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BPIA to get new terminal: Naidu

Bhubaneswar, Oct 4: Minister of Civil Aviation Kinjarapu Rammohan Naidu said Friday that the Centre will grant permission for the construction of a new terminal at Bhubaneswar airport within a month due to increasing footfall.

Speaking after a review meeting, Naidu said the new terminal at the Biju Patnaik International Airport (BPIA) is expected to be completed within two years. While the current capacity of Terminal-1 at Bhubaneswar airport is around 40 lakh passengers annually, it has been handling around 50 lakh passengers, he said.

"This underscores the urgent need to expand its capacity to accommodate up to 80 lakh passengers per year," he said.

"Necessary permissions for the new terminal will be issued within a month, following some security protocols," he noted.

Naidu also emphasised the significant growth of BPIA, which currently connects to 20 cities across India and four international destinations. The minister also said that a lot of small works like extension and other passenger amenities are already underway and will be completed within a month. The existing ILS (Instrument Landing System) will also be upgraded within a month, he said.

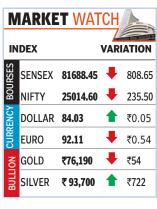
Replying to a question on the proposed airport at Puri, the minister said the state government started the land acquisition process for the proposed international airport and the Centre has also given site clearance. "We will extend all support to the Odisha government to ensure its timely completion of the proposed airport in Puri,'



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SC forms SIT to probe Tirupati laddu row New Delhi: The Supreme Court

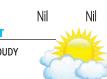
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Jaishankar first EAM

to visit Pak in 9 years

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

New Delhi, Oct 4: India Friday announced that External Affairs Minister (EAM) S Jaishankar will travel to Pakistan to attend a conclave of the Shanghai Cooperation Organisation (SCO) in mid-October. The announcement was made by External Affairs

Ministry spokesperson Randhir Jaiswal. The last Indian EAM to visit Pakistan was Sushma Swaraj. She had travelled to Islamabad in December 2015 to attend a conference on Afghanistan. Pakistan is hosting the SCO Council of Heads of Government (CHG) meeting on October 15 and 16.

The EAM will lead our delegation to Pakistan to participate in the SCO summit which will be held in Islamabad October 15 and 16," Jaiswal said at his weekly media briefing.

The spokesperson clarified that the EAM is travelling to Pakistan only to attend the SCO summit. In August, Pakistan invited Prime Minister Narendra Modi to the SCO's summit.

Jaishankar's visit to Pakistan assumes significance as it is seen as a major decision on New Delhi's part.





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FOR A CAUSE: Climate activist Sonam Wangchuk with 150 'padyatris' addresses a press conference, in New Delhi, Friday. Wangchuk said he and other protesters from Ladakh would sit on an indefinite fast from Saturday since they have not received any response from the government over their demand of meeting the President, Prime Minister or the Union Home Minister. The activists have been demanding statehood for Ladakh and its inclusion in the Sixth Schedule of the Constitution.

36 Maoists gunned down

With the latest encounter, 185 Naxals have been eliminated by the security forces in separate gun battles in Bastar region of Chhattisgarh so far this year

biggest operations against Maoists in Chhattisgarh, security personnel killed 36 Naxalites in a fierce encounter in Bastar region Friday, a senior police official said. Chief Minister Vishnu Deo

Sai hailed the security forces for their operation and said the 'double engine' government (BJP government in the state and at the Centre) is determined to eliminate the menace.

The gunfight broke out at around 1 pm in the forest between Thulthuli and Nendur villages in Abhujmaad on the Narayanpur-Dantewada interdistrict border, when a joint team of security personnel was out on an anti-Naxal operation, Inspector General of Police (Bastar Range) Sundarraj P told PTI over phone.

Personnel belonging to the state police's District Reserve Guard (DRG) and Special Task Force (STF) were involved in

the operation, he said. Along with bodies, a cache



Picture used for representation

of weapons, including an AK-47 rifle and one SLR (self-loading rifle), were recovered from the encounter spot, he said.

Acting on the direction of the Bastar IG, the Narayanpur Superintendent of Police (SP) Prabhat Kumar directed the jawans to launch a combing operation to flush out the Maoists.

SP Kumar said that the bodies of 36 Maoists were recovered after the hours-long gun battle

between the ultras and the security forces.

Earlier, Dantewada Superintendent of Police Gaurav Rai had said around 30 Naxalites were killed in the gun battle.

In a post on X, CM Sai said, "There is news of 28 Naxalites gunned down in an encounter with security forces in the border area of Narayanpur-Dantewada districts. The great success achieved by the soldiers is commendable. I salute

"Our fight to eliminate Naxalism will end only after reaching its conclusion. Our double engine government is determined for this. Eliminating Naxalism from the state is our aim," he added.

With the latest encounter, 185 Maoists have been gunned down by the security forces in separate gun battles in the Bastar region comprising seven districts, including Dantewada and Narayanpur, so far this year, the police said.

April 16, as many as 29 Naxalites, including some higher-ranking cadres, were killed in an encounter with security personnel in Kanker dis-

Union Home Minister Amit Shah during his visit to Chhattisgarh in August had said that India will be free from Left Wing Extremism (LWE) by March 2026, and a strong and ruthless strategy was required to launch the final assault against the menace.

SC warns Gujarat over demolitions

New Delhi, Oct 4: The Supreme Court Friday cautioned authorities in Gujarat over demolitions in the state, saving if it finds that they acted in contempt of its recent order against such action, it will ask them to restore the structures

A bench of Justices BR Gavai and KV Viswanathan was hearing a plea seeking initiation of contempt proceedings against the Guiarat authorities for alleged violation of the apex court's September 17 order which had said there shall be no demolition of properties, including of those accused of crimes, across the country without its permission. The bench refused to pass an order of status quo on the demolition near the Somnath temple in Gujarat.

September 28, the authorities in Guiarat carried out a demolition drive to clear encroachments on government land near the Somnath temple in Gir Somnath district.

