

No. 1

The desire to be the Best or No. 1 is probably latent in every mortal throughout human history. The best child for the parents, the best student in education, the best employee, the No. 1 leader, in short, in every sphere and phase of life the desire to be right at the top is an incredible desire for most thinking homo sapiens. Settling for less seems to be getting less acceptable by the second these days as society is becoming more aggressive and competitive. Even those who consider themselves 'fit' have to struggle to be the 'fittest', nothing less.

In India and the world over, we get to see so many iconic companies which used to be hugely profit making earlier are winding up and shutting shop at the blink of the eye. Kodak photo company, Konark TV, Hindustan Motors, Life, Illustrated Weekly of India and Newsweek magazines are some very known names that come to mind instantly. Many others survive on the brink today and just might topple over any time. In politics, the demise of Swatantra Party, Janata Party and the shrinking of All India Anna DMK (AIADMK), Biju Janata Dal (BJD), Akali Dal and many others prove how the new world order is merciless and unforgiving to those who are not genuine in their quest for excellence.

Therefore, while one may appreciate the desire to attain No. 1 position, the 'means' also seem to matter these days, not just the 'goal'. For example, we in Orissa have been witness to the mad rush for being No.1 in everything that our Government has been doing for the past decade or so. This extreme desire to be at the top obviously involves activities that could well be in the domain of the 'unwanted' or 'unbecoming'. What has verifiably happened may not have been noticed by most people who were either mesmerized by the supposed successes or those who opposed everything without any foundations. When a Government claims it has achieved a 100% success milestone in, say for example, rural road connectivity or rural drinking water projects, it creates a formidable barrier for any further future growth in that sector. Funding agencies such as the Union Government or others will be unwilling to sanction more financial assistance to those sectors that the Government claims to have achieved complete success. Paper work is usually manipulated. Inspecting and reporting agencies and their personnel are made happy through various means and a certificate of excellence is issued that does not take ground realities into account. Many a times, no work of greatness might have been executed and nothing might have been achieved. Yet, the System, understandably, functions solely based on documents prepared with great care to hoodwink that very System. Eventually, it is the common citizen who suffers because she is deprived of the development that should have reached her, had the reports and paper work been made with truth as the basis. Not driven by the quest for becoming No.1

The Urban Governance Index 2024, an award announced this past week, in which our state has been anointed at No.2 position in the country is one such example of mala fide paper work that has achieved nothing in reality. Urban centers across Orissa suffer from all the problems that no modern urban area should ever have to deal with. Poor or no street lights, non-existent sewer and sewage facilities, no system of liquid and solid waste management, virtually no clean drinking water from the taps, invisible public toilet facilities, general absence of policing and overall women's security issues are just a few examples of terrible urban governance in Orissa that immediately come to mind. This is not intended to blame any Government but it highlights the callousness with which things happen.

A similar situation is developing in the environment and ecology management sector in Orissa. A few funding agencies along with the Government have chosen their favorites. Major projects are being sanctioned for these entities and individuals that are reportedly running into hundreds of crore each. Particularly in the fields of environmental resilience building of coastal communities, economic assets creation, mangrove plantations and a few other select critical activities that will greatly impact coastal Orissa are receiving enormous amounts of funds that are being squandered away. Records will soon start reflecting, when these projects wind up, that coastal Orissa is all set to meet the intense vagaries of nature in the future with strength and vigor. Truth is that no tangible work is getting done but documentary evidence will disprove any evidence to the contrary. A few individuals are becoming super rich and will be even more rich soon. Suffering is destined for the common citizen who will be deprived of any help in the future because records will show that the communities are fully empowered and capable to take on any natural calamity and overcome it with the assistance supplied in plenty earlier.

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Iran rains missiles on Israel

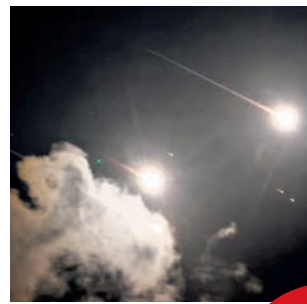
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Jerusalem, Oct 1: Iran said it fired dozens of missiles into Israel Tuesday, a sharp escalation of the monthslong conflict between Israel and the Iran-backed militias Hezbollah and Hamas.

There were no immediate reports of casualties as Israel ordered residents to head to bomb shelters and as air raid sirens sounded across the country.

A series of window-shaking explosions were heard in Tel Aviv and near Jerusalem, though it was not immediately clear whether the sounds were from missiles landing or being intercepted by Israeli defences, or both.

Israel and the United States have warned there would be



severe consequences in the event of an attack on Israel from Iran, which backs the militant group Hezbollah in Lebanon. President Joe Biden and Vice President Kamala Harris monitored the attack on Israel from the White House Situation Room. Israeli army spokesman Rear Adm Daniel Hagari said the

country's air defence system was fully operational, detecting and intercepting threats. "However, the defence is not hermetic," he said.

Orders to shelter in place were sent to Israelis' mobile phones and announced on national television.

Iran took responsibility for launching dozens of ballistic missiles at Israel.

In its statement, Iran referenced Hezbollah leader Hassan Nasrallah and Revolutionary Guard Gen Abbas Nilforushan, both

killed in an Israeli airstrike last week in Beirut. It also mentioned Ismail Haniyeh, a top leader in Hamas who was assassinated in Tehran in a suspected Israeli attack in July. It

warned this attack represented only a "first wave," without elaborating.

The air raid alerts in Israel came a day after Israel said it had begun limited ground operations against Hezbollah in southern Lebanon.

A French helicopter carrier will arrive in the eastern Mediterranean in the next five to six days and take up position in case a decision is taken to evacuate foreign nationals from Lebanon, a Reuters report quoted a French army spokesperson as saying Tuesday.

Meanwhile, an Israeli military spokesman said "very few" injuries were reported after the Iranian missile strikes. The Israeli police said six people were killed in a shooting attack in Tel Aviv.

6 killed in Tel Aviv shooting

Dargah, temple on road must go: SC

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New Delhi, Oct 1: Making it clear that public interest is paramount, the Supreme Court (SC) Tuesday said that any religious structure in the middle of a road, be it a 'dargah' or a temple, has to go.

While hearing petitions filed by Jamiat Ulama-i-Hind and others seeking directions to various state governments to ensure no further demolition of properties of those accused in cases of rioting and violence, a SC bench of Justices BR Gavai and KV Viswanathan said it will lay down pan-India guidelines on demolition of properties and any religious structure encroaching upon a road, water bodies, or rail tracks.

MINOR'S RAPE AND MURDER

POST NEWS NETWORK

Sambalpur/Jamankira, Oct 1: A special POCSO court Tuesday handed down capital punishment to a man after convicting him for the rape and murder of a minor that occurred at Kasada village under Jamankira police limits in the district in 2022.

The convict has been identified as Prasant Baghar, 32, a resident of the same village.

Special judge Abhilash Senapati also slapped a penalty of ₹1 lakh on the convict, in addition to the punishment, special public prosecutor (SPP) Santosh Panda said. The judge passed the order after exam-

ining the statement of 25 witnesses, charge-sheet and other evidence in the case, the SPP said.

The incident occurred March 25, 2022 when the eight-year-old minor had gone to attend nature's call on a field near her house in the village. Prasant waylaid the minor before raping her. Later, he beheaded the victim with an axe. He then walked up to a tube well in the village with the severed head. He was washing the head when fellow villagers spotted him and raised an alarm before informing the Jamankira police which

reached the spot and arrested Prasad. Police also seized the severed head and the murder weapon. Police registered a case on an FIR lodged by the girl's father and produced Prasant before the court for remand, the SPP added.



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GOMEZ: IT'S DISTASTEFUL TO TALK ABOUT MONEY

Singer-actress Selena Gomez, who has attained the billionaire status courtesy her cosmetics company, says she finds it "distasteful" to discuss money. She said, "I'm very grateful. I personally think it's distasteful to talk about money. But I really am giving all the credit to the people who buy the products."

ARIANA GRANDE OPEN TO HAVING A FACE-LIFT

Singer-songwriter Ariana Grande has shared that she is not averse to the idea of having a face-lift. The singer recently sat down to reveal her beauty tactics while sitting for a lie detector test with Vanity Fair and made the revelation.



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ARIES
Today is an ordinary day, it is business as usual, but there will be some progress. You can while away your time doing petty chores. And, Ganesh says, while day-dreaming think about that coveted home, as that's how the first plans materialise.

TAURUS
The stars are very auspiciously disposed towards you, announces Ganesh. You have an exceptionally bright and enjoyable day ahead of you. All events and situations will work in your favour. If you are pursuing higher studies you will perform brilliantly. Those appearing for competitive examinations are likely to score very high. The powerful yogas formed by the planets today distinctly promise all this, and more.

GEMINI
It is a day filled with joy and happiness on the home front. You will spend a lot of time with children. You will complete long pending household projects as well as take an interest in ironing out differences between family members, says Ganesh.

CANCER
Your speech will today explode your thoughts. You will ponder over new deals and decide to act only after much thought. Ganesh feels that you met with success in your ambition to achieve a breakthrough.

LEO
You will feel a little uneasy today. You will feel that nothing is going right. You will try to organise yourself and concentrate your scattered energies today. This phase of uncertainty will be gone in a few days, assures Ganesh.

VIRGO
Today is a day for introspection and you will find yourself in a pensive mood. Ganesh advises you to search for the inner peace that you want. Stay calm to discover the hidden treasures within you. In the evening you will be glad to help someone who is in need of it.

LIBRA
Ganesh says you will be able to spend ample time with your loved ones and may even taken them out for lunch or dinner which will bring you more closer to them. You will even try to please them by showering them with gifts and presents today.

SCORPIO
There's always a first time, and today is the day when you would seal a profitable deal for your new business venture. However, close the deal only if it is beneficial for a long term. Be cautious and watch your steps carefully to avoid any unfortunate situation.

SAGITTARIUS
You may have to make important decisions of life today, says Ganesh. Remember, haste makes waste, so take every decision only after thinking about its long-term consequences or end results. Be patient.

CAPRICORN
Print and electronic media will attract your attention, if you're just planning to begin your career. Your spiritual and philosophical approach give you inner peace, and also inspire you to visit a holy place. Overall, you will have a balanced day, today, says Ganesh.

AQUARIUS
You will feel deeply inclined towards development and research, today. Actions speak louder than words, and your efforts and overall growth will speak plenty about your character. Your romantic side will come to the fore today. Enjoy the good times!

PISCES
It is difficult for you to be part of one team and to work as a member on two teams, but today you can do anything you want. You will be able to show your expertise to your team today and will be praised by all. Women will make a profit today and will feel encouraged.

Triptii reacts to trolling

Mumbai: Triptii Dimri is currently preparing for the release of her upcoming movie *Vicky Vidya Ka Woh Wala Video* with Rajkumar Rao. She recently grabbed headlines for her scintillating dance number, 'Mere Mehboob', receiving criticism from viewers for the song's hook step. The actress has now reacted to the same and expressed that she is trying to do different things. In a recent interview, the actress shared her reaction to the audience's criticism of her in the song 'Mere Mehboob'. She said, "As an actor, I'm trying to do different things."

Triptii revealed that she realised only when things got 'real' that an actor should also know how to walk, dance, and more apart from just acting. She said that she didn't know this earlier, as she never thought that she would be an actor someday. The actress continued by saying that she had to try everything. "I may not be good at... I mean, one can't be good at everything, but what's wrong in trying?" she said. Triptii stated that she had to give it her best since she hadn't come this far to just stop. The actress further added that it was her first dance number, and she didn't expect the kind of response it had received when she was shooting for it. However, Triptii said that everybody has gone through criticism. She believed that people liking or disliking something shouldn't stop one from 'experi-

menting.' The *Animal* star mentioned that one should do what they love. On a wise thought, Triptii concluded by saying, "If you start thinking about what people are going to say and how people are going to perceive this, then you won't be honest to what you are doing."

Vicky Vidya Ka Woh Wala Video is directed by Raaj Shaandilyaa and the movie is set to arrive October 11, 2024.

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Mumbai: Musician and actress Lisa Mishra will be seen working with veteran star Zeenat Aman in *The Royals* and said it pushed her to be better as an actor and perform better. Lisa was seen in *Call Me Bae* starring Ananya Panday, which revolves around today's generation, delving into the lives, aspirations, and challenges faced by the youth. *The Royals* explores the opulence, intrigue, and power struggles within a high-class society. "I've always been passionate about storytelling, whether through music or now, acting. 'Call Me Bae' and 'The Royals' are two vastly different projects that allow me to explore contrasting aspects of my craft. I can't wait for the audience to see these characters and stories come to life," Lisa said. She added, "I'm now looking forward to 'The Royals' where I had to work in a room full of such incredible actors like Zeenat Ma'am. It pushed me to be better as an actor and perform well amidst such incredible talent in one room."

Born in Odisha and raised in Chicago, Lisa is best known for her



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reprise version of the song 'Tareefan' in the 2018 Indian film *Veere Di Wedding*.

She has also worked on numbers such as 'The Wakhra Song' from the 2019 film *Judgemental Hai Kya*, 'Nadaaniyaan' in the film *The Sky Is Pink* and also the party-anthem 'Chandigarh Mein' from *Good Newwz*.

The Royals is a modern-day Indian royalty rom-com series anchored by Bhumi Pednekar, making her series debut, and Ishaan Khatter.



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'Like my movies, my music isn't formulaic'

Mumbai: On International Music Day, actor Ayushmann Khurrana has spoken about what goes into making the songs he makes and said that like his movies, his music is not formulaic.

Talking about his approach towards his music, Ayushmann said: "Like my movies, my music isn't formulaic. I don't conform as an artiste and I would not like to do so ever. I have tried to stay true to my sense of creative expression through music and I'm happy that people have accepted it and given me so much love."

The actor said that every time he makes music, it will be dif-

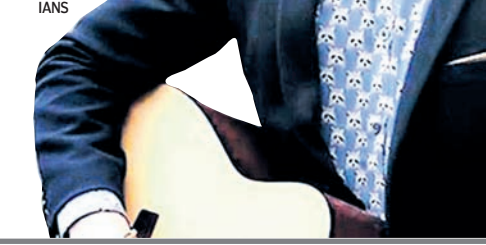
ferent, disruptive and extremely varied.

"That's what's exciting for me. To create something new every single time and not do what anyone else is doing, not fall in the trap of following a trend. I would like to set a trend if possible. My movies and my music will always echo this belief that I have for myself," Ayushmann added.

Ayushmann's most recent track is 'Jachdi' and he said the songs is a perfect example of going out of his comfort zone.

"Music has always been my companion, through the highs and lows of my life. It's what I live through every day. My new track Jachdi is a perfect example of

going out of my comfort zone to do different stuff - combining Punjabi tunes with Garba beats and in the future too, I will strive to do different things and experiment with my music and movies both," he said.



