 and 3 followed by a oneday match on December 5.

India won the toss and elected to bowl first. Australia posted a total of 149 runs in 19.4 overs. In response, India scored 144 runs in their allotted 20 overs, losing 7 wickets in the process. Australia won the match by 5 runs.

Residents join awareness drive **PNS** ■ JHARSUGUDA

The Vedanta Aluminium observed the World Diabetes across villages in Dav Jharsuguda, in collaboration with the District Health Department

Aligned with the theme "Breaking Barriers, Bridging Gaps", the health campaign raised awareness about diabetes, its prevention, and the importance of early detection among the local community.

More than 200 residents of Bhurkamunda took part in the health campaign and underwent Random Blood Sugar (RBS) testing to assess their

health status and identify po-



Steel, Commerce and Transport, Bibhuti Bhushan Jena watched the Hindi movie "The Sabarmati Report" at Rukmini Hall at Brahmapur, along with party members and workers.

The film made on the true incident about burning of a train at Godhra in Gujarat on February 27, 2002 showing how karsevaks were burnt alive was released throughout the country on November 15.

BJP State Executive member Kanhu Charan Pati,



tential risks. The free-of-cost testing, along with the consultations, formed the cornerstone of the initiative, helping people to take proactive steps towards managing their

Head of the Non-Communicable Disease Department,

Through initiatives like these, we can empower communities with the knowledge and tools to manage this condition effectively and improve their quality of life."

Chief Operating Officer, Vedanta Aluminium Sunil Gupta spoke about the company's commitment to community welfare, stating, "At Vedanta Aluminium, we believe that a healthy community is the foundation of a prosperous society. We are dedicated to enhancing healthcare access in remote parts of Odisha and raising awareness on critical health issues like diabetes. Through our consistent efforts, we aim to positively impact the lives of the communities around

corner govt in Assembly PNS BHUBANESWAR

flagged off the walkathon.

Doctors, paramedical staffs of

the PPA Hospital along with

HoDs of the PPA, Comman-

dant CISF with his staffs, vol-

unteers of Paradip Sakhyarata

Opposition BJD and Congress MLAs on Monday tried to corner the BJP government in the Odisha Assembly on Monday by raising the issue of the potato crisis in the State.

Raising the issue, Opposition Chief Whip Pramila Mallick (BJD) criticised the government for doing nothing to bring the potato prices under control. The BJD MLAs staged a demonstration by showing placards in the House.

Leader of Congress Legislature Party Ram Chandra Kadam also slammed the government over the issue.

The Opposition members mocked at the government by asking how long would the 300 truckloads of potatoes that have come from Uttar Pradesh last. Hence, the government should take concrete measures to resolve the potato crisis within two days.

BJD MLA Byomkesh Ray said, "A similar potato crisis was witnessed two to three months and even during former CM Naveen Patnaik's

In Dhenkanal 10 school students hurt as truck hits bus



dent Bijay Kumar Swain, senior leader Suresh Padhy, Ramesh Tripathi, Zonal Media coordinator Sunil Kumar Sahu, general secretary Prabhat Sadangi, State Youth wing secretary Tutun Patra, Women's wing general secretary Babita Patro, District Youth wing president Siba Sankar Nayak, OBC Wing president Madan Mohan Patra, senior advocate Pitabasa Panda among others watched the movie.

The film has been declared tax-free by the State government for which the producer

of the film Ekta Kapoor has

acknowledged her gratitude

to the Chief Minister.

Patel conducted a session that provided valuable insights on diabetes management and lifestyle modifications. Speaking at the event, she said, "Diabetes is one of the most common yet pressing public health challenges today.

our operations. BJP workers, Min watch 'Sabarmati Report'

Jharsuguda, Dr Dolamani

serious injuries on Sunday after being attacked by sand mafia in Keonjhar district. The attack took place on the Baitarani bridge in Anandapur subdivision during a routine vehicle inspection.

The mining officer had stopped a vehicle allegedly belonging to the sand mafia to conduct a routine inspection. However, the situation turned violent when assailants sprung out of the halted vehicle and attacked the officer.

The attackers vandalised the officer's vehicle and in-

In Brahmapur 70 -yr-old deceased's corneas collected

PNS BRAHMAPUR

With the noble gesture shown by a deceased's family members and initiatives of Friends Helping Club and MKCG Medical College Hospital, Brahmapur, the corneas of the deceased, identified as Tangudu Sambasiva Rao (70) of Patra Street of Bada Bazar area, were collected.

Dr Manish Oram and Dr Bibebknanda Sahu of Eye Department, MKCG Medical College and Hospital, Brahmapur collected both the corneas of the deceased at the latter's residence.

Rao is survived by his wife Saroja, daughter Sai Sree and son in law Suraj. The family members and relatives of the deceased Rao, Κ

lice and taken to a nearby hospital. The attackers are still at large.

jured the officer as well as his

Notably, the situation has brought to light how Mines Department personnel are frequently getting attacked by miscreants in various parts of the State, especially in

Keonjhar.

has witnessed rising cases of attacks by sand mafia in recent times. Sand in hundreds of trucks is being transported illegally from various quarries along the Baitarani, Kushei and Remal rivers in the region.

Saroj Sabata, Ghumusara Organisational district presi-

Anandapur subdivision

later died in Keonjhar district. The locals spotted the decomposed carcass of the pachyderm near Kantalei village under Telkoi forest division in Keonjhar and informed the forest officials. Upon examination, the forest officials confirmed the re-

mains as belonging to a male elephant, commonly referred to as 'Makhana', also a tusker but without prominent tusks.



Tusker dies in fight with tusker in Telkoi

Carcass seized PNS KEONJHAR

In a violent fight between two

wild elephants of two herds.

one was seriously injured and

paddy and causing huge losses Notably, for the past 25 davs, two herds comprising to the farmers.

'They are not trying to solve our area's elephant menace. We had alerted the lage last month. However, the Forest Department was not keen on taking any step to drive the wild herd back into the forest," alleged a local.

When contacted, Keonjhar DFO HD Dhanraj said, "On being informed, we rushed to the spot and recovered the carcass. There was a huge fight between two tuskers, leading to the death of one of them. It died due to heavy bleeding."

The forest officials are on heightened alert, coordinating closely with local communities to mitigate crop damage and avert further conflict, he added



PNS DHENKANAL

At least 10 students sustained injuries when the bus of a private school was hit by a trailer truck on Monday morning on National Highway-55 in Dhenkanal district.

The accident occurred near Korian under the Sadar police station in the district. .

The bus was carrying about 40 to 50 students of Classes-I to X.

Sources said that owing to repair work on NH-55, the

trailer truck suddenly crossed into the road and hit the bus from behind. The driver of the truck fled the scene after the mishap.

A teacher accompanying the students also suffered injuries in the collision and was admitted to a nearby hospital along with the injured students.

All of the injured students were discharged from the hospital after receiving primary care.

Police were investigating the incident and attempts were on to nab the truck driver.

Khuntapada. The elephants forest officials that there were school bus was diverted to an 70-80 elephants near the vilare destroying standing alternate route. However, a No subsidised rice to migrant worker, son in Nuapada

As he failed to submit Aadhaar card, confiscated by labour contractor AJIT PANDA 🔳 NUAPADA Parsu Majhi (61) of Amguda (Bodlapada) village of Boden

Venkataramana Subudhi, P Jai Prakash, Ch Surendra Patro, block, Nuapada district, lives K Sobha Rani, P Jyoshna and a life defined by hardship. For Chandan among others, bethe last three years, he and his sides members of Friends family have been denied access Helping Club KPK Subudhi to rice under the National and Jammula Suresh were Food Security Scheme (NFSS). present at the time of eye do-The cause of the denial is he nation

worker. His wife passed away three decades ago, and his daughter-in-law died just a year ago, leaving no female presence to care for the household. As a result, Parsu and his son Nirakar have had no choice but to take his two young grandsons—10-yearold Daktar Majhi and his 5year-old sibling-along with them when they migrate out of State every year to work in brick kilns. The harsh working conditions at the kilns although is grueling, provides them a source to live. does not have an Aadhaar

Years ago, Parsu's family card. Parsu is a migrant was issued a Priority Household (PHH) ration card, which entitled them to subsidized rice. But three years ago, Parsu's name was deleted during a verification process because he failed to submit his Aadhaar card. His predicament was not of his own making; his Aadhaar card had been confiscated by the labour contractor who arranges their migration to the kilns. This contractor, or sardar, uses the confiscated document to coerce Parsu into returning to the kiln each year, leaving him

powerless to reclaim his rightful identity.

"The Sardar took my Aadhaar card while sending me to kiln; he is not returning that to me and forcing me every year to go to the kiln," says Parsu.

Issue of rice to Nirakar was also subsequently stopped and the last recorded distribution of rice to their family dates back to April 2020. Desperate to rectify the situation, Nirakar has made countless trips between the local ration shop and the block office, but his pleas have fallen on deaf

ears. Each visit ends with promises from officials but no action, leaving him frustrated and humiliated.

When contacted, the Marketing Inspector, Boden said on Friday that rice would be given to Nirakar. He sent a copy of the ration card to this correspondent. Nirakar went to the ration distribution centre again with that copy but the official in charge of distribution said that the card has been blocked; so he could not issue rice.

With despair Nirakar said, "I won't go to these offices any-

more, I haven't died without eating their rice for the last three years."

Even now, Parsu's advanced age offers no respite. Though he qualifies for an old-age pension, he cannot apply because his Aadhaar card remains in the hands of the labor contractor. His inability to access this essential document has trapped him in a vicious cycle of poverty and forced labour. For Parsu and his family, poverty is not just a lack of resources but a systemic denial of their rights and dignity.

70-80 elephants have been wreaking havoc in Telkoi, Kantalei, Durlabhapur, and



SC seeks EC's response on PIL against decision to increase number of voters per polling station

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE NEW DELHI

The Supreme Court on Monday sought the Election Commission's response on a PIL challenging its decision to increase the maximum number of voters from 1,200 to 1,500 at every polling station, saying no elec-tor should be excluded.

While asking the poll panel to clarify its stand, a bench comprising Chief Justice Sanjiv Khanna and Justice Sanjay Kumar said, "We are concerned. No voter should be excluded.'

The bench therefore directed senior advocate Maninder Singh, representing the poll

panel, to file a short affidavit explaining the rationale behind the decision to increase the number of voters

per polling station. "Senior advocate Maninder Singh, appearing for the Election Commission, says on instruction that they will explain the position by way of a short affidavit. Let the affidavit be filed within a period of three weeks," said the

bench. Singh said the bench knew about the consistent allega-tions on EVMs, adding, "They will keep on coming. The polling has been happening like this since 2019 and political parties are being consulted before this in every con-



stituency." The senior lawyer said polling stations could have multiple polling booths and political parties were consulted in each constituency when the total number of voters was raised per EVM.

Singh further said voters were always permitted to cast their votes, even beyond the prescribed time. The bench, which will hear the matter on January 27, 2025, asked the EC to provide a copy of its affidavit to the petitioner before the next date of hear-

ing. The PIL, filed by Indu Prakash Singh, challenged two communications issued by the EC in August, increasing the number of voters per

polling station in each constituency across India.

The plea said the decision to increase the number of voters per polling booth was arbitrary and not based on any data. On October 24, the top court refused to issue any notice to the poll panel but allowed the petitioner to serve the copy to the standing counsel of the poll panel so that its stand on the issue is known. Senior advocate Abhishek Singhvi, appearing for the petitioner, contended that increasing the number of voters from 1,200 to 1,500 would lead to the exclusion of underprivileged groups from the electoral process as an individual would take longer to

cast their franchise. He submitted longer queues and waiting time at the polling stations would dissuade voters from going to cast their votes. The bench, however, said the poll panel wanted more participation and with the use of EVMs, it took a shorter time compared to ballot papers as the poll panel intended to considerably reduce the time taken to cast votes by increasing the number of EVMs at booths. The petitioner, how-ever, said the poll panel's decision would impact voters during the assembly elections Maharashtra and in Jharkhand (since concluded) and Bihar and Delhi to be held in 2025.

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VHP holds protest against attack on Hindus in Bangladesh

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The Vishva Hindu Parishad on Monday held a demonstration here against alleged attacks on Hindus in Bangladesh and demanded that the United Nations intervene to stop the atrocities. The protest at Jantar Mantar

witnessed the participation of several people, who raised slogans demanding the safe-ty of Hindus in Bangladesh. The Vishva Hindu Parishad (VHP) also warned (VHP) also warned Bangladesh's interim government that if the atrocities against Hindus did not stop, the country could be divided into two

VHP Delhi unit chief Kapil Khanna said the situation in Bangladesh was worrying. There is anger among the Hindus and they have come here to express their anger, he claimed.

"Atrocities are being committed against Hindus in Bangladesh and lakhs of Hindus have been displaced. Our sisters and daughters are being tortured," he said.

Mahant Naval Kishore Das, who also joined the protest, said, "Our sisters and daughters are being tortured, reli-



gious places are being demolished, and saints are being put

"Our message to everyone that the Hindus will not accept this," Das said. VHP state secretary Surendra Gupta demanded the United Nations and international

human rights organisations intervene and stop the atrocities. He warned the government of Bangladesh that if the atrocities did not stop, Bangladesh could be divided into two.

in jail.'

The Hindus in Bangladesh constitute about eight per cent of the 170 million population. There has been allegations of

over 200 attacks on Hindus in 50-odd districts of Bangladesh since the fall of Chattogram.

Sheikh Hasina's Awami League government on

August 5. The ISKCON (International for Krishna Society Consciousness) also held protest 'kirtans' at its Albert Road centre in Kolkata on Thursday and Friday, demanding the release of jailed Hindu spiritual leader Chinmoy Krisĥna Das.

The religious body expressed concern over the plight of religious minorities in Bangladesh.

Das was arrested in a sedition case and was later denied bail by a court, triggering protests by community members in various locations, including the capital Dhaka and the port city of



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ndia is set to experience a I milder winter with fewer coldwave days, the weather office said on Monday and forecast above-normal minimum temperatures during the season.

The forecast of a relatively warmer winter came after the country experienced the second warmest November since 1901, with the average maximum temperature clocking 29.37 degrees Celsius -- 0.623 degree above the normal of 28.75 degrees for the season. "During the upcoming winter season (December 2024 to February 2025), above-normal minimum temperatures are likely over most parts of the country," Mrutyunjay Mohapatra, director general of the India Meteorological Department (IMD), told

reporters here. According to the forecast, the winter season was expected to witness fewer coldwave days than the normal of five to six. During the season, abovenormal maximum temperatures are likely over most parts of the country, except most areas over south Peninsular India, where normal to below-normal maximum temperatures are likely, he said. "Normally, we see five to six coldwave days during December to February over the cold core zone, which

includes the northwest, central, east and northeast India. This year, we can expect two to four fewer coldwave days compared to average, Mohapatra said.

According to the IMD, a cold wave is considered if the minimum temperature (T-min) is less than the 10th percentile of the daily climatological value and the climatological daily T-min is less than 15 degrees Celsius. These conditions should be observed for three consecutive days for it to qualify as one coldwave event.

Mohapatra said the absence of western disturbances was the reason for a warmer November.

India set to experience milder winter Over 88 lakh houses with fewer coldwave days, says IMD delivered under PMAY-U: Govt tells RS PNS NEW DELHI

More than 88 lakh houses have been delivered to

the beneficiaries under the Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana (Urban), the Rajya Sabha was informed on Monday. In a written reply to a question, Union Minister of State for Housing and Urban Affairs Tokhan Sahu said that over 1.18 crore houses have

been sanctioned by the Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs (MoHUA) till November 18. The ministry has been sup-

plementing the efforts of states and Union territories by providing central assistance under PMAY-U since June 25, 2015 to provide pucca houses in urban areas across the country, he said.

"Based on project proposals submitted by the State/UT Governments under PMAY-U, as on 18.11.2024, a total of 118.64 lakh houses have been sanctioned by the Ministry..., and more than 88.02 lakh are completed/delivered to the beneficiaries. "The remaining houses are at different stages of construction," the



minister said in the written reply.

He said that learning from the experiences of PMAY-U, MoHUA has launched PMAY-U 2.0 'Housing for All' Mission with effect from September 1, 2024 for implementation in urban areas across the country to construct, purchase and rent 10 million houses by eligible beneficiaries at affordable cost through four verticals of the

scheme. These four verticals are Beneficiary Led Construction (BLC), Affordable Housing in Partnership (AHP), Affordable Rental Housing (ARH) and Interest Subsidy Scheme (ISS). As on date, 29 states and UTs have signed Memorandum of Agreement to implement PMAY-U 2.0.

CPA can turn lethal for one in three people with lung diseases: Study

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE NEW DELHI

hronic pulmonary Casperg. common fungal infection that claims 340,000 lives every year worldwide, can turn lethal for about 1 in three people with lung diseases, according to a study by researchers including from the All India Institute of Medical Sciences (AIIMS), Delhi. CPA, caused by exposure to airborne spores of the mould Aspergillus, causes gradual scarring of the lungs for months and years. It is a debilitating condition that causes severe tiredness, weight loss, breathlessness, and coughing up blood. While exposure to



lowing other lung diseases. Abinhav

Sengupta and Dr Animesh

Ray from Delhi-based AIIMS

examined the death rates in

8,778 patients described in

the literature from all conti-

The international study

including researchers from

the University of Manchester,

nents except Antarctica.

infected by CPA.Nearly 15 per cent of people with CPA will die in the first year fol-also reducing the risk of death, the researchers said.



India's PRAGATI platform helped accelerate 340

Aspergillus is harmless to most people, it may affect those with lung damage. The international study of CPA is led by Professor David Denning from The University of Manchester and five years if they also get

published in the leading journal Lancet Infectious Diseases showed that around 32 per cent of people who have had prior damage from lung diseases will die after

coaches were manufactured as

compared to 2337 from 2004 to

without any mutual interven-

tion. Induction training and

refresher training at regular

intervals is imparted to con-

cerned field staff to avoid the

possibility of any unfortunate

coupling/decoupling/shunting

during

incidences

etc," he said.

showed that CPA patients with prior tuberculosis (TB) had a lower overall 5-year mortality of 25 per cent. However, they also found that patients with CPA end up being misdiagnosed as having TB, and then not treated with antifungal agents.

Treatment with antifungal

Coupling happens without human intervention in more advanced LHB coaches: Vaishnaw to RS

PNS NEW DELHI

Railway Minister Ashwini Vaishnaw has informed the Rajya Sabha that more advanced LHB coaches, introduced by the railways in 1999-2000, are provided with centre buffer couplers in which coupling takes place without any manual intervention. He said this while providing information about various safety measures taken to prevent untoward incidents during coupling and decoupling of trains coaches.

Vaishnaw responded to questions raised by MPs Privanka Chaturvedi and Derek O'Brien regarding a recent case in which a railway employee lost his life after getting sandwiched between an engine and a coach while decoupling them.