The administration had said religious structures and concrete houses were demolished around 15 hectares of govern-

our order, not only we will be sending them to jail but we will ask tnem to restore all this BENCH OF JUSTICES BR GAVAI & ment land valued at ₹60 crore.

are in contempt of

Senior advocate Sanjay Hegde, appearing for petitioner Summast Patni Muslim Jamat, said that despite the top court's order, the authorities in Gujarat have demolished structures.

Solicitor General Tushar Mehta, appearing for the Gujarat authorities, said the structures were abutting the sea and were around 340 metres away from the Somnath temple.

"This falls within the exception carved out by your lordships," the top law officer said.

In its order last month, the apex court had said, "We further clarify that our order would not be applicable if there is an unauthorised structure in any public place such as road, street, footpath, abutting railway line or any river body or water bodies and also, to cases where there is an order for demolition made

South Odisha bandh hits life

AGENCIES

Bhubaneswar, Oct 4: Normal life was affected in Koraput, Nabarangpur, Malkangiri and Rayagada districts in southern Odisha Friday due to a 12-hour bandh called by a Joint Action Committee demanding districtlevel appointment to government jobs instead of the current state-level recruitment.

The bandh, called from 6 am to 6 pm, was supported by 45 mass organisations and Opposition parties the BJD and the Congress.

The agitators claimed that people from advanced districts qualify for government jobs and local youths cannot compete with them due to backwardness of southern Odisha.

Business establishments and educational institutes remained closed while both public transport and private vehicles were off the roads during the bandh. Trucks were seen lined up along highways. Private Bus Owners' Association, Lorry Association, Drivers' Association and District Bar Association supported the bandh call.

Congress' Jeypore MLA Taraprasad Bahinipati said, "People of Koraput should get iobs such as junior teachers and grade C and D posts in health and education departments. Candidates from other districts joining in Koraput manage to get transfer to their respective districts, causing large number of vacancies for teachers and health workers in Koraput.'

Liverpool, Oct 4: An electric guitar played by the late guitarist George Harrison in the early days of the Beatles will go up for sale at an auction next month where it could be sold for more than \$800,000.

Bought from a music store in the band's birth city of Liverpool, Harrison played the Futurama guitar in the early 1960s when the band performed at the Cavern Club, toured Germany and made their first official records for

The auctioneers say the Futurama guitar, with its sunburst finish, was one of his most played. They call it "one of the



holy grails of historic Beatles guitars" and said it is expected to ex-

ceed its estimate price tag of \$600,000-\$800,000

Harrison said the guitar was 'very difficult" to play but he liked what he called its "futur-"It had a great sound," he later told a journalist.

In 1964, Harrison donated the

instrument to a rock magazine as a competition prize, but it remained with the publication's editor when the winner opted for a cash prize instead of owning a piece of rock and roll

The guitar will be on display at The Beatles Story in Liverpool for the next fortnight before being shown at other museums across Europe. It is due to beauctioned from November 20-22

in the United States.



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ZENDAYA FOUND DANCING **WITH THE STARS STRESSFUL**

Zendaya found competing on Dancing with the Stars very stressful. The 28-year-old actress came second on the show with professional partner Val Chmerkovskiy in 2013, but she admitted she has never watched the programme since.

SYDNEY: I'M NOT FINANCIALLY SUPPORTED BY JONATHAN

Sidharth

'inspiration'

Mumbai: Actor

Sidharth Malhotra

took to his social

media handle and

shared a heart-

warming post

Animal

for all his fans

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Taking to

Euphoria star Sydney Sweeney said that she is not being financially supported by her fiance Jonathan Davino. "I'm a successful, independent woman who's worked really hard," added the 27-year-old who has been dating 40-year-old Jonathan since 2018. The two got engaged last year.

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All eyes may be on you today – for your looks skills, or even your funky bag! Make hay while the sun shines, and charge your batteries with all that atten tion. You can get some decent work done with that energy, says Ganesha

TAURUS

You may have a tendency to feel frustrated when the results are not the way you expected, feels Ganesha. You must still work hard and finish whatever you undertake today. You will discuss some vital issues with a close friend and relive cherished secrets with your life partner.

GEMINI

You will lend your innovative and imaginative spark to your initiatives, which will be quite a few, says Ganesha. Love will bring you immense satisfaction. And you will develop a special bond with your spouse or beloved. You, however, are likely to be dragged into a conflict and will be forced to pick a side.

CANCER

Today, you will be trying new things in your style of work. You may come across as mad, but there will be a method in your madness. Your new strategy and innovative ideas will give a new lease of life to the projects you are working on

The oath of friendship that you once took as a bunch of raggedy misfits still holds true, and your best buddies are the ones who will stand by your side through hell or high water. Ganesha sees in you the desire to cherish such friends and prove your appreciation by treating them with graceful munificence.

VIRGO

Today, you shall balance business and entertainment equally well. The day will be like an endless party, says Ganesha. The emptying of pockets will be proportional to the amount of time you spend doing nothing. But spend prudently, advises Ganesha, and let it not worry you

Connect and Express must aim for at work today. You tend to do both things supremely phone, in writing, or in meetings. Getting across to people is not an issue today. But all this work aside, the lingering feeling of wanting to chill out with your sweetheart may become more substantial towards the evening. Watch a film together, suggests Ganesha.

SCORPIO Try adding an entirely new

dimension to the way you approach relationships today, advises Ganesha, Being tractable will help iron out the creases in relationships with closed ones. But be wary of complete subjugation, warns Ganesha.

SAGITTARIUS

Confidence-building measures will need to be taken up. Be the herald, and ushe in new vigour and confidence in people around you. Your business is set to sky rocket and a fair share of profits are in the offing, says Ganesha.

CAPRICORN

Memories of the bygone days will flash through your mind, creating a wave of nostalgia and compelling you to get in touch with old pals. On the other hand, there may be a feeling that your loved ones are demanding more than you can give, says Ganesha. But enjoying some light moments with your beloved in the evening will unburden you and charge you up for the next day.