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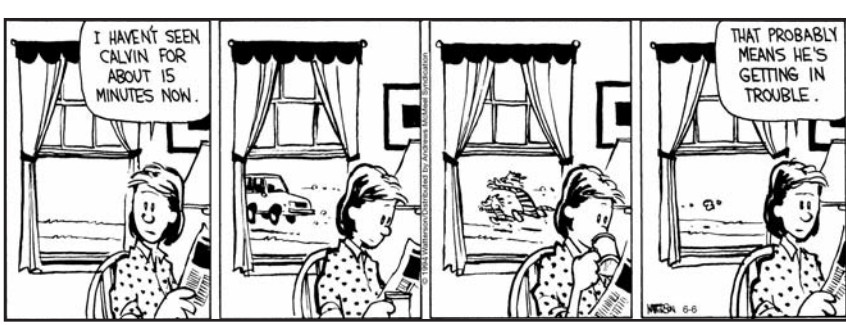
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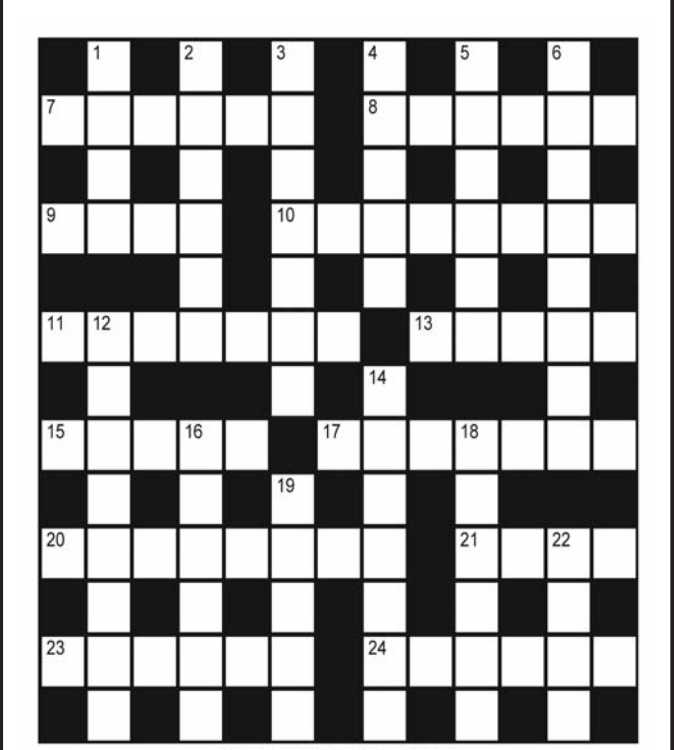
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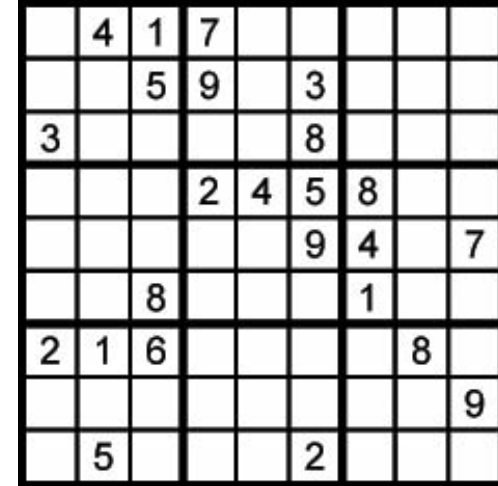
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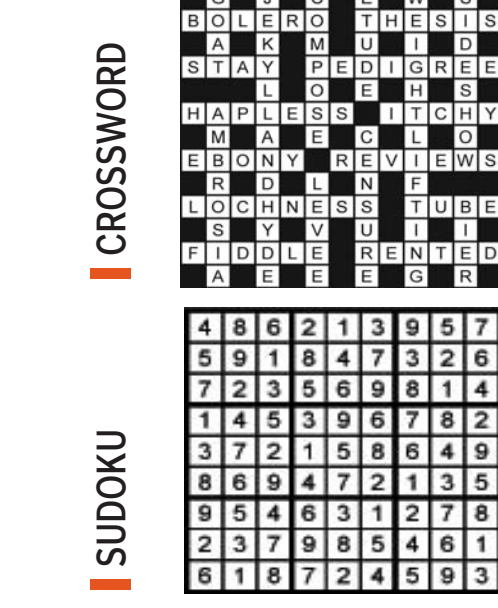
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 - 23 Baffling problem
 - 24 African antelope
 - 4 Bay of Naples isle
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 - 6 Brutal crime
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SUDOKU

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



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HC clean chit to Pratap Jena

PNN & AGENCIES

Bhubaneswar, Oct 1: In what came as a clean chit to senior Biju Janata Dal (BJD) leader Pratap Jena in the Mahanga double murder case, the Orissa High Court Tuesday quashed the September 25, 2023 ruling of the Salipur JMFC court that had taken cognisance of offences against him as an accused in the sensational case.

"The court said that the entire criminal proceedings against Pratap Jena was quashed. The order against which we have approached the High Court has now been junked," said Jena's lawyer Anshuman Ray.

Jena was the accused No-13 in the double murder case that took place at Mahanga in Cuttack district in 2021. The local police had excluded the name of Jena while filing the

MAHANGA DOUBLE MURDER



first chargesheet in the case.

Subsequently, son of one of the victims approached the Salipur JMFC court seeking inclusion of Jena's name.

The court, on the basis of statements of the complainant, witnesses, and other available materials on record, ordered that a prima facie case punishable for the offences under Sections 302, 506 and 120B of the IPC is made against accused Jena.

The court directed the local police to reinvestigate the case against Jena.

Subsequently, the senior BJD leader moved the HC against the lower court's order.

Hearing the petition filed by Jena, the HC quashed the order of the Salipur JMFC court.

"A political conspiracy was hatched to defame me. Now, it has fallen flat as the HC gave a clean chit to me today," an elated Jena said after the HC order.

Notably, BJD leader Kulamani Baral, who was the block chairman of Mahanga, and his associate Dibyasingha Baral were brutally murdered in Mahanga in 2021.

Later, the prime accused in the case, Prafulla Biswal, was found dead under mysterious circumstances near the Govindpur area in Tangi of Cuttack district.

HAL delivers first AL-31FP engine to IAF

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Bangalore, Oct 1: Hindustan Aeronautics Limited (HAL) has handed over the first AL-31FP aero engine, manufactured under the 240 engine contract, to the Indian Air Force at Koraput in Odisha.

The contract for 240 AL-31FP aero engines for Su-30MKI aircraft was signed September 9, Bangalore-headquartered HAL noted in a statement Tuesday, adding, these engines would be delivered in eight years.

The statement said Secretary (Defence Production) Sanjeev Kumar lauded HAL's efforts in delivering the first engine within weeks of signing the contract.

ODISHA TO HOLD MEETING OF AMBASSADORS IN DELHI OCT 3

BIZ SUMMIT

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Bhubaneswar, Oct 1: In the run-up to the state's flagship business summit, the Odisha government is all set to organise a meeting of ambassadors of various countries and an interactive session with them in New Delhi Thursday, officials said.

During the meeting, Odisha's 'vibrant industrial ecosystem and emerging investment opportunities' will be showcased to a global audience, they said.

The event will be attended by ambassadors of various countries, high commissioners, consul generals, trade commissioners, and senior diplomats from across the globe.

Accompanied by a high-level delegation, Chief Minister Mohan Charan Majhi will chair the meeting, the officials said.

This strategic engagement aims to forge stronger international partnerships and highlight Odisha's position as a key player in India's industrial resurgence, they said.

The discussions will focus on Odisha's industrial potential, enabling policies, ease of doing business and ongoing initiatives to foster an investor-friendly environment. "The Chief Minister will personally invite global stakeholders to participate in

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the Utkarsh Odisha: Make in Odisha Conclave 2025, to be held January 28 and 29, 2025 in Bhubaneswar," Industries Secretary Hemant Sharma said.

During the Ambassadors' meet, (government to business) G2B meetings are scheduled and the CM will meet prominent industry leaders and representatives from various sectoral associations. The state government will host an interactive session, with the CM targeting industries from the Delhi NCR region.

"This roadshow will emphasise the industrial ecosystem of Odisha, its robust infrastructure and opportunities for collaboration in sectors such as IT & ITeS, textiles, food processing, chemicals, petrochemicals, renewable energy, and electronics manufacturing," another official said.

Business leaders and investors from across sectors have been invited to explore how Odisha can

serve as a key destination for their expansion plans, he said.

The Utkarsh Odisha: Make in Odisha Conclave 2025, which will be held in Bhubaneswar January 28 and 29, promises to be the largest-ever industrial gathering in Odisha, building upon the state's past successes.

The ambassadors' meet and interactive session are crucial platforms to extend Odisha's message of growth, partnership, and opportunity to both global and domestic investors, the official said.

The business summit is expected to attract business leaders, industry experts, policy-makers and diplomats from around the world.

While unveiling the logo for the investment summit September 27, Majhi had noted that Odisha has been committed to achieving its industrial ambitions through visionary policies, improved infrastructure, and a 'business-friendly' environment.

Majhi said that his government has undertaken several measures, including the development of micro, small and medium enterprises (MSME) parks in each district of Odisha, the establishment of an FDI Park, multimodal logistics parks, and new industrial corridors aimed at fostering a thriving industrial ecosystem.

IRREGULAR by MANJUL



Sir, there are notes with Anupam Kher's face on them! We need another demonetisation immediately!

Commonwealth Powerlifting Championships

CUO student to represent India

POST NEWS NETWORK

Bhubaneswar, Oct 1: Rohit Patro, a first year student of the Mathematics department at the Central University of Odisha (CUO) in Koraput, has been selected to represent India at the Commonwealth

Powerlifting Championships, set to begin October 4 in South Africa. A resident of Koraput, Rohit

is currently practicing powerlifting at the Municipality Gym in the tribal-dominated district.

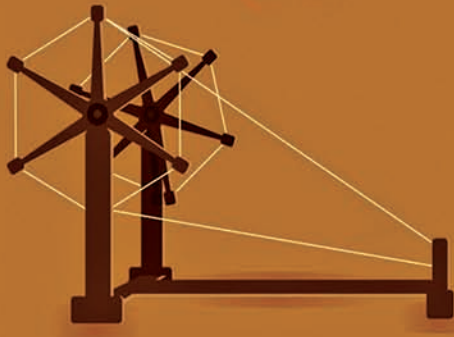
He has already made his mark in the sport having won three gold and one silver medal at the National Powerlifting Competition held in Shri Ganganagar, Rajasthan.

At the upcoming Commonwealth Championships, he will compete in the sub-junior, 120+ kg category.


CUO VC Chakradhar Tripathi congratulated Rohit on his selection to the Indian team and extended his best wishes.

"Rohit's selection to represent India in powerlifting at this prestigious event is a proud moment for both our university and our nation," Tripathi said, adding this is not just an opportunity for Rohit to showcase his talent but also a chance to bring honour to the state and university on an international stage.







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'Chhatua' to go off Anganwadi menu

AGENCIES

Bhubaneswar, Oct 1: Deputy Chief Minister Pravati Parida said the state government is mulling to replace 'chhatua', a food item served to children in Anganwadis, with some alternative instant nutritional food like millet.

Several MLAs had raised objections in the Assembly to the supply of 'poor-quality' chhatua served to children in different Anganwadi centres in the state.

Even, Assembly Speaker Surama Padya had directed Parida to submit a report on actions taken against agencies providing inferior quality 'chhatua' to children in Anganwadi centres.



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the sideline of an event organised here to celebrate Nutrition Month-2024, Parida who is in

charge of Women and Child Development department, Monday said there are regional differences in nutrition, malnutrition and anaemia.

To address it, she said the Women and Child Development department is mulling to provide region-specific food to Anganwadi children and millets can be an alternative food in places where it is being produced.

Parida said that her department would also seek opinions from nutrition experts.

The DyCM said she has instructed the district-level officers to act as per feedback received.

In the coming days, children will be provided more nutritious and wholesome food so that Odisha will become a malnutrition-free state, said Parida.



SWACHHATA HI SEVA CAMPAIGN: Governor Raghuraj Das participates in cleanliness drive at Bindusagar pond in Bhubaneswar, Tuesday

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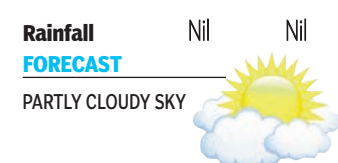
SSEPD dept holds event

Bhubaneswar: The International Day of Older Persons was observed Tuesday by the department of Social Security and Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities (SSEPD). On this occasion, the department organised Yoga programme for senior citizens at Forest Park. The programme was attended by the SSEPD director Niyati Patnaik and other senior officials of the department. A meeting was also held at Rabindra Mandap, where, SSEPD principal secretary Bishnupada Sethi highlighted the role of senior citizens in the society.

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INDEX	VARIATION
SENSEX	84,266.29 ↓ 33.49
NIFTY	25,796.90 ↓ 13.95
DOLLAR	83.92 ↑ ₹0.02
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GOLD	₹75,485 ↑ ₹616
SILVER	₹91,721 ↑ ₹1,002

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	BBSR	CTC
Max Temp	36.2°C	35.2°C
Min Temp	26.3°C	26.0°C
Humidity	76%	87%
Rainfall	Nil	Nil



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I, CHITARANJAN ROUT S/o- Late Lokanath Rout, resident of Vill- Mangalpur, P.O.- Kushupanga, P.S.- Kantabania, Dist.- Dhenkanal 759121, Odisha declare by this affidavit No.- 564, dtd. 21.08.2024 that now onwards I shall be known as CHITTARANJAN ROUT for all future purpose.

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Two-day hackathon concludes at OUTR

POST NEWS NETWORK

Bhubaneswar, Oct 1: A two-day Odiapreneur, Smart Odisha Hackathon 2.0 concluded at Odisha University of Technology and Research (OUTR) here Tuesday.

As many as 126 students presented 84 projects on various topics including health and hygiene, social enterprises, agriculture and disaster management. The event was jointly organised by the Directorate of Higher Secondary Education (DHSE), Odisha School Education Programme Authority (OSEPA) and OUTR.

The projects were evaluated by experts who declared the students of OAV, Jhargrahi, Nuapada Akanksha Priyadashini Mallik, Manayata Khamari, Mausumi Panigrahi as the winners. They received ₹50,000 as prize money.

The second position was secured by Seema Mahakul, Shikha Patra, Naveen Mahakul, of Panchayat Govt Higher Secondary School, Kadopada, Barkote, Deogarh and they got prize money of ₹30,000.

Similarly, third prize went to



Tapswini Sahu of Sri Chandrasekhar Higher Secondary School, Bantala, Angul who got prize money of ₹10,000.

A consolation prize of ₹5,000 each was given to five teams for their participation.

Higher Secondary Education director Raghuraj Iyer said, "Whether you lose or win, the important thing is that you learnt something and broadened your horizon. For me, each one of you is a winner." Council of Higher Secondary Education chairman Ashwini Kumar Mishra said, "Hackathon intended to invent your creativity, dealing with challenges, in finding solutions while presenting your skills by using technology."

OUTR VC Bibhuti Bhusan Biswal said, "Remember that this is not the day of Galileo or Einstein. Rather, it's time of education and passion and those who are successful in life enjoy their work."

Induction for freshers at UU

POST NEWS NETWORK

Bhubaneswar, Oct 1: Utkal University hosted an induction programme for its newly-admitted post-graduate batch of 2024-2025 on its campus recently.

The event, aimed at welcoming new students and building a strong foundation for their academic journey, laid out university's academic ethos, cultural heritage, and campus life.

Higher Education Minister Suryabanshi Suraj, while addressing the students virtually, said, "Odisha will celebrate its birth centenary in 2036. You will be the guiding light who will play a significant role in shaping its future."

He also reminded them that education is extremely important for economic growth of the individual and the society.

Commissioner-cum-Secretary to Higher Education, Aravind Agrawal joined the event as the chief guest and delivered an insightful address to the students highlighting the significance of holistic development during university life.

Satapathy underscored the need for students to engage in both academic pursuits and personal growth. Drawing from his



in getting NAAC A+ rating.

"Our department is taking active steps to bridge the teacher-student gap through policy interventions by allowing universities to make certain staffing decisions," he said.