They wanted to know if the government maintains any state-wise data of accidents and deaths caused during manual coupling of train coaches since 2019 and the measures taken by the government to prevent such acci-



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dents. "ICF coaches, designed and developed during the 1960s, were provided with screw cou-

pling and side buffers, which He further informed that require manual coupling of coaches. More advanced LHB advanced semi-automatic couplers have also been developed coaches were introduced by for use in Amrit Bharat and Vande Bharat trains. "These Indian Railways (IR) in 1999-2000," Vaishnaw said. couplers also enable automat-He added, "These LHB coachic coupling between coaches

es are provided with Centre buffer couplers in which coupling takes place without any manual intervention. IR (Indian Railways) have taken up the replacement of ICF coaches by LHB coaches in a phased manner." According to Vaishnaw, from

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CPI submits breach of

▶PI floor leader in Rajya →Sabha P Sandosh Kumar on Monday submitted a breach of privilege motion against Railway Minister Ashwini Vaishnaw, accusing him of misleading the House by providing figures contradictory to the ministry's own data submitted earlier to the House.

According to a statement issued by the CPI, the ministry, in response to a question raised by CPI MP P P Suneer on safety of railway workers, provided the number of 65 deaths and 569 injuries from 2014-15 to 2023-24, a period of 10 vears.

However, in an earlier reply in Rajva Sabha on December 8, 2023, the ministry said that 361 railway workers died due to train accidents during maintenance work on rail tracks in the last five years (from 2019-20 to 27.11.2023), the statement said. The CPI said the ministry's reply on Monday sharply contradict the figures

tend to be younger, a multivariable analysis showed prior TB was 24% less lethal than other lung conditions, even accounting for age, though the reason for the difference in outcome was not identified.

Being older than 60, having interstitial lung disease, current cancer and smokingrelated lung disease carried worse outcomes, said the team.

Caused by exposure to airborne spores of the mould Aspergillus, it is harmless to most people, but not to those with lung damage, main-

tained the researchers.

PTI 📕 NEW DELHI A unique digital governance platform in India, PRA-GATI, led by Prime Minister Narendra Modi, has transformed the delivery of the country's infrastructure projects, a study by Saïd Business School, University of Oxford, and the Gates Foundation

Pro-Active Governance and Timely Implementation (PRAGATI) has driven accountability at the most senior level, and supported unprecedented federal and regional collaboration, accelerating 340 projects worth USD 205 billion across the country and cutting through decades of delays, the study noted. The findings were released on Monday at a symposium hosted by the Indian Institute of Management (IIM) Bengaluru, which brought together leaders from academia and the public and private sectors to discuss how digital governance can transform infrastructure development.

Titled 'From Gridlock to Growth: How Leadership Enables India's PRAGATI Ecosystem to Power Progress', the case study noted that many of the 340 projects were anywhere from three to 20 years overdue.

This new model not only does away with layers of obfuscation, but introduces

an element of "naming and shaming" that compels officials to be directly answerable. the study has found.

"PRAGÁTI shows us it is essential for nations to cultivate an environment where top leadership is using technology to drive cross-collaboration and regular accountability reviews. This is particularly valuable for countries aiming to make infrastructure development a pillar of economic growth," said Soumitra Dutta, Peter Moores Dean and Professor of Management at University of Oxford.

'The transition towards such systems may require initial investment and cultural shifts, but the long-term benefits of more reliable infrastructure and public trust are immeasurable, delivering a ripple effect of efficiency and success in their development agenda," he added.

The case study has found that the ministries and departments are now more responsive to citizen grievances, knowing that their per-formance will be reviewed at the highest level and subjected to a data-driven analysis. "In India's complex federal structure, fostering cooperation between the central government and states - regardless of which political party is in power at the Centre or the states - is crucial for effective governance. The relationship

between the central government and states has historically been marked by political tensions and competing

priorities," the study noted. "Different political parties often control different states, and partisan differences can easily derail important initia-tives. Yet PRAGATI has emerged as a powerful demonstration of cooperative federalism in action showing how central and state governments can work ogether effectively regardless of political affiliations when focused on shared development goals," it added. The case study has recommended that potential exists to further enhance the Team India approach through PRAGATI.

"This could be done by incorporating more state-specific issues in PRAGATI reviews, facilitating direct state-tostate cooperation through the platform, and leveraging data analytics to identify and promote successful state-level governance models national-," it said.

Additionally, it will be critical to ensure that state offi-cials have the skills and resources they need to advance their infrastructure and social development goals. Ensuring equitable participation of all states, regardless of political affiliations, will also be an important focus," the study noted.

provided by it earlier in the Rajya Sabha. The party said in a sub-question of the raised question, Suneer had asked for the zone-

wise details of the "number of deaths and injuries involving railway personnel, including regular employees, contractual workers and outsourced workforce, during construction, maintenance, inspection or coupling of trains in the last

three years". "The ministry's reply of 65 deaths is in sharp contradic-tion to their own admission in the Rajya Sabha made in December 2023," the CPI said. It said according to the railway ministry's own data provided in the Rajya Sabha in response to unstarred question number 764 by A A Rahim, answered on December 8, 2023, the ministry gave the number of

railway workers who died due to train accidents during maintenance work on railway tracks in the last five years (from 2019-20 to 27.11.2023) as 361.

privilege motion against Vaishnaw to Rajya Sabha has found.



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Hearing on Gyanvapi ASI survey Opposition, BJP MPs debate over Bhagwat's population remarks petition deferred to December 10

BISWAJEET BANERJEE 📕 PRAYAGRAJ

Oⁿ Monday, the Allahabad High Court deferred the hearing on a petition seeking an Archaeological Survey of India (ASI) survey of the alleged wuzukhana area in the Gyanvapi mosque complex in Varanasi.

Justice Rohit Ranjan Agarwal's court, scheduled to hear the matter post-lunch, did not convene. The next hearing is now set for December 10 at 2 PM.

The petition requests an ASI survey of the wuzukhana (ablution) area of the Gyanvapi mosque to determine the religious character of the disputed site. During the previous hearing, Hindu side counsel Saurabh Tiwari argued that only an ASI survey could confirm the reli-

gious nature of the site. The Muslim side countered, pointing out the Supreme Court's directive to maintain the status quo. In response,



the Hindu side clarified that the Supreme Court's order only restricts the survey of the alleged Shivling and not the entire wuzukhana area. On October 22, the High Court directed the Hindu

side to specify the exact portion and area they sought to survey. Following this, the Hindu side submitted critical documents, photographs, and affidavits via e-filing. Copies of the affidavits were also



provided to all involved parties.

The case remains a focal point of contention, with both sides presenting legal and historical arguments. The next hearing will determine whether an ASI survey of the disputed area can proceed amidst the ongoing legal tussle. The case:

On December 18, 2023, the ASI handed over its survey findings on the Gyanvapi

mosque complex to the Varanasi district court. This move came after the completion of cleaning work in the Wazukhana area, as directed by the Supreme Court.

The Gyanvapi Mosque has been a topic of interest, with some believing it was built on the remains of the Kashi Vishwanath temple. Various petitions in different courts, including the Supreme Court, Allahabad High Court, and Varanasi District Court, have addressed different angles of this dispute.

The legal tussle dates back to a 1991 petition filed in Varanasi, seeking the restoration of Gyanvapiland to the Kashi Vishwanath temple. The claim was that the mosque was constructed under the orders of Aurangzeb, who allegedly tore down a part of the temple in the 16th century. The ASI initiated the survey

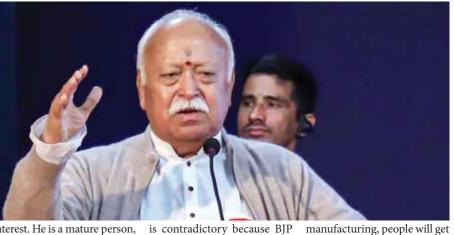
in August 2023, with several extensions granted for the final report.

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day after RSS chief Mohan A Bhagwat expressed concern over declining population growth, BJP leaders welcomed his remarks while the Opposition asked where will additional resources come from in case of an increase. Food prices are high and the gov-ernment has "failed" to create employment opportunities for people, they said.

Speaking at an event in Nagpur on Sunday, Bhagwat high-lighted the vital role of families and warned that according to population science, if a society's total fertility rate dips below 2.1, it could face extinction. BJP leader Manoj Tiwari said they are in national interest. "The RSS is a patriotic organisation. If Mohan Bhagwat ji

has said something, then it would certainly be in the national interest. So it should be analysed positively," Tiwari told PTI outside Parliament. BJP MP from Meerut Arun Govil spoke on similar lines. "His ideas are in the national



interest. He is a mature person, if he has given this statement, it is for the good of the country and it must be right," he told PTI.

Opposition leaders, however, questioned Bhagwat and the JP over his remarks. Congress Lok Sabha MP from Katihar Tariq Anwar said Bhagwat's remarks were in contrast to what BJP leaders have been saying on the issue of population.

"What he (Bhagwat) is saying

manufacturing, people will get employment. But the government has failed in this," he

tion should be controlled. They should clear these contradicadded. tions and the government Congress Rajya Sabha MP should come out with a policy on population," he said. Azad Samaj Party (Kanshi Ram) MP Chandra Shekhar

asked where will the additional resources to support an increased population come from. If managed properly, India's population is a useful resource, he said. "If we start

Yatnal with show cause notice

BJP serves party MLA

leaders are saying the popula-

Renuka Chowdhury said, "I respect Mohan Bhagwat ji, but what experience does he have of bringing up a child?" She fur-ther said, "Everything is adul-

terated, food prices are high and when they (children) grow up, they don't get employment. What do people need more children for?"

BJP flays Rahul over his remarks on GDP growth

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE NEW DELHI

The BJP has flayed Congress leader Rahul Gandhi for his remarks on GDP growth rate decline and said his attempt to paint a picture of economic doom, with selective data and "halftruths", is not just misleading but reeks of a "childish" oversimplification of complex realities.

The Leader of Opposition in Lok Sabha had on Sunday expressed concern over India's GDP growth rate declining to its lowest in two years and said the country's economy cannot progress as long as a handful of billionaires accrue its benefits. He stressed that new thinking is required for India's economy and a new deal for businesses should be an important part of it.

Reacting sharply, BJP IT department head Amit Malviya wrote on X, "Your attempt to paint a picture of economic doom, with selective data and half-truths is not just misleading but reeks of 'Balak Buddhi' -- a childish



a global economic phenome-He said crying foul over a 5.4 non? Everyone has seen your track record, when India was

digits," he added.

per cent GDP growth rate by the Congress leader is "laughable when it is one of the highest globally". "Compare it to China (4.6%),

the USA (2.8%) and the Euro Area (0.9%). Even in a challenging global environment, marked by geopolitical con-flicts and supply chain dis-ruptions, India's economy stands resilient, while others falter," Malviya said. to power in 2014, and never "Is it too hard for you to grasp touched double digits," he falter," Malviya said.

plex realities".

It is significantly lower than the 8.1 per cent annual average during the UPA era (2004-14) and was frequent-ly in double digits between 2010-14, he added. "Perhaps you'd like to explain why inflation was in double-digits during those years, if you truly care about rising prices,' Malviya asked Gandhi.

The BJP leader said that Gandhi harps on a supposed unemployment crisis, but India has added 47 million jobs in the past few years, and the worker-population ratio (WPR) has improved to 58.2 per cent in FY 2024 from 56 per cent in FY2023, driven by rising opportunities in both rural and urban India.

The same WPR in 2013-14 counted amongst 'Fragile Five', inflation was in double was 49.9 per cent, he added "Declining demand? Really? The BJP leader said retail Domestic auto sales grew by 13.1% Y-o-Y during Åpr-Oct inflation increased a bit in 2024, FMCG sales show October 2024, primarily due robust rural demand, and to weather-driven disruptions in vegetable supply. "But let us tractor sales have hit record highs. Affordable housing not forget, the average inflation rate has been 5 per cent demand, as you point out, is since Modi government came part of an evolving market, but overall consumption trends remain strong. How

does this align with your alarmist rhetoric?" Malviya said.

The BJP leader said the Indian rupee has remained one of the least volatile currencies globally and India's forex reserves stand tall at USD 684.8 billion, covering 11.8 months of imports "something your fear-mongering narrative convenientignores".

India's economy isn't just growing, it is ascending, he said. The IMF projects that India will overtake Japan in 2025 to become the 4th largest economy globally, with a GDP of USD 4.34 trillion, he added.

"But of course, why would you mention this when fearmongering serves your agen-da better?" Malviya asked Gandhi. "Your persistent doom-mongering is not just baseless but reflects an inability to acknowledge progress. You don't have to flaunt your ignorance at every opportunity. If you're so keen on playing Economist, at least do the basic homework, instead of recycling outdated talking points," he added.

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE BENGALURU

> $D_{\mathrm{month-long\ anti-Waqf}}^{\mathrm{ays\ after\ he\ launched\ a}}$ march that apparently did not have the state unit's sanction, Karnataka BJP MLA and known Yediyurappa critic Basanagouda Patil Yatnal has been served with a showcause notice by the party for his 'continuing tirade against the state level party leadership." BJP's Central Disciplinary Committee (CDC) has served the notice to the Vijayapura MLA and asked him to reply within 10 ten days. Calling the notice "fake", a defiant Yatnal said his commitment to the fight for Hindutva and against

> 'dynastic politics' will continue. "Your tirade against the state-level party leadership and your defiance of party directives and making public pronouncements and stance in contravention to party's official stand on all matters of political and public importance has been reported in media as well as by different

Congress.

"It is a matter of 'great concern' that despite having been issued showcause notice several times in the past and your assurances of good conduct, the acts of indiscipline continue unabated," said Pathak. Noting his seniority and longstanding in the party, Pathak said the CDC took a lenient

party forums," Om Pathak, CDĆ member secretary said in his show cause notice on December 1, which was shared Limbavali, with media on Monday. The party said it would pro-

ceed to take a final view on the matter if Yatnal fails to give a reply within the stipulated time. Yatnal is known as a strong critic of BJP veteran and former Chief Minister B S Yediyurappa and his family, especially his son and the party's Karnataka chief B Y Vijayendra. He has often tar-geted them and demanded that the BJP central leadership check Yediyurappa's 'dynastic politics' for effective fight against the 'dynastic politics' of

view on the explanations submitted by him in the past. Yatnal along with, few senior BJP leaders, including MLA Ramesh Jarkiholi, Arvind Mahesh Kumtahalli, Madhu Bangarappa had taken out a month-long anti-Waqf march Bidar from to Chamarajanagar. The march started on November 25 and will conclude on December 25. The march is widely perceived

as a show of strength by the anti-Vijayendra faction within the BJP. Yatnal has said the march was not directed against any individual but aimed at "protecting farmers, Sanatana Dharma, and Hindus from eviction notices issued by the state Waof Board."

Ajay Rai stopped from visiting Haryana Govt transfers 44 IAS Bihar Govt cancels Sambhal, Congress workers protest officers in major bureaucratic reshuffle community health

BISWAJEET BANERJEE LUCKNOW

Uttar Pradesh Congress President Ajay Rai, along with dozens of party leaders, attempted to visit Sambhal on Monday but was stopped by the police at the gate of the Congress office. Party workers, protesting against the police and administration, raised slogans and created a commotion. Two companies of the Provincial Armed Constabulary (PAC) were also deployed to manage the situation.

Tensions escalated as a minor scuffle broke out between Congress workers and the police. Ajay Rai sat on a dharna at the spot, demanding the lifting of restrictions. Addressing the media, Rai said, "Whenever the restrictions are removed, a Congress delegation will definitely visit Sambhal. We will investigate the situation independently and expose how the police and administration are presenting false investigation reports."

The Uttar Pradesh Police issued a notice to Rai, citing a district magistrate order under Section 163 BNSS, which restricts entry to the area until December 10 to maintain public order. The notice urged Rai to "cooperate in the public interest" and postpone his visit to prevent any violation of the restriction. The Congress leadership had meticulously planned the visit. Senior party leaders spent Sunday night at the Congress office, and leaders from various parts of the state had arrived in Lucknow by Sunday evening to join the Monday morning convoy. Before setting out, Ajay Rai paid tribute at the Gandhi statue at the



Meanwhile, a three-member

iudicial commission investi-

gating the November 24 vio-

lence has started its probe.

The commission, led by

retired High Court judge

Devendra Kumar Arora, vis-

ited Sambhal on Sunday, along

with member and former

DGP AK Jain. Another mem-

ber, retired Additional Chief

Secretary Amit Mohan, could

The team inspected areas

around the Shahi Jama Masjid

and interacted with members

Moradabad Commissioner

Anjaneya Kumar Singh stated

that evidence is being collect-

viduals have been identified so

far. Police Superintendent KK

Vishnoi briefed the commis-

sion on the sequence of events

The inquiry team has pledged

to ensure accountability for

the violence and to address the

grievances of the affected fam-

during the unrest.

lies

not join the visit.

Congress office. However, the police intervened as soon as they attempted to leave. The administration has

imposed restrictions on visiting Sambhal until December 10 following recent violence during the survey of the Shahi Jama Masjid on November 24. Earlier, Samajwadi Party leaders, including the Leader of the Legislative Assembly and State President, were also barred from entering Sambhal. Even MPs like Iqra Hasan were denied entry.

Congress planned the visit to of the mosque committee. meet the families of those affected by the violence. However, police had cordoned off the roads leading to the Congress office early Monday morning to prevent any moveed against those responsible for the violence, and 400 indiment.

Congress leader Sachin Chaudhary also voiced his frustration, alleging police and took them to key locations, including Nakhasa Tiraha and Hindupara Kheda. Officials demonstrated the routes taken by the crowd intimidation. "They are stopping us from visiting Sambhal. Is not it shameful that we cannot even check on the wellbeing of victims? We demand a CBI inquiry into the matter," Chaudhary said adding that police had been stationed outside his residence since morning

PNS CHANDIGARH

n a major bureaucratic I reshuffle, the Haryana gov-ernment has transferred 44 IAS officers with immediate effect. According to a govern-ment order dated December 1, 1990-batch officer Sumita Misra will be the new Home Secretary.

Sumita Misra, Additional Chief Secretary (ACS), Medical Education and Research Department, has been posted as ACS, Home, Jails, Criminal Investigation and Administration of Justice Departments, relieving Anurag Rastogi of the charge.

Rastogi will continue to hold the charge of ACS, Finance and Planning departments. He will hold additional charge of Financial Commissioner of Revenue and Disaster Management and

Consolidation Department. Ashok Khemka, a 1991-batch officer who was ACS, Printing and Stationery Department, has been posted as ACS, Transport Department, relieving 1994-batch IPS officer Navdeep Virk of the charge. Khemka served as transport commissioner and secretary in the first term of the BJP government which was led by Manohar Lal Khattar.

Last week, the Chief Minister Nayab Singh Saini-led state government made some key appointments to his office and effected a major bureaucratic reshuffle, the order for which was issued on Sunday. The reshuffle had been on the cards since the Saini dispensation was sworn in on October 17. According to the order, Apoorva K Singh has been posted as ACS, Town and Country Planning and Urban Estates Department, and will



also hold the charge as ACS

Energy Department. Sudhir Rajpal, ACS, Health and Family Welfare Department, has also been given charge of Medical Education and Research, and Ayush departments. Anand Mohan Sharan has been given charge of Food and Civil Supplies Department in addition to the other departments

he holds. Vineet Garg has been posted as ACS, Higher Education Department and Chairman of Haryana State Pollution Control Board. D Suresh, Resident Commissioner, Haryana Bhawan, New Delhi, will now also be Principal Secretary of Industries and Commerce Department.