AOUARIUS

Today will be about pleasure and pain! Plumbing, cleaning, grocery shopping, cooking... you can expect anything to weigh you down. Later, you can relax in a hot soak by candlelight, or unwind with a soothing aromatic massage. Ganesha says you'll be grateful for the pleasures only after the pain.

PISCES

A day filled with socialising awaits you, says Ganesha. You will likely make contact with near and dear ones you haven't met in a while. New associations and friendships could also occur. It is a pleasant and joyous day, so make the most of it.



OTT India Fest 2024 and India Entertainment Awards kicked off with a bang October 3 at a city hotel here. The inaugural day featured several insightful panel discussions with prominent figures from the Indian OTT industry. On the second day of the event Friday, Nushrratt Bharuccha talked about several aspects of the film industry, growing OTT space and what does stardom mean in current times

The Akeli actress said, "I have actually, of lately, started believing and feeling that just the kind of stars we have now, new generation stars - stardom is very volatile right now. For me, I think the content is the star. On one Friday, you could be a big star platform – if the content is not supported by the audiences, then your stardom becomes invisible or if it works on a Friday or any day whenever or wherever it releases, then you become a star. So, it has become very volatile.

very short-lived. And it's become difficult to actually decide the magnitude of your stardom based on the social media life you are living

Ananya's shocking revelation

Mumbai: Actress Ananya Panday has made a shocking revelation about her relationship and said that she does not know why she gets cheated on so much. In a video shared by streaming giant Netflix,

Ananya, who reportedly parted ways with actor Aditya Roy Kapur in March, was speaking about how she got cheated on by an ex boyfriend from her school days. The actress said: "So, in school my second

boyfriend said he cheated on me. He went for a football camp or something and when he came back everyone was like 'Oh, he kissed The actress said that she confronted him

and had a showdown in school.

"I was really upset and then I confronted him in school and full showdown and I was like you suck and all of that stuff. Then we broke up.

The shocking revelation came later in the form of a message on her phone. The 25-year-old actress said she doesn't under

stand why she constantly gets cheated on.

"My cheating story.. I mean cheating happened to me were very weird stories because the second time someone cheated on me... I don't know why I get cheated on so much but

On the work front Ananya will next be seen in the thriller CTRL directed by Vikramaditya Motwane.

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She went on to add, "It's not what it was before that you are a star for generations now. These are



Mumbai: Actress Shilpa Shetty has said that women are often associated with sacrifice instead they should be linked with strength and power. Shilpa will be seen as a guest on the singing based

reality show Sa Re Ga Ma Pa, which has Sachin-Jigar, Sachet Parampara and Guru Randhwa as the mentors, and Vipul Roy and Salman Ali as the hosts this time The top 12 contestants will be seen putting their

best foot forward to wow the guests.

Contestant Riya Bhattacharya's special esture towards her mother moves Shilpa when she did her mother's aarti to seek blessings before her performance. Shilpa said, "Usually when

ve talk about women it is often associated with sacrifices, but I oelieve that- Ek Naari ko Himmat aur Taakat se associate karna chahiye. Whatever you have done today, Riya is so proud of you (her mother). And honestly, I even feel very proud when I hear about such stories.

The actress revealed that she even worships her mother.

"Whatever I am today, wherever I have reached in life, it is only because of her support, and that is why I understand this emotion. A mother is always the strongest pillar in your life, a pillar that will always support you unconditionally," she said.

Sa Re Ga Ma Pa airs on Zee TV.

CROSSWORD

known as Twitter), the was seen playing with a furry Student of The Year fame actor wrote, "Amidst friend. Sidharth took to his Instagram and shared a calls fans his the hustle and bustle of everyday life, some pause to show incredglimpse as he played with a On the work front, Sidharth ible compassion, car-

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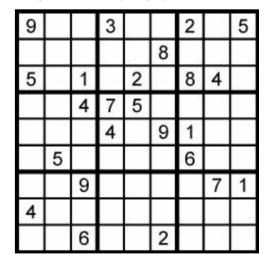
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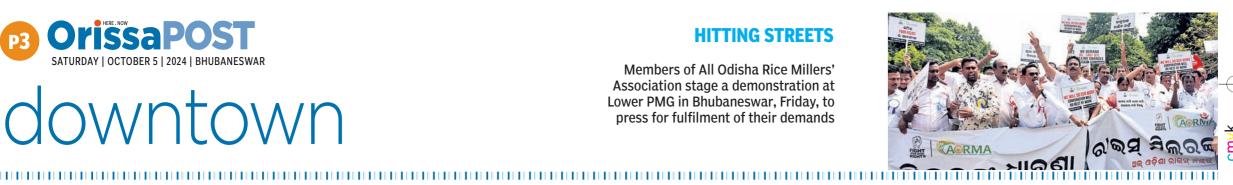
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CM to give appointment letters to over 16,000 teachers today

POST NEWS NETWORK

Bhubaneswar, Oct 4: Chief Minister Mohan Charan Majhi is scheduled to give appointment letters to 16.009 junior teachers (schematic) during an event at Kalinga Stadium here Saturday, official sources said, Friday.

Union Education Minister Dharmendra Pradhan, Deputy Chief Minister Kanak Vardhan Singh Deo, School and Mass Education Minister Nityananda Gond, Higher Education Minister Survabanshi Suraj and senior of ficials will attend the programme.

"This appointment will be a big step towards quality education in Odisha. It will help strengthen the education infrastructure in the state. As the state government aims to create a 'Viksit Odisha' by 2036, this initiative will

play an important role in achieving the goal," said an official of the S&ME department.

About the recruitment, the official said 424 teachers will be appointed in Angul district, 600 in Balasore district, 479 in Bargarh district, 260 in Bhadrak district, 1,080 in Bolangir district, 65 in Boudh district and 893 in Cuttack district.