Addressing the gathering as the chief speaker, former IAS officer and chief advisor to governor, Santosh Kumar Satapathy, highlighted the significance of holistic development during university life.

Satapathy underscored the need for students to engage in both academic pursuits and personal growth. Drawing from his

vast experience, he advised the students to focus on health, environment and building an equitable society.

Speaking on the occasion, Acharya encouraged students to make the most of the opportunities offered at the university, emphasising the transformative power of higher education.

Faculty members from various disciplines also addressed the students and took the freshers to the student welfare, library, counseling services, and extracurricular activities of the university.

SAA holds training on millets at IHM

ARINDAM GANGULY, OP

Bhubaneswar, Oct 1: With an aim to promote millets and forgotten food-based recipes in hotels, restaurants, and startups across the state, Shree Anna Abhiyan (SAA), in partnership with the Hotels and Restaurants Association of Odisha (HRAO) organised a two-day training session at the Institute of Hotel Management (IHM) here Tuesday.

The event saw participation of seven chefs from 47 leading hotels, restaurants, startups and hotel management institutes.

The first round of training, focused on introducing millet recipes to hotels and mid-sized restaurants, was held September 11 and 12 and was followed by a training on tribal and exotic millets, as well as forgotten foods, September 18 and 19.

The third and final training session, held September 24 and 25, targeted forgotten food recipes. Millet crops, including Finger Millet, Little Millet, Sorghum, Foxtail Millet and neglected crops, including Dangarani Rice Bean, Tuber Yam, Kala Kolatha, and Mahula were used to prepare various recipes during the training.

'Man-eater' leopard put up for public display

THE ANIMAL HAS BEEN KEPT IN A LARGE GLASS ENCLOSURE, MEASURING 20-FT BY 7-FT, FOR BETTER VISIBILITY AND VIEWING EXPERIENCE

ARINDAM GANGULY, OP

Bhubaneswar/ Sambalpur, Oct 1: A male leopard aged about 8 years, responsible for two human deaths and one injury in Nuapada district last year and brought to the Sambalpur Zoo's Rescue Centre under the Hiraakud Wildlife Division, has now been paired with a female leopard in Sambalpur Zoo, marking a significant event for the zoo and its visitors.

September 9, the male leopard was introduced into the night house, where the female, aged about six years, has been residing.

The display to the public began Tuesday but for the time being, the two leopards will be displayed alternately, with separate public viewing times.

Before the leopards can fully cohabit, Sambalpur Zoo is taking significant precautions to ensure compatibility.

The Central Zoo Authority (CZA) approved the pairing through its 111th Technical Committee after the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (PCCF) for Wildlife in Odisha sent a recommendation for the



leopard to be displayed.

The leopards are housed in separate chambers within the same night house, allowing them to become acquainted over time. The zoo plans to closely observe their behaviour for the next couple of months before deciding if they can be released together.

"After few days or months of observation depending on their behaviour, they will be released together," said Hiraakud Wildlife Division DFO Anshu Praygan Das.

Meanwhile, CCTV cameras have been installed throughout the enclosure and chambers,

providing 24/7 surveillance of both leopards. In addition, a dedicated team is monitoring them around the clock to ensure their safety and well-being.

As part of the preparations for the new pairing, Sambalpur Zoo expanded the leopard enclosure in 2023 to cover 550 square meters, accommodating the increased number of leopards. In 2024, a glass viewing facility was added to the enclosure, offering visitors an improved experience.

The glass viewing area, measuring 20-ft feet by 7-ft, enhances visibility while providing a safe and comfortable space for the

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leopards.

In addition to these upgrades, the zoo has introduced hammocks in the leopard and bear enclosures, creating more enriched environments to ensure the animals' comfort and well-being.

"The public will be able to enjoy the zoo's newest addition while observing the careful steps being taken to ensure the successful pairing of these majestic animals. Sambalpur Zoo's commitment to both wildlife conservation and visitor experience shines through in these recent developments," a senior zoo official said.

Samanta conferred Mahatma Award



POST NEWS NETWORK

Bhubaneswar, Oct 1: The prestigious Mahatma Award was conferred upon KIIT and KISS founder Achyuta Samanta on the eve of Gandhi Jayanti in New Delhi, Tuesday.

The award, presented by the Aditya Birla Group, honours individuals for their remarkable contribution in the field of education and social service.

In his acceptance speech, Samanta expressed his gratitude and dedicated the award to the KIIT and KISS family. He also thanked Mahatma Awards director Mugdha Arora and the organising committee for the recognition. A selection committee carefully evaluates each nominee's contributions before bestowing the award. Samanta has dedicated over 33 years to education and social work,

focused on uplifting marginalised and tribal communities, aligning with Mahatma Gandhi's vision of eradicating inequality.

Prominent figures, including scholar and author Sudha Murty, renowned Odissi and Bharatanatyam dancer Sonal Mansingh were also honoured with the award. Former Lieutenant Governor of Puducherry Kiran Bedi, and social worker Rajashree Birla were also present at the event.

Bibhudatta Mahapatra feted

New Delhi: Aditya Birla Group Corporate Communications and CSR vice president Bibhudatta Mahapatra received the coveted Mahatma Award 2024 for Leadership in CSR and Social Impact category for his contributions in the said fields. He received the award from former Lt Governor of Puducherry Kiran Bedi. Mahapatra holds 25 years of experience in PR, CSR and communications domain. Besides he takes keen interest in interacting with the students at different universities.



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Fertiliser black marketing hits farmers hard

DGP: Don't get swayed by social media posts

POST NEWS NETWORK

Paralakhemundi, Oct 1: Farmers in Gajapati district are a worried lot nowadays as their Kharif cultivation is very likely to take a beating due to alleged scarcity and black-marketing of fertilisers, a report said.

It is alleged that some unscrupulous businessmen are fleeing the gullible farmers and creating an artificial scarcity of fertilisers in the market, thereby promoting black marketing.

Farmers alleged that scarcity of fertilisers has arisen due to the callousness of the district administration and Agriculture department officials who are dragging their feet over streamlining the supply of subsidised

DOOMED KHARIF

Farmers in Gajapati district have to shell out anything between ₹450 and ₹500 in the black market when the government has fixed the price of 50-kg bag of urea fertiliser at ₹266.50



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fertilisers.

According to reports, farmers have to shell out anything between ₹450 and ₹500 when the government has fixed the price

of 50-kg bag of urea fertiliser at ₹266.50.

Similarly, the actual cost of a bag of potash has been fixed at ₹1,550, but the unscrupulous

traders are charging ₹1,750 per packet. Currently, farmers need urea and potash for the growth of paddy crop, but in the process they are being fleeced by the dishonest traders.

It is alleged that black marketing of fertilisers is going on in the district headquarters town of Paralakhemundi and in various blocks under the nose of district Agriculture department. However, district agriculture officer Balamram Subudhi has allegedly feigned ignorance on the development. Several farmers have also lodged complaints in his office but he has rubbished the charges. This has sparked resentment among the farmers who have been left in the lurch. Zilla Krushak Manch presi-

dent Surya Narayan Patnaik, and farmers Rashmi Ranjan Sahu, Prasant Patra, Rajendra Jena, Seema Jena, M Madhav Rao, Barik Behera and Muna Behera have warned to hit the streets if the district administration fails to intervene in the matter. When contacted, Subudhi denied of receiving any complaints of black marketing from the farmers earlier.

However, he recently came to know about black marketing of fertilisers in the district headquarters town and in various blocks for which he has directed his office to conduct verification of every store. Action will be taken against the traders found involved in fertiliser black marketing, he added.

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

Bhadrak, Oct 1: Director General of Police (DGP) YB Khurania Tuesday claimed that complete normalcy will be restored in this district within a day or two and urged people not to get influenced by social media posts.

Prohibitory order was imposed in Bhadrak and Dhamnagar following a clash Friday evening after a controversial post on social media. The state government suspended internet services in Bhadrak district till 2am of Wednesday.

The DGP took stock of the situation in Bhadrak and Dhamnagar Tuesday and said

that the situation in both the places was well under control and there have been no untoward incidents so far.

He said 12 platoons (one platoon comprises 30 personnel) of force were deployed along with one company of Rapid Action Force (RAF) in Bhadrak town.

Similarly, six platoons of force and one company of RAF were deployed at Dhamnagar while police conducted regular flag marches in the areas to build confidence among the people, Khurania said. The DGP appealed to the people not to get swayed away by social media messages and inform the police if they find objectionable contents.

Wildlife criminal gets 3-year RI

UNITED NEWS OF INDIA

Bhubaneswar, Oct 1: The Court of Judicial Magistrate First Class, Harabhanga in Boudh has convicted a wildlife criminal to three years of rigorous imprisonment (RI) and slapped a fine of ₹10,000 on him for leopard skin smuggling.

STF sources here Tuesday said the court convicted Goutam Behera of Nuasahi under Phulbani Sadar police station of Kandhamal district under Sections 379/411 of IPC r.w. 51 Wildlife (Protection) Act, 1972 in an STF police station case Monday.

Sources said STF, Bhubaneswar, apprehended the accused January 20, 2024 by the side of Charichhak-Phulbani main road near Ranipathar village under Puruna Katak in Boudh district and recovered one leopard skin from his possession while the accused was waiting there to deliver the same to a customer.

After investigation, a chargesheet was submitted against the accused under the relevant Sections.

During the investigation, the seized leopard skin was sent to the Wildlife Institute of India, Dehradun, for biological chemical examination, and the opinion was received affirmatively.

A trial was conducted against the accused and during the trial prosecution examined 11 witnesses, and exhibited nine documents.

This is the ninth case of STF where the accused persons were convicted under Wildlife Protection Act. To date, trials have been completed in nine wildlife cases and all the cases ended in conviction.

It is worth mentioning that the conviction rate in wildlife cases in India is less than five per cent.

Man gets life term for uxoricide

POST NEWS NETWORK

Berhampur, Oct 1: The District and Sessions Court-I here Tuesday sentenced a man to life imprisonment after convicting him of murdering his wife two years ago.

District judge-I Indu Sharma also slapped a penalty of ₹11,000 on the convict while ordering additional nine months of rigorous imprisonment (RI) in case of non-payment of penalty, said additional public prosecutor Soubhagya Kumar Mishra.

According to the case diary, the convict identified as Hiranya Sethi, 47, a resident of Chaitanyapur had tied nuptial knot with Jhunu Sethi of Padmanabhapur village under Digapahandi police limits a few years ago and also blessed with two daughters. However, their conjugal life went through rough weathers even as Jhunu com-

plained that Hiranya had been torturing her, both physically and mentally.

Rajendra Sethi, the brother of the deceased, had lodged a written complaint at Digapahandi police station alleging that Hiranya had killed his sister (Jhunu) by slitting her throat February 8, 2022.

Acting on the complaint, a case (96/22) was registered with Digapahandi police who arrested Hiranya and sent him to court.

Balabhadra Ganda, the then IIC of Digapahandi police station and the investigating officer of the case, had submitted the chargesheet in the court.

The judge pronounced the verdict after examining 17 witnesses and going through the police chargesheet.

The convict who was lodged at Berhampur circle jail since his arrest was produced before the judge during the hearing.

Man killed, 3 critical in bull attack

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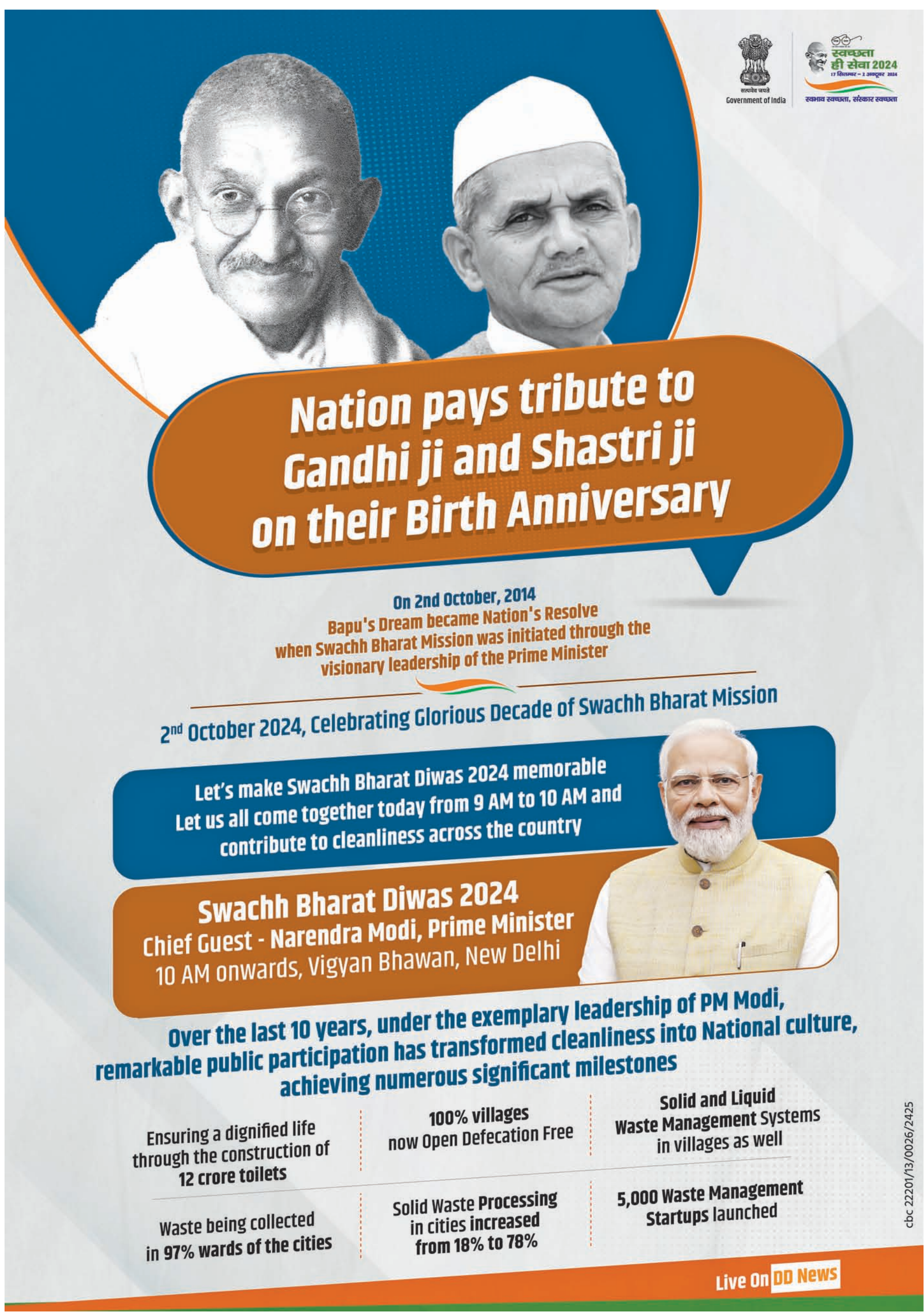
Jaleswar, Oct 1: A man was killed and three persons sustained critical injuries after being attacked by a bull under this block in Balasore district, Tuesday.

The deceased was identified as Narayan Behera, 50, of Raibania village under this block. Riding his bicycle, Behera was on his way to Baunshabani village to collect sal leaves when the animal attacked him on Begunia ghat road and rendered him critical. Locals rescued him and rushed him to Hatigarh

community health centre (CHC) where he received preliminary treatment. However, he was later shifted to the district headquarters hospital in Balasore where he died. Police handed over the body to his family members after a post-mortem.