Rajeev Ranjan has been given the additional charge of Principal Secretary, Labour while Shyamal Mishra will be the new CEO of Faridabad Metropolitan Development Authority and Gurugram Metropolitan Development Authority as well as Principal Secretary of Civil Aviation Department.

Vijay Singh Dahiya has been posted as Commissioner and Secretary of Printing and Stationery and Animal Husbandry departments. Ashima Brar, Secretary, Social

Justice, Empowerment and Welfare of Scheduled Castes and Backward Classes and (SEWA) Antyodaya Department, has been posted as Excise and Taxation Commissioner and Secretary, and Managing Director of Haryana Vidyut Prasaran Nigam Ltd.

Amit Kumar Agrawal, Commissioner and Secretary, Development and Panchayats Department will also be the Commissioner and Secretary of departments of Information, Public Relations, Languages and Culture, and Foreign Cooperation. Yashendra Singh has been posted as Director and Special Secretary of Medical Education and

Research Department. Among other IAS officers, G Rajini Kaanthan will be the new Transport Commissioner while Phool Chand Meena will be the new Commissioner of Ambala division. A Sreenivas has been posted as Commissioner of Hisar division and Anshaj Singh has been posted as Commissioner of Rohtak division, and Director General of Swarna Jayanti Haryana Institute for Fiscal Management.

Yash Garg will be Commissioner of Food and Drugs Administration. Monica Malik has been given the additional charge of Managing Director of Haryana Women Development Corporation Ltd. Rajesh Jogpal, Registrar, Cooperative Societies, Haryana, has been posted as Director and Special Secretary of Food, Civil Supplies and Consumer Affairs Department in addition to his current duties. Haryana Human Rights Commission Secretary Narhari Singh Banger has been posted as Advisor and Special Secretary of Civil Aviation Department.

officer recruitment exam



PIONEER NEWS SERVICE PATNA

centres here, an official said.

The Bihar State Health

Society, which conducted the

test, said that new exam dates

would be announced later.

The examination was con-

ducted at 12 online centres in

Police also arrested 37 people,

including aspirants, owners

and employees of the exami-

nation centres and IT man-

agers, in connection with the

case, Deputy Inspector General (EOU) Manavjit

Singh Dhillon told reporters.

Several electronic and digital

devices, laptops, mobile phones, ATM and credit cards, and Aadhaar cards

were recovered from the pos-

session of the arrested people,

the officer said. Acting on a tip-off, officials of EOU and

Patna police jointly conduct-

Patna on Sunday.

Sunday, an official statement $B^{\rm ihar\ government\ on}_{\rm Monday\ cancelled\ com-}$ said. The online recruitment exam munity health officer recruitfor community health offiment examinations after the cers, which started on Sunday, Economic Offences Unit was also supposed to be held on Monday. "Officials found that employ-(EOU) of the state police detected widespread "irregularities and malpractices" durees of the examination centres ing the online test at three

provided unauthorised access to the computer system to a solver gang through proxy server and remote viewing applications.

nation centres in Patna on

Evidence collected from the spot revealed that the accused were solving the questions papers through online Computer Based Test (CBT) on a real-time basis," the statement issued by EOU said. Officials also found that owners of the examination centres, employees and private IT managers were involved in the irregularities during the exam, it said. A Pune-based IT firm was engaged in conducting the exam.

"The examination has been cancelled and a special team has been formed to investigate the case and also arrest others who are part of the "solver gang", the DIG said.

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Musical chairs

While the BJP-led Mahayuti emerged victorious in Maharashtra, the post-election scenario has been anything but smooth

he Maharashtra Assembly elections have delivered a decisive yet politically tumultuous mandate. The BJP-led Mahayuti alliance scripted a powerful comeback in state Assembly elections by winning 230 seats in the 288-member House. Shinde's Shiv Sena and Ajit Pawar's NCP also performed well. Sena won 57 while NCP won 41 seats. It was indeed a big disappoint for Congress-led Maha Vikas Aghadi (MVA). The grand old party registered one of its worst performances in the state Assembly polls after it won only 16 seats. Sharad Pawar's NCP(SP) won just 10 seats, whereas Uddhav Thackeray's (UBT) won 20 seats. Despite this success, the post-election landscape has been anything but smooth, as a fierce tussle erupted between the two allies over the chief ministerial position. The postelection scenario has turned into a high-stakes political drama. Devendra Fadnavis, the BJP's chief minister candidate finally got the post as Eknath Shinde stepped



aside and his son is likely to be deputy chief minister; allegedly on the pressure of the BJP central command. His leadership has been credited with delivering key infrastructure projects and steering the state through various challenges such as agrar-

ian distress and urban expansion. As the BJP's top leader in Maharashtra, Fadnavis was widely expected to retain the chief ministerial post. The Shiv Sena made significant contribution to the alliance's victory and wanted to retain the CM post for Eknath Shinde. But after days of negotiations he finally agreed to give way to Fadnavis while maintaining that his tenure saw expo-

nential development in the state and he made it number one. The party has pointed out that its cadre worked tirelessly to mobilise grassroots support, especially in rural and semi-urban areas where the BJP's influence has traditionally been weaker. It is also understandable that the BJP should lead the government, citing the party's larger mandate but it will still need NCP and Shiv Sena support to remain in power. The impasse between the BJP and Shiv Sena created an air of uncertainty in Maharashtra's politics. As of now, Devendra Fadnavis appears poised to be the chief minister, backed by the BJP's central leadership. Though, for now the BJP has prevailed and got the plumb post for its man, make no mistake. Shinde's Shiv Sena is not very happy about it and knows once they are marginalised in the game the chances of their party splitting and merging with the BJP are rather high. It has happened in the past and could well be repeated in Maharashtra as well. It would be interesting to watch how Maharashtra politics shapes up. The decisions taken now, the composition of the cabinet and indeed the say Shinde has in the administration would not only shape Maharashtra's governance for the next five years but also redefine the dynamics of of India's financial hub.



COP29: Stalemate on climate finance



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The 29th annual Climate Summit in Azerbaijan reached an impasse as developed and developing nations remained divided over climate finance commitments

United Nations

Climate Change

he negotiation process at the 29th annual Climate Summit (COP29) in Baku, Azerbaijan came to a halt as both developed and developing countries did not agree with the proposed quantum of climate finance, and its mobilisation approach. The COP29 Presidency had two quantitative targets before the negotiating countries. A USD 1.3 trillion of total annual climate investments in developing countries by 2035 and USD 250 billion of annual climate finance from developed to developing countries by 2035. These targets are to be met through a variety of sources and actors. While it is learnt informally that developed countries, after initial rejection, are willing to commit to USD 300 billion per year by 2035, developing countries rejected the Presidency proposal. For them, the commitment is too

little and too late. Against the estimated cost of about USD 7 trillion required to implement current Nationally Determined Contributions (NDC), developing countries demand more than USD 1 trillion per year of public finance from developed countries. By 2035 the ambition of NDCs is likely to be revised upward twice and total implementation costs would increase substantially. In this context, the Presidency's proposal shatters any hopes of raising ambition consistent with the goal agreed at the Paris Agreement.

The current policy commitments are likely to lead to a temperature rise of a minimum of 2.7 degrees Celsius compared to the aspiration target of 1.5 degrees Celsius. In a surprising departure, the proposed target of mobilising USD 1.3 trillion is to be achieved by 'all actors' instead of 'all Parties' to the UNFCCC. Since a COP decision cannot be binding on 'all actors,' the target holds little value beyond a halfhearted appeal. The G77 and China rejected the Presidency proposal followed by a strong letter from the civil society organisations supporting the rejection. The COP29 may still deliver a decision keeping the negotiation process alive as the negotiations are in extended hours searching based power plants. This may

for a political compromise. Yet, the position taken by the developed countries during COP29 is a concern for developing countries in the next rounds of negotiations. Outsourcing Responsibility The reluctance of developed countries to commit to new, additional and predictable climate finance is not new. At COP29, this reluctance turned into an aggressive posture, shifting the responsibility to mobilise commensurate finance primarily onto emerging economies and other actors.

Throughout COP29, developed countries left no stone unturned to shift responsibility onto emerging economies, including China, India, Brazil, and South Africa. They pressed for emerging economies to be considered ineligible for receiving climate finance, except in the form of debt. Additionally, they suggested including emerging economies' domestic investments and climate-friendly South-South cooperation in accounting for climate finance, urging them to voluntarily contribute. Outside the negotiation process, a

be a response to the ongoing energy crisis in some developed countries, indirectly pledging to continue using coal with expensive carbon capture and storage technologies, expecting emerging economies to do the same. Adaptation Marginalised The Second Needs Determination Report (NDR) by the UNFC-CC Standing Committee on Finance (SCF) estimates that BY TRYING TO SHIFT more than USD 200 billion per year of adaptation finance is needed till 2030. So far, THE BURDEN ON

EMERGING ECONOMIES AND sources. Even if the developed coun-tries agree to USD 300 billion **KEEPING THE** per year by 2035 as some **INTERESTS AND** reports suggest, it will categor-NEEDS OF THE ically leave the adaptation needs on the margins of glob-VULNERABLE al climate governance. On a parallel negotiation track POPULATIONS ON on the Adaptation Fund, the USA and EU sparred with the MARGIN, DEVELOPED Arab Group on the need to **COUNTRIES HAVE** scale up mobilisation beyond USD 300 million. While the AGGRESSIVELY financial commitments to PUSHED TO OPEN developing countries are likely to remain meagrely, the THE NEGOTIATIONS Global Goal on Adaptation negotiations expect the devel-ON EQUITY

ture rise. Equity Under SiegeThe principle of equity and common but differentiated responsibility and respective capability (CBDR&RC) is the soul of global climate governance through the UNFCCC. The primary responsibility of creating enabling conditions for an equitable transition to a climate-resilient and low-carbon world, including through means of implementation, rests with the developed countries. By trying to shift the burden adaptation has received little finance from non-public

on emerging economies and keeping the interests and needs of the vulnerable populations on margin, developed countries have aggressively pushed to open the negotiations on equity principles at COP29. Irrespective of the number finally agreed at the COP29, the intent made abundantly clear by developed

countries is alarming. It can potentially make any discussion on the quantum of finance irrelevant. It will certainly leave the vast vulnerable population unprotected- a marker of an unequal world.

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group of developed coun tries, including the UK and Australia, signed a pledge to have "no new unabated" coal-

PRINCIPLES AT COP29

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Fadnavis.

oping countries to develop implement, track, and report their National Adaptation Plans (NAPs) commensurate with the projected tempera-

Artistes perform during the 35th Konark Dance Festival 2024, in Puri

The power of touch: A sense that defines us



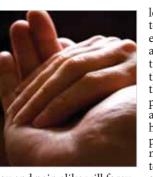
SANJAY CHANDRA

Touch is the first sense we develop and one that shapes our lives in profound ways. It connects us to each other, fostering love, compassion and resilience

e have read the story of five blind men and the elephant. Each man touched a part and described the animal differently. They would have correctly visualised the pachyderm if they also had sight. There is no denying that all five senses combined define how we live from birth to death.

The absence of any will make us feel incomplete. Touch is probably foremost. Scientists say touch is the first of the senses we develop. It is not a single feeling. It consists of several distinct sensations communicated to the brain through neurons in the skin. Touch plays an important role in shaping us. It also conveys compassion from one human to anoth-

My earliest memories were those of my parents, their friends, or elders from the extended family, patting and even pinching my cheeks. I do not remember patting the cheeks of my younger siblings, probably because they came in quick succession, within three years of my birth. However, the emotions of my parents holding me in



joy and pain alike will forever remain with me. I also recall the happy gurgling sounds of my younger cousins as I patted or tickled them.

The feeling I had as I held my fiance's hand while putting the engagement ring on her finger was different. It gave me a sense of love and belonging to someone for the rest of my life. We got married and in time had children. Touch was important to nurture and cherish our love for each other and

the children. As we held our children close, I could visualise the bliss that my parents might have felt when they held me or my younger siblings. Touch plays an equally

loss. We are so conditioned to the societal norms of engaging the bereaved in an almost endless conversation, that we often forget their need to sit quietly with their thoughts to contemplate the life lived together and mourn the loss. A warm hug is all that the grieving person needs at that moment. I also visit the temple, not often, but occasionally.

A sense of peace pervades me when the priest touches my forehead in blessing. We have heard about the power of healing only through the touch of a saint or even the statue of a revered person. It is the faith people have in the

power of touch. It is not unusual to see people across the globe reaching out to their leaders or stars to touch them and shake hands with them. Leaders and stars also feel connected when they are physically close to people. Leaders from

different countries, separated by geographies and language, are also seen hugging each other, indicating friendship and camaraderie. We see sportspersons hugging important role in grief due to each other after an achieve-

ment. It motivates them to perform better. COVID left us feeling bereft of several human emotions. Many lost their lives away from their loved ones. Both, the dead and those who survived missed the familiar touch. There were unanswered questions in everyone's mind. We were afraid of the unknown future. We did not know if touch, the most elementary of our senses that defines our personality, would be a thing of the past for future generations. We faced the unthinkable feeling of living and dying in the sterile 'Don't Touch Me' environment of social distancing

Touch keeps us alive. It imparts within us the ability to love and be loved. Émily Dickinson wrote in one of her poems, almost two centuries earlier. "He touched me, so I live to know... And now, I'm different than before."

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TRUMP'S THREAT IS FOR REAL

Madam - This refers to the editorial, 'Trump's tariff threat'. Trump is an emotional activist. He decides his course based on his momentous decisions and emotions. Most of his decisions do not carry convincing logic or rationality. His earlier tenure had seen several such decisions, but none could help the people in terms of employment or faster economic recovery. Trump's challenges to finish the domination of China and the quixotic actions he took could not make anything tangible in the status. The Indian situation is vulnerable, with its export value being \$73 billion versus imports to the tune of \$119 billion. Any hostile imposition of tariffs will have serious adverse impacts on the balance of trade, which is already tilting against India's favour.

Moreover, India needs political will and moral courage to face such a situation of Trump imposing tariff hurdles. As of now the leadership does not have such a shield. During the pandemic period, the US had placed orders for hydroxychloroquine with Indian manufacturers. But the Prime Minister banned the export of this medicine as it was recommended as one of the drugs to treat Covid. Having learnt this, Trump reacted sharply and said if India does not honour orders placed for this drug, the country will have to face the wrath. Immediately, without wasting any time, our Prime Minister revoked the ban and attended to the order. As known to all, the Republican Party is a party of the affluent in the US, Trump, being a Republican leader, would not have any sentiments in safeguarding the interests of the rich in America. He will go all out to re-establish the supremacy of America in terms of international affairs or the power of the U.S. dollar. But he should realise that the world order is changing fast and undergoing sweeping changes in many respects.

A G Rajmohan | Anantapur

FADNAVIS WINS THE RACE

Madam - The selection of the Chief Minister of Maharashtra appears to be warfare between the elected alliance part-

Heritage site.

THE EDITOR

Taj Mahal bears the brunt of pollution



its stunning beauty, has suffered

dramatically from the effects of air

pollution over the years. Once a shimmer-

ing white monument, it now bears the

marks of environmental degradation.

This decline is primarily due to pollution

from industrial activities and the increas-

ing vehicle emissions in Agra, as well as

the pollution of the Yamuna River, which

The swearing-in ceremony of the new gov-

ernment is likely to take place on

December 5, though there's not yet any offi-

cial report from Raj Bhavan on this issue.

Meantime, Eknath Shinde had headed for

his hometown after his meeting with the

Home Minister Amit Shah with the

Mahayuti members. The disappointment

of Shinde is wide open and he is in con-

sultation with the NCP leadership and like-

ly to put forth his demands for a cream of

portfolios. The BJP is learnt to have

offered a Union Cabinet to Shinde if he is

unwilling to be a deputy CM also, the spec-

ulation is doing the rounds. Whatever may

be the reasons, the delay in forming the

government for their own benefits should-

n't cost the man-hours. The welfare of the

people is more important than witnessing

the Yamuna has been doing greater harm, and it is said to be the main culprit behind the discolouration of the Taj's glorious white marbles. For over two decades, various Indian research institutes have explored restoration methods to reverse the discolouration of the Taj and revive the monument to its past glory, but all their efforts proved unsuccessful. The 17th-century Mughal architecture, which is a symbol of India's rich history, needs swift and decisive action to get back its legendary lustre. Involving national and international experts can provide comprehensive solutions to safeguard this magnificent monument for future gen-

Importantly, the toxic gas emanating from

Ranganathan Sivakumar | Urpakkam

ners, which doesn't augur well for the centre to justify their action.

A P Thiruvadi | Chennai

PROTECT SEWER WORKERS

Madam - In India, the poor sewer system has dried the citizens' lives with spreading disease, stinks and even taking lives in the cleaning process. Over the last 15 years, across India, 1,288 sewer deaths have been recorded by the National Commission for Safai Karmacharis. Only in the capital city, Delhi, 95 deaths recorded so far. The desperate issue is yet not to halt; on the contrary, it is increasing dreadfully. In the era of access to technology and digital India, the government's failing to launch any welldesigned resource to facilitate the way of cleaning is concerning; maybe, due to particular caste, the government is still giving the cold shoulder. It's not tolerable, at any cost. The authorities must address it and ensure the safety of citizens and cleaners. Jakir Hussain | Kanpur

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runs behind this UNESCO World tougher than winning elections for the Bharatiya Janata Party while going by the race between Devandra Fadnavis and Eknath Shinde to occupy the CM's chair. The hunger for power by the BJP keeps Eknath Shinde in the second line over

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FIRSTCOLUMN WORKPLACE GOSSIP: A DOUBLE-EDGED SWORD

It thrives in organisational environments as a form of informal communication



SAKSHI SETHI

orkplace gossip is an enduring phenomenon in organisational environments, involving informal communication with oth-ers, often without their knowledge. While it is frequently dismissed as harmless chatter, workplace gossip can have profound implications for individuals, teams and organisational culture. It is a double-edged sword. On one hand, it can serve as a bonding tool and provide informal channels of communication while on the other hand, it can breed mistrust, damage reputations and create a toxic work environment. Determining whether workplace gossip is harmless, or harmful depends on the nature, intent and consequences of the gossip

The term stems from various psychological and organisational factors. Human curiosity and the desire for social connection often drive employees to share information, even if it is speculative. In many cases, gossip becomes a way to establish or strengthen bonds within a team. Another cause is ambiguity or lack of transparency in communication. Employees feel uncertain about organisational changes, leadership decisions, or colleagues' actions, and may resort to gossip to fill information gaps.

Moreover, competitive workplaces can foster gossip to gain leverage or influence perceptions. Though often vilified, gossip is not inherently negative. Looking at the positive perspective, it can foster social cohesion by creating shared narratives and providing an outlet for



employees to express concerns informally. It can also act as an informal feedback loop, alerting leadership to potential issues like toxic behaviours or dissatisfaction that may remain hidden. However, the negative consequences of workplace gossip often outweigh the positives. Gossip can damage reputations, lower morale and lead to feelings of mistrust and resentment.