'While 21 teachers will be appointed in Deogarh district, 583 will be posted in Dhenkanal district. Gajapati, Ganjam, Jagatsinghpur and Jajpur districts will get 13, 1264, 88 and 872 junior teachers (schematic), respectively," he said.

While 38 junior teachers (schematic) will be appointed in Jharsuguda district, Kalahandi district will get 811 new junior Kandhamal, Kendrapara, Keonihar and Khurda districts will get 151, 1038, 1329 and 753 such teachers, respectively, he

"Altogether 922 junior teachers (schematic) will get appointment for Koraput district, 555 for Malkangiri district, 827 for Mayurbhanj district and 860 for Nabarangpur district. Nayagarh, Nuapada and Puri districts will get 83, 221 and 733 such teachers, respectively," according to the official.

While 511 junior teachers (schematic) will get appointment letters for Rayagada district, Sambalpur district will get 218 such teachers. Moreover, Subarnapur and Sundargarh districts will be getting 157 and 160 junior teachers (schematic), respectively, he pointed out

Man held for stealing from landlord's house

POST NEWS NETWORK

Bhubaneswar, Oct 4: The Tamando police Friday arrested a 29-year-old man for allegedly robbing cash and gold jewellery worth over ₹3 lakh from his landlord's house around a week ago.

Inspector-in- Charge (IIC) Tamando, Subrat Kumar Meher, identified the accused as Lokanath Mohapatra, a native of Khurdha town under Begunia police station limits. He said two gold chains and two pairs of gold bangles have been recovered from the accused following his arrest.

Meher said the complainant lived on the ground floor of his house in Kalinga Vihar area while rented out the first floor to

Mohapatra. "The families had a cordial relationship," Meher said.

During interrogation, Mohapatra allegedly admitted that he was in the habit of picking articles from his landlord's house frequently while the latter would be busy in other things.

Giving details of the theft September 29. Meher said the house owner along with his family went to a temple in the vicinity of their house in the morning. They locked the house from outside and concealed the keys on a shoe rake.

Once they left, Lokanath came down and unlocked the main door using the keys. He then took away ₹50,000 cash and gold jewellery worth over ₹3 lakh kept in the cupboards, Meher said. Mohapatra thereafter mortgaged the valuables in a local bank against a loan of ₹3.60 lakh.

The house owner discovered the burglary following his return and approached the Tamando police with a

Naidu: No political talks at Raj Bhawan

Statement of former Vice President comes a day after BJD alleged that Odisha Governor's House had turned into a 'war room' for BJP ahead of the Jharkhand elections

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

Bhubaneswar, Oct 4: The office of former Vice President M Venkaiah Naidu Friday said no political issue was discussed when he met Odisha Governor Raghubar Das a week ago at the Raj Bhavan here amid speculation that the former Jharkhand chief minister is interested to return to active politics.

Naidu and Assam Chief Minister Himanta Biswa Sarma met Das September 27. Chief Minister Mohan Charan Maihi was also there. Sarma is also the BJP's co-in-charge for the Jharkhand Assembly election which is due later this year.

In a post on X, Naidu's office said it had been a courtesy call. "No political motives should be ascribed to this courtesy call and dragging the office of the former Vice President of India into a political controversy of this nature is patently unfair," the post read.

The statement came a day after BJD alleged that the Odisha Raj Bhavan had turned out to be a 'war room' for the BJP ahead of the Jharkhand elections and the dignity of the Governor's House got eroded. It is being speculated that Das, who was the chief minister of Jharkhand between 2014 and 2019, wants to return to the politics of his home state.

After the meeting at Raj Bhavan September 27, the Assam CM had said his talks with the Odisha Governor are personal and have no relation to the Jharkhand elections.

In the post, Naidu's office said that the former Vice President was in Bhubaneswar to attend the convocation of ASBM as chief guest and it was scheduled months ahead. "As per protocol, the former Vice President stays at Raj Bhavan and it is customary for the Governor and other dignitaries to call on the former VP as a courtesy," the post said.



POST NEWS NETWORK

Cuttack, Oct 4: The Orissa High Court Friday sought responses from the Home department, DGP, IG and state selection board (SSB) on a plea challenging the maximum age prescribed for the recruitment of constables and sepoys.

Observing that the petitioners have the right to participate in

the recruitment process, Justice Sashikanta Mishra directed the authorities to accept the peti-

tioners' application for the posts. The results of the recruitment, however, cannot be declared without the court's permission, it said while hearing a plea filed by

Chittaranjan Das and others. The SSB had September 22 published a notification for filling up of 1360 sepoy/constable posts. The minimum age limit was 18 and the maximum 23. The petitioners contended that as the fresh recruitment exams are going to be held after a gap of six years, the board should consider extending the maximum age limit. The next hearing on the case has been scheduled for November 22.

DECKED UP: Preparations at Jharpada Durga Puja mandap in Bhubaneswar reach final phases, Friday pic: маногандан мізнга 3 more interstate burglary gang



members of an inter-state burglary gang were arrested Friday in connection with looting a jewellery shop in Berhampur city September 3, police said.

With the fresh arrests, altogether nine people have been apprehended in connection with looting gold and silver ornaments worth ₹80 lakh from a jewellery outlet near Kamapalli in Baidyanathpur police station area on the night of September 3.

The trio, identified as Wahajuddin, 44, of Seohara in Bijinor district and Himansu Verma, 24, of Orai in Uttar Pradesh, and Sanjay Ghildayal, 38, of Kotdwar in Uttarakhand were arrested from Berhampur when they were in the city to commit another dacoity, SP Sarvan Vivek M said.

Around 10 kg silver and ₹1.57 lakh cash were seized from the trio, the officer said.

Besides, house-breaking instruments, including gas cutter, a scooter and five mobile phone sets were also seized from their possession, he added.

Earlier September 21 police had arrested six members of the gang and seized ₹1.63 lakh cash from their possession.

They were identified as Mayadhar Behera, 42, of Sikiri in Ganjam district, the mastermind, Manjit, 42, of Haryana, Suraj,42, and Vipin Kumar,40, of Uttar Pradesh, Guruprit Singh, 27, of Punjab and Vikash Kumar, 35, of Dehradun in Uttarakhand.