Similarly, three more persons sustained critical injuries in attack by the animal and undergoing treatment at Hatigarh community health centre.

Enraged over the animal attack, the villagers at Kabataghati managed to tame the animal on rampage.



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Searching For Conquest

Nuclear threats have become routine for the Kremlin and they are issued every time Kyiv is supplied with new weapons, given permission to use Western arms to strike Russian territory or attack Russia's missile warning systems. But, concerns have been expressed by European countries after Russian President Vladimir Putin recently warned that Russia could respond with nuclear weapons if it were attacked with conventional arms. It represents a proposed change in Russia's nuclear doctrine.

In a televised meeting of Russia's Security Council, Putin announced that under the planned revisions, an attack against the country by a non-nuclear power with the "participation or support of a nuclear power" would be seen as a "joint attack on the Russian Federation." He has warned Russia could use nuclear weapons in response to a conventional attack that posed a "critical threat to our sovereignty." This is a vague formulation that leaves broad room for interpretation.

The latest change in Putin's nuclear doctrine has put European countries in a quandary. Though they dismiss the threat as part of a continuing intimidatory tactic to warn the West not to provide fresh supplies of weapons and missiles to Ukraine that can penetrate deep into Russian territory, they term it as "irresponsible." This does indicate nervousness in the West that Putin may translate his threat into action by using nuclear missiles that cause controlled and targeted destruction. Kremlin spokesman Dmitry Peskov has sought to infuse fear into Europe by asserting that "this should be considered a definite signal" to the West about the consequences if they participate in an attack on Russia by various means, not necessarily nuclear ones.

Indeed, Russia has been trying to bully the West with nuclear weapons for years. In 2018, Putin attempted to muddy the waters by announcing the development of weapons not covered by the Strategic Arms Reduction Treaty (START III), including the nuclear-powered Burevestnik long-range cruise missile and the Poseidon nuclear-capable super torpedo. Along with talk of modernising its nuclear arsenal, this was all intended to underline Russia's strategic edge, impress the US establishment and make Washington more accommodating on other issues.

In fact, since the start of the fighting in Ukraine, Russia's Defense Ministry has found nuclear weapons to be the sole obstacle to a war with NATO, while the Foreign Ministry approaches them as just another diplomatic tool. Also, many in Russia believe that the Cold War-era arms control system was created on the West's terms and they want that to change. For them the West's involvement in Ukraine is the result of ineffective nuclear deterrence.

In response to US support for Kyiv, Russia has stationed nuclear weapons in Belarus, withdrawn from the Comprehensive Nuclear Test Ban Treaty and refused to ratify START III. This is supposed to frighten Washington into dividing the world—or at least Europe—into spheres of influence. And it has yielded some results: US pledges of support for Ukraine come with caveats and Washington is pushing for talks on strategic arms control and a ban on nuclear weapons in space.

Despite all this, the US is not reducing its support for Ukraine. That is why Russia continues to step up the nuclear threat with plans to change its doctrine on using nuclear weapons, increasing weapons stockpiles, building a national missile defense system and revising its commitment not to be the first to deploy intermediate- and shorter-range missiles in Europe.

With nuclear blackmail, Moscow is trying to recast the world order that prevailed in the second half of the twentieth century. That sounds rather grandiose. But, the real intent seems to be to keep the West at bay in the latter's efforts to help Ukraine retain its land and sovereignty, while Russia can get away with its aggrandizement.

All these big threats and plans of Putin and Russia seem outdated in context of the modern world that we all see around us today. A brilliant example of what a true super power of the 21st century should look like is China. Possessing the largest military, nuclear weapons, a massive navy and a huge domestic arms and ammunition manufacturing industry, China has set its eyes on becoming the supplier of every possible kind of goods all over the world. It had its aim to be the largest manufacturing nation of the world and it has achieved that goal. It irritates all its neighbours with pin pricks, whether in South China Sea or Galwan valley but an outright war is not what the Chinese leadership seems to want. It has succeeded in near complete destruction of domestic manufacturing facilities even in big countries such as India. It has already taken over a big portion of the world without firing a single missile. Those outdated methods, it seems, China has left behind for Russia and Moslem nations while it marches forward on its novel method of global conquest.



Sudarshan Iyengar

HUMANITY HAS BECOME CONVENIENTLY IGNORANT AND FORGOTTEN THAT MANIFEST VIOLENCE AND CONFLICTS HAVE DEEP CONNECTIONS WITH HOW WE THINK, BEHAVE AND LIVE

TURNING TO GANDHI

FOCUS SOCIETY

Come 2 October and we remember Gandhi. It is reassuring that at least the ritual continues. Let us hope that with the help of the ritual someday, the philosophy of lived non-violence will become the nature of humanity. Till 2022, it used to be argued that wars were down but armed conflicts rose. Then came the Russia-Ukraine war, and 2022 alone witnessed a more than 50 per cent increase in conflict-related civilian deaths, according to the United Nations. The Israeli invasions and bombings of Palestine have made this global situation worse and we have an unending cycle of death and misery being inflicted on the Palestinian people now. The misery of wars apart, violence comes in other ways and means, loosely branded as "conflicts."

Conflicts now tend to be continuous, unending and normalised. They are sometimes seen as less deadly in the sense that violence is often between domestic groups rather than two full-fledged or equally powerful states. Unresolved regional tensions, a breakdown in the rule of law, absent or co-opted state institutions, illicit economic gain, and the scarcity of resources exacerbated by climate change, have become dominant drivers of conflict.

The Global Peace Index 2024 notes that 92 countries are involved in conflicts. Gaza and Ukraine are the primary drivers for the fall in global peace. Last year alone saw some 162,000 deaths due to conflicts. The US military capabilities are up three times higher than China. Global GDP affected was 13.5% or \$ 19.1 trillion in 2023. Competitive approaches and policies, notably the US-China strains are also believed to be a driver of a series of conflicts between and within countries.

A worrying aspect is also that homicides are becoming more frequent in some parts of the world, while gender-based attacks are increasing globally. The long-term impact on the development of interpersonal violence, including violence against children, is also more widely recognised.

Gandhi remains a mute witness to these happenings in the world today. Humanity has be-



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come conveniently ignorant and forgotten that manifest violence and conflicts have deep connections with how we think, behave and live. Ignorance and intellectual arrogance deliver disasters in personal lives. Honesty and integrity are at stake. Human virtues have given way to vices due to greed and indulgence. People holding the highest public offices are hardly persons of character. This is a fundamental crisis.

This is not to offer some lofty thoughts or to take a moral pedestal. Let us recognise that our character collectively (including this writer), is responsible for what is manifest in the collective behaviour of all of us irrespective of country and place. To build a peaceful world with minimum conflicts and violence individuals will have to be educated to self-regulate and handle individual liberty.

Individual liberty has led to licentious behaviour ignoring, violating and subverting social norms and state laws. Gandhi in Hind Swaraj has quoted Thomas Henry Huxley, a well-known biologist and anthropologist of the 19th Century. "That man, I think, has had a liberal education who has been so trained in his youth that his body is the ready servant of his will and does with ease and pleasure all the work that, as a mechanism, it is capable of; whose intellect is clear... whose mind is stored with knowledge of the great and fundamental truths of Nature and the laws of her operations... knows passions are

trained to come to heel by a vigorous will, the servant of a tender conscience... to hate all villainy and to respect others as himself. Such a one and no other, I conceive, has had a liberal education, for he is in harmony with Nature. He will make the best of her and she of him."

Unfortunately, the education system all over the world has failed to educate the next generation in the spirit mentioned above. Violence will not go away in a day. It is the next generations that we have to educate. Gandhi had demonstrated that education of heart, hand and head in that sequence was the philosophy and pedagogy of education.

The prevalent education system indirectly inculcates the spirit of competition and "me first." This relegates the spirit of cooperation, compassion and love. Competition is for a "good life." A good life is increasingly seen as bodily comfort and pleasure. It is not able to lead individuals to happiness in life. Unlimited demand for physical resources and uninterrupted supply of them is deemed growth and development of individuals and reflected in the growth of GDP.

It is understood now that conflicts within a country and between countries are mainly to command natural and man-made resources that produce physical goods and services for bodily comfort and pleasure. Of course, there is a section that claims that this is a quest for truth to know Nature as deeply as possible and make the earth the best living

planet with prosperity. Competition, conflict and unbridled consumption coupled with a crisis of character have led religious fundamentalism to rise to save and attack so-called liberal societies and nations.

Ethnic violent conflicts are also essentially to have political and economic controls. The global hunger for power and dominance to enable command over resources fans hatred for each other. It may not sound very logical and connections may appear weak between the politico-economic power games and the rising religious fundamentalism, but a deeper reflection will reveal the connection. The negative features of modernity that have been well discussed by Gandhiji more than a hundred years back have led certain traditional societies to take recourse to religious fundamentalism, enslave their populations in archaic beliefs and brainwash them to raise bloody wars in the name of establishing a religion-based civilisation.

This does not augur well for humanity. Race, economic inequality, religion and colour prejudices have come back with vengeance and will lead to escalating manifest and structural violence in the world. How does humanity come out of this? Gandhi lived a life and showed it. All his life until the last day he kept reflecting on his weaknesses and tried to remove them to strengthen his character.

This is how Gandhi stayed on his path to gain his 'Swaraj'. Each of us must attempt to do this by self-reflection, self-examination and self-correction. Political and economic decentralisation of power will have to be adopted as a policy by nations. The process will introduce control on over-exploitation of natural resources.

In the words of Satish Kumar, founder of the Schumaker College, Devon, UK, nurturing the soul, loving others in society and caring for soil will lead humanity towards a non-violent world. This exactly is Mahatma Gandhi's message to build a non-violent and liveable world.

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IN JEST THIS

Learning to live with poor memory



Melvin Durai

THERE ARE SOME IMPORTANT THINGS I NEED TO REMEMBER IN ORDER TO SURVIVE IN THE WORLD, SUCH AS MY WIFE'S BIRTHDAY

Many people are trying to improve their memory, some even taking pills to enhance their memory. Not me. I'm learning to accept my declining memory, embrace my forgetfulness.

Don't get me wrong. I don't want to forget everything. There are some important things I need to remember in order to survive in the world, such as my wife's birthday. Forgetting it would be utterly disastrous. I might as well forget that I'm married.

The birthdays of my children are also important to remember, but I usually get reminders in the form of a question: "Do you know what I'd like for my birthday?" Remembering where I put my keys is also vital, but I've made memory less of a factor by putting my keys on a key holder (when they aren't in my pocket). I try to always put things back where I got them. When I return home from work, I put my keys

back on the key holder; I put my wallet back on the side table, and I put my butt back on the couch.

Leaving myself reminders is also a good way to reduce my reliance on memory. If I make an appointment with a dentist, I make sure I write it down somewhere - either on a calendar or a Post-it note. I also set an alarm for 24 hours before the appointment, reminding myself that I have an upcoming dental visit and it's not too late to cancel it.

Having a poor memory would hurt me considerably if I were still in the exam stage of my life. But I can't remember the last time I took an exam. These days, I don't do any memorising whatsoever. It helps that I can look up almost anything on the internet. If I forget the name of an actress in a movie I'm watching, I can use the internet to refresh my memory, finding out not just her name, but also where she was born, whether she's married,

and what soap she recommends.

Unfortunately the internet does not help me with ordinary people's names. Every now and then, I run into someone who says, "Hi Melvin!" to me and I just say "Hi" back, wishing I could remember the person's name. (In the future, we will have facial recognition technology to handle this, perhaps a tiny device on our glasses that sends the person's name to a tiny speaker in our ear.)

This is the worst part of having poor memory - when you're put on the spot and have to instantly retrieve a piece of information from your hippocampus. The hippocampus, as you may know, is the region of the brain where memories are stored. The problem for me is that my brain doesn't have an "auto-save" function and I don't always remember to hit the "save" button. There's a lot of information that I do not think

is worth saving, until I'm put on the spot. This happens frequently with my wife. She will, for example, suddenly ask me a question about her clothing.

"Which dress do you like better - this one or the one I wore two Sundays ago?"

I find myself racking my brain, trying to remember what she wore two Sundays ago. My short-term memory is poor as it is, but it's even poorer for clothing. All I can do is act like I'm not totally clueless: "This one is better, I think, but just to be sure, can you wear the other dress again?"

Just when I think I've escaped, she says, "Sure. Can you go to my wardrobe and get it?"

My poor memory may seem like a major flaw, but it also means that I don't hold grudges against people who have hurt me in some way. Some people forgive, but I don't forget.

I forget what I'm supposed to forgive.

WISDOM CORNER

Life is a series of natural and spontaneous changes. Don't resist them - that only creates sorrow. Let reality be reality. Let things flow naturally forward in whatever way they like.

LAO TZU

Contradictions do not exist. Whenever you think you are facing a contradiction, check your premises. You will find that one of them is wrong.

AYN RAND

Life is a succession of lessons which must be lived to be understood. All is riddle, and the key to a riddle is another riddle.

RALPH WALDO EMERSON

THIS DAY IN HISTORY

1835: Battle of Gonzales. The first military engagement of the Texas War of Independence, the Battle of Gonzales, occurred on this day between Texas rebels and Mexican troops. This battle marked the beginning of Texas' War of Independence, which resulted in the establishment of the Republic of Texas.

1836: Charles Darwin's return to England. Naturalist Charles Darwin returned to England this day in 1836 after a five-year journey on the HMS Beagle, on which he gathered the specimens and observations that led to his theory of evolution by natural selection.

1935: Ethiopian Emperor Haile Selassie ordered mobilization upon learning that Italian forces had crossed the frontier to begin the Italo-Ethiopian War.

1950: Peanuts published for the first time. Charles M. Schulz's comic strip, Peanuts, was printed for the first time in 9 newspapers around the U.S.

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RASH DRIVING

A man was speeding down a highway, feeling secure in a gaggle of cars all traveling at the same speed. However, as they passed a speed trap, he got nailed with an infrared speed detector and was pulled over.

The officer handed him the citation, received his signature and was about to walk away when the man asked, "Officer, I know I was speeding, but I don't think it's fair - there were plenty



of other cars around me who were going just as fast, so why did I get the ticket?" "Ever go a fishin'?" the policeman suddenly asked the man. "Ummm, yeah..." the startled man replied. The officer grinned and added, "Did you ever catch 'em all?"

Letters

TO THE EDITOR

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Tinderbox of tensions

Sir, The recent assassination of Hezbollah's revered leader, Hassan Nasrallah, in a brazen Israeli airstrike has ignited a tinderbox of tensions in Lebanon and the broader West Asia region. This act of violence, a stark escalation in the long-standing conflict between Israel and Hezbollah, has sent shockwaves reverberating through the fragile fabric of regional stability. Lebanon, already teetering on the brink of economic collapse and political turmoil, is now grappling with the added spectre of heightened sectarian strife. The loss of Nasrallah, a charismatic and unifying figure within Hezbollah, has left a void that could be exploited by extremist elements. The potential for a resurgence of domestic violence and a breakdown of law and order looms large. Beyond Lebanon's borders, the assassination of Nasrallah has far-reaching implications. Hezbollah, a formidable regional player with deep-rooted connections to various militant groups and political factions, is likely to retaliate for the loss of its leader. The economic and humanitarian consequences of the ongoing conflict are dire. Lebanon, already burdened by hyperinflation, unemployment, and a collapsing infrastructure, is now facing a humanitarian crisis of unprecedented proportions. The international community must act swiftly to provide humanitarian aid and support to the beleaguered Lebanese people.