Employees who are the targets of gossip may experience stress, anxiety and a decline in productivity. Additionally, pervasive gossip can erode an organisation's culture creating a hostile work environment where collaboration and trust are undermined. It is very often that stress-

Reimagining governance in Punjab



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Punjab must address longstanding bottlenecks and embrace digital transformation and foster public-private partnerships to create a model of excellence for the nation

n a rapidly evolving world, gov-ernance demands agility, transparency, and citizen-centric solutions. Governments worldwide face the complex challenge of balancing bureaucratic structures with the need for efficiency and innovation. A case in point is the ambitious Department of Government Efficiency (DOGE) in the United States, a high-profile initiative spear-headed by incoming President Donald Trump and the project led by entre-preneur leaders Elon Musk and Vivek Ramaswamy. This bold move aims to revolutionise public administration through structural reforms and entrepreneurial strategies to enhance government efficacy and improve the delivery of citizen services. With its rich legacy and robust potential, Punjab stands at a similar crossroads, where embracing transformative models could redefine governance.

The Governance Landscape: Punjab, with its educated workforce, vibrant agricultural economy, and dynamic MSMEs, has made commendable strides in governance reforms. However, bottlenecks in service delivery, resource misallocation, and policy execution often impede progress. Despite notable efforts, the state lags in efficiency metrics compared to leaders like Kerala, which excels in health, education, and welfare schemes, and Tamil Nadu, which is highly efficient in infrastructure, industry, and public welfare, as high-lighted by the NITI Aayog's Good Governance Index 2024. Punjab's governance challenges are compounded by the sheer scale of its administrative machinery—50 parent departments, 163 affiliated organisations, and over 75 administrative secretaries. This labyrinthine structure creates

hurdles for citizens seeking essential services.Introducing the Punjab Efficiency Commission (PEC): Punjab can adopt a model akin to DOGE by establishing a Punjab Efficiency Commission (PEC) to address these challenges. Headed by an apex officer, ideally, of Chief Secretary rank, the PEC would operate as a centralised authority reporting directly to the Chief Minister. Its mandate would be to synchronise key departmental goals, oversee human resource operations, ensure seamless policy execution, and implement data-driven governance frameworks. This institution would embody accountability, transparency, and innovation-hallmarks of good governance. Key Pillars of Reform: Accountability and Transparency: In the US, agencies like the Government Accountability Office (GAO) ensure effective resource utilisation and transparency. Punjab could establish its own state-level accountability office under the PEC. This body would audit departmental performance, monitor public expenditure, and publish actionable reports to foster trust and combat inefficiency. Digital Transformation: Punjab has made progress in digital governance, but much more can be achieved by studying global benchmarks. For instance, USA.gov serves as a one-stop portal for citizens that revolutionises



how people interact with their government, showcasing the vast potential of technology to improve efficiency. Punjab could develop a unified digital platform for licensing, tax filing, and grievance redressal services. A dedicated state-run mobile application could provide realtime updates on service requests, enhance accessibility, reduce delays, and track the progress of their cases in real time. Performance Metrics and

Dashboards: An essential aspect of U.S. government efficiency is using performance metrics to inform decision-making. For THE JOURNEY **TOWARDS GOOD** instance, The Obama-era Performance.gov tracked feder-al projects and outcomes, creat-GOVERNANCE ing a culture of accountability. **ISN'T MERELY** Punjab could develop a similar ABOUT dashboard to monitor critical sectors like healthcare, educa-**ADDRESSING** tion, agriculture, industry and INEFFICIENCIESinfrastructure. By leveraging big data and analytics, policy deci-IT'S ABOUT sions can be based on measur-able outcomes, driving impact-SETTING ful governance rather than guesswork. BENCHMARKS Public-Private Partnerships FOR OTHERS TO (PPPs): PPPs have proven transformative in infrastructure and FOLLOW. WITH service delivery. These partner-BOLD REFORMS, ships, from highways to healthcare and education, allow the PUNJAB HAS THE government to use private sector expertise and funding to POTENTIAL TO improve services and reduce TRANSITION costs. A case study from the USA illustrates the success in FROM A Tennessee. The government implemented a data-driven bud-**RESOURCE-RICH** geting model, saving millions of STATE TO A taxpayer dollars while improving service quality in education and GOVERNANCE healthcare. Similarly, New York City's inno-POWERHOUSE vation office streamlined procurement processes, cutting costs by 30per cent. However,

Punjab has over 147 PPP pro-jects worth Rs 60,000 crore in critical sectors like healthcare, education and infrastructure, leveraging private expertise for better resource management and infrastructure, accelerating projects through collaborative fund-ing models. This model could be the key to unlocking sustained growth in the agriculture sector, partnering with tech companies for innovative farming solutions to monitor soil health, weather patterns, and crop performance can promote more sustainable practices and increase productiv-

ity. Investing in Human Capital: A critical factor in the success of any government's efficiency efforts is its investment in human capital. Punjab must recognise that an empowered civil service is essential for good governance. The state can cultivate a workforce skilled in the latest management techniques, data analysis, and digital tools by establishing training academies or partnering with top institutions. This approach will enable the government to respond to the evolving challenges of gov-ernance and ensure that its public servants are accountable and well-equipped with the knowledge needed to drive meaningful change to perform their responsibilities effectively Citizen Participation: Finally, the US model of citizen participation in governance through public hearings and feedback mechanisms can be a valuable tool for Punjab. US citizens are encouraged to engage with the government, provide policy input, and hold officials accountable.

tiated 'Sarkar Tuhade Dwar' and 'Sarkar Vyapar Milni'. It must create more avenues for regular engagement with citizens to understand pain points and incorporate real-world insights into governance reforms. Punjab can bridge the gap between policymakers and citizens by making governance more inclusive and participatory, ensuring reforms resonate with public aspirations.

The way forward for a resurgent Punjab: Chief Minister Bhagwant Mann's vision for a dynamic Punjab can materialise by embracing these transformative practices.

The Punjab Efficiency Commission, supported by robust technology, accountability frameworks, and participatory governance, can usher in a new era of efficiency and transparency. The journey towards good governance isn't merely about addressing inefficiencies it's about setting benchmarks for others to follow. With bold reforms, Punjab has the potential to transition from a resource-rich state to a governance powerhouse, leading India's states in delivering citizen-centric solutions. The time to act is now. Punjab's future lies in its ability to reimagine governance, ensuring every citizen experiences the transformative power of efficient and inclusive administration. (The Author is Vice-Chairman of Sonalika ITL Group, Vice-Chairman(Cabinet minister rank) of the Punjab Economic Policy and Planning Board, Chairman of ASSOCHAM Northern Region Development Council and President of Tractor and Mechanization Association(TMA); Views expressed are personal)

ful work environments, complaining about coworkers, personality clashes, or misunderstandings stem from unmet expectations and a lack of effective communication channels. It can exacerbate the urge to vent frustrations informally.

While airing grievances may feel like a release or an attempt to bond with others, it rarely resolves underlying issues. Instead, it creates a cycle of negativity. Organisations and leaders can adopt proactive strategies such as promoting open communication, fostering a positive work culture, leading by example and moreover empowering employees can be a few steps to mitigate the harmful effects of gossiping. Today the term gossiping isn't limited to celebrities and family reunions. When discussing the workplace, it has become a way not to take responsibility for any actions or reactions they create. By focusing on someone else, an individual can shift the focus from the circumstances. Complaining about colleagues behind their backs is a detrimental habit that harms relationships, morale, and workplace culture. By choosing direct, empathetic communication and focusing on solutions, employees can foster a more positive and productive environment. Eliminating backdoor complaints is not just about professionalism rather it is about creating a culture of mutual respect where everyone feels valued and heard.

(The writer is an educator: views are personal)

This fosters a sense of ownership and civic responsibility. However, the Punjab government has ini-

Breaking the stigma: Prioritising mental health for a happier, resilient future

Depression, anxiety and other mental health challenges must be taken seriously. They affect one in five people worldwide

epression in mental health is a feeling of low, sad and unhappy. Which can lead to loss of appetite, loss of sleep, loss of interest, and negative thoughts. Mental health is about how we think, feel and cope with life's challenges. Just like we take care of our physical health, looking after our mental health is equally important. Parents play a key role in creating a happy, supportive, and understanding environment at home.

Mental health issues such as anxiety, fear and depression are common, and they can arise due to bullying, family conflicts, changes in school or life, academic stress, or even harsh punishments. These challenges can make children feel isolated, angry, or lose



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focus on their studies. It's crucial to understand that seeking reduce stress. help from counsellors, therapists, or trusted adults like parents or teachers is a sign of dren with positive environstrength, not weakness.Today, one in five people faces men-tal health challenges. Professional support, such as overlooked, and stigma pretherapy, can significantly improve emotional wellbeing. Depression in mental health is

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vents many from seeking help.

and meditation are also effecunhappy. Which can lead to loss of appetite, loss of sleep, tive for calming the mind and loss of interest and negative thoughts. World Mental reducing stress. Additionally, practising mindfulnessfocusing on the present Health Day is celebrated on moment—can help children feel more peaceful and focused. Good habits, such as October 10 every year. Many people are affected by depression in the world. Very com-mon in today's world. getting enough sleep, eating Campaigns like World Mental healthy food, and staying hydrated, support both men-Health Day aim to break these barriers and encourage open tal and physical health. conversations. And encourages Engaging in enjoyable hobbies can boost happiness and those affected to seek help from a Psychiatrist. Schools and families need to

Teachers should be trained to identify early signs of mental health problems in children and provide guidance. supported. In our society, Parenting is also a key factor in shaping a child's mental health. Parents should avoid unhealthy comparisons and ensure their children feel emo-Activities like yoga, sports, a feeling of low, sad and tionally secure. Building a



strong, friendly relationship with children helps them share their feelings without fear.

ness, meditation and breathing exercises can also help children and adults stay calm and Simple practices like mindful- focused. As Lord Buddha said,

"Do not dwell in the past, do not dream of the future, concentrate the mind on the present moment.

This profound phrase highlights the essence of mindfulness-focusing fully on the present and giving your complete attention to whatever you are doing. Mindfulness means being fully present in the moment, whether eating, studying, or walking. Meditation, on the other hand, is about dedicating time to relax the mind and focus on breathing. Both practices help reduce stress and improve sleep, allowing children to perform better in school and other activities. Engaging in activities like participating in marathons, running 5 kilometres, or setting personal fitness goals can help reduce depres-

sion and improve mental wellbeing. Yogic exercises like Surya namaskars help in boosting our prana level to

stave off depression. Welcoming an idol of Lord Buddha into your home or workplace, reading positive affirmations each morning, and offering gratitude to those around you and God are wonderful practices to keep the mind happy and at peace.

By creating supportive environments and normalising mental health discussions, we can ensure that children grow up to be emotionally strong, happy, and resilient individuals. The key is to break the stigma and make mental health a priority for everyone.

(The writer is an author and freelance writer; views are personal)





56 people killed in stampede following clashes at a Guinea soccer match

AP CONARKY (GUINEA)

ifty-six people were killed and several injured in a stampede at a soccer stadium in southern Guinea, following clashes between fans, Guinea's government said on Monday

Authorities are conducting an investigation to establish those responsible for the stampede on Sunday, Communications Minister Fana Soumah said in a statement read on national television

Among the victims are sever-al children according to local media and a coalition of political parties.

The stampede broke out on Sunday afternoon at the stadium in the city of Nzerekore

during the final of a local tour-nament between the Labe and Nzerekore teams in honour of Guinea's military leader, Mamadi Doumbouya, Guinea's Prime Minister Amadou Oury Bah said on the X platform. "During the stampede, vic-tims were recorded," Bah said,

without giving details. The regional authorities are working to restore calm in the area, he added.

Local media reported that security forces tried to use tear gas (two words) to restore calm after the chaos that followed a disputed penalty. "This (the disputed penalty)

angered supporters who threw stones. This is how the security services used tear gas," Media Guinea, a local news website,

reported. It said several of those killed were children while some of the injured being treated at a regional hospital are in critical condition. Videos that appeared to be from the scene showed fans in a section of the stadium shouting and protesting the referee-

ing before clashes broke out as people poured onto the field. People were running as they tried to escape from the stadium, many of them jumping the

high fence. Videos also showed many people lying on the floor in what looked like a hospital as a crowd gathered nearby, some assisting the wounded. The National Alliance for

Alternation and Democracy opposition coalition called for

an investigation. It said the tournament was organised to drum up support for the "illegal and inappropriate" political ambitions of the military leader Guinea has been led by the military since soldiers ousted President Alpha Conde in 2021. It is one of a growing number of West African countries, including Mali, Niger and Burkina Faso, where the military has taken power and delayed a return to civilian rule. Doumbouya, who ousted the president three years ago, said he was preventing the country from slipping into chaos and chastised the previous government for broken promises. He has, however, been criticized for not meeting the expectations that he raised.

ISLAND NATIONS FEAR RISING SEAS Landmark climate change case opens at top UN court

AP THE HAGUE (NETHER-LANDS)

The top United Nations court took up the largest case in its history on Monday, when it opened two weeks of hearings into what countries worldwide are legally required to do to combat climate change and help vulnerable nations fight its devastating impact. After years of lobbying by island nations who fear they could cimply disapper under could simply disappear under

rising sea waters, the UN General Assembly asked the International Court of Justice last year for an opinion on "the obligations of States in respect

of climate change." Any decision by the court would be non-binding advice and couldn't directly force

including domestic lawsuits. We want the court to confirm that the conduct that has wrecked the climate is unlawful," Margaretha Wewerinke-Singh, who is leading the legal team for the Pacific island nation of Vanuatu, told The

Associated Press. In the decade up to 2023, sea levels have risen by a global average of around 4.3 centimeters (1.7 inches), with parts of the Pacific rising higher still. The world has also warmed 1.3 degrees Celsius (2.3 Fahrenheit) since preindustrial times because of the burning of fossil fuels.

Vanuatu is one of a group of small states pushing for inter-national legal intervention in the climate crisis

'We live on the front lines of climate change impact. We are a matter of survival, and the witnesses to the destruction of our lands, our livelihoods, our rights of people at the front lines," said Vishal Prasad, of

reporters ahead of the hearing. The Hague-based court will hear from 99 countries and more than a dozen intergovernmental organizations over two weeks. It's the largest lineup in the institution's nearly 80-year history.

and threatened nations, said is

"For our generation and for the

Pacific Islands, the climate cri-

sis is an existential threat. It is

world's biggest economies are

not taking this crisis seriously.

We need the ICJ to protect the

Nepal govt accepts US\$ 20m

grant assistance from China

needed.

decided to accept projects worth

USD 20 million equivalent to

Nepalese Rs 2.70 billion as grant

Besides, the Cabinet also decided to

accept 300 million Chinese Yuan

(USD 4.13 million approximately) equivalent to Nepalese Rs 5.60 billion

worth projects proposed by the gov-

ernment of China, according to gov-

ernment spokesperson Gurung. During Oli's China visit, various projects including Tokha-Khahare Tunnel Road, Special Economic Zone

assistance from China.

mate and environment from Last month at the United human-caused greenhouse gas Nations' annual climate meetemissions? And what are the ing, countries cobbled togethlegal consequences for governments where their acts, or lack er an agreement on how rich of action, have significantly countries can support poor countries in the face of climate harmed the climate and envidisasters. Wealthy countries ronment? have agreed to pool together The second question makes at least \$300 billion a year by 2035 but the total is short of the \$1.3 trillion that experts,

particular reference to "small island developing States" like-ly to be hardest hit by climate change and to "members of "the present and future generations affected by the adverse effects of climate change?

Pacific Islands Students

Fifteen judges from around

the world will seek to answer two questions: What are coun-

tries obliged to do under inter-national law to protect the cli-

Fighting Climate Change.

The judges were even briefed on the science behind rising global temperatures by the UN's climate change body, the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change, ahead of the hearings.

Taiwan's president visits East-West think tank as China criticises his Hawaii visit

aiwan's president visited a T US State Department-funded think tank and educational institution Sunday on the second day of a two-day visit to Hawaii that's part of a Pacific island tour that has already triggered criticism from

Beijing. Lai Ching-te met and exchanged gifts with the preswhich is on the University of Hawaii's flagship Manoa campus. He spoke to an audience at the center but journalists were escorted out of a conference hall before he began

speaking. China's Foreign Ministry said it "strongly condemned" US support for Lai's visit and had lodged a complaint with the US. It also denounced a newly announced US weapons sale to Taiwan, a self-governing island that China claims as its own territory.

"China will closely monitor the situation's development, and take resolute and forceful measures to safeguard the country's sovereignty and territorial integrity," said the statement



Hawaii was Lai's first stop on a "There is something about weeklong voyage that will later take him to the Marshall Hawaii that allows us to really just see where we connect on Islands, Tuvalu and Palau. They account for three of the 12 a human to human level, Vares-Lum said in an interview. countries that Taipei has formal Lai's predecessor, Tsai Ing-wen, visited the East-West Center in diplomatic relations with. Suzanne Puanani Vares-Lum, 2019 and 2017. On Saturday, Hawaii Gov. Josh president of the East-West Center, said her institution is Green hosted Lai at the state's emergency management agency where they discussed the perfect place for Lai to visit because it promotes relations among the United States, Asia disaster preparedness. Green,

and the Pacific. She said it's not unusual for leaders from around the world to come to Hawaii given the state's location and what makes it special

nance. Lai is also a physician by training and obtained a Master of Public Health degree from Harvard University.

"Together, we extended a warm aloha to Lai and his delegation, highlighting Hawai'i's shared values of resilience and collaboration with Taiwan," Green

said in an Instagram post. Lai also posed for photos with Hawaii congressional repre-sentatives and state lawmakers at a dinner banquet with the Taiwanese American commu-

US Rep. Ed Case, a Democrat who represents Honolulu in Congress, said on social media that he told the audience that "our ties endured on shared values and interests to advance mutual goals and meet shared challenges."

It is unclear whether Lai with meet with any senior officials from the Biden administration or anyone from the incoming Trump administration during his Hawaii stay

President-elect Donald Trump said in an interview with Bloomberg in July that Taiwan should pay for its defense. The island has purchased billions of dollars of defense weaponry from the US

Indians stranded at Kuwait airport depart for Manchester PTI KUWAIT CITY

Several Indian passengers of a Manchester-bound Gulf Air flight were stranded at the Kuwait airport for nearly 20 hours and flown out of the city to their destination on Monday morning. The Gulf Air flight from Bahrain to Manchester was diverted to Kuwait due to a technical glitch. Gulf Air GF5 took off from Bahrain at 2.05 am local time on December 1 but a snag forced the plane to land in Kuwait at 4:01 am, as per reports.

With several passengers complaining that they had been stranded at the airport for many hours, the Indian embassy in Kuwait took up the matter with Gulf Air, according to social media posts.

In a series of posts on X, the embassy said its team reached the airport to assist the passengers and coordinate with the airline. Passengers were accommodated in two airport lounges. Food and water were made available for the stranded passengers at the lounges, as per the embassv

"Gulf Air flight to Manchester finally departed at 0434 hours today carrying stranded Indian passengers among others. The embassy team was on the ground till the flight departed," the embassy said in a post. A stranded passenger, on Sunday, took to X, alleging that Indian passengers were left without help.