After looting the jewellery outlet in Berhampur, the accused persons had fled to New Delhi, but when they returned here to commit another major crime, police nabbed them, the SP said.

"We are investigating whether any more persons were involved in the incident," the officer said.

Police sources said that Mayadhar Behera had come in contact with the other accused during his term in Tihar Jail.

Drunk man stabs cop, held

POST NEWS NETWORK

Bhubaneswar, Oct 4: In vet another instance of the deteriorating law and order situation in the Capital city, a police constable and a Home Guard were stabbed by a drunken man in a slum cluster under Mancheswar police station limits little past Thursday midnight before he was arrested.

The miscreant has been identified as Deepak Naik, a native of Nayagarh district who lives in the Sriram Nagar slums in Chakeisiani area. He has been booked under Sections 126 (2) (wrongful restraint), 118 (2) (causing grievous hurt to an individual), 109(1) (intentionally hurting an individual), and a host of other BNS provisions.

Deputy Commissioner

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

New Delhi, Oct 4: The

government has decided

to set up a full-time spe-

cial tribunal at Talcher in

Odisha for speedy disposal

of cases related to land ac-

quisition with a view to

augmenting coal mining.

mining has become a vex-

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Narendra Modi, in

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Tribunal at Talcher,

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the Coal ministry said in

At present, the part-time

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Land acquisition for coal



of Police (DCP) Pinak Mishra said Friday that constable Gopi Sabar has received cuts in his chest, while Home Guard Abdul Sarfarai sustained minor injuries in his leg. They were stated to be out of danger. Moreover, three locals also suffered minor injuries in the brazen knife attack.

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LAND ACQUISITION

Full-time tribunal at Talcher

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am Friday while patrolling in Mancheswar area. The caller said a drunken man was terrorizing people at Sriram Nagar slums with a knife. The on-duty personnel rushed to the spot and tried to arrest Deepak. However, when the miscreant attempted to run away, Sabar gave him a chase. Deepak then turned back and stabbed Gopi in the chest, leaving the latter bleeding profusely. Sarfaraj, who came to Sabar's rescue and tried to snatch the knife from Naik also received injuries in his leg, DCP Mishra said adding that three locals also sustained minor injuries in the scuffle while trying to help the cops.

The Mancheswar police produced Deepak before a local court Friday for re-

Larson: Free, open

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Bhubaneswar, Oct 4:

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I Sri L Abhilash, S/o- Shri Ajit Kumar Lenka, resident & Smt.
Jyotirekha Mohanty of Plot No.- N6/89, IRC
Village, Jayadev Vihar, Bhubaneswar, P.S.Nayapalli, Dist.- Khordha, Odisha, declare by this affidavit of No.- 70, dated-02.03.2020. That now onwards I shall be known as Abhilash Lenka Mohanty for all future purposes.

I Smt. Jyotirekha Mohanty, W/o- Ajit kumar Lenka and D/o-Sarbeswar Mohanty and Manjula Mohanty, resident of Plot No.- N6/89, IRC Village, Jayadev Vihar, Bhubaneswar, P.S.-Nayapalli, Dist.- Khordha, Odisha declare by this affidavit No.-101, dated-03.10.2024. That inadvertently my name has been reflected as Jyoti Rekha Lenka instead of Jyotirekha Mohanty in my Son's Matriculation Certificate and etc. So, henceforth I will be known as Jyotirekha Mohanty for all future purposes.

By virtue of an Affidavit sworn before the Notary Public, Bhatli, I Radhakanta Padhan aged about 37 years, S/o-Dasarathi Padhan, resident of village Baddhara, PO-Bara, PS/Tah.-Ambabhona, Dist.- Bargarh, Odisha, Service No.-110683178, Rank Constable General Duty, 3rd Battalion SSB, Lakhimpur, Kheri, Uttarpradesh declare that both the name of my wife Manjari Behera and Manjari Padhan is the name of same and single person for all purposes.

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By virtue of an affidavit in the court of the Notary Public, Cuttack, I Mrs Snanakirekha Mohanty, aged 35 years, W/o-Banamali Mohanty, Vill: Sai Residency, Khaira, PO : Jagatpur, PS: Jagatpur, Dist.: Cuttack, state that Deed No. 10431400319, Dated 31.01.2014 have a Sale Deed & Original Ror Mouza - Khaira, Tahasil -Jagatpur, Dist. - Cuttack, Khata No. - 492/1208, Plot No. - 602/1926. The said Original Sale Deed & Original Ror was lost on 29.09.2024 from Sai Residency to Jagatpur Market and inspite of my best effort it is unable to traced it out. If anybody find this Deed Please contact in below number Mob:7873813814. Sd/-Snanakirekha Mohanty

Culture dept to prepare vision document

POST NEWS NETWORK

Bhubaneswar, Oct 4: In order to prepare the vision document 'Vikshit Odisha 2036 and Vikshit Bharat 2047: Culture and Heritage', a high-level meeting was organised by the department of Odia Language, Literature and Culture at Lok Seva Bhawan Convention Centre here Friday, chaired by department's principal secretary Bishnupada Sethi.

Sethi extended a warm welcome to all distinguished participants and emphasised upon the importance of Odia language, literature, art, culture and heritage, and how these elements will play a vital role in building a developed Odisha and India. He said, "Odisha is globally recognised for its Jagannath culture, art and architecture. The department is committed to promote state's traditions, folk arts, music, dance, drama and various cultural practices by the tribal communities.

Sethi stressed upon the fact that continuous efforts are



needed to ensure the vision is realised.

Prominent archaeologist and professor Kishore K Basa, in his address, discussed how the state's various historical tourism sites could gain international recognition. He also spoke about promoting Odissi music, publication of Odia encyclopedia and enhancing the global reach of Odia films, folk dances and drama, as well as traditional art

forms like Pattachitra.