Amarjeet Kumar, HAZARIBAGH

Waste to wealth

Sir, In his recent 'Mann Ki Baat' episode the Prime Minister mentioned the praiseworthy work done by a chair repairing person Subramanian from Kozhikode, Kerala. The mentioning comes at a time when the nation is celebrating the birth anniversary of the father of the nation, Mahatma Gandhi and the tenth anniversary of Swachh Bharat Mission. Subramanian, 74, has repaired more than 23,000 old chairs and made them usable again rather than dumping them and creating a burden for the environment. As the PM has mentioned he is a champion of three R's - Reduce, Reuse, Recycle and a worthy model to be emulated. Subramanian who began his work as a cane chair weaver in a cane furniture shop later chose to work independently. He weaves broken chairs at civil station, PWD, LIC office, police stations and other government offices in Kozhikode. Subramanian's recycling initiative, emphasising the 'Waste to Wealth' mantra is truly an inspiration for everyone.

M Pradyu, KANNUR

Andhra notifies new liquor policy

Out of the total number of shops to be licensed in 2024-26, as many as 3,396 will be in the open category, while 340 shops will be reserved for allocation to 'Geetha Kulalu' with a view to empower them and promote equity and social justice



and FL (foreign liquor) will be granted to private persons or entities through a selection process, the notification said. The period of licence for selling IMFL and FL by shops shall be from October 12, 2024 to September 30, 2026, it added. Out of the total number of shops to be licensed in 2024-26, as many as 3,396 will be in the open category, while 340 shops will be reserved for allocation to 'Geetha Kulalu' (a toddy tapping community) with a view to empower them and promote equity and social justice. The selection process for granting licence will be through a draw of lots and an applicant can apply for more than one shop. There shall be no restriction on the number of shop li-

cences a person can hold, it added. Applicants will have to deposit a non-refundable fee of ₹2 lakh for each shop. As per the notification, the retail excise tax (RET) ranges from ₹50 lakh for locality with population of 10,000 to ₹85 lakh per annum for a municipality or municipal corporation having population above 5 lakh during the fiscal 2024-2025. It will be increased by 10 per cent for 2025-26. The overall exercise is estimated to result in the state government raking in ₹5,500 crore. The RET per annum shall be paid in six equal advance instalments as applicable for each year during the licence period 2024-26.

As per the notification, the retailer margin will be 20 per cent on issue price across all categories of IMFL and FL, including beer, wine and RTDs (ready to drink). For the premium stores, the notification said, "In order to provide an enhanced and high-end retail experience within the state of Andhra Pradesh, a total of 12 Premium Store Licenses shall be granted as a separate category." These premium stores shall be strategically located across major municipal corporation cities namely Vijayawada, Visakhapatnam, Rajamahendravaram, Kakinada, Guntur, Nellore, Kurnool, Kadapa, Anantapur or any other city as notified by the state government from time to time, it added.

A cabinet sub-committee of the state government had studied the excise policies of states such as Telangana, Karnataka, Tamil Nadu, Kerala, Rajasthan and Uttar Pradesh and also took extensive feedback from key stakeholders, before framing the latest policy. It had assessed the performance of the existing policy with respect to public health impact and other critical metrics including revenue generation efficiency, the state government said. The doctors had September

West Bengal junior doctors resume 'total cease work'

A STATEMENT ISSUED BY JUNIOR MEDICS CALLED FOR A MARCH FROM COLLEGE SQUARE TO ESPLANADE IN CENTRAL KOLKATA WEDNESDAY AND INVITED PEOPLE FROM ALL WALKS OF LIFE TO JOIN THEM



Kolkata, Oct 1: A day after the Supreme Court observed that doctors should perform essential work, including duties in both inpatient and out-patient departments, agitating junior doctors in West Bengal Tuesday resumed 'total cease work' demanding that the state government address various issues, including the need for enhanced safety and security in hospitals. The medics held a governing body meeting for almost the entire night before announcing their decision to go for indefinite and total 'cease work' from Tuesday morning. The doctors had September

21 rejoined their duties partially at government hospitals after a 42-day protest. They were on a 'cease work' agitation against the rape and murder of an on-duty woman doctor at RG Kar Medical College and Hospital August 9. "We do not see any positive approach from the state government to fulfill our demands for safety and security. Today is the 52nd day of the protest and we are still being attacked. There is no attempt to keep the other promises made during the meetings with Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee. In the given situation, we are left with no choice other than opting for full 'cease work', starting today," Aniket Mahato, one of the agitating junior doctors, told PTI.

"Unless we see clear action from the state government on these demands, the 'cease work' will continue," he added. Healthcare services at all state-run medical colleges and hospitals were crippled Tuesday due to the 'total cease work'. Senior doctors have been pressed into IPDs, OPDs and emergency services to deal with the situation, a Health department official said. A statement issued by junior medics called for a march from College Square to Esplanade in central Kolkata Wednesday and invited people from all walks of life to join them. They also expressed hopelessness at the "tardiness" of the CBI probe into the rape-murder of the RG Kar Hospital medic.

AP withholds SIT probe until SC hearing

Tirupati (Andhra Pradesh), Oct 1: Andhra Pradesh DGP Ch Dwaraka Tirumala Rao Tuesday said that the state government constituted Special Investigation Team (SIT) will temporarily stall its probe into the alleged 'adulteration' of Tirupati laddus with animal fats case as the matter is sub-judice in the Supreme Court. Over the last two days, the SIT has probed the procurement and sampling processes, trying to understand how it is possible to adulterate the laddus, said Rao. "First they (SIT) have to understand the process, study it and take all the information, but in the meantime, an order has come

from the Supreme Court and in line with that, we have stopped it (probe)," the DGP said while speaking to reporters. When the case is being examined under the purview of the apex court, it is not appropriate to speak more, he said. The Supreme Court, while hearing a batch of petitions on the laddu case Monday, tasked Solicitor General Tushar Mehta to assist it in deciding whether the investigation by the state-appointed SIT should continue or the probe should be conducted by an independent agency. While posting the matter for hearing October 3, the apex court asked the top law officer to ponder over the issue and assist it in this regard.

TIRUPATI LADDU ROW

Trams white elephant, but no immediate withdrawal on cards

Kolkata, Oct 1: Although trams have become a "white elephant" for the West Bengal government, immediate suspension of services is not on the cards as projected in a section of the media, a senior transport official said. Protests have erupted in Kolkata after Transport Minister Snehasis Chakraborty last week announced that the state government was in favour of discontinuing the 151-year-old tram services from most roads of the city, barring a two-km stretch from Maidan to Esplanade, due to traffic snarls caused by the "slow-moving vehicles". He, however, added that the matter is sub-judice before the

Calcutta High Court and the state would make its submission on why it wants the services withdrawn during the course of hearing. Speaking to PTI on condition of anonymity, the transport official said that the matter was broached by the minister informally at a press conference in response to a query and since the matter is sub-judice, no policy decision has been taken so far, contrary to what is being projected by a section of media. "Tram services are continuing along three routes in Kolkata and we have no plans for immediate withdrawal of these services. However, only 27 tram cars are plying along 12 km at present, down from around 100



tram cars plying along 61 km in 2011." "The dwindling numbers are due to the fact that once a tram car breaks down, there is no way we can repair it for want of spare parts. Tram cars are turning into white elephants but we are still not in the mood of withdrawing the services altogether. We only wish to rationalise the services keeping in mind the ground situation," he said. He said from 70,000 in 2011,

the number of people commuting in trams daily has come down to 5,000-7,000 at present. "This is the reason the state has done away with investing in trams since 2018 barring the heritage vehicles which are also used for tourism. We have no intention to withdraw trams meant for heritage purposes," the official added. Trams were introduced from Sealdah to Armenian Ghat via Dalhousie Square in Kolkata February 24, 1873 as horse drawn carriages. The trams were modernised with steam-powered engines in 1882, while the first electric-powered tram was introduced in 1900, according to available records. From the early 20th century,

trams became a part of the city's landscape and a popular mode of transportation for middle and lower-middle class residents. The iconic symbol of the city has been featured in Indian cinema since the 1950s. Trams were so important for the city residents that one paisa hike in its fare in 1953 led to protests spearheaded by communists against the then Congress government in West Bengal. The recent announcement by the state transport minister also evoked similar response from Kolkata's tram lovers, who described the state government's proposal to discontinue services from most routes as a move to wipe out an integral part of the city's heritage.

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of the day quote

The BJP thought votes will be inevitably cast in Modi's name. Voters told the party that they may appear illiterate and divided along caste and mandir-masjid lines, but they can rise above them to put you in a place you deserve

PRASHANT KISHOR | POLITICAL STRATEGIST-TURNED-ACTIVIST

The Swachh Bharat Diwas programme will showcase India's decade-long sanitation achievements and those in the recently concluded Swachhata Hi Seva campaign

C R PAATIL | JAL SHAKTI MINISTER

The state government was actively promoting religious tourism in the state and working to enhance the infrastructure at various religious places of the state for the convenience of pilgrims and tourists

SUKHVINDER SINGH SUKHU | HIMACHAL CM

SHORT TAKES

Kavitha undergoes medical tests

Hyderabad: BRS MLC K Kavitha Tuesday underwent medical tests at a private hospital here, sources close to her said. After undergoing tests at the hospital, Kavitha returned to her residence, they said adding the doctors have advised her to take three weeks of rest due to a gynecological issue she is experiencing.

Landslide blocks highway in Shimla

Shimla: Kinnaur district of Himachal Pradesh was cut off from state capital Shimla after a massive landslide hit National Highway 5 (Hindustan-Tibet road) in Negulsari early Tuesday morning, officials said. No one was injured in the incident. Due to the landslide, a large number of tourist vehicles and apple-laden trucks were stranded on both sides of the highway.

Food poisoning: 38 kids hospitalised

Thane: As many as 38 children fell ill and were hospitalised Tuesday for suspected food poisoning after they ate a mid-day meal at a private school near Thane city in Maharashtra, officials said. The children, aged between 8 and 11 years, were admitted to the civic hospital in Kalwa town after they complained of giddiness, nausea, headache and pain in the abdomen after lunch, according to medical officials at the hospital.

Assam's Kaziranga National Park opens

Guwahati: Assam's Kaziranga National Park, home of the one-horned rhino, opened for tourists this season Tuesday, after being closed during monsoons. State Forest Minister Chandra Mohan Patowary declared the park open for the 2024-25 season at a function at the western range, Bagori, exuding confidence that it will be able to draw more tourists this year.

Delhi court extends interim bail to Rashid

New Delhi: A Delhi court Tuesday extended till October 12 the interim bail granted to Lok Sabha MP Engineer Rashid in terror funding case. Additional Sessions Judge Chanderjit Singh directed Rashid to surrender before jail concerned October 13. The judge had September 10 granted interim bail till October 2 to Rashid.



The people of Delhi stand with the people of Ladakh. The LG rule should end in Ladakh. Also, the LG rule should end in Delhi. Ladakh and Delhi should get the status of a full state

ATISHI | DELHI CM

POLICE HOLD INQUIRY AT ISHA FOUNDATION

A strong contingent of 150 police personnel descended upon the Isha foundation as part of an inquiry by the Coimbatore district superintendent of police after the Madras High Court sought a report from the Tamil Nadu government on all criminal cases registered against the spiritual guru Jaggi Vasudev's institution



MAN WHO KILLED, ATE MOTHER GETS DEATH PENALTY

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

Mumbai, Oct 1: The Bombay High Court Tuesday confirmed the death penalty imposed by a Kolhapur court on a man for killing his mother and allegedly eating some of the body parts, noting this was a case of cannibalism and had shaken society's collective conscience.

A division bench of Justices Revati Mohite Dere and Prithviraj Chavan said it was confirming the death penalty on the convict - Sunil Kuchkoravi - for the "brutal and barbaric" crime committed in 2017 and added there was no chance of his reformation. "The case falls under the rarest

of rare category. The convict not only murdered his mother but he also removed her body parts - brain, heart, liver, kidney, intestine and was cooking them on a pan," the HC observed. "He had cooked her ribs and was about to cook her heart. This is a case of cannibalism," it said.

There was no chance of reformation of the convict as there are tendencies of cannibalism, the high court observed. "The act of the convict was quite close to cannibalism. If given life imprisonment, he may commit a similar crime in jail," the bench said.

"Apart from the extreme brutality, cruelty and barbarism with which the convict had murdered his mother in a cold blooded manner, one cannot turn a Nelson's eye that his conduct



was akin to cannibalism," HC said. Therefore, Kuchkoravi could be a potential threat to inmates in the jail in case the sen-

tence of life imprisonment was imposed on him, the court maintained. "A person who could commit such a heinous crime by killing his mother, can do so with anyone else, including his own family. His social integration, therefore, is unquestionably foreclosed," the judges said.

The bench asserted it cannot show any leniency towards the convict as the case had shaken the collective conscience of society.

"To release such a person would amount to giving him a free ride and freedom to commit similar offence against the members of society," it remarked.

The court said a common man would find it quite difficult, dis-

tressing, frightening and unsettling even to have a glance at the photographs, which would speak more than thousand words. "Words would fall short to describe the grotesque, brutal, inhuman and most cruel act committed by the convict with his mother," it pointed out.

The brutality and cruelty with which the convict had dealt with the body of his mother was evident from the fact that he had even cut her genital organ, which was one of the causes associated with the woman's death, the bench said in its judgment.

"Torture and pain with which the deceased must have suffered is unimaginable and unfathomable," it noted.

Wangchuk begins indefinite fast

According to a senior police officer, 150 people from Ladakh along with Wangchuk have been kept in custody at four police stations at the outskirts of Delhi -- Bawana, Narela Industrial Area, Alipur and Kanjhawala

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

New Delhi, Oct 1: Climate activist Sonam Wangchuk and several Ladakhis launched an indefinite fast Tuesday after being detained during a march to the national capital, even as Opposition leaders slammed the Delhi Police action as "unacceptable" and asked Prime Minister Narendra Modi to listen to the voices of people.

According to a senior police officer, 150 people from Ladakh along with Wangchuk have been kept in custody at four police stations at the outskirts of Delhi -- Bawana, Narela Industrial Area, Alipur and Kanjhawala.

A representative of the protesting group said that those who have been detained went on an indefinite fast at the police stations. Wangchuk and those accompanying him were detained by Delhi Police at the Singhu border Monday night for violating prohibitory orders when they tried to enter the national capital to press for their demands.

He was leading the 'Delhi Chalo Padyatra' which began from Leh a month ago.

It was organised by the Leh Apex Body, which along with the Kargil Democratic Alliance, has been spearheading an agitation over the last four years to demand statehood for Ladakh, its inclusion in the Sixth Schedule of the Constitution and others.



Wangchuk was under detention at the Bawana police station along with his supporters since 2.45 am Monday. An officer said that police can keep a person under detention for 24 hours. The officer said that the Ladakh activist may be released in the midnight, but he will again be requested not to enter Central Delhi as prohibitory orders have been imposed in the area.

A representative of the protesting group said that those who have been detained went on an indefinite fast. "If Delhi Police does not allow us to go to the Gandhi Smriti tomorrow, we will continue to sit at police sta-

tions even after we are released," he said.

Wangchuk and the other members of the group had sought an official permission and even e-mailed PM Modi and Union Home Minister Amit Shah but that information was used to detain the protesters, the representative claimed. Meanwhile, Opposition leaders and social activists slammed their detention. Leader of Opposition in the Lok Sabha Rahul Gandhi said it was "unacceptable" and asserted that Prime Minister Narendra Modi would have to listen to Ladakh's voice. Congress president Mallikarjun Kharge said

this shows the Modi government's "arrogance".