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m he\ Nepal}$ government has accepted projects worth USD 20 million Kimathanka of Shankhuwasabha, feasibility study of railway line in Rasuwagadhi, expansion of Kathmandu Ring Road second phase, as grant assistance from China ahead of Prime Minister K P Sharma Oli's starting bone marrow service at Chitawan Cancel Hospital will be disfirst official visit to the country after assuming office for the fourth time. cussed, Gurung said. Minister for Information and Oli on Monday embarked on a four Communication Prithvi Subba day official visit to China, his maid-Gurung talking to media persons on Sunday said the Council of Ministers meeting wished for the success of the prime minister's China visit and also

en trip to any neighbouring country in this term, during which he is scheduled to hold talks with Chinese President Xi Jinping on various issues of mutual interest. Oli is visiting Beijing at the invitation

of his Chinese counterpart Li Qiang, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs here said.

With the visit, Oli broke with the usual practice by Nepali prime ministers making India their first destination in the neighbourhood after assuming charge, except former prime minister Pushpa Kamal Dahal Prachanda', who visited China ahead of India in 2008.

Biden pardons son Hunter despite previous pledges not to do so



wealthy nations into action to help struggling countries. Yet it would be more than just a pow-erful symbol since it could be the basis for other legal actions, Ralph Regenvanu told

AP WASHINGTON

President Joe Biden par-doned son Hunter Sunday night, sparing him a possible prison sentence for federal felony gun and tax convictions and reversing his past promises not to use the extraordinary powers of the presidency for the benefit of his family members.

The Democratic president had previously said he would not pardon his son or commute his sentence after his convictions in the two cases in Delaware and California. The move comes weeks before Hunter Biden was set to receive his punishment after his trial conviction in the gun case and guilty plea on tax charges, and less than two months before Presidentelect Donald Trump is set to

return to the White House. It caps a long-running legal saga for the president's son, who publicly disclosed he was under federal investigation in December 2020 — a month after Joe Biden's 2020 victory.

ruled out a pardon or commutation for his son, telling reporters as his son faced trial in the Delware gun case, "I abide by the jury decision. I will do that and I will not pardon him.

As recently as Nov 8, days after Trump's victory, White House press secretary Karine Jean-Pierre ruled out a pardon or clemency for the younger Biden, saying, "We've been asked that question multiple times. Our answer stands, which is no."

In a statement released Sunday evening, Biden said, "Today, I signed a pardon for my son Hunter," alleging that the prosecution of his son was politically motivated and a "miscarriage

of justice? 'The charges in his cases came about only after several of my political opponents in Congress instigated them to attack me and oppose my election," Biden No reasonable person said. who looks at the facts of

In June, Biden categorically other conclusion than Hunter was singled out only because he is my son? "I hope Americans will understand why a father and a

President would come to this decision," Biden added, claiming he made the decision this weekend. The president had spent the Thanksgiving holiday in Nantucket, Massachusetts with Hunter and his family. Hunter was convicted in June

in Delaware federal court of three felonies for purchasing a gun in 2018 when, prosecutors said, he lied on a federal form by claiming he was not illegaly using or addicted to drugs.

He was set to stand trial in September in the California case accusing him of failing to pay at least \$1.4 million in taxes. But he agreed to plead guilty to misdemeanour and felony charges in a surprise move hours after jury selection

who was an emergency room

physician before becoming

governor, posted on social

media that he and Lai discussed

how their experiences in health

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was set to begin. Hunter said he was pleading guilty in that case to spare his family more pain and embar-Hunter's cases can reach any rassment after the gun trial

aired salacious details about his struggles with a crack cocaine addiction

The tax charges carry up to 17 years behind bars and the gun charges are punishable by up to 25 years in prison, though federal sentencing guidelines were expected to call for far less time and it was possible he would avoid prison time entirely.

Hunter Biden said in an emailed statement that he will never take for granted the relief granted to him and vowed to devote the life he has rebuilt "to helping those who are still sick and suffering.

"I have admitted and taken responsibility for my mistakes during the darkest days of my addiction - mistakes that have been exploited to publicly humiliate and shame me and my family for political sport," the younger Biden said.

A spokesperson for special counsel David Weiss, who brought the cases, did not respond to messages seeking comment Sunday night.

President Joe Biden accompanied by his son Hunter Biden and his grandson Beau leave a book store as they walk in downtown Nantucket Mass., recently

AP/PTI

Scroll less, connect more: New study shows how to make social media work for you

THE CONVERSATION VANCOUVER

We all know using social media is considered bad for you. A high social media diet is linked to anxiety, depression and FOMO (the fear of missing out). Even internal research data from Meta, the company behind Instagram and Facebook, agrees

However, over the last decade, social media has become woven into the fabric of our daily lives. It's hard to imagine life without it.

Young adults are especially vulnerable: 80 per cent of young adults use social media daily, spending close to three hours per day on it. For many, scrolling social media is the first thing they do when they wake up and the last thing before they go to bed.

On the plus side, social media can also help people connect with exist to help us cut back on social

friends and family. This is especially true for people with minoritized or stigmatized identities: social

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for us to learn how to use social

Relationships Lab at the University

not only is it possible, but also, that

using social media intentionally

can actually improve well-being.

The study's findings highlight the

potential for social media to be a

tool for good, rather than a source

Multiple digital self-control tools like

lockout mechanisms and timers

media in smarter ways?

of stress

what if simply using social media differently could maximise its posmedia can help them find a commuitives and minimise its negatives in nity of similar others, who may live our lives? far away. So what should we do? Is

Using social media for maximum **benefit:** In our six-week study, 393 Canadian young adults with some media altogether? Or is it possible mental health symptoms and con-cerns about social media's impact on A new study from our lab, the their lives were split into three Promoting Équitable, Affirming groups: A control group that continued their usual routines of British Columbia, suggests that An abstinence group asked to take

a break from social media entirely An educational programme group that was coached in intentional usage

The educational programme showed people how to avoid the downsides — like feeling pressured to look or act a certain way online and instead focus on the good stuff.

media, but we asked the question: To do this, we emphasised quality over quantity in social media interactions. Participants built a healthier online environment by muting or unfollowing accounts that triggered envy or negative self-comparisons, and by prioritizing close friendships.

Rather than passively scrolling, they were encouraged to actively engage with friends by commenting or sending direct messages a behaviour that tends to deepen meaningful connections while helping users feel more socially supported. We also asked all participants to

track their screen time and tell us about their well-being.

The study found that participants who took a break from social media or participated in an educational program on intentional social media use experienced

improvements in their mental health. Feeling less lonely: Our results are promising. Those who took a break felt fewer depression and anxiety symptoms, while those in the educational program felt less lonely and experienced less FOMO. Our educational programme also inadvertently impacted social media habits. Although participants in this program didn't cut back on their social media use as much as those in the abstinence group, they still reduced their screen time relative to the control group.

We suspect that as they started to use social media more intentionally, they cut out the type of use that made them feel bad but increased or maintained the type of use that made them feel good. Stopping social comparisons: Both groups — those who took a

break and those who completed the educational program showed a decrease in the tendency to compare themselves to others online. This is a big step since social comparison is often touted as the root of all evil stemming from social media use.

Overall, both approaches reduced unhealthy social media habits and improved well-being. Using social media in an intentional, connected way might be just as beneficial, and potentially more sustainable for some, than quitting altogether. Our results suggest that with the right guidance, young adults can curate a more positive experience, using social media to support their mental health instead of detracting from it.

Looking for genuine connec-tions: At the Promoting Equitable, Affirming, Relationships Lab, we research how young people form supportive and lasting relation-ships — both online and in-person. Part of what we do is to find out and understand how social media can be harnessed to help people find community. Conversely, we are looking at ways to avoid the potential negatives of the online

sphere. While our study offers some solutions, the bigger question remains: How can we continue to foster supportive and authentic connections in an increasingly digital world? Bottom line? Social media is here to stay and we need to find the healthiest ways to live with it.

Through our research, we hope to start a conversation about how we can make social media a tool for genuine connection, rather than a source of stress, for a healthier online experience.



Romania's pro-Western parties win polls Iraqi militias deployed in Syria

AP BUCHAREST (ROMANIA)

 $P_{\rm the\ most\ votes\ in}^{\rm ro-Western\ parties\ won}$ Romania's parliamentary election, data on Monday shows, and will look to form a coalition government as the European Union country sees a surge of support for far-right nationalists who made huge gains in the country's legislature.

The leftist Social Democratic Party topped the polls in Sunday's vote and the farright nationalist Alliance for the Unity of Romanians, or AUR, came in second ahead of the National Liberal Party. The reformist Save Romania Union party, or USR, came in fourth place. Two smaller far-right nationalist parties also got enough votes to enter parliament.

The election revealed widespread anti-establishment sentiment in the EU and NATO member country, which is due to hold a presidential runoff on December 8 between far-right populist Calin Georgescu, and Elena Lasconi of USR.

The first round plunged Romania into political turmoil and led to allegations of electoral violations and Russian interference. George Simion, the controversial 38-year-old leader of the AUR who is a vocal supporter of US President-elect Donald Trump, told the

amounted to a "watershed moment" for Romania. "It is a moment when,

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through our common will, Romania is reborn," he said. We are here ... generation after generation, proving that nothing can defeat a united

nation In 2020, the AUR party went from relative obscurity to gaining 9 per cent in a parliamentary vote, allowing it to enter parliament. The party - which proclaims to stand for "family, nation, faith, and freedom" — doubled its support in Sunday's vote to 18.2

per cent. Cristian Andrei, a political consultant based in Bucharest, says the increased parliamentary seats for the far-right will make forming a majority government difficult for the pro-Western parties because they are historically opposition parties and could struggle to reach agreements. "It's not a unified majority, it's

a very fragmented one and full of hatred among the par-ties," he said. "The European side won a majority ... but a majority is very difficult to build, because all those pro-European parties are not enemies, but they fought a lot in the past"

In 2021, despite historically being Romania's two main opposition parties that have dominated post-communist politics, the Social Democratic Party and the National Liberal Party formed an unlikely but increasingly strained coalimedia that the anti-estabtion together with a small ethnic Hungarian party, lishment gains on Sunday which exited the Cabinet last year after a power-sharing dispute.

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Romanian Prime Minister Marcel Ciolacu, of the Social Democratic Party or PSD, speaks after exit polls in the country's parliamentary elections, in Bucharest, Romania. AP/PT

The real kingmaker will be the next president, that person ... will have a very strong position in negotiating the coalition," Andrei said. The presidential role in Romania has significant decision-making powers in areas such as national security and foreign policy. They also nominate prime ministerial appointments and can dis-

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Georgescu's surprise win in the first round of Romania's presidential election indicates a sharp shift from

nation's government.

Observers say

Romania's mainstream parties to more populist anti-establishment parties, whose voices have found fertile ground amid high inflation, high cost of living and a sluggish economy. He polled at less than 10 per cent before the

President Vladimir Putin has triggered nightly protests throughout Romania by those who oppose his past remarks and view him as a threat to

social media platform solve parliament if it is twice rejected. However, the prime TikTok. According to a report by Expert Forum, a Bucharest-based think tank, minister is the head of the bv that Georgescu's account has had an explosion which it said "appears sudden and artificial, similar to his polling

results". Without naming Georgescu who declared zero campaign spending, Romania's top defense body said last week that "a presidential candidate benefited from massive exposure due to preferential treatment" granted by TikTok. Romania has become a "priority target for hostile actions" by Russia, it added The Kremlin has denied meddling in the election. The Constitutional Court on November 28 requested a recount of all 9.4 million votes after a former presidential candidate who obtained 1 per cent, lodged a complaint alleging the reformist USR had violated electoral laws

against campaign activities on polling day. The court also postponed on November 29 a decision until Monday on whether to annul

to back govt's counteroffensive reopening in the Middle East. at Hama in an attempt to stall the

a time when US-backed Israel is

fighting Hamas in Gaza and

Hezbollah in Lebanon, both

It also risks drawing Russia and

Turkiye - each with its own

interests to protect in Syria - into

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NO.119-C, POCKET-D, DEEP ENCLAVE PHASE-3, ASHOK VIHAR, DELHI-110052 Owner of DDA LIG FLAT NO.119-C, SECOND FLOOR, POCKET-D, PHASE-3, ASHOK

VIHAR, DELHI-110052, have applied for certified copies in DDA. The original documents i.e. DEMAND-CUM-ALLOTMENT LETTER, POSSESSION LETTER, NOC FOR

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direct confrontation.

Iranian-backed Iraqi militias have deployed in Syria to back the government's counteroffensive against a surprise advance by insurgents who seized the largest city of Aleppo last week, a militia official and a war monitor said on Monday.

Insurgents led by jihadi group Havat Tahrir al-Sham launched a two-pronged attack on Aleppo and moved into the countryside around Idlib and neighbouring Hama province.

The push is among the rebels' strongest in years and raised the prospect of another violent front

PUBLIC NOTICE

On behalf of my client, Naresh Kumai Narang S/o Late Sh. Gokul Chand Narang aged about 63 years R/o A-285, Meera Bagh Paschim Vihar, Delhi-110087, be it known to all that my aforesaid client has severed all relations with his son Sh. Rahat Narang. My aforesaid client has disinherited his so Sh. Rahat Narang from all his movable and immovable properties which he owns and future. My client shall not be responsible for any debt, act or deed of his aforementioned K.N. Singh (ADVOCATE)

ossesses and which he may acquire in

X-33, Civil Wing, Tis Hazari Courts, Delhi-110054 Ph: 9811071188 Deputy Director (LAB-Housing)-LIG or Directo (LAB-Housing)-LIG, Delhi Developme Authority, Vikas Sadan, New Delhi-110023.

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ASSETS AND ENFORCEMENT OF SECURITY INTEREST ACT, 2002 he undersigned being the Authorised Officer of Clix Housing Finance Limited, a Housing The undersigned being the Automate office to the Automatic and the Automatic and Automatic Autom tomers all over India, hereby issues to you the following notice :

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Further with reasons, we believe that you are evading the service of demand notice, hence this publicatio of demand notice. You are hereby called upon to pay CLIX HOUSING FINANCE LIMITED with in a period 60 days of date of publication of this demand notice the aforesaid amount alongwith further interest, cost incidental expenses, charge etc., failing with CLIX HOUSING FINANCE LIMITED will take necessary actio under all or any of the provision of Sec. 13(4) of the said Act against all or any one or more of the secure-assets including taking possession of this secured assets of the borrower/s. Further you are prohibited U/ 3(13) of the said Act from transferring either by way of sale/lease or in any other way the aforesai secured assets. Please note that no further demand notice will be issued. Date - 03.12.2024, Place - DELHI Authorized officer, CLIX HOUSING FINANCE LIMITE Authorized officer, CLIX HOUSING FINANCE LIMITEE



No. 92/in Book No.1 Volume No. 16368 on page no. 172-176 on dated 02.02 2022 in SR-V New Delhi/Delhi,and intend to mortgage against the finance Limited, that 1) Original Sale Deed dated 10.03.2005 executed by Mrs. Prem Wati in favour of Mr. Ajay Kumar Goel in respect of the Plot no.HR-52, area measuring 112.6 Sq. Yards i.e. 93.14 Sq. Meters, out of Khasra No.2392, Document No. 3609 in Book No.1 Volume No. 4795 on page no. 143-146 on dated 10.03.2005, in SR. V New Delhi/Delhi, and 2) Original Notarized General Power of Attorney, Special Power of Attorney & Agreement to sell dated in favour of Mr. Rohtas Kumar Bidhuri in respect of the Built up Property Bearing no. HR-52, area measuring 112.6 Sq. Yards i.e. 94.14 Sq. Meters, out of Kn. Bota Kumar Goel in favour of Mr. Rohtas Kumar Bidhuri in caspect of the Built up Property Bearing no. HR-52, area measuring 112.6 Sq. Yards is.e. 94.14 Sq. Meters, out of Khasra No. 299/21/isiare Lost/Misplaced/Not available. To comply the requirements of BANK/NBFC, we give this public notice that if any Person having any type of claim /right/tile/interest/ verating mortgage over the said property, may inform in writing, at the address mentioned below, about his objections, within 7 days from today, failing which it shall be presumed that the said property is free from all type of Encumbrances, lienelc. Lucem Legal LLP Plot No.136, (Basement) Uday Park. <u>ATHE PIONEER A</u> LASSIFIED CHANGE OF NAME Anamika Pandey W/o Rajnish Kumar Pandey R/o 614, Ground Floor, Shakti Khand-3, Indirapuram, Ghaziabad have changed my name to Anamika A Dubey. PD(1001)A

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lotice is hereby given on behalf of ANKUP SOYAL who is purchasing Property no. 52 treet No. HR-Block, area measuring 94.14 iq, Meters, out of Khasra No. 239/2, situated t PulPahladpur M.B. Road, Delhi, fron frs. Sunita Garg owned the same vide conveyance Deed Registered as Documen 0. 92/in Book No.1 Volume No. 13368 on page o. 172-176 on dated 02.02.2022 in SR-V New Jehi/Delhi and intend to montanae against the Pul/Delhi and intend to montanae.

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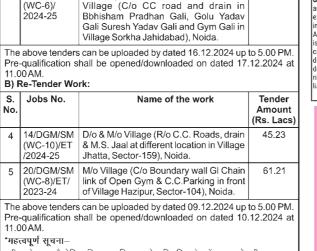
I, Pawan Kumar Gupta S/o Om Prakash Gupta Rio E-210, Shakurpur, Near Samrat Enclave, North West Delhi, Delhi-110034 hereby declare that Dravyansh and Dravyansh Gupta both are one and the same person.

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race Andrei, the consultant, added that the next government will have to make "unpopular decisions about taxes and

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It is to inform to the public at large that Mrs. Asha Rani and Mr. Nitin Sachdeva had acquired Property Bearing No. 2292, built on Plot No. 104, area 264 sq. (except 2 Shop.) Khasra No. 243, Khewat No. 1

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🚓 Indian Overseas Bank NHPC BRANCH (Address, NHPC,Complex , Sec-33, Faridabad (Haryana) Pincode - 121003 No. 0129-2254012 & Email Id : iob1501@iob.in) SYMBOLIC POSSESSION NOTICE (for immovable property) [(Rule 8(1)] Whereas

The undersigned being the Authorised Officer of the Indian Overseas Bank, NHPC Branch, Faridabad, under the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security InterestAct, 2002 and in exercise of powers conferred under section 13(12) read with rule 3 of the Securit Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 issued a demand notice dated 11/06/2024 calling upon the borrowers M/s. Prem Machine Tools Plot No-101, Road,No. 5(w), Saroorpur Industrial Area, Faridabad and its Proprietor Mr. Rakesh Kumar Sharma and guarantor /Mortgagor Mrs. Kusum Sharma & Mr. Chander Prakash Sharma having to residential address at Jeewan Nagar, Gaunchi, Saroorpur, Ballabhgarh, Faridabad, Haryana, 121004 (hereinafter referred as 'borrowers') to repay the amount mentioned in the notice being Rs 29,22,314.46 (Twenty Nine Lakh Twenty Two Thousand, Three Hundred Fourteen and Forty Six Paise) as on 27-11.2024 with further nterest at contractual rates and rests, charges etc till date of realization within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notice.

1) The borrowers having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the borrowers and the public in general that the undersigned has taken possession of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him/ her under Section 13(4) of the said Act read with Rule 8 of the said Rules on this 30th Day of November 2024.