"By integrating culture with our daily life and livelihood, Odisha and India can achieve their development goals," Basa added.

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The meeting also witnessed participation from several cultural scholars, literary figures, artistes, painters, dancers, Padma awardees, and recipients of the Sangeet Natak Akademi and Sahitya Akademi awards.

During the discussion, sug-

Odisha is globally recognised for its Jagannath culture, art and architecture: Sethi

- Vision document for Vikshit Odisha 2036 and Vikshit Bharat 2047 will prioritise culture and heritage
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gestions were made on organising cultural forums at district, state, and national levels, hosting poetry recitations, drama performances, constructing auditoriums, preserving forts, caves and historical sites, promoting literary discussions and enhancing the popularity of traditional festivals, local dance forms like Kandhei dance and Pattachitra art.

Key topics discussed included, the establishment of cultural and heritage centres, libraries, documentation of Odia heritage and promoting cottage industries, weaving and handicrafts through regular exhibitions.

'Bio-E3 policy will boost biomanufacturing in India'

POST NEWS NETWOR

Bhubaneswar, Oct 4: The 3rd 'Life Sciences Start-up Summit' was inaugurated by Rajesh S Gokhale, Secretary to department of Biotechnology, Ministry of Science and Technology and Director General of Biotechnology Research and Innovation Council (BRIC) at BRIC-Institute of Life Sciences here Friday.

Delivering his keynote address, Gokhale spoke on the recent Biotechnology for Economy, Employment and Environment policy (Bio-E3) and the Biotechnology Research Innovation and Entrepreneurship Development (Bio-RIDER) scheme, approved by the Union cabinet.

"These policies and schemes will boost biomanufacturing in India. Biotechnology is expected to contribute around 4 to 6 per cent of the Indian economy by 2030. BRIC-ILS is expected to contribute to 5 out of 6 thematic areas under the new Bio-E3 policy," he added.

Thematic areas include highvalue bio-based chemicals, biopolymers and enzymes, smart proteins and functional foods,



precision biotherapeutics, climate resilient agriculture and marine and space research.

With support from the Ministry of Earth Sciences (MoES), BRIC-ILS has started a deep ocean mission project. Gokhale expressed his happiness that the institute is collaborating with various ministries to achieve the goals of new policy. He expressed his support for the establishment of a biomanufacturing and Bio-AI hub in collaboration with the state government, during a meeting with the Chief Secretary Manoj Ahuja.

ILS director Debasis Dash, speaking at the event mentioned that BRIC-ILS bioincubator has all advanced equipment and infrastructure facilities for carrying out cutting-edge biotechnology research, and cost-effective and affordable product development.

Volleyball could promote peace worldwide: Graça

POST NEWS NETWORK

Bhubaneswar, Oct 4: Volleyball can promote peace worldwide through the values of non-violence, said FIVB president Ary S Graça during inauguration of the largest volleyball tournament here Friday, in collaboration with KIIT, KISS and FIVB, featuring over 5,000 players.

US Consul General in Hyderabad Jennifer Larson, FIVB General Director Fabio Azevedo, KIIT and KISS founder Achyuta Samanta, KIIT VC Saranjit Singh, KISS VC Deepak Behera, and KIIT director of sports Gaganendu Dash were present on the occasion.

Addressing the participants, Graça expressed hope that FIVB's mission of serving the community through volleyball would be realised through the KISS Volleyball Festival.

Samanta, in his address, highlighted that alongside the 5,000 participating athletes, over 40,000 spectators enjoyed the festival.

An MoU was also signed during the event between KISS and FIVB to promote the growth of volleyball in the state and the country.

The pact aims to leverage the volleyball infrastructure at KISS to nurture future players. Additionally, KIIT and KISS announced the launch of the 'Samanta-Graça' scholarship to support volleyball players, providing them with the opportunity to pursue undergraduate or postgraduate education at KIIT and KISS.





PRIZED TROPHY: FIVB president Ary S Graça was conferred with KISS Humanitarian Award in Bhubaneswar, Friday. Dignitaries including Governor Raghubar Das, Deputy Chief Minister Kanak Vardhan Singh Deo, KIIT and KISS founder Achyuta Samanta were present on the occasion

ORMAS signs 4 MoUs to empower rural communities

POST NEWS NETWORK

Bhubaneswar, Oct 4: Odisha Rural Development and Marketing Society (ORMAS) inaugurated a two-day export and e-commerce workshop at Krushi Bhawan here Friday. During the inaugural ceremony, ORMAS signed MoUs with four organisations.

Panchayati Raj and Drinking Water Minister Rabi Narayan Naik inaugurated the workshop, in presence of principal secretary Sushil Kumar Lohani, ORMAS director-cum-CEO Guha Poonam Tapas Kumar and other dignitaries.

A strategic initiative by ORMAS, the workshop was aimed at enhancing rural entrepreneurship, promoting digital commerce and transferring the technical know-how regarding the documentation and compliances required for exporting various farm and non-farm products, such as spices, handlooms, handicrafts, by the producer groups, farmers' collectives.

Exporters from various organizations, like APEDA, JPH Exports Pvt Ltd, SDRA Foods and Spices Pvt Ltd and Handicraft and Handloom



Export Welfare Association (HHEWA) participated in the workshop.

MoU was signed with ITC to assist community-based organisation in preparation and sale of incense sticks.

Another MoU was signed with Bharat Masala for procurement of Red Chili, Mustard, Ginger, Turmeric, Tamarind, Ragi, Sliced Mango (Ambula), Moong dal, Arhar dal, Black Gram and Tomatoes from producer enterprises, FPOs and

EDII Ahmedabad signed an agreement to provide skill de-

velopment and ancillary support to members of the producer organisations, while CFTRI Mysore agreed to offer training and expertise in food processing activities.

During the event, an array of different farm and non-farm products like roasted Moong dal, Moringa powder, Tussar saree, Khandua saree, Groundnut oil and Corn Flour, with packaging and branding of ORMAS, produced by the community based organisations, across the districts

were displayed. Speaking on the occasion, Naik said, "The products prepared by rural artisans of our state are of superior quality and standard, compared to others"

to others."