In a post on X, Rahul Gandhi said, "The detention of Sonam Wangchuk ji and hundreds of Ladakhis peacefully marching for environmental and constitutional rights is unacceptable."

The former Congress chief also asked why elderly citizens were being detained at Delhi's border for standing up for Ladakh's future.

"Modi ji, like with the farmers, this 'Chakravyuh' will be broken, and so will your arrogance. You will have to listen to Ladakh's voice," Gandhi said. Aam Aadmi Party workers staged a protest outside the Bawana police station after Delhi Chief Minister Atishi was stopped from meeting Wangchuk.

A large number of police and paramilitary personnel has been deployed in and around all the four police stations where the climate activist and his supporters have been kept. After being denied permission to meet Wangchuk, Atishi slammed the BJP and Lt Governor V K Saxena, saying "this dictatorship is not right".

"I reached Bawana Police Station to meet Sonam Wangchuk ji and 150 brothers and sisters of Ladakh. Delhi police did not let me meet them. We were told that LG sahab called and ordered not to let me meet them. This dictatorship is not right," Atishi said in a post on X.

Gurmeet Ram Rahim gets 20-day parole



PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

Chandigarh, Oct 1: The Haryana government has granted a 20-day parole to Dera Sacha Sauda chief Gurmeet Ram Rahim Singh while barring him from taking part in election-related activities and staying in Haryana during the period. Singh, who is lodged in Rohtak's Sunaria jail, is serving a 20-year sentence given in 2017 for raping two of his disciples. The Dera chief and three others were also convicted in 2019 for the murder of a journalist more than 16 years ago. He had sought a 20-day parole ahead of the October 5 Haryana Assembly polls.

The parole has been granted, an official said Tuesday. According to the parole conditions, the sect chief will not take part in any election-related activity and will stay out of Haryana during the period.

He will stay at Dera ashram in Uttar Pradesh's Barnawa (Baghpat) during the period. The Dera chief had said he wanted to stay in Baghpat during the parole, if granted. The jails department had forwarded the Dera chief's parole plea to the office of the Haryana Chief Electoral Officer in view of the Model Code being in place for the Assembly polls.

Nearly 1,500 dead in 2024 monsoon

AGENCIES

New Delhi, Oct 1: A total of 1,492 people died in India during extreme weather events in the 2024 monsoon season, according to data compiled by the India Meteorological Department.

The data revealed that 895 people lost their lives due to floods and rain-related incidents, while 597 fatalities were caused by thunderstorms and lightning strikes during the monsoon season.

The IMD reported that the country experienced 525 heavy

rainfall events (precipitation between 115.6 mm and 204.5 mm) - the highest in the last five years - and 96 extremely heavy rainfall events (above 204.5 mm) during the 2024 monsoon.

According to the data, 17 people died from heatwaves - 13 in Jharkhand and four in Rajasthan - during the early part of the season.

Kerala, which witnessed devastating landslides in the ecologically fragile Wayanad district July 30, recorded 397 deaths due to floods and heavy rains.

Assam and Madhya Pradesh recorded 102 and 100 deaths, re-

spectively, due to floods and heavy rains. In the national capital, 13 deaths were reported as a result of floods and heavy rains.

The data also revealed that Madhya Pradesh recorded the highest number of deaths (189) due to thunderstorms and lightning strikes, followed by Uttar Pradesh (138), Bihar (61), and Jharkhand (53).

The 2024 southwest monsoon season officially ended Monday, with India recording 934.8 mm of rainfall - 107.6 per cent of the long-period average and the highest since 2020.

Bodies of 4 victims found 56 yrs after IAF plane crash

The twin-engine turboprop transport aircraft, carrying 102 people, had gone missing February 7, 1968 while flying from Chandigarh to Leh

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

New Delhi, Oct 1: More than 56 years after an ill-fated AN-12 aircraft of the Indian Air Force crashed over the Rohtang Pass in Himachal Pradesh, the mortal remains of four more victims were recovered, marking a significant success in one of India's longest-running search operations.

Army officials said the mortal remains were found by a joint team comprising personnel from

the Dogra Scouts of the Indian Army and Tiranga Mountain Rescue.

The twin-engine turboprop transport aircraft, carrying 102 people, had gone missing on February 7, 1968 while flying from Chandigarh to Leh.

"In an extraordinary development, the ongoing search and rescue mission to recover the remains of personnel from the AN-12 aircraft, which crashed on Rohtang Pass in 1968, has achieved significant breakthroughs," said an official.

For decades, the wreckage and remains of the victims remained lost in the icy terrain. It was only in 2003 when mountaineers from the Atal Bihari Vajpayee Institute of Mountaineering discovered the wreckage, sparking multiple expeditions over the years by the Indian Army, especially the



Dogra Scouts. The Dogra Scouts have been at the forefront of search missions in 2005, 2006, 2013, and 2019.

Only five bodies of the victims were recovered by 2019 in view of the treacherous conditions

and unforgiving terrain of the crash site, according to officials. The Chandra Bhaga Mountain Expedition has now recovered four more bodies, bringing renewed hope to the families of the deceased and the nation,

they said. The three out of four mortal remains are of Malkhan Singh, Sepoy Narayan Singh and Craftsman Thomas Charan, the officials said. The documents recovered from the remaining body have not conclusively identified the individual. However, the details of the next of kin were found, the officials said.

Charan hailed from Elanthoor, Pathanamthitta district in Kerala. His next of kin, his mother Eleama, has been informed of the recovery, they said. Malkhan Singh's identity was confirmed with the help of documents obtained from official records.

Sepoy Singh, who worked in the Army Medical Corps, was identified through official documents. Singh hailed from the village of Kolpadi, Chamoli Tehsil in Garhwal, Uttarakhand, the officials said.



We have to bring a smile to the faces of the flood-hit people of the northern and southern districts. We have to provide relief to them while we are celebrating Durga puja

TRAGEDY AVERTED

Some coaches of the Kerala Express rolled over broken rail tracks in Lalitpur district before it made an emergency halt, averting a possible mishap, officials said Tuesday.



of the day quote

We are committed to equip the IAF with the most advanced aircraft and platforms and make them more capable through the 'Aatmanirbhar Bharat' initiative

All voters are requested to come out of their homes in large numbers and vote for INDIA. Your every vote for INDIA will secure the foundation of the future of Jammu and Kashmir, and will give you the strength to fight for your rights

Around 1,500 women had come from different parts of Delhi, and despite having permission from the Police, as soon as the women lifted the Kalash on their heads, the police cancelled the programme even before I could even reach

Situation not normal: Army Chief

EASTERN LADAKH STANDOFF INDIA HAS BEEN MAINTAINING THAT ITS TIES WITH CHINA CANNOT BE NORMAL UNLESS THERE IS PEACE IN THE BORDER AREAS



India and China held two rounds of diplomatic talks in July and August with an aim to find early resolution of outstanding issues in their standoff on the LAC in eastern Ladakh

The two sides have so far held 21 rounds of Corps Commander-level talks to resolve the standoff

India has been pressing the People's Liberation Army (PLA) to disengage from the Depsang and Demchok areas

New Delhi, Oct 1: The situation along the Line of Actual Control (LAC) in eastern Ladakh is stable but not normal and remains sensitive, Chief of Army Staff Gen Upendra Dwivedi said Tuesday amid the dragging standoff between Indian and Chinese militaries in the region.

he added. The military standoff between the two sides began in early May of 2020. The full resolution of the border row has not yet been achieved though the two sides have disengaged from a number of friction points.

ty's overall approach towards China. "As far as China is concerned, it has been intriguing our minds for quite some time. And I have been saying that with China, you have to compete, you have to cooperate, you have to coexist, you have to confront and contest," he said.

68.72% turnout in third phase of J&K Assembly elections



THE ELECTION COMMISSION SAID NO REPOLLS HAVE BEEN RECORDED SO FAR IN THE THREE-PHASED JAMMU AND KASHMIR ASSEMBLY POLLS WHICH CONCLUDED TUESDAY

The statement said the overall poll percentage in the Assembly polls is far better than 57.89 per cent recorded in the recently concluded Lok Sabha elections and 61.01 per cent in 2008 Assembly elections.

Jammu/Srinagar, Oct 1: A voter turnout of 68.72 per cent was recorded in the third and final phase of voting Tuesday in the Assembly elections in Jammu and Kashmir, the Chief Electoral Officer (CEO) said.

However, the 55.20 per cent was less than 2014 assembly poll percentage of 65.84 per cent and 2008 assembly poll percentage of 61.01 per cent.

Overall, after the conclusion of the all three phases, the poll percentage stands at 63.45, which is higher than the turnout recorded in the recently held Lok Sabha elections in the Union Territory, the J&K CEO office said in a statement here.

Similarly, the 72.59 percentage of the Jammu division recorded during the three phases of Assembly elections is higher than 69.63 per cent registered in Lok Sabha elections this year and 71.26 per cent registered in 2008 assembly polls but lower compared to 2014 Assembly elections when overall 76.67 per cent polling was registered.

Actor Govinda injured after revolver misfire

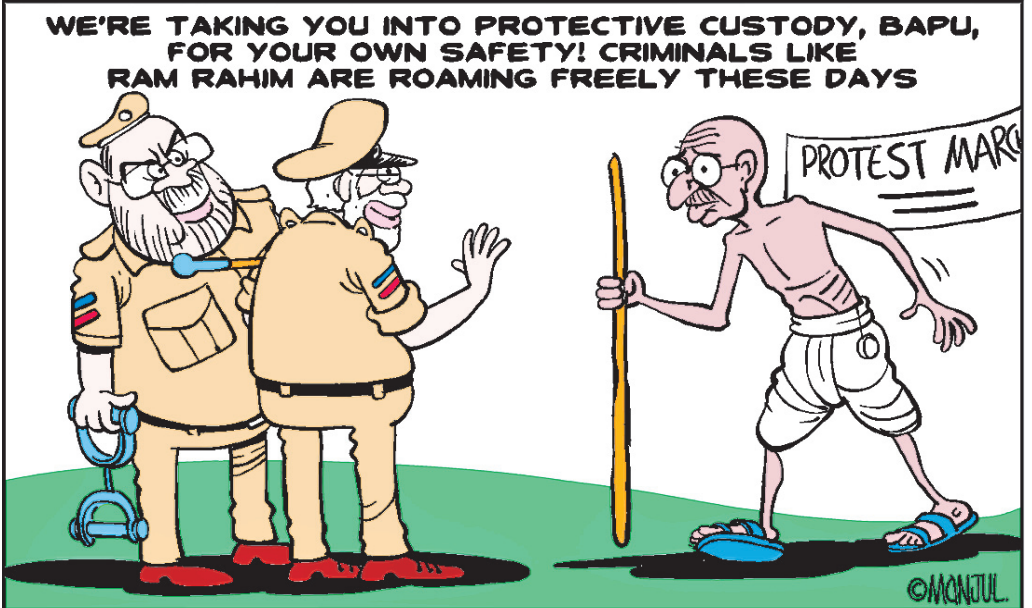
Mumbai, Oct 1: Actor Govinda was injured in the leg Tuesday after his revolver accidentally went off at his Mumbai residence when he was about to leave for the airport, police said.

Dr Ramesh Agarwal, who tended to the 60-year-old actor after the accident, said Govinda is recuperating at a private hospital and will be discharged in a few days.

"With the blessings of my fans, my parents and god, I am doing better now. I was hit by a bullet, which has now been removed. I thank the doctor here, Dr Agarwalji. I thank all of you for your prayers," the "Hero No 1" actor and a member of the Eknath Shinde-led Shiv Sena said in the audio message.



POLITICKLE by MANJUL



HC refuses pre-arrest bail to school trustees

Mumbai, Oct 1: The Bombay High Court Tuesday refused pre-arrest bail to two accused school trustees in the Badlapur sexual assault case, and also came down heavily on police for failing to arrest them so far.

Earlier in the day, a division bench of Justices Revati Mohite Dere and Prithviraj Chavan while hearing a public interest litigation taken up suo motu (on its own) regarding the case reprimanded the SIT.

The bench was informed by Advocate General Birendra Saraf that the SIT was taking all steps to apprehend the duo.

BADLAPUR CASE

Man kills delivery boy after receiving iPhone

Lucknow: A 30-year-old delivery man was allegedly killed when he went to deliver an iPhone to a customer who was supposed to pay him ₹1.5 lakh for the product, police said Monday.

NIA conducts raids at 12 places in WB

Kolkata: Sleuths of the National Investigation Agency (NIA) Tuesday started conducting simultaneous raids on 12 premises in West Bengal, including one in Kolkata, belonging to people allegedly linked to Maoists, an official source said.

POST OF THE DAY

In our 20s: [1] We have no major responsibilities. [2] A lot of energy [3] And, can focus on working hard.

SHORT TAKES

Five of family die in road accident

Hyderabad: Five members of a family, including three children died in a road accident in Adilabad district of Telangana, police said Tuesday.

7 kids injured in explosion

Bhagalpur: Seven children were injured, three of them seriously, in an explosion near a garbage dump in Bihar's Bhagalpur district Tuesday, a senior police officer said.

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We must prepare for a long-term confrontation with this (US) country. We are ready for this in every sense. We are sending all the warning signals to our opponent so that it does not underestimate our determination
SERGEI RYABKOV | DEPUTY FOREIGN MINISTER, RUSSIA

NATO'S NEW CHIEF

One of NATO's longest serving top officials, Secretary-General Jens Stoltenberg, steps down, handing over the reins to former Dutch PM Mark Rutte



of the day quote

France will continue, as long as it is necessary, to re-establish checks at its own borders, as EU rules allow and as Germany has just done
MICHEL BARNIER | PM, FRANCE

The Durga Puja celebration of this time will be the best one compared to all the previous celebrations. We will take whatever measures are required to peacefully hold the festival
JAHANGIR ALAM CHOWDHURY | HOME ADVISER, BANGLADESH

Our expectations are that the North Atlantic alliance will continue to work in the same direction in which it has been working
DMITRY PESKOV | KREMLIN SPOKESMAN, RUSSIA

Aid Israel: Biden to US military



President Biden directed the US military to aid Israel's defense against Iranian attacks and shoot down missiles that are targeting Israel
WHITE HOUSE

US BASES IN IRAQ AND THE REGION WILL BE TARGETS IF IT JOINS ANY RESPONSE TO IRANIAN STRIKES, SAYS IRANIAN-BACKED IRAQI ARMED GROUPS
AGENCE FRANCE-PRESSE

Washington, Oct 1: President Joe Biden has ordered the US military to "aid Israel's defense" and shoot down any and all Iranian missiles targeting Israel, the White House said. President Biden and Vice

President Kamala Harris, the Democratic nominee in next month's US presidential election, are both monitoring Iran's attack on Israel from the White House situation room, it said.

"President Biden directed the US military to aid Israel's defense against Iranian attacks and shoot down missiles that are targeting Israel," the White House said in a statement. Israeli military spokesperson Rear Admiral Daniel Hagari released a video statement saying "the air defence system is fully operational, detecting and intercepting threats wherever necessary, even at this moment."

A call that Joe Biden had scheduled with rabbis today ahead of the Jewish High Holiday season, which begins later this

week with Rosh Hashanah, the Jewish New Year, had been postponed to another day, a White House official said.

The United States and other western allies also stepped in to help defend Israel against a combined Iranian missile and drone attack in April, which Tehran launched in retaliation for an Israeli strike on the Iranian consulate in Damascus.

Earlier today, the US said that Iran had been preparing an imminent ballistic missile attack against Israel and warned that any such assault would have "severe" consequences for Tehran.