(2) The borrowers in particular and the public in general are hereby cautio not to deal with the property and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of Indian Overseas Bank for an amount of Rs 29,22,314.46 (Twenty Nine Lakh Twenty Two Thousand, Three Hundred Fourteen and Forty Six Paise) as on 30.11.2024 with interest thereon at contractual rates & ests as agreed, charges etc., from the aforesaid date mentioned in the deman notice till date of payment less repayments, if any, made after issuance of Demand Notice. The dues payable as on the date of taking possession is Rs 29,22,314.46 (Twenty Nine Lakh Twenty Two Thousand, Three Hundred Fourteen and Forty Six Palse) payable with further interest a ontractual rates & rests, charges etc., till date of payment.

(3)The borrowers attention is invited to provisions of Sub-section (8) of the Section 13 of the Act, in respect of time available to them, to redeem the ecured assets

DESCRIPTION OF THE IMMOVABLE PROPERTY

Residential land & building on plot MCF No- 285, (Old MCF No- 456 & Earlier plot No. 51 & 52), Jeevan Nagar, Teshsil Ballabgarh, District Faridabad, Haryana, owned by Mrs. Kusum Sharma w/o Mr. Rakesh Kumar Sharma admeasuring 100 sq yds.

All that part and parcel of the property consisting of plot MCF No- 285, (Old MCF No.456 & earlier plot no 51 & 52), Khasra No-61/1/1 (6-19), Jeevan Nagar, Tehsil- Ballabgarh, District-Faridabad, Mauza- Gaunchi Haryana Owned by Mrs. Kusum Sharma w/o Mr. Rakesh Kumar Sharma. Land and building area measuring 100 Sq yards. Bounded

Sd/- Authorised Officer

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On the North by- Plot No. 286 On the South by - Plot No. 284 On the East by - Road On the West by - Gali

Dated: 30.11.2024 Place: Faridabad

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Phone No. 0129-2254012 & Email Id : iob1501@iob.in) SYMBOLIC POSSESSION NOTICE (for immovable property) [(Rule 8(1)]		
The undersigned being the Authorised Officer of the Indian Overseas Bank, NHPC Branch, Faridabad, under the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security InterestAct, 2002 and in exercise of powers conferred under section 13(12) read with rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 issued a demand notice dated 11/06/2024 calling upon the borrowers M/s. Prem Machine Tools Plot No-101, Road,No. 5(w), Saroorpur Industrial Area, Faridabad and its Proprietor Mr. Rakesh Kumar Sharma and guarantor (Mortgagor Mrs. Kusum Sharma & Mr. Chander Prakash Sharma having to residential address at Jeewan Nagar, Gaunchi, Saroorpur, Ballabhgarh, Faridabad, Haryana, 121004 (hereinafter referred as 'borrowers') to repay the amount mentioned in the notice being Rs 29,22,314.46 (Twenty Nine Lakh Twenty Two Thousand, Three Hundred Fourteen and Forty Six Paise) as on 27-11.2024 with further interest at contractual rates and rests, charges etc till date of realization within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notice. (1) The borrowers having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the borrowers and the public in general that the undersigned has taken		Inviting Portal. The P Chand Khanna NCDFI Interes above For re Contac Help D E Mail: virende
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2) The borrowers in particular and the public in general are hereby cautione not to deal with the property and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of Indian Overseas Bank for an amount of Rs 29,22,314.46 (Twenty Nine Lakh Twenty Two Thousand, Three Hundred Fourteen and orty Six Paise) as on 30.11.2024 with interest thereon at contractual rates & ests as agreed, charges etc., from the aforesaid date mentioned in the demand otice till date of payment less repayments, if any, made after issuance of Demand Notice. The dues payable as on the date of taking possession is Rs 29,22,314.46 (Twenty Nine Lakh Twenty Two Thousand, Three Hundred Fourteen and Forty Six Palse) payable with further interest at contractual rates & rests, charges etc., till date of payment. (3)The borrowers attention is invited to provisions of Sub-section (8) of the Section 13 of the Act, in respect of time available to them, to redeem the

DESCRIPTION OF THE IMMOVABLE PROPERTY

Residential land & building on plot MCF No-285, presently MCF No. 384 Old MCF No- 456 & Earlier plot No. 51 & 52), Jeevan Nagar, Teshsil Ballabgarh, District - Faridabad, Haryana, owned by Shri Chander Prakash Sharma S/o Shri (L) Rakesh Kumar Sharma admeasuring 50 sq yds

All that part and parcel of the property consisting of plot MCF No- 285, now known as MCF No-384 (Old MCF No-456 & earlier plot no 51 & 52), Khasra No-61/111, Jeevan Nagar, Tehsil-Ballabgarh, District-Faridabad, Mauza Gaunchi, Haryana Owned by Shri Chander Prakash Sharma S/o Mr. Rakesh Kumar Sharma. Land and building area measuring 50 Sq yards Bounded On the North by- H. No. 285 of Smt. Kusum Sharma On the South by - H. No. 283 of Sh. Omkar Sharma On the East by - Road 15' wide On the West by - Road 15' wide

Sd/- Authorised Officer Dated: 30.11.2024 Indian Overseas Bank Place: Faridabad

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Cost of each Tender Document: ₹ 1180/- For any query call on 011-49107235 or e-mail on Brpl.Eauction@relianceada.com For details in respect of Equipment/BOM/Services, Qualifying requirements, Terms & conditions, purchase/submission of tender documents etc. please visit our website <u>www.bsesdelhi.com</u> Head (Contracts & Materials)						
Regd. Off. : BSES Rajdhani Power Limited, BSES Bhawan, Nehru Place, New Delhi-110019 I Corporate Identification No.: U40109DL2001PLC111527 Telephone No.: +91 11 4910 7235 I Website : www.bsesdelhi.com						
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about 64-year, R/o Flat no. 3, 1st Floor, Khasra no Inviting e Auction for the purchase of following items through NCDFI 14/4/1 Gali no 1 D-Block Harit Vihar Bura Dist. North, Burari, Delhi-110084, has served a connections and relations with his son an The Punjab State Cooperative Milk Producers' Federation Ltd lebarred also his Son Namly Gurmukh Singh ar Chandigarh procuring Trace Minerals for Cattle Feed Plants is wife Kamna from my all movable an mmovable properties due to their bad behavior and habits. They are out of the control of my clie Khanna & GKB on annual basis for Bypass fat through e-Auctions a NCDFI e-Market across Punjab on 05.12.2024 at 12:30 PM. Interested suppliers/vendors are invited to register and participate in and are misbehaving with my client. My client and the insolution of the inso above said e-auction through www.ncdfiemarket.com portal.

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Contact: + 91 9998019608: +91 9978601585 Help Desk. +91-2692-288388 E Mail: contracts_pack@ncdfiemarket.com,

virender.choudhary@neml.in, divakar.juneja@neml.in. NA/12/26782/2023/39713 Dated CHD :- 12/2/2024

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THE PUNJAB STATE COOPERATIVE MILK PRODUCERS FEDERATION LTD. SCO 153-155. SECTOR 34-A, CHANDIGARH-160022. EPABX NO. 0172-5041812,66 e-tenders are hereby invited for the purchase and supply of following i Sr. Name of Work/Item Period/Tentative No Qty For Verka Mohali Dairy activities related to :-Annual City supply demand, dispatch, milk supply helpers, BCC & Accounts personnels. ii. Security personnels for loading of fresh milk & milk products. Hiring of insulated road milk tankers for transportation of milk from BMC/ MCCs etc. (Capacity minimum 10000 kg). 30 No's b) Hi b) Hiring of insulated road milk tankers for transportation of milk from BMC/ MCCs etc. (Capacity minimum 10000 kg). For Verka Bathinda Dairy Hiring of Mahindra pickup/ Maxi pickup/ Tata Ace/etc. to lift the milk from various societies/farms to Milk Chilling Centre, Bhikhi and Talwandi Sabo. For Verka Sangrur Dairy a) Outsourcing activities i.e. packing of products, loading/ unloading etc. b) Bice Huck 2 Annual/ 02 No's a) Outsourcing b) Rice Husk. Annual Jan 2025- 500 MT For Verka Ludhiana Dairy Pest control service, DIET(GADVASU) and MCCs which include control of files, mosquitoes, lizards, rodent etc. For Verka Gurdaspur Dairy Hiring of car (Swift dzire or its equivalent) for marketing section. For Cattle Feed Plant, Bhattian, Khanna a) Labour job contract for different activities of production section. b) Housekeeping/Sanitation and Horticulture work. For Cattle Feed Plant Ghania-ke-Banger Hiring of double cabin pickup AC vehicle (Bolero camper, Tata xenon or equivalent) for purchase, marketing and engineering section etc. for all india area. Feb 2025- 500 MT One job 01 No Annual Annual/ 01 No india area NOTE For complete details regarding above tender (NIT), please visit our website i.e. www.verka.coop & e Tendering portal i.e. eproc.punjab.gov.in. Corrigendum, if any, will be uploaded on website only. Dy. General Manager (Purchase) NA/12/26788/2023/39726 Dated CHD :- 12/2/2024

R/o- At Post- Shankarpur, Teh Chimur, Dist-Chandrapur, Maharashtra-442903, have changed my name from Pandurang to Pandurang Khatuji Nikure, vide affidavit dated 02/12/2024 before Notary Public Delhi. PD(1006)C

I. Rikhma Pandurang,

Mother of- No.15583406Y SPR Nikure A. P. R/o- At Post-Shankarpur, Teh- Chimur, Dist-Chandrapur, Maharashtra-442903, have changed my name from Rikhma Pandurang to Sundar Pandurang Nikure, vide affidavit dated 02/12/2024 before Notary Public Delhi.

PD(1007)C I, Sudeshna Mukherjee W/o-W/o- No.14849403F HAV Saurav Kumar, R/o- 6/1/2, Jogin Mukherjee Lane, Kadamtala, Howrah, W.B.-711101, have changed my name from Sudeshna Mukherjee to Sudeshna Kumar, vide affidavit dated 02/12/2024 before Notary Public Delhi.

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his/ her/ their own responsibility. They shall inherit any right/ title in the movable and /

immovable properties of my client in any mann

BRAJESH KUMAR (Advocate) Ch. No. 717. Lawyers

Chamber Building, Rohini Court Complex, Delhi-11008

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I, Dinesh S/o Shri Yaad Ram R/o A-87/2 Bhalswa Dairy Delhi 42, that I have changed my name from Dinesh to Dinesh Kumar for all purposes.

PD(1009)C

Khalid Nawaz S/o Shahnawaz Ahmed R/o H.No.-M-63/B, Street No.-14, Brahmpuri, Delhi-110053, declare that my son's name has been mentioned in his birth certificate as Arhaan Siddiqui alias Kabeer Siddiqui In future his correct/changed name is Kabeer Siddiqui for all purposes. Hence my son's name Kabeer Siddiqui and Arhaan Siddiqui alias Kabeer Siddiqui belong to same and one person.

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Government scraps windfall profit tax on domestic crude oil, export of fuels

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The government on Monday scrapped 30-month old windfall profit tax on domestically-produced crude oil and on export of jet fuel (ATF), diesel and petrol following a decline in international oil prices.

Minister of State for Finance Pankaj Chaudhary tabled a notification in Rajya Sabha scrapping the levy on crude oil produced by firms like Gas Corporation (ONGC) and exports of fuels done by companies like Reliance Industries Ltd.

The notification rescinded June 30, 2022 order and withdrew levy of special additional excise duty (SAED) on production of crude oil (which is refined into fuels like petrol and diesel) and on export of aviation turbine fuel (ATF), diesel and petrol, he said.

Alongside, the road and infrastructure cess (RIC) levied on export of petrol and



diesel has also withdrawn

India first imposed windfall profit taxes on July 1, 2022 joining a growing number of nations that tax super normal profits of energy companies. At that time, export duties of Rs 6 per litre (USD 12 per barrel) each were levied on petrol and ATF and Rs 13 a litre (USD 26 a barrel) on diesel. exports became nil in mid A Rs 23,250 per tonne (USD April 2023 but were back in

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40 per barrel) windfall profit on domestic crude tax production was also levied. The tax rates were reviewed every fortnight based on average oil prices in the previous two weeks.

While the levy on export of petrol became nil in the very first fortnightly review that happened in mid-July 2022, the tax on diesel and ATF

Noting that November 2024

was the warmest in last four to

five years as per official data,

the experts opined that power

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August that year. There has been no levy on export of ATF and diesel since March this year.

As far as crude oil is concerned, the levv fluctuated every fortnight. It was Rs 1,850 per tonne in August 31, 2024 and became nil in the next fortnightly review.

Now, the levies on both domestically produced crude oil and fuel exports have been

The government had garnered about Rs 25,000 crore from the levy in the first year of its implementation, Rs 13,000 crore in 2023-24 and Rs 6,000 crore this year.

Reliance Industries Ltd, which operates India's largest only-for-export oil refinery at Jamnagar in Gujarat, and Rosneft-backed Nayara Energy are primary exporters of fuel in the country. The government levied tax on windfall profits made by

oil producers on any price they get above a threshold of USD 75 per barrel. The levy on fuel exports is based on cracks or margins

that refiners earn on overseas shipments. These margins are primarily a difference between the international oil price realised and the cost.

The decision to scrap the levy follows softening in international oil prices. The basket of crude oil that India imports averaged USD 73.02 per barrel in November, down from USD 75.12 a

barrel in the previous month The import price was about USD 90 per barrel in April this year but has continued to slide in subsequent months. It fell to USD 73.69 per barrel in September but rose marginally in the following

month. Since its levy, the windfall profit tax has been a subject of controversy. While it initially sought to balance government revenue amid fluctuating oil prices, industry players argued that it negatively impacted profitability and disincentive production. For private and foreign players it brought in foreign players, it brought in an element of uncertainty in the fiscal regime.

The Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Gas too had been lobbying for its removal for some time now.

While doing away with tax on domestically-produced crude oil will benefit ONGC and Oil India Ltd, the scrapping of levy on fuel exports would help Reliance and Nayara.



SpiceJet to operate 100 Haj flights in 2025

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 $D_{\text{on Monday said it has}}^{\text{omestic carrier SpiceJet}}$ secured the rights to operate Haj flights in 2025 from four key cities in the Kolkata, country Guwahati, Srinagar, and

Gaya. As part of its mandate, SpiceJet will operate over 100 special flights for Haj 2025, using a mix of narrow-body and widebody aircraft, and is

expected to fly 18 per cent additional pilgrims (around 15,500) compared to this

vear, the airline said. Haj has been a significant revenue generator for SpiceJet, and the airline expects to generate Rs 185 crore from these operations in 2025, it said.

During the previous Haj season, SpiceJet deployed two wide-body Airbus A340 aircraft, each with a seating capacity of 324 passengers, SpiceJet said.

Commerce ministry reviewing India-US trade relations amid Trump statements India's power consumption up five per cent to 125.44 Billion units in November estimated that peak power demand may hit 260 GW this



Coal production from captive, commercial

mines rises 35 per cent to 112.65 MT

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India's power consumption rose 5.14 per cent to 125.44 billion units (BU) in November as compared to the year-ago month.

In November 2023, power consumption was 119.30 GW, as per the government data. The highest supply in a day (peak power demand met) also rose marginally to 207.42 GW in November 2024 from 204.56 GW in the year-ago period.

The peak power demand touched an all-time high of about 250 GW in May this year. The previous all-time high peak peaks and the peak of the peak peaks and the peak peaks and the peak peaks and the pe high peak power demand of 243.27 GW was recorded in September 2023. Earlier this year, the power ministry projected a peak power demand of 235 GW during the day and 225 GW during evening hours for May while 240 GW during daytime and 235 GW in the evening hours for June. The ministry had also

demand as well consumption showed subdued growth mainly due to slow onset of winters. They further said that marginal rise in peak power demand in November also shows the effect of warmerthan-normal especially in Northern India where consumption of electricity rises due to use of heaters and geysers in winter due to dip in mercury. However, they said that the demand for power and consumption will continue to

summer.

be steady in the coming days due to good commercial and industrial activities as well as dip in the temperature.



The commerce ministry is reviewing various aspects of India-US trade relations focusing on implications of statements made by US President-elect Donald Trump during his election campaign and after the warned results, an official said. The official added that there are no irritants in the

discriminatory tariffs against India. Trump, during his election campaign, has called India an

"abuser" of import tariffs, a claim that echoed his October 2020 statement labelling India the "Tariff King".

Trump on Šaturday also BRICS countries against any move to replace the US dollar and has sought a commitment from the ninemember group that includes India, Russia, China, and relations between the two countries that can lead to

Brazil In the wake of such statements, brainstorming is fundamental to discuss the trade relations as the US is the largest trading partner of India.

Trade experts have time and again stated that Trump's claim that India is an "abuser" of import tariffs is unfair as many nations including America protect their industries domestic by imposing high customs duties on certain products.

According to WTO's World Tariff Profiles 2023, the US also imposes high duties on items like dairy products (188 per cent), fruits and per cent), fruits and vegetables (132 per cent), coffee, tea, cocoa and spices (53 per cent), cereals and food preparations (193 per cent), oilseeds, fats and oils (164 per cent), beverages and tobacco (150 per cent), fish and fish products (35 per cent), minerals and metals (187 per cent), and chemicals (56 per USD 21.46 billion in October cent).

2015. An expert said that if the US During 2001-23, at Compounded would seek a cut in customs Growth Rate (CAGR), India's duties for some of their products, India should also exports to America rose by 10.48 per cent. In this period, demand a similar reduction the US imports from the world have grown by 4.76 per to get greater market access for domestic items.

The US was the largest cent. trading partner of India in 2023-24. India's exports stood at USD 77.51 billion, while imports aggregated at USD 42.2 billion in the last fiscal. Commerce and Industry

Minister Piyush Goyal has recently stated that the US President is a "friend of India" and India-US friendship will only continue to blossom and grow further.

India's trade relations with the US will continue to grow irrespective of the change in regime in America and according to the commerce ministry data, India's exports to the US jumped to USD 39.2 billion in October against

"The India-US economic integration is growing over the period of time and that is a good thing for us and I trust that it will continue to grow, the official said. During April-October this fiscal, the country's exports to America rose by 6.31 per cent to USD 47.24 billion, while

Annual

imports grew by 2.46 per cent to USD 26 billion.

Experts have also stated that Indian exporters may face high customs duties for goods like automobiles, textiles and pharmaceuticals, if the new US administration decides to pursue the 'America First' agenda.

Gold falls ₹200 to ₹79,200 per 10 grams |India's potential GDP growth is in

trade on the MCX, gold recovery seen in US dollar, contracts for December fuelled by rising US Treasury range of 6.5-7per cent, says CEA

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m he\ coal\ production\ from\ captive\ and\ commercial}$ mines rose 34.7 per cent to 112.65 million tonne in the April-November period of the ongoing fiscal.

The output of coal from captive and commercial mines was 83.60 MT in the year-ago period, the coal ministry said in a statement. The total dispatch of coal from captive and commercial mines between April and November rose to 119.62 MT from 89.32 MT in the same period last financial year.

In November 2024 alone, competitiveness through transparent and innovative the total coal dispatch from these mines was 16,109 MT. governance.

with a daily average dispatch of 0.537 MT, which is an increase of 27.6 per cent compared to the daily average of 0.421 MT in November 2023," the

The surge in coal production and dispatch reflects the government's vision for Viksit Bharat 2047. By prioritising domestic energy capabilities and reducing import dependencies, the government is strategically advancing India's economic self-reliance, infrastructure

statement said.

development, and global

old prices fell Rs 200 to GRs 79,200 per 10 grams in the national capital on Monday amid weak trends in the international markets, according to the All India Sarafa Association.