Lauding the initiatives by the organisation, the minister said, "ORMAS plays a pivotal role in promoting the products produced by the rural artisans and producer groups. Further, we need to place greater emphasis on export and online marketing, which will not only increase the demand for rural products in national and international markets, but also benefit farmers."

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Resource persons from various esteemed institutions such as NABARD, ONDC, GEM, Spices Board, APEDA, EPCH, and HHEC will hold technical sessions on export and e-commerce of rural products over the two-day's workshop.

Members from farmers' producer organisations (FPOs), producer enterprises, rural industrial parks, producer companies, district-level ORMAS officers, and business managers were also present at the event.

The two-day event marks a significant milestone in ORMAS' efforts to empower rural communities, promote sustainable livelihoods, and contribute to the economic growth of the state.

RSC hosts science seminar competition

POST NEWS NETWORK

Bhubaneswar, Oct 4: Regional Science Centre (RSC) here, a unit of National Council of Science Museums (NCSM) Ministry of Culture, in association with TE and SCERT organised a state-level science seminar competition Friday.

The seminar provided a platform to the students to develop ability for critical thinking and a deeper understanding of scientific concepts. The objective of the seminar was to involve youths in critically examining knowledge on 'Artificial Intelligence: Potentials and Concerns', and sharing their views with participants and subject experts.

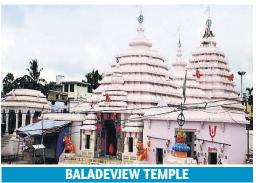
The winners of the district level competition participated in the programme, along with their guide teacher programme commenced with an inaugural speech by Directorate of TE and SCERT assistant director Pralipta Mishra.

RSC project coordinator Kapil Jain congratulated the district level winners and emphasised the vital need for application of science in our day to day life.

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'Adulterated' ghee at temples sparks row





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Kendrapara/Jagatsinghpur, Oct 4: A day after a fake ghee unit was busted at Jagatpur New Industrial Estate in Cuttack, allegations have come to the fore about the use of adulterated ghee in preparation of prasad and conduct of rituals at the famous Sri Baladevjew Temple in Kendrapara and Maa Sarala Temple in Jagatsinghpur.

Reports said servitors of the famous Sri Baladevjew Temple in Kendrapara district Friday alleged that adulterated ghee was used to prepare prasad and

bhog in the 300-year-old temple. Sarat Patri, one of the priests

of the temple, stumbled across adulterated ghee tins in the temple kitchen and raised the issue before the temple managing committee.

The temple authorities have recently procured six tins of government-owned Omfed ghee to prepare bhog for the temple during the Navaratri period. However, the cooks found an unpleasant odour and a sour taste of the ghee. Other priests and cooks of the temple also raised doubts about the purity of ghee. Balabhadra Patri, executive

managing committee, said "Omfed supplied substandard ghee to the temple for which bad smell was emitting from the ghee. We returned all the five ghee tins to the Omfed branch of-

> When contacted, marketing in-charge of Kendrapara Omfed branch Lingaraj Parida said, "The ghee supplied by us to the temple developed a bad odour as it was exposed to moisture and heat for too long. We have instructed the temple authorities to store the ghee in a cool place in future. The allegation

fice at Kendrapara Friday.'

officer of Baladevjew temple

of impure ghee supplied by us is not true.'

In the second incident, following allegations of use of adulterated ghee at Maa Sarala Temple at Kanakpur in Jagatsinghpur, the district officials Thursday visited the shrine and took stock of the situation.

The chief priest of Sarala Temple Ranjan Kumar Panda made the allegations terming the ghee 'poor and of substandard'.

On being informed, a fourmember team led by district food safety officer Samita Das conducted searches at the storeroom of the famous temple and collected the samples of the ghee supplied by Omfed. The seized ghee was sent for a laboratory test.

of the temple as well as devotees also seconded the charges. They alleged that the ghee supplied to the temple emits an unpleasant odour. Temple office in-charge Barada

The servitors at the storeroom

Mohanty alleged that earlier there were instances of froth on the ghee which would often give out pungent smell.

NEWBORN THROWN OFF RIVER BRIDGE, RESCUED

POST NEWS NETWORK

Udala, Oct 4: An abandoned newborn baby boy, stuffed in a bag, was rescued from under Sone river bridge near Athanagaon village under this police station in Mayurbhanj district Friday.

Prima facie, it appears that someone had thrown the bag off the 60-ft high river bridge. However, the baby survived, apparently due to the sand on the riverbed. A few women who were washing clothes in the river heard the faint cries of the baby and rushed to the spot to find the newborn inside a plastic bag, wrapped in newspapers. Once the news spread, locals hurried to the scene.

Villagers rescued the baby and admitted him to Udala Hospital where his condition is stated to be stable.

Dr Madhusmita Behera at the hospital confirmed that the baby was born Friday. Though there were no deep injuries on his body, the baby is being closely

monitored and is doing well. The doctor also noted that the baby wasn't born in a hospital.

Meanwhile, the Child Welfare Committee (CWC) also arrived at the hospital and attempted to take the newborn into custody. But the CWC members faced resistance from the locals present there, leading to a face-off between them. Eventually, police arrived at the hospital and brought the situation under control.

The police said the baby would

be taken into CWC custody with due procedure, and that anyone who is interested to adopt the child can approach the CWC.

The baby has now been transferred to Baripada, where the CWC will take custody of him. Meanwhile, the police have launched a manhunt to nab the person behind the inhuman act and identify the child's parents. People have demanded stringent action against the mother who had abandoned the baby.

Woman gets life term for killing infant son

Baripada, Oct 4: A court in Mayurbhanj district Friday handed down life imprisonment to a woman for killing her one-and-ahalf-month-old son.