US bases in Iraq and the region will be targets if the United States joins any response to Iranian strikes on Israel or if Israel uses Iraqi airspace against Tehran, Iranian-backed Iraqi

Israel kills Hezbollah-linked commander

The Israeli military said Tuesday it killed the commander of the Imam Hussein division in Beirut, a Hezbollah-linked group based in Syria, Al-Faqar Hanawi, in parallel with killing Muhammad Jaafar Qasir, a commander in charge of weapons transfers from Iran and its affiliates to Lebanese armed group Hezbollah earlier in the day.

Hamas praises Iran's avenge

Hamas praised the Iranian missile strikes avenging deaths of Hamas leader Ismail Haniyeh, Hezbollah leader Sayyed Hassan Nasrallah, and Brigadier General Abbas Nilforoushan. "We congratulate the heroic rocket launch carried out by the Islamic Revolutionary Guard Corps in Iran, on large areas of our occupied territories, in response to the occupation's continuing crimes against the peoples of the region, and in retaliation for the blood of our nation's heroic martyrs."

armed groups said Tuesday.

Meanwhile, Israeli media cited Israel's military as saying that the air force will continue conducting "powerful strikes" tonight throughout the Middle East, hours after Iran launched a salvo of ballistic missiles at Israel.

SK unveils most powerful missile



ASSOCIATED PRESS

Seoul, Oct 1: South Korea unveiled its most powerful ballistic missile and other weapons that could target North Korea during a massive Armed Forces Day ceremony Tuesday, as the South's President warned the North's regime would collapse if it attempts to use nuclear weapons.

South Korea's weapons displays and warning against North Korea came after its northern rival recently rose regional animosities by disclosing its uranium-enrichment facility and tested missiles ahead of the US presidential election in November.

"If North Korea attempts to use nuclear weapons, it will face the resolute and overwhelming response of our military and the (South Korea)-US alliance," President Yoon Suk Yeol told thousands of troops gathered at a military airport near Seoul. "That day will be the end of the North Korean regime."

"The North Korean regime

The powerful ballistic missile can reach North Korea's underground bunkers

must abandon the delusion that nuclear weapons will protect them," Yoon said.

During the ceremony, the South Korean military displayed about 340 military equipment and weapons systems. Among them was its most powerful Hyunmoo-5 ballistic missile, which observers say is capable of carrying an 8-ton conventional warhead that can penetrate deep into the earth and destroy underground bunkers in North Korea.

It was the first time for South Korea to disclose that missile.

The United States flew a long-range B-1B bomber during the ceremony in an apparent demonstration of its security commitment to its Asian ally. South Korea also flew some of its most advanced fighter jets.

SHORT TAKES

SL's smallest Cab meeting

Colombo: Sri Lanka's new National People's Power (NPP) government has held its first Cabinet meeting with just three ministers in attendance, according to officials. The new Cabinet Spokesman Vijitha Herath, who holds multiple ministries, said that he, along with the newly-appointed President Anura Kumara Dissanayake and the Prime Minister Harini Amarasuriya, were the only attendees at Monday's meeting. It was the smallest Cabinet meeting ever, he said. Last week, President Dissanayake appointed his cabinet of four, including himself, before dissolving the Parliament to call a snap election November 14. The last Parliament was convened in August 2020. The constitution limits the cabinet positions to 25 ministers. Herath said while the same number would be maintained after they win the next election, no ministers of state would be appointed.

Fresh protest call; Pak bans gathering

Lahore: Pakistan's Punjab government Tuesday imposed a ban on all forms of public gathering in several districts citing "terror threats", a day after jailed former Prime Minister Imran Khan gave a protest call to prevent a constitutional amendment undermining the judiciary. Khan, 71, the founder of the Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI), Monday called for nationwide protests for the "independence of the judiciary" after his party claimed the government was planning to bring an amendment to increase the retirement age of judges and fix the tenure of the chief justice of the Supreme Court. The party will hold protests in Mianwali (Khan's hometown), Faisalabad, and Bahawalpur October 2, and demonstrate in Islamabad and Lahore October 4 and October 5, respectively, said PTI Information Secretary Sheikh Waqas Akram.

Suspected Houthis attack ship

Dubai: Suspected attacks Tuesday by Yemen's Houthi rebels targeted at least one ship in the Red Sea, likely marking their first assault on commercial shipping in weeks as the Israel-Hamas war threatens to become a regional conflict. The attack first Tuesday morning took place some 110 kilometers off the port city of Hodeida in the Red Sea. A captain on a ship saw four "splashes" near his vessel, the British military's United Kingdom Maritime Trade Operations center said in a warning. That likely would have been missiles or drones launched at the vessel.

SNIPPETS

'Pleaded guilty to journalism': Assange

Strasbourg: WikiLeaks founder Julian Assange said Tuesday that he was freed after years of incarceration because he "pleaded guilty to journalism." Assange gave evidence of the impact of his detention and conviction to the legal affairs and human rights committee of the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe in Strasbourg, France. The Parliamentary Assembly includes lawmakers from 46 European countries. A group of supporters, holding a banner that said "Thank you, Julian" greeted Assange as he stepped out of van smiling and raising his fist in defiance along with his wife, Stella, and WikiLeaks editor-in-chief, Kristinn Hrafnsson. "Assange is free! We are here. The world is with you," one supporter shouted before Assange entered the Council of Europe building for his first public address since his release from prison in June. "I am not free today because the system worked," Assange said. "I am free today after years of incarceration because I pled guilty to journalism."



AGENCIES

Tokyo, Oct 1: Japan's Parliament Tuesday formally elected Shigeru Ishiba, head of the governing Liberal Democratic Party, as the country's new Prime Minister.

Ishiba was chosen as the party's leader Friday to replace Fumio Kishida, who then stepped down earlier Tuesday to pave the way.

Ishiba will announce his new Cabinet later Tuesday.

Kishida took office in 2021 but left so his party could have a fresh leader after his government was dogged by scandals. Ishiba plans to call a parliamentary election for October 27.

"I will promote political reforms immediately, so we can be trusted by the people," Ishiba said at his inaugural press conference as Prime Minister.

He defended the forthcoming election as necessary to seek a public mandate for his government soon after its launch.

Opposition parties criticised Ishiba for allowing only a short period of time for his policies to be examined and discussed in Parliament before the national election. The move is also seen as revenge by Ishiba, who was largely pushed to the side during most of Abe's reign.

Profile

Shigeru Ishiba is a Japanese politician who has served as



President of the Liberal Democratic Party (LDP) since 2024. He became a key figure within the LDP, running for party leadership multiple times.

First in 2008 where he placed fifth, and notably against Shinzo Abe in 2012 and 2018. In 2021 election he declined to run in the election but ran for the fifth and final time in 2024 where he

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beat opponent Sanae Takaichi.

Ishiba held various prominent positions, including Director-General of the Defense Agency and Minister of Defense under

Prime Minister Yasuo Fukuda and Minister of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries under Tar As .

What Ishiba aim to do?

As the next Prime Minister

Japan's Parl elects Ishiba as new PM

of Japan, which is the fourth largest economy in the world, Ishiba now struggles with major concerns, including persistent inflation, stagnating wages, and a declining birth rate.

Firstly, he has promised to tackle these issues head-on, with a focus on improving wages, reducing the country's reliance on nuclear energy, and offering greater support for parents to reverse the trend of Japan's shrinking population.

Moreover, Ishiba is expected to prioritize national security, particularly in light of rising tensions with China and North Korea. He has also advocated for the formation of an "Asian NATO," a collective security alliance to strengthen regional defense against potential threats.

He has also advocated for the internal reforms within the LDP itself. The party has been plagued by scandals, including accusations of political fund mismanagement, which have undermined public trust. Ishiba has promised to restore the party's integrity and "speak the truth with courage and sincerity," aiming to rebuild the party's reputation and reconnect with voters ahead of the next general election.

As Japan faces a leadership change, it will experience shift in its internal and foreign policies.

REBUILDING LEADERSHIP FOR A NEW WORLD

Intense competition is currently shaping a new era in global relations. A few key nations, mainly Russia, along with its allies Iran, North Korea, and China, are determined to change the core principles that govern international interactions. Although they have different governments, beliefs, goals, and strengths, these countries aim to solidify authoritarian regimes domestically while expanding their influence internationally. They prefer to solve territorial conflicts through intimidation or military force and exploit other nations' reliance on their economies and energy. Additionally, they aim to undermine the main pillars of the United States' power: its military and technological edge, its leading currency, and its extensive network of alliances. While these nations do not form a cohesive bloc and the current administration has stated it does

not want direct confrontation, the decisions made by these revisionist powers indicate that the US must take strong action to avoid that scenario.

When President Joe Biden and Vice President Kamala Harris came into office, these revisionist powers were already aggressively challenging US interests. These countries believed that the United States was in irreversible decline at home and divided from its friends abroad. They saw an American public that had lost its faith in government, an American democracy that was polarized and paralyzed, and an American foreign policy that was undermining the very alliances, international institutions, and norms that Washington had built and championed.

President Biden and Vice President Harris pursued a strategy of renewal, pairing historic investments in competitiveness



at home with an intensive diplomatic campaign to revitalize partnerships abroad. This twin-pillared strategy, they believed, was the best way to disabuse competitors of their assumptions that the United States was declining and diffident. These were dangerous assumptions, since they would lead the revisionists to continue undermin-

ing the free, open, secure, and prosperous world that the United States and most countries seek. It's a world where countries are free to choose their own paths and partners, and where the global economy is defined by fair competition, openness, transparency, and broad-based opportunity. A

world where technology empowers people and accelerates human progress. A world where international law, including the core principles of the UN Charter, is upheld, and universal human rights are respected. A world that can evolve to reflect new realities, give voice to emerging perspectives and players, and meet the shared challenges of the present and future.

The Biden administration's strategy has put the United States in a much stronger geopolitical position today than it was four years ago. But the work is unfinished. The United States must sustain its fortitude across administrations to shake the revisionists' assumptions. It must be prepared for the revisionist states to deepen cooperation with one another to try to make up the difference. It must maintain its commitments to and the trust of its friends. And it must continue to earn the American peo-

ple's confidence in the power, purpose, and value of disciplined American leadership in the world.

For many developing and emerging-market countries, great-power competition in the past meant being told to pick a side in a contest that felt far removed from their daily struggles. Many have expressed concern that today's rivalry is no different. And some worry that the United States' focus on domestic renewal and strategic competition will come at the expense of the issues that matter most to them. Washington must demonstrate that the opposite is true.

The Biden administration's work to fund infrastructure across the world is an attempt to do just that. No country wants infrastructure projects that are poorly built and environmentally destructive, that import or abuse workers, or that foster corruption and burden the government with unsustainable debt.

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POWER CONSUMPTION REMAINS FLAT

India's power consumption remained almost flat at 141.36 billion units (BU) year-on-year in September, mainly due to the above-normal rainfall across the country, which reduced the use of cooling appliances like air conditioners and desert coolers. According to the Indian Meteorological Department, the country experienced a rainfall excess of 10.6 per cent in September. In September 2023, the power consumption stood at 141.29 BU, according to official data.



Mfg sector growth slips to 8-month low

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

New Delhi, Oct 1: India's manufacturing sector growth fell to an eight-month low in September amid softer increase in factory production, sales and new export orders, a monthly survey said Tuesday.

The seasonally adjusted HSBC India Manufacturing Purchasing Managers' Index (PMI) fell from 57.5 in August to 56.5 in September, registering the weakest pace of growth since January.

In PMI parlance, a print above 50 means expansion, while a score below 50 denotes contraction.

"Momentum in India's manufacturing sector softened in

September from the very strong growth in the summer months. Output and new orders grew at a slower pace, and the deceleration in export demand growth was especially evident as the new export orders PMI was the lowest since March 2023," Pranjal Bhandari, Chief India Economist at HSBC, said.

The September PMI data revealed a mild setback in manufacturing growth across India. For the third straight month, rates of expansion in factory production and sales receded. Moreover, international orders rose at the slowest pace in a year-and-a-half.

On the price front, there were

moderate increases in input costs and selling charges.

As a result of rising purchasing prices, as well as greater labour costs and favourable demand conditions, Indian manufacturers marginally increased their charges in September.

According to Bhandari, input prices rose at a faster rate in September, while factory gate price inflation eased, intensifying the compression on manufacturers' margin.

"Weaker profit growth might have an impact on companies' hiring demand, as the pace of employment growth slowed for a third month," Bhandari noted.

Since withdrawal, 98% of ₹2,000 notes have been returned

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Mumbai, Oct 1: The Reserve Bank of India on Tuesday said 98 per cent of the Rs 2,000 denomination notes have been returned since its May 2023 move to withdraw the currency notes.

The total value of notes of the denomination has reduced to Rs 7,117 crore from the Rs 3.56 lakh crore May 19, 2023, the central bank said. "98 per cent of the Rs 2000 banknotes in circulation as on May 19, 2023, has since been returned," the RBI said.

May 19, 2023, the RBI announced a surprise decision to withdraw the Rs 2,000 currency notes. The move was prompted on quality concerns and the demonetisation introduced after the demonetisation of November 2016 fulfilling its purpose.

GST collections at ₹1.73 lakh cr in Sept

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

New Delhi, Oct 1: Goods and services tax (GST) revenue growth rate declined to 6.5 per cent in September at Rs 1.73 lakh crore as the rise in collections from domestic transactions as well as imports slowed.

However, with the festival season ahead, collections are expected to be better in the coming months, tax experts said.

According to government data released Tuesday, GST revenues in September last year was Rs 1.63 lakh crore, while the In August 2024, the mop-up was Rs 1.75 lakh crore.

Gross domestic revenue grew 5.9 per cent to about Rs 1.27 lakh crore. Revenue from import of goods was up 8 per cent to Rs 45,390 crore.

Refunds worth Rs 20,458 crore were issued during the month, an increase of 31 per cent over



the year-ago period.

After adjusting refunds, the net GST revenue in September stood at Rs 1.53 lakh crore, 3.9 per cent higher than the year-ago period.

GST collections during the April-September period of the current fiscal year grew 9.5 per cent to over Rs 10.87 lakh crore.

PwC India Partner Pratik Jain said while the year-to-date GST revenues (September 2024) grew over 9 per cent, the monthly growth is perhaps less than ex-

pected.

"This may need a closer look by the GST Council, particularly in the wake of rate rationalisation exercise. However, with festive seasons coming, the collection for next couple of months might be better," Jain said. Deloitte India Partner MS Mani said the GST revenues for the coming months will be eagerly watched as they are also a proxy for the economic growth and can be correlated with the GDP numbers.

However, the significant increase in the GST refunds, especially IGST Export refunds, depicts the efforts of tax authorities in expediting refunds and the policymakers in simplifying the refund process.

"The tepid single-digit growth in GST revenues in many of the large states should, hopefully, be corrected in the coming months," Mani added.

Sensex, Nifty fall for 3rd day on FII outflows

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

Mumbai, Oct 1: Benchmark indices Sensex and Nifty edged lower Tuesday, extending the losing run to the third day amid profit-taking in oil & gas and select FMCG shares.

The BSE Sensex dipped 33.49 points or 0.04 per cent to settle at 84,266.29. During the day, it hit a high of 84,648.40 and a low of 84,098.94. The NSE Nifty closed marginally lower by 13.95 points or 0.05 per cent to 25,796.90.

Muted trends in global markets and heavy foreign fund outflows weighed on investor sentiment, analysts said. Sensex has shed nearly 1,570 points or nearly 2 per cent and Nifty declined 419 points or 1.6 per cent since Friday after China announced stimulus measures to prop-up its economy.