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The yellow metal of 99.9 per cent purity closed at Rs 79,400 per 10 grams on Friday. Silver also plummeted Rs 2,200 to Rs 90,000 per kg due to reduced offtake by industrial units and coin makers. It had closed at Rs 92,200 per kg in the previous trading session. Price of gold of 99.5 per cent purity slipped Rs 200 to Rs 78,800 per 10 grams. The precious metal ended at Rs 79,000 per 10 grams on Friday. Meanwhile, in futures

delivery fell Rs 478, or 0.63 per cent, to trade at Rs 75,896 per 10 grams.

Silver contracts for December delivery slumped Rs 574, or 0.65 per cent, to Rs 88,307 per kg. During the day, the white metal declined Rs 1,081, or 1.22 per cent, to hit an intraday low of Rs 87,800 per kg on the Multi Commodity Exchange (MCX).

Globally, Comex gold futures fell USD 23.50 per ounce, or 0.88 per cent, to USD 2,657.50 per ounce.

continued its "Gold downward trajectory, after hitting an intra-day low of USD 2,621 during the Asian session. "The decline was driven by a

bond yields and inflationary PTI NEW DELHI concerns tied to Presidentelect Donald Trump's proposed tariffs," Maneesh Sharma, AVP - Commodities & Currencies, Anand Rathi

Shares and Stock Brokers,

said. According Kaynat to Chainwala, AVP-Commodity Research, Kotak Securities, last week comex gold closed on a weaker note as safehaven demand faded, following a ceasefire agreement between Israel and Hezbollah in Lebanon. about Also. concerns

persistent inflation have raised doubts about the pace of rate cuts next year, Chainwala said

potential GDP growth is in the range of

6.5-7 per cent and the country should be able to achieve it on the back of things that done already in the last 10 years, Chief Advisor Economic V Anantha Nageswaran said on Monday.

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The Economic Survey projected India's GDP to grow at 6.5-7 per cent in 2024-25, down from a high of 8.2 per cent in the preceding financial year. Addressing GreenReturns IVCA's Summit, he said, "India's potential GDP growth is in

the range of 6.5-7 per cent and we should be able to invest in.

achieve it on the back of things that we have done already in the last 10 yearswhether it is in terms of augmenting the physical infrastructure or achieving financial inclusion."

Emphasising the investment areas, he said, "We all know about the issue of The intermittency investment shouldn't focus on setting up solar power plants or wind energy plants as we need to take into consideration the increasing cost of recycling solar panel waste and wind turbine waste. That is an area to

The other areas to invest in is the area of grid capabilities and technologies which will be able to withstand the intermittency of supplies from these renewable energy sources, he said. With 45 years remaining for India to meet its commitment to achieving net-zero carbon emissions by 2070, he said about the complex challenge of balancing robust economic growth with the urgent need environmental

for sustainability. He also shared the current

strategies and steps and urged for a collaborative approach.

Rupee drops 13 paise to all-time Sensex, Nifty settle higher on INBRIEF **TCS HIRED 106 GNDU STUDENTS** low of 84.73 against US dollar buying in blue-chip stocks

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Monday amid buying in blue-

Industries, Infosys and HDFC

Bank along with a firm trend

Recovering the early lost ground, the BSE benchmark

Sensex climbed 445.29 points

or 0.56 per cent to settle at 80,248.08. During the day, it

hit a high of 80,337.82 and a

stocks

in the US markets.

low of 79,308.95.

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The rupee depreciated 13 L paise to close at an alltime low of 84.73 (provisional) against the US dollar on Monday, on d i s a p p o i n t i n g macroeconomic data and broad strength of the American currency in the overseas markets. Forex traders said Asian currencies were down after

Trump Rhetoric on BRICs currency, as the move may further strengthen the greenback.

President-elect Donald Trump on Saturday threatened a 100 per cent tariff on the BRIC bloc of nations if they act to undermine the US dollar. At the interbank foreign exchange, the rupee opened at 84.59 and touched the lowest level of 84.73 against the greenback during intra-

day trade. The unit ended the session at an all-time low of 84.73

dollar, registering a fall of 13 paise over its previous close. On Friday, the rupee plunged 13 paise to settle at a fresh all-time low of 84.60 against the US dollar. Traders said disappointing macroeconomic data and

persistent foreign fund outflows also dented 84.95 investor sentiments. India's manufacturing sector

growth fell to a joint 11-month low of 56.5 in November, restricted by competitive conditions and inflationary pressures amid a softer increase in factory

orders, a monthly survey said on Monday. "We expect the rupee to trade with a negative bias on strong dollar and FII outflows.

A recovery in crude oil prices may also weigh on the rupee. Donald Trump's tariff threat may further strengthen the greenback, threat further said Anuj Choudhary -Research Analyst at Mirae ending November 15.

(provisional) against the Asset Sharekhan. However, positive domestic markets may support the

rupee at lower levels. Traders may take cues from US ISM manufacturing PMI data, Choudhary said, adding that USD-INR spot price is expected to trade in a range of Rs 84.50 to Rs

The dollar index, which gauges the greenback's strength against a basket of six currencies, was trading higher by 0.51 per cent at 106.27.

Brent crude, the global oil benchmark, surged 0.99 per cent to USD 72.59 per barrel in futures trade.

India's forex reserves dropped USD 1.31 billion to USD 656.582 billion for the week ended November 22, the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) said on Friday. The reserves had dropped a record USD 17.761 billion to USD 657.892 billion in the

previous reporting week



Reliance

The NSE Nifty surged 144.95 India's economic growth points or 0.60 per cent to

From the 30-share Sensex pack, UltraTech Cement, JSW Steel, Adani Ports, Tech Mahindra, Titan, Maruti, Mahindra & Mahindra, Tata Steel and Reliance Industries were the biggest gainers. NTPC, Hindustan Unilever,

Kotak Mahindra Bank, IndusInd Bank and Larsen & Toubro were among the laggards.

In Asian markets, Seoul settled lower while Tokyo, Shanghai and Hong Kong ended higher. European markets were

trading mostly lower. US markets ended in the positive territory on Friday.

Ínstitutional Foreign Investors (FIIs) offloaded equities worth Rs 4,383.55 crore on Friday, according to exchange data. Domestic Institutional Investors (DIIs) bought equities worth Rs 5,723.34 crore.

slowed to a near two-year low of 5.4 per cent in the July-September quarter of this fiscal due to poor poor performance of

manufacturing and mining sectors as well as weak consumption, but the country continued to remain the large fastest-growing economy, data showed on Friday.

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Global oil benchmark Brent crude climbed 0.85 per cent to USD 72.45 a barrel The BSE benchmark jumped 759.05 points or 0.96 per cent to settle at 79,802.79 on Friday. The Nifty climbed 216.95 points or 0.91 per cent to 24,131.10.





GNDU STUDENTS EXCELLED IN INTER-UNIVERSITY YOUTH FAIRS



AMRITSAR: - In the Inter-University Youth Competitions being held at Punjab Agriculture University, Ludhiana, students of the Department of Visual and Performing Arts of Guru Nanak Dev University participated in the Var. Kavishri and competitions.

PSPCL RECEIVES 92 LAKH METRIC TONNES OF COAL

CHANDIGARH: Punjab Power and Public Works Minister Harbhajan Singh ETO announced on Saturday that the Punjab State Power Corporation (PSPCL) has achieved substantial savings of approximately Rs 1,000 crore due to the procurement of cheaper coal from the Pachwara coal mine



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Max Verstappen wins Qatar Grand Prix

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rom a smashed mirror and F crashes to unusually severe penalties, there were plenty of L penalties, there were plenty of hazards at the Qatar Grand Prix. Max Verstappen steered clear of them all to follow up his Formula 1 drivers' title with his ninth win of the year on Sunday.

Lando Norris, Verstappen's closest title rival until he secured the championship last week in Las Vegas, was trying to overtake the Dutch driver for the lead until he was dropped to the back of the field by a penalty for failing to slow for yellow warning flags.

Verstappen, who secured his fourth consecutive title in Las Vegas last week, has won two of the last three races but hadn't won in dry conditions since June. "It was a lot of fun out there,"

Verstappen said. "Very happy. It's been a while in

the dry to be this competitive. Very proud of everyone within the team

Verstappen disposed of another

rival off the line, beating George Russell into the first corner. The Mercedes driver had been elevated to pole position in Verstappen's place after a contentious dispute in qualifying that got Verstappen a one-place penalty for driving too slowly.

Charles Leclerc finished second for Ferrari and Norris' McLaren teammate Oscar Piastri was third. Penalties spark debate

In a season of controversy over the rules and upheaval at the governing body, the stewards again played a crucial role. Norris been chasing had down Verstappen for the lead before his penalty. McLaren team principal Andrea Stella said Norris hadn't slowed down but argued the penalty was disproportionately harsh.

"It's definitely material that the FIA should consider very seriously if we want fairness to be part of going racing in Formula 1," Stella said.

'To me, it looks like somewhere there must be a book with a lot of



dust on the cover that was taken out. Let me see what it says, I apply this.' Seems a little too simplistic." The stewards were busy, issuing a

offenses like causing collisions, but

Edoardo Bove in medically induced coma

wide range of penalties for and one for Russell, who was judged to have dropped too far also two for Lewis Hamilton for a back in a safety car period. Russell false start and pit-lane speeding, said later he didn't know "when or

how or why" he'd been penalized. The safety car came out three times, first for crashes at the back of the pack on the opening lap, then for debris from a smashed mirror, and again when Nico Hulkenberg's Haas ended up in the gravel.

Constructors' title fight

At one stage, it looked like McLaren could seal its first constructors' title since 1998 in Qatar as Norris and Piastri both eyed podium places.

After Norris' penalty, Ferrari cut McLaren's lead from 30 points to 21 with Leclerc's second place and a colid cirth for Corlog Saine In a solid sixth for Carlos Sainz Jr. After a puncture seemed to have wrecked his race. The constructors' title will now be decided at the final race of the season in Abu Dhabi next week. That's a boost to Ferrari's morale. "We knew it was going to be a very difficult weekend compared to the McLaren but we even managed to take some points away from them, so the fight will be all the way to

the last race in Abu Dhabi next

week," Leclerc said.

"It's going to be an exciting end to the year. Hopefully we can be strong but it's going to take everything we've got to seal the deal," Piastri said.

Russell was fourth, ahead of Pierre Gasly continuing Alpine's recent good form, with Sainz sixth and Aston Martin's Fernando Alonso seventh.

Zhou Guanyu picked up his and Sauber's first points in eighth, ahead of Kevin Magnussen for Haas in ninth and Norris 10th after having been dropped to 15th

by the penalty. Hamilton and Sainz both picked up punctures shortly after a discarded wing mirror on the track was shattered by Valtteri Bottas' Sauber. Carbon fiber and glass were spread across the circuit, bringing out the safety car again, though it wasn't immediately clear if that or tire failure caused the punctures. It was a long, hard race for seven-time champion Hamilton, who finished 12th.

Mbappé and Bellingham respond to unhappy fans with goals in Real Madrid's 2-0 win over Getafe

AP MADRID

 $K^{\mathrm{ylian}}_{\mathrm{some peace with Real}}$ made Madrid's fans.

Mbappé, who has been criticized by some supporters because of his disappointing performances since joining the Spanish powerhouse this season, found the net in the 38th minute to seal Madrid's victory at the Santiago

Mbappe scored in Madrid's 2-0 win over Getafe in the Spanish league on Sunday to help ease the pressure on the France star.

Another penalty - which was overturned by VAR was also set to be taken by Rodrygo.

"The order for the penalties is Mbappé and Vinícius Júnior, but without Vinícius, it was up to Bellingham and Mbappé choose," to Ancelotti said. The win moved Madrid within a point of league leader Barcelona, which lost 2-1 to Las Palmas on Saturday. Madrid, the defending champion, has a game in band

game in hand. Madrid was one point ahead of city rival Atletico Madrid, won 5-0 at Valladoli

after collapsing in Italian soccer game AP FLORENCE

 $F^{\rm iorentina}_{\rm Edoardo \ Bove \ is \ in \ a}$ medically induced coma after collapsing on the field during his team's Serie A match at home to Inter Milan, with the game abandoned shortly afterward. Bove's

teammates called for immediately medical help and both sets of players surrounded the 22year-old while he was being treated before he was swiftly stretchered off to an ambulance near the pitch and taken to Careggi Hospital in Florence on Sunday.

"Fiorentina and the Careggi University Hospital announce that the footballer Edoardo Bove ... Is currently under pharmacological sedation and hospitalized in intensive care, Fiorentina said in a statement. 'The first cardiological and neurological tests performed have ruled out acute damage to the central nervous system and the cardio-respiratory system. Edoardo Bove will be re-evaluated in the next 24 hours."



Commisso

Sky Italia reported that the player regained consciousness while he was in the ambulance and was managing to breathe on his own.

Bove's parents and his girlfriend have arrived at the hospital along with Fiorentina coach Raffaele Palladino and most of his teammates, as well as club directors and the city's mayor.

More messages of support flooded in on social media from players and clubs. Inter Fiorentina fans have also gathered outside the hospital midfielder Federico Dimarco, and displayed a banner with who was on the field at the time, wrote "Forza Edo, we are all with you and your family." the words: "Forza Edoardo, Florence is with you. Fiorentina president Rocco The incident happened in the

family

16th minute of the match, with play stopped following a VAR check. Bove apparently bent down to tie the laces on his boot before he suddenly dropped to the ground.

Fiorentina players were distraught on the field and were comforted by staff members as well as Inter players. Several were openly sobbing before the teams filed off the field off the field.

The Italian league match was immediately halted, before being abandoned. The score at the time of Bove's collapse was 0 - 0

Many at Fiorentina - as well as the fans — remember former captain Davide Astori, who was found dead in his hotel room in March 2018 before a match in Udine.

It is the second incident this year of a player collapsing during a Serie A match. It happened to Roma defender Evan Ndicka during his team's match at Udinese in April. Bove is a product of the Roma youth academy and joined Fiorentina on loan in the offseason with the option to

make the move permanent.



World Chess Championship: Gukesh, Liren eye breakthrough after hat-trick of draws

PTI SINGAPORE

Indian Grandmaster D Gukesh and defending champion Ding Liren will be aiming to break the deadlock after three consecutive draws when they square off in the seventh round of the World Chess Championship here on Tuesday, having stayed on equal footing for most part of

the interesting showdown. Hailed as the favourite to win by many chess pundits, the 18vear-old Gukesh, who is the youngest ever challenger to the title, has not been able to really As far as the openings go, Liren show his class and has often depended on the Chinese to has chosen three different moves with his white pieces to play safe or make mistakes in decent positions. The two are start the game while Gukesh

last World the championship, Liren had beaten Ian Nepomniachtchi of Russia in the sixth game and back in 1972, Bobby Fischer had beaten Boris Spassky in what is a favourite of many chess fans across the world even todav.

Gukesh turned down an early draw vide repetition and was worse.

However, the nature of the position remained complicated and Liren did not risk things in the queen and rook endgame that was the fourth draw of the match out of six games.

to a

approach using only King and

Queen's pawn in the beginning.

"I think so far it has been good

still can improve my play,

there are lot more games,

considering I was trailing after

the first game I am happy to be here, it is too early," Gukesh

remarked when asked if he was satisfied with his play thus far at

On Tuesday, the Indian will

Going by the proceedings so

far, things are not particularly

clear and as of now, there are no

Gukesh has been his general

ambitious self while Liren has

shown aggression only when

necessary, often missing out on

the end of the sixth game.

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Berna u stadium Mbappé was coming off a lackluster outing — which included a missed penalty kick — against Liverpool in the Champions League on Wednesday

Jude Bellingham, also the target of some fans' criticism for recent poor play, had put Madrid ahead at the Bernabeu by converting a 30th-minute penalty. He also assisted in Mbappé's goal — a well-placed low shot from outside the area. Mbappé had scored only once in the team's last six matches across all competitions, and twice in the last nine games.

"He played very well, was active and was as dangerous as always," Madrid coach Carlo Ancelotti said.

"He scored and created opportunities. He was very active, it's what we want from him."

Mbappé was still far from his best, and he did not take the penalty kick which was converted by Bellingham.

on Saturday. Madrid has lost three of its five Champions League matches but has won three

straight in the league to cut into Barcelona's lead. The Catalan club is winless in three consecutive league

well in La Liga since the last defeat, but we can't get sidetracked because this is what Real Madrid demands," Madrid defender Antonio Rüdiger said.

stoppage time.

pair of second-half goals by Oihan Sancet, while Athletic's Basque rival Real Sociedad defeated Real Betis 2-0 at home.

games. "Things have been going

'We must continue and do better in the Champions League."

Also Sunday, Villarreal drew 2-2 with visiting Girona after leading 2-0 and eventually conceding an equalizer seven minutes into Athletic Bilbao rallied to win

2-1 at Rayo Vallecano with a

City floundering in Premier League

Manchester (England), Dec 2 (AP)

Guardiola hits 'reset'

For Pep Guardiola, the season starts now. Chastened, Relieved, Defiant,

The Manchester City manager displayed a whole range of emotions after his latest ordeal at Anfield that plunged the outof-sorts English champions to an unlikely low.

Make that seven matches without a win for a team which, not so long ago, never lost. That's all in the past for Guardiola, though

Reset," he said after a 2-0 loss to Liverpool in the Premier League on Sunday. "There's a feeling we start from here this season.

How he intends to move on from the worst run of results in his managerial career remains to be seen. But, it all starts Wednesday with a home game against Nottingham Forest.

'We are not used to this," Guardiola said. "Many, many things are happening. The teams are good and we can't handle it right now. I have to find the solution to be stable and solid.



"These players gave me a chance to lead maybe the best years of my life. All I can do is find a solution — in the right moment, the club will make the decision what is needed for this club to continue to be there."

Was he referring to making signings in the January transfer window? City's fatigued and injury-ravaged squad sure needs some, especially in midfield.

Or was he referring to his future? It's not the first time in recent days that Guardiola brought up how fragile his position could quickly become if City

echoed that

sentiment and the club said he

and his family are in constant

contact from the United States

to support Bove and his

"Forza Edoardo, we're with

'You're a strong boy with a

you," Commisso said.

great character."

keeps losing. Moments before walking down the tunnel after the final whistle at Anfield, Guardiola held up an outstretched hand and an extra finger as a retort to taunts by Liverpool fans. It was a nod to six Premier League titles he has won in eight full seasons at City.

No. 7 doesn't look likely this season. Not with City already 11 points behind Liverpool.

"Call me delusional or something like that," Guardiola said, "but I have the feeling we will try to build back our confidence to win games?

Indeed, Guardiola said he was taking some belief from recent training sessions. From the return to fitness of some players, such as Ruben Dias, Nathan Ake, Jack Grealish and Jeremy Doku.

Maybe, from a second-half display against Liverpool that, while hardly vintage City, at least showed some spirit and resolve, even if Liverpool appeared happy to play on the break and never looked troubled.

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If game one was a wake up call for Gukesh after a loss with white pieces, the second game was a confidence-booster for the Indian as Liren barely did anything and allowed an easy draw.