Among 30 Sensex companies, IndusInd Bank fell the most by 2.68 per cent. Asian Paints dropped 1.54 per cent and Hindustan Unilever by 1.27 per cent.

Tata Motors fell nearly 1 per cent on disappointing September sales numbers. Tata Steel, Titan, Reliance

Industries and NTPC were also among the major laggards. "Triggered by the recent stimulus policies by the Chinese central bank, funds are shifting to cheaper Chinese stocks from expensive markets like India. This, along with the possible increase in interest rates by the BoJ due to recent political changes, may impact the domestic market in the near term," said Vinod Nair, Head of Research, Geojit Financial Services.

IT shares bucked the trend and helped indices trim losses. Tech Mahindra rose the most by 2.93 per cent among Sensex shares. Mahindra & Mahindra rose by 2.22 per cent on strong sales numbers in September.

Kotak Mahindra Bank, Infosys, HCL Technologies and State Bank of India were among the major gainers. The BSE small-cap gauge climbed 0.56 per cent and midcap index went up by 0.27 per cent.

Among the indices, telecommunication declined 0.86 per cent, oil & gas (0.71 per cent), utilities (0.35 per cent), realty (0.24 per cent) and power (0.17 per cent).



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BIZ BUZZ

Fabindia's festive 'Svarnim' collection

BHUBANESWAR: This Durga Puja is extra special with a touch of tradition and style, as Fabindia introduces its latest 'Svarnim' collection, designed to celebrate the warmth and vibrancy of the season. The collection blends traditional craftsmanship with contemporary elegance, offering a wide range of festive wear and home decor items. Fabindia presents timeless sarees crafted in silks, cottons, and blends, featuring Chanderi, Tussar, and Banarasi Jacquard weaves. The collection also includes elegant kurtas with intricate embroidery and adda work, perfect for pandal-hopping or intimate gatherings. Accessorise with Fabindia's artisanal jewellery, featuring handcrafted necklaces and statement earrings that add sophistication to any ensemble. The festive edit also extends to home decor, with embroidered cushions, brass puja thalis, and vibrant diyas to elevate your space. Fabindia's 'Svarnim' collection is now available in stores and online at www.fabindia.com.



Bank of Maharashtra bags 'Kirti Puraskar'



BHUBANESWAR: Bank of Maharashtra has bagged 'Kirti Puraskar', the highest award for Rajbhasha given by the Ministry of Home Affairs. The

Bank received the prestigious award in "Best House Magazine" category in a glittering ceremony September 14, held at Bharat Mandapam, New Delhi. Union Minister of Home Affairs and Co-operation Amit Shah was the chief guest of this programme. Asheesh Pandey, Executive Director, Bank of Maharashtra, received the award for "Best House Magazine" at the hands of Nityanand Rai, Minister of State for Home Affairs. During this ceremony, Harivansh Narayan Singh, Deputy Chairman of Rajya Sabha and Anshuli Arya, Secretary (Official Language), Ministry of Home Affairs were also present on the stage. Bank of Maharashtra's General Manager Santosh Dular and Deputy General Manager Dr. Rajendra Shrivastava and other authorities were also present. On this occasion, top executives and official language officers of various government offices, undertakings and banks across the country were also present in the event.

HISTORIC TEST TRIUMPH

BOWLERS RULE ROOST AS INDIA COMPLETE SERIES SWEEP AGAINST BANGLADESH; RECORD-EXTENDING 18TH SERIES WIN AT HOME



WINNERS

Kanpur, Oct 1: Ravichandran Ashwin drew first blood, Ravindra Jadeja ripped the heart out while Jasprit Bumrah put the final nail in Bangladesh's coffin as India routed the visitors by seven wickets in the second Test to complete a record-extending 18th series win at home here Tuesday.

It was one of the most exhilarating performances by the Indian team despite losing more than 200 overs of play with two days of complete wash-out. Bangladesh needed a resolute fight back on the final day to salvage a draw but they collapsed to 146 after resuming the day 26 for two. Bumrah (3/17 in 10 overs), Ravichandran Ashwin (3/50 in 15 overs) and Ravindra Jadeja (3/34 in 10 overs) shared bulk of the spoils. India scored the required 95 runs in 17.2 overs with 'Player Of The Match' Yashasvi Jaiswal (51) scoring his second fifty of the match.

BATTING BLITZKRIEG: The all-out attack batting style helped India break the record for the highest run rate in a Test match. Their run rate of 7.36 surpassed the previous record of 6.80, set by South Africa against Zimbabwe in Cape Town in 2005.

Meanwhile, Ravichandran Ashwin matched the legendary Muttiah Muralitharan's record for the most Player-of-the-Series awards in Test cricket, with both securing 11.

For Bangladesh, opener Shadman Islam (50) and former skipper Mushfiqur Rahim (37) were the only batters who offered some resistance while others succumbed to relentless pressure from the home bowlers after a top notch batting performance to make a match of it.

The biggest disappointment was Bangladesh skipper Najmul Hossain Shanto's reckless reverse sweep off Jadeja that opened the floodgates.

After Ashwin removed first innings centurion Mominul Haque in the firsts few minutes, Jadeja broke the back of Bangladeshi middle-order with his sizzling performance, while Bumrah also contributed to the win with his incisive bowling that resulted in three wickets.

India, who had a 52-run first

Once we lost two and a half days, when we came on day 4 we wanted to get them out as quickly as possible and see what we can do with the bat. When they got bowled out for 230, it wasn't about the runs we get but the overs we got at them

ROHIT SHARMA | SKIPPER

innings lead, knocked off the required 95 runs in 17.2 overs after losing Rohit Sharma (8) and Shubman Gill (6) to off-spinner Mehidy Hasan Miraz.

Jaiswal and Virat Kohli (29 not out) shared a 58-run stand for the third wicket.

Like the first innings, Rohit and Jaiswal went after the Bangladeshi bowlers even as the home skipper departed early when his sweep off Miraz landed straight into the hands of Hasan Mahmud. Shubman Gill was also trapped by Miraz.

Kohli worked the ball around to go steady, while Jaiswal also batted with maturity to complete his second successive half-century. With just three runs required to complete the win, Jaiswal went after Taijul Islam and ended up giving a catch to Shakib at extra cover. Rishabh Pant (4) finished the

game in style with a boundary off Taijul.

India have not lost a match to Bangladesh in Test cricket and the fact that they won this contest in a mere six sessions after losing two full days to rain, speaks volumes of the gulf between the two teams. Beginning the decisive day at 26 for two, Bangladesh lost overnight batter and first innings centurion

India grab top spot in WTC table

Kanpur: India's 2-0 series victory over Bangladesh at Green Park Stadium in Kanpur further solidified their position at the top of the World Test Championship (WTC) standings. With the seven-wicket win, India improved their point percentage to an impressive 74.24 while Bangladesh's defeat dropped them to seventh position with 34.38 per cent, placing them behind South Africa and New Zealand, placed fifth and sixth respectively. Australia with a point percentage of 62.50 sit in second place after eight wins in 12 games, followed by Sri Lanka (third), England (fourth) with 55.56 and 42.19 point percentage, respectively. Next up, India will face New Zealand in a home series as they continue their march in the WTC.

Mominul to Ashwin quickly but Shadman (50 off 101) kept one end tight with his fighting knock that had 10 boundaries.

AGGRESSIVE APPROACH Bangladesh head coach blown away



Kanpur: Bangladesh head coach Chandika Hathurusinghe Tuesday admitted that his team was blown away by India's "not-seen-before" aggressive batting that eventually forced a result in the weather-hit second Test.

Eight sessions were lost in the first three days due to persistent rain and it seemed

that the game would just meander to a dull draw. However, after bowling out Bangladesh for 233, India destroyed the visitors' attack to take a 52-run lead, all in just 34.4 overs. The approach opened up the game. Then India kept Bangladesh under the pump, bowling them out for a mere 146 in the second essay and raced to the 95-run target in 17.2 overs.

"This approach was not seen before and we did not react quickly. Credit to Rohit (Sharma) and his team for taking such an approach and making a game out of it," Hathurusinghe said.

Understandably, Hathurusinghe said the defeat was painful, especially coming to these shores after a 2-0 series win over Pakistan.

"This defeat is really hurting us. Batting has been disappointing. We have not been performing to our potential in the last few series," the coach added.

Asked if his bowlers did a better job than the batters, Hathurusinghe said he won't compare his players.

"Both are my players. Another factor is the quality of the opposition, and the skill level on display in this series was very high. We are learning a lot from here."



Ravichandran Ashwin receives the player of the series trophy



Yashasvi Jaiswal receives the player of the match trophy

Feud in Indian Olympic Association Usha's claim of EC not felicitating Olympic medallists 'lie': Treasurer



"We fail to understand why IOA President is spreading lies across the whole country, to put down the EC members, which does not have any proof nor hold any genuine ground"

SAHDEV YADAV | TREASURER, INDIAN OLYMPIC ASSOCIATION

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

New Delhi, Oct 1: Indian Olympic Association Treasurer Sahdev Yadav Tuesday hit back at president PT Usha for claiming that IOA Executive Committee members were not agreeing on a proposal to felicitate Paris Olympics medal-winners, saying her assertion is a "blatant lie".

Usha Monday said that it was "deeply concerning" that the EC members failed to honour Olympic medallists and accused the Finance Committee of blocking funds intended to support Indian athletes' preparation for the Paris Games.

In a rebuttal to Usha's claims, Sahdev said, "There has been no discussion with EC members nor any official proposal in writing for organizing a felicitation ceremony for the medallists of Paris Olympics 2024."

Sahdev, who is also the president of the Indian Weightlifting Federation, accused Usha of "spreading lies" and "cooking up" things instead of taking responsibilities as per the IOA constitution.

"Her repeated efforts and proposals is nothing but blatant lies which has been cooked by the President every now and then and shedding crocodile tears in front of the media."

India secured six medals in the Paris Olympics, including two historic bronze finishes by young shooter Manu Bhaker; but Usha Monday said the "EC does not want to celebrate their success" and it makes her "very sad."

"These athletes have made the nation proud, and it is the responsibility of the IOA to celebrate their achievements with the respect they deserve. It is deeply concerning that, even after returning home in mid-August, the EC has failed to discuss or take any steps towards organizing a formal felicitation ceremony," she had said.

She had also revealed that a proposal for a preparatory grant of Rs two lakh for each Olympic-bound athlete and Rs one lakh for each coach had been blocked by the Finance Committee, notably by Sahdev.

Reacting to this, Sahdev said, "This is for the information of everyone that any proposal recommended and approved by the EC members and finance committee has been paid without any delay by Mr Sahdev Yadav, Treasurer of IOA."

The internal feud within the IOA has been on since the appointment of Raghuram Iyer as its CEO January 5. Iyer has Usha's backing while the EC members are unanimous in demanding his removal.

On September 26, an EC meeting was called to resolve the issue on the insistence of the International Olympic Committee (IOC) but the deadlock remained. On Saturday, the 12 EC members sent a letter to senior International Olympic Committee (IOC) official Jerome Poivey, accusing Usha of running the organisation in an "autocratic" manner after she rejected their demand to remove Iyer as IOA CEO during the contentious meeting.

CHINA OPEN Sinner to play Alcaraz in final

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Beijing, Oct 1: Top-ranked Jannik Sinner will play rival Carlos Alcaraz in the final of the China Open after recording a 6-3, 7-6 (3) victory against home favorite Bu Yunchaokete in the semifinals Tuesday.

Sinner and Alcaraz accounted for all four Grand Slam titles this year between them. Alcaraz leads the head-to-head series 5-4 — including wins at both their meetings this year — but Sinner doesn't believe that recent history will have a bearing Wednesday's final.

"It's going to be a tough match," Sinner said. "We know



each other very well now, but every match is different, so the situation on the court is also a bit different than it was the last two matches. But let's see."

The 23-year-old Italian is the defending champion and hasn't appeared distracted by the World Anti-Doping Agency announcing Saturday it was seeking a ban of

one to two years for the US Open champion, who tested positive twice for an anabolic steroid in March. Chinese wild card Yunchaokete, ranked 96th, held his own in the heavy baseline exchanges to put pressure on Sinner's service games, but couldn't take any of his three breakpoint chances in the first set.

Earlier, third-ranked Alcaraz's athleticism was again on show as he advanced to the final with a 7-5, 6-3 victory over Daniil Medvedev.

The four-time Grand Slam champion — including this year's French Open and Wimbledon — extended his head-to-head record against the Russian to 6-2.

SNIPPETS

BCCI extends athlete monitoring system for state associations

New Delhi: The Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI) secretary Jay Shah Tuesday informed that state associations will be able to access the Athlete Monitoring System (AMS) and the costs of it will be borne by the board. In a letter addressed to the president and honorary secretary of BCCI member associations, Shah highlighted the features of the AMS that allow players to monitor their workload and other performance-related data in real time via the app. "After our recent inauguration of the new BCCI Centre of Excellence (CoE) in Bengaluru, I'm pleased to apprise you that the BCCI shall offer an Athlete Monitoring System (AMS) for all State Associations - with costs being borne by BCCI. The state associations can now avail the following benefits in a bid to standardize player monitoring to ensure better management and enable peak performance for the players," Shah wrote in a letter to state associations.

Organised crime offences: AC Milan, Inter 'ultras' arrested

Paris: Hardcore supporters of AC Milan and Inter Milan were arrested Monday for alleged organised crime offences as part of a probe into illegal profits made around matches and the infiltration of mafia gangs into so-called "ultras" groups. Italy's finance police said leading figures among the "ultras" groups were arrested for "criminal conspiracy aggravated by mafia methods, extortion, assault and other serious crimes". "The suspects are almost all members of the Milan teams' ultras groups while the crimes relate to revenues made around football," finance police said in a statement. In total 19 people were arrested, including the two heads of the Inter and Milan ultras, Renato Bosetti and Luca Lucci, following a long investigation which included two years of wiretaps. The alleged crimes involve activities around the San Siro stadium on match days, from ticket touting to control of parking, sales from concession stands and taking payment from people without tickets and letting them into the stadium.



BARCA LEGEND INIESTA TO RETIRE ON SPECIAL DATE

INDO-ASIAN NEWS SERVICE

New Delhi, Oct 1: There are now many names in football history that hold the same weight as Andres Iniesta. The Spaniard will be announcing his decision on his retirement in a ceremony set to be held October 8, a number which he holds close to his heart.

Iniesta shared a post on Instagram with the caption, "COMING SOON 8/10/24." The numbers 8 and 24 were done by the former Catalan captain during his 18-year tenure with the club.

Despite an illustrious club career, which saw him make 674 appearances for Barcelona, in which he scored 57 goals and provided 135 assists, during which he won four Champions Leagues, three Club World Cups, nine League titles, three European Super Cups, six Copa del Reys and seven Spanish Super Cups.

Iniesta's true legend status came with the Spanish national team as he was one of the pillars of a historic La Roja side that is dubbed as the country's golden generation.

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I feel like I would like to continue playing football, until I feel that the time has come for me to stop, I will try to play. I would also like to get my coaching qualification and see what the future holds. Obviously I would like to return to Barça at some point in my life, because that's how I feel, but I don't know when or how to say now, nor does anyone else

ANDRES INIESTA

Iniesta scored a goal in the extra-time of the 2010 World Cup Final against the Netherlands, which led Spain to their first and only FIFA World Cup trophy. Alongside, he was also in the side that lifted the 2002 and 2012

UEFA European Championships. The 40-year-old midfielder recently attended an event in Spain where he hinted that his future may lie in coaching as he hopes to return to the club where he became a legend.