Gukesh won the third game but only after Liren miscalculated from what may have been a promising position.

In the fourth game Gukesh played solidly again when Liren gave nothing away out of an irregular opening and it was again a draw.

At this point, it was clear that Liren was banking on Gukesh to make mistakes

Game five saw Gukesh fighting for the initiative yet again and The next three games wherein Gukesh will play with two whites and a solo black is went too far as he came under threat in the resulting endgame. Liren yet again failed to spot them and it was another draw.

The sixth game of many world championship matches have massive history and this time too, it was not disappointing for the fans.

perhaps the best opportunity for the Indian to go ahead in the match and put pressure. Liren, so far, has been better in defending the opening positions and might like the trend to continue.

Greenwood's late penalty helps Marseille beat Monaco 2-1 and move into second place

AP PARIS

Mason Greenwoods rate gave Marseille a 2-1 home win over Monaco and lifted the team over its rival into second place in the French league.

Greenwood placed the ball into the bottom left corner in the 89th minute for his ninth league goal of the season on Sunday — level with Lille's Jonathan David and one behind Paris Saint-Germain's Bradley Barcola in the scoring charts.

Marseille moved above Monaco on goal difference, with both sides seven points behind leader PSG.

defeat exposed Monaco's shortcomings in coach Adi Hütter's young and talented yet error-prone team.

Monaco lost 3-2 at home to

on Wednesday after leading that game 2-1 before conceding twice in the last six minutes.

After going unbeaten in its first 11 games in all competitions this season, Hütter's erratic side has had four defeats in the past seven matches — including at home to strugglers Angers and away to Nice after again taking the lead. This time, Monaco scored first at Velodrome Stade when midfielder Aleksandr Golovin beat Gerónimo Rulli in the 41st minute with a slightly deflected strike after being set up by midfielder Denis Zakaria.

Brazilian winger Luis Henrique equalized for Marseille in the 53rd with a header from forward Neal Maupay's cross.

Earlier Sunday, Arnaud Nordin grabbed the equalizer in the fifth minute of second-half stoppage Benfica in the Champions League time as rock-bottom Montpellier



earned a 2-2 home draw with Lille in an ill-tempered contest. Moments after Nordin's goal, a player from each side was sent off. The incident happened when throw in, prompting pushing and taking place, Cabella argued with

Montpellier forward Tanguy Coulibaly kicked the ball against Lille coach Bruno Genesio when it had already gone out for a

shoving both sides. from Coulibaly and Lille defender Mitchel Śakker were red carded. Montpellier coach Jean-Louis Gasset had been sent off near the end of the second half and former Montpellier player Rémy Cabella

who plays for Lille - was involved in heated incidents.

Canada striker Jonathan David scored a penalty in each half for Lille, which is unbeaten in 13 games in all competitions and remained in fourth place.

David's second penalty in the 54th was awarded following a long video replay after Cabella tumbled.

David slotted it into the top right corner to move to nine league goals and 99 in 205 matches overall since joining Lille four years ago.

While the penalty review was

Montpellier midfielder Téji Savanier and TV images showed Cabella shoving his forearm into Savanier's face. Both players received a yellow card.

A clumsy challenge from Jordan Ferri on Matias Fernandez-Pardo led to the first penalty, and David tucked it calmly into the left corner.

Savanier's well-flighted corner from the right allowed defender Issiaga Sylla the chance to head the equalizer in the second minute of first-half stoppage time. Cabella argued with some home fans after being substituted midway through the second half and was asked to stop remonstrating by the fourth

LACAZETTE HAT TRICK

official.

Veteran striker Alexandre Lacazette scored a hat trick as Lyon beat Nice 4-1 to move into

fifth place. Lacazette gave Lyon the lead and restored it later in the first half after midfielder Sofiane Diop had

equalized for sixth-place Nice. Midfielder Jordan Veretout put Lyon 3-1 up before the break and Lacazette's penalty in the 70th put Lyon in total control.

The 33-year-old Lacazette is in his second spell with Lyon, having spent five seasons in the Premier League with Arsenal, and now totals 190 goals for the club.

Norway striker Joshua King and Vincent Sierro scored in midtable Toulouse's 2-0 home win against Auxerre, and midfielder Himad Abdelli netted as Angers won 1-0 at Le Havre to move out of the relegation zone.

PSG followed up its defeat against Bayern Munich with a tame 1-1 draw at home to struggling Nantes on Saturday.

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Bumrah will go down as one of the greatest pacers: Head

PTI ADELAIDE

A ustralia batter Travis Head feels Jasprit Bumrah will go down as "one of the greatest forth outleng to the user of a sector." fast bowlers to play the game" and said he'll proudly tell his grandchildren about the formidable challenge of facing the Indian pace maestro.

Bumrah reinforced his status as the best bowler in the world with a stunning performance in the opening Test in Perth which India won by 295 runs.

"Jasprit will go down as probably one of the greatest fast bowlers to play the game. I think we're finding that at the moment -- how challenging he can be, and it's nice to play against that," Head told reporters on Monday.

"It's gonna be nice to go back and look at your career and go tell the grandkids that you faced him. So not a bad series of playing with him. Hopefully I'll face a few more times, but he has been challenging," he added.

Bumrah, who was captaining the visiting side, led from the front with a match-haul of 8/72, ball Test in Adelaide from Friday

including several pivotal wickets, showcasing his exceptional form. His stellar performance was a testament to his remarkable

consistency this year. Earlier this year, he was named Player-of-the-Series in the T20 World Cup, where he played a key role in India's title-winning campaign.

Head was the sole Australian batter to get a fifty in Perth as the top order comprising the likes of Steve Smith, Usman Khawaja and Marnus Labuschagne struggled but the explosive middle-order batter is certain his teammates won't be approaching him for tips. "They are not coming to me for batting tips, that's for sure. Everyone goes about it in different work We'll have a chet over the ways. We'll have a chat over the next three or four days.

"(Bumrah) is so unique, and that's with any of the bowlers, really. Every (batter) picks up different cues and goes about it in a different way."

The Australian squad reconvened on Monday after a short break. The two sides will now play a pink



at the same venue where India were all out for 36 in their previous visit in 2020. Recalling that match, Head said, "I

remember that it was a quick test, so it was good. We got to enjoy all of the bits of Adelaide afterwards. "It'll be nice to do that again.

Don't know if we can revisit. It wouldn't take very long to watch it. I don't think that will happen this week.

While India played a day-night pink-ball game against the Prime Ministers XI over the weekend, Australia last played a pink ball

Tustraha fast played a place ball Test in January. "It's been a long time since we played one (pink ball), India got another look at it last night. Everyone's well experienced enough, especially that team as well, that in your international level level.

"I think you can accustomed to things pretty quickly. I don't think it'll take them long to be prepared for it, and same as us." No divide in the team

Head asserted that there is no "divide" between Australia's struggling batting and the bowling unit. A possible rift within the unit. A possible rift within the team was suggested following a comment from Josh Hazlewood during the first Test. "We hold high expectations for both sides (batting and bowling) and it's a very individualised sport," Head said. "So batters, we want to hold our own - we know how good our

PTI NEW DELHI

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¬aptain Rohit Sharma will

Ceither open or bat at number three in the Adelaide

Test against Australia, reckoned former India off-

spinner Harbhajan Singh on Monday while ruling out the

possibility of a senior star

coming in at number five or

KL Rahul and Yashasvi Jaiswal

added a record 201 runs for the

opening stand during the second innings of the Perth Test, which the visitors won by 295 runs with plenty of time

left in the match. "I don't see Rohit coming in at number five or six. Either Rohit will open with Yashasvi Jaiswal,

"Number six for Rohit

left in the match.

ourselves in a great position. "As a batter myself, I try to take a whole lot of pride in what I do, and knowing that if I can set it up for the big boys, that they can knock it down for us, so definitely no divide," Head said.

Australia have dealt with adversity well

Head backed the Australians to bounce back from their horror show in Perth.

"This team has dealt with adversity well. The small amount that we have had in the last three or four years, we have played well. "We've had some challenging times and a couple of challenging Tests last year. We didn't have a very good week. That's fine. But we have got four more opportunities to do it, we will crack on as we do, as we have done for the last few years.

Over the last couple of years, there's a lot of teams that lost the first Test or gone down in the series and brought it back and played really well."

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We have found the right mix: **Hardik Pandya**

PTI MUMBA

Mumbai Indians skipper Hardik Pandya has expressed his delight at the way things panned out for them in the IPL mega auction in Jeddah and said the franchise has "found the right mix" of players. The star all-round

Australia quashes rumours of divide in their camp ahead of pink ball Test

PTI ADELAIDE

Australian big-hitter Travis Head on Monday asserted there is no "divide" between there is no divide between his team's struggling batters and its potent bowling attack as they geared up to bounce back in the pink-ball Test against India, starting here on December 6.

Australia suffered an embarrassing 295-run loss as their batters struggled to cope with the bouncy Perth pitch, managing just 104 & 238 in

their two innings. On day three of the Test, pacer Josh Hazlewood, who picked four wickets in first essay, made a comment that seemed to suggest frustration with the team's batters. Triggering speculation of tensions in the dressing room.

Head said there was no reason to doubt the dressing room

"It can be put to bed. We hold high expectations for both sides (batting and bowling) and it's a very individualised sport" Head coid I can set it up for the big boys, that they can knock it down for us, so definitely no divide," he explained.

"So batters, we want to hold our own - we know how good our bowlers have been for us

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Khawaja, Steve Smith and Marnus crumbled at Perth.

Lab Hazlewood was questioned about Australia's approach to has and day four, given they were 12/3 have fron "You probably have to ask one him

of the batters that question relaxing have wo hard again. He's a guy that has played well over a long period of time. He would like some more runs - so would evervone?

Trailing the five match series 0-1, Australia have their backs against the wall as the race for the World Test Championship final has also intensified. However, Head backed his

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got four more opportunities to do it, we will crack on as we do, as we have done for the last few years.

there's a lot of teams that lost the first Test or gone down in



wouldn't be in best interest of wouldn't be in best interest of the team. Your top four in batting order should be the four pillars and someone like Rohit at the top would only add greater fillip." The second Test, a day/night affair to be played with the pink ball, will begin at Adelaide Oval on Friday. Harbhajan described the move to play Washington Sundar over R Ashwin and Ravindra

over R Ashwin and Ravindra Jadeja in the series opener as a massive step.

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with KL Rahul coming in at number three, or he will bat no later than number three," Harbhajan told PTI on the "Over the last couple of years, e Smith and Labuschagne added. sidelines of the inauguration of the World Tennis League here.

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had a clear plan of having a blend of youth and experienced players.

"I was in touch with the table as well, exactly who we are going for, and I think we came out pretty well from the auction and how the team is looking," he said in an MI video posted on social media. "We have found the right mix, which is experienced players, like Boulty (Trent Boult) is back, Deepak Chahar, who has been around, and at the same time, young guns like Will Jacks, Robin Minz and

Rickelton, who are fresh. "So, I think we have done pretty well. We have covered

all the bases."

Explaining the auction dynamics, Pandya admitted that while the entire process is thrilling, it is important to keep the emotions in check, especially while going for a particular player the team desperately needs.

"The auction dynamics are always tricky. When you are watching it live, it is very Indians has the facility to exciting, and the emotions are make them flourish."

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Angad Bawa, Shrijith Krishnan and Ashwani Kumar. Referring to these youngsters,

Pandya urged them to work hard and said that MI possesses the best facilities to help them develop into top cricketers.

"My message to all the young guns who are joining Mumbai Indians this year is that if you are here, you have that spark, you have that talent, which the scouts have seen," he stated. "They found me, they found

Jasprit, they found Krunal, they found Tilak. They all eventually played for the country.

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 (3) Corrigendum if any shall only be published in the website: www.tenderodisha.gov.in

Additional Chief Engineer, **Rural Works Division, Sonepur**

Government Of Odisha OFFICE OF THE PANCHAYAT SAMITI, KOTPAD · (mar) Bid Identification No. KTP 01 of 2024-25- Panchavat Samiti Office, Kotpac Tender Call Notification No. 4012/2024-25& date. 28/11/2024 i-329

The Block Development Officer, Kotpad on behalf of Government of Odisha Invites Percentage Rate Bids Insingle cover for "Const. of Additional Class Rooms of Listed Pry. Schools and UP Schools under Kotpad Block from C& D Class Civil Contractor's. The detailed tender papers, terms and conditions are available on both website (http://www.koraput.nic.in), https://tendersodisha.gov.in. Please visit website for more information. The online bidding process shallstarts from Dt. 03/12/2024upto 5:30 P.M of Dt. 18/12/ 2024.

The bidders are invited for participate following project.

Sl. No	Name of the Work	Total Project Cost	Amount put to Tender (Approx. Rs.)
1	2	3	4
1	Construction of additional classroom at Primary School, Patraguda	₹ 1,547,000	₹ 11,88,979/-
2	Construction of additional classroom at Primary School,Sindhigam	₹ 1,547,000	₹ 11,88,979/-
3	Construction of Additional classroom at Upgraded Govt.High School, Ghumar	₹ 1,692,000	₹ 12,57,295/-
4	Construction of additional classroom at Nuaguda PUPS, Kotpad	₹ 1,182,000	₹ 944,033/-
5	Construction of additional classroom at Jamal UPS, Kotpad	₹ 1,182,000	₹ 944,033/-

GOVERNMENT OF ODISHA Office of the Executive Engineer N.H. Division, Bhubaneswar Email-eenh_bbsr@yahoo.co.in Ph No-0674-2972908 b-22 INVITATION FOR BIDS BID IDENTIFICATION NO. 06 SE NH, BBSR of 2024-25 The Superintending Engineer, National Highways Division, Bhubaneswar on behalf of Governor of Orissa invites percentage rate bids in Single cover system on online mode for construction of works as detailed in the table below from eligible contractors as mentioned in Col. 7 registered with the State Govt. and Contractors of equivalent Grade or Class registered with Central Government / Other State Government / MES / Railways for execution of Civil Works, on production of definite proof from the appropriate authority.

SI No	Name of work	Approximate Estimated cost put to Tender	Concerned Sub-Division	Bid security EMD (online)	Cost of Bid document s (online)	Class of Bidder	Period of completion
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
1	Construction of conference hall in 1st floor of o/o CCE, Northern N.H Circle, Bhubaneswar for the year 2024-25	Rs. 2676618/- (Excluding GST)	NH Sub Division, Bhubaneswar	Rs.26766/-	Rs.6000/-	"C & B" Class Contractor	Two Months
2	Proposed Additional Office rooms for O/o RO, MoRTH, Bhubaneswar for the year 2024-25	Rs. 3877428/- (Excluding GST)	NH Sub Division, Bhubaneswar	Rs.38774/-	Rs.6000/-	"C & B" Class Contractor	Two Months

bidders have to participate in ONLINE bidding only. The web- site for "ONLINE BIDDING" is ndersodisha.gov.in.

Bid documents will be available in above website from dt.04.12.2024 to dt.13.12.2024 up to 17.30 Hours. The cost of Bid document and EMD as stated in the DTCN shall be deposited in online as per instruction in the portal. Bids of the above work shall be opened at 11.30 hours on dt.16.12.2024. The bidder must possess matching class compatible Digital Signature Certificate (DSC). Further details and other terms and conditions can be seen from the website <u>www.tendersodisha.gov.in</u>

Subsequent corrigendum / addendum if required shall be available in the website as indicated above

The authority reserves the right to cancel any/all bids without assigning any reason. Superintending Enginee N.H. Division, Bhubanesw OIPR-34044/11/0002/2425

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	GOVERNMENT OF ODISHA OFFICE OF THE SUPERINTENDING ENGINEER, JEYPORE (R&B) DIVISION, JEYPORE e-Procurement Notice B-711 Bid Identification No. S.E (R&B)-04/2024-25/JYP(K) No. 12895 Date. 29.11.24 The Superintending Engineer, Jeypore (R&B) Division, Jeypore on behalf of Governor Of Odisha invites percentage rate bids in Single cover system to be received in online mode only for the construction of						
SI No	orks as detailed in the table below Name of the Work	Approxima te value of work (in lakhs)	Period of Completion	Class of Contractor	Bid Security (in Rs)	Cost of bid document (in Rs.)	Last date & time of online receipt of bids
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
1	Dismantling and reconstruction of Govt. Girls High School and Temple Compound wall for widening of M.G Road at Jeypore for the year 2024- 25	18.17	2(Two) Calander months	"D" & "C" Class	18,200/-	6,000/-	11.00 Hrs of 06.12.2024 to 17.00 Hrs of 16.12.2024.
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GOVERNMENT OF ODISHA

B-704 DHENKANAL (R&B) DIVISION, DHENKANAL Email – eedklpwd@gmail.com INVITATION FOR BIDS THROUGH e-Procurement Bid Identification No. SEDKL (R&B). 23/ 2024-25 Invitation for Bids The Superintending Engineer Dhenkanal (R&B) Division, Dhenkanal, on behalf of Governor of Odisha, invites percentage rate bids in single cover system in ONLINE MODE only, for Construction of Building work as detailed below : 01 No Building Work 2. Nature of work 3. No. of work 01 No. 4. Bid Cost ₹ 6,000/ 5. Class of Contractor "C' & 'B' Licens Availability of Bid Documents in the 6. From 10.00 AM of 06.12.2024 to 5.00 PM of 20.12.2024

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website Dt. 21.12.2024 at 11:00 AM Date of Opening of Bid The Bidders have to participate in ONLINE bidding only. Further details can be seen from the website :<u>https://tendersodisha.gov.in</u>. Any addendum / corrigendum / cancellation of tender 8. can also be seen in the said website only.

Superintending Engineer Dhenkanal (R&B) Division, Dhenkanal

	GOVER	NMENT OF ODISHA		
	DISTRIC	T PROJECT OFFICE,		
	SAMAGRA SI	HIKSHA NABARANGPUR		
		Notice- DPC-SS-NAB -01 OF 2024-25 NO. DPC-SS-NAB - 01 OF 2024-25		
1	Name of the Work	Repair and Maintenance Work for the year 2024-25		
2	Total No. of Package	11 Nos.		
3	Tender Cost (Approx)	Rs. 15.68 Lakhs to 17.16 Lakhs as per DTCN		
4	Bid Security	Rs. 15,700/- to 17,200/-		
5	Cost of Tender Paper (Online)	Rs. 6000/- as per DTCN		
6	Period of Completion	As per DTCN		
7	Availability of Tender online for bidding	From 07.12.2024 at 11.00 AM to 16.12.2024 upto 5.30 P.M.		
8	Date and place of opening	Dt. 17.12.2024 at 11.00 AM in the Conference Hall, DPO, Samagra Shiksha, Nabrangpur		
9	Lottery date and Time	20.12.2024 at 12.00PM in the office of the District Project Co-Ordinator, Samagra Shiksha, Nabarangpur.		
10	Tender Inviting Authority	District Project Office, Samagra Sikhya, Nabrangpur		
Further details can be seen from the website http:// <u>www.tendersorissa.gov.in</u> Any addendum/ Corrigendum/ Cancellation to the above notice will be published in this web site only. District Project Co-Ordinator,				
OIPR-271	DIPR-27160/11/0005/2425 District Project Go-Ordinator, Samagra Shiksha, Nabarangpur.			