Rairangpur Additional District and Sessions Judge V Sujata convicted Parbati Naik, 30, and awarded her life sentence for killing her son following a quarrel with her husband.

The woman, the second wife of a resident of

Bankidihi village under Bisoi police station, strangulated her son to death and threw the body in a pond behind their residence.

The incident occurred September 10 last year when her husband went to a market and the first wife of her husband went to the paddy field.

The father of the deceased child lodged an FIR at Bisoi police station, following which police registered a murder case and arrested the mother.

MLA writes to CM for new housing projects in Rourkela

POST NEWS NETWORK

Rourkela, Oct 4: Keeping in mind the housing problem faced by residents of Steel

Raghunathpali Durga $\overline{\text{MLA}}$ Charan Tanty | has made a fervent appeal to 🦹 Vent appear Chief Minister Majhi to initiate residential projects in vacant land parcels.

In his letter. tor has mentioned how new housing projects have eluded Rourkela for the last 20 years. "I draw your kind attention to the fact that no housing project has come up in Rourkela in the last 20 years," wrote Majhi. He also said, "There is much demand for houses here. Rourkela Steel Plant received approximately 6,000 acres of land on lease from the state government. Of this, 1,000 acres remain unused while 400 acres have

been encroached upon." He mentioned that Odisha State Housing Board (OSHB) managing director had made a request to the director incharge of RSP to allot the

unutilised land to the board. "A minimum of five acres and above should be allotted to OSHB to pave way for construction of more than 10,000 houses. And this proj-

> ect will benefit not only retiring SAIL employees but also displaced persons, and low and middle income families," Tanty wrote in the let-

Stating that the OSHB office here is almost defunct and is running with only two staffers, the MLA said, "The move will help reenergize the OSHB office and also address encroachment issues.'

He further cited about the vacant land parcels where the project/s can come up. The places, he mentioned, include around 80 acres near CWS Hospital area, nearly 60 acres behind Jhirpani police station, some parcels near BPUT and 100 acres of land near Birsa Munda Hockey stadium, under the jurisdiction of Rourkela Municipal Corporation and Rourkela Development Authority, and around 60 acres of land adjacent to



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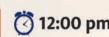
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Man gets 20-yr RI for raping minor BALASORE: A court in this district Friday sentenced a man to 20 years of rigorous imprisonment (RI) for raping a 14-year-old girl and impregnating her last year. Special judge, Balasore

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Jumbo kills man in Koira range

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Kharagpur in adjoining West Bengal.

ROURKELA: An elephant, which was tranquilised and a radio

night. The deceased was identified as Sama Munda, 45, of Patamunda village under Koira police station. Sama, along with a few other villagers, was guarding his plantation in the night when the elephant appeared from nowhere. Before Sama could realize anything, the wild animal picked him up and banged him on the ground. The other villagers shouted for help but Sama could not be saved. A radio collar was put on the jumbo September 17 night to keep a track of its movement. But it seems that the collar did not serve the purpose and Sama lost his life. Meanwhile, the villagers staged a demonstration demanding compensation to Sama's family They withdrew the agitation when the family received the

collar was tagged to it recently, killed a villager late Thursday















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Studious Silence

The media is buzzing with tales of a whopping Rs 50 crore heist from a retired IAS officer's high residence in the tranquil hills of Uttarakhand. What's drawing attention is not just the theft, but also the great question—how did such a hefty sum of money get there in the first place?

The babu, once a powerful figure in a nearby state government and still considered very close to the Chief Minister there, has now become the focus of suspicion on social media, where rumours are spreading quickly. What makes this case even more intriguing is the fact that no formal FIR has been lodged, despite the scale of the theft. Some media outlets have meanwhile received notices, we're hearing.

Neither the authorities nor anyone associated with the officer appears prepared to speak out, adding to the mystery. A Lucknowbased daily broke the story, alleging ties to a powerful ex-bureaucrat but not naming any names. As expected, the story has since gone viral, with social media users spreading the word and speculating about the officer's identity.

Many people question why the authorities are so tight-lipped. Meanwhile, reports indicate that the officer's wife was emotionally affected by the occurrence, adding another layer of personal drama to an already sensational case.

What's really going on here? Some argue that this is yet another example of how certain public officials stash illicit wealth in cash to avoid

detection by agencies like the Enforcement Directorate (ED) and the Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI). Cash is harder to trace, making it a convenient way to fly under the radar of anti-corruption bodies.



If the stolen money is found, experts warn that any attempt by the officer to reclaim it could trigger a new legal firestorm under the Prevention of Corruption Act

For now, the silence around the case only seems to intensify public curiosity. The lack of an official statement, whispers about who the officer might be, and the staggering amount of money involved have everyone waiting for more details to surface. The case may even impact the prevailing tensions between the Centre and the state chief minister. Watch this space for updates.

Delhi DMs get more powers, ruffle feathers

The Delhi government's recent move to form 'working groups' of District Magistrates (DMs) to assess and improve the functioning of various departments has raised eyebrows, especially among senior babus. These groups are tasked with reviewing departmental operations and submitting actionable recommendations by October 5. They've also been empowered to hold meetings with concerned officials—which is the tricky part.

Many in the administration are questioning the practicality of junior DMs overseeing and advising more experienced senior officials. Some see this as an unusual situation, with younger IAS officers from recent batches being asked to recommend improvements to departments headed by officials with decades of experience.

This bold move comes at a time of $\bar{\text{transition}}$ for Delhi, with newly appointed Chief Minister Atishi stepping into the shoes of Arvind Kejriwal. Known for her focus on education reforms, Atishi now faces the challenge of managing the city's broader governance issues. This initiative is likely part of her broader strategy to improve inter-departmental synergy and bring fresh perspectives to long-standing administrative processes.

A senior official explained that this initiative aligns with Lieutenant Governor VK Saxena's vision of making DMs more active and dynamic. Take that with a pinch of salt!

The order coincides with a renewed push for cohesion between Atishi, AAP ministers, and senior babus, aiming for better coordination across key departments like transport, health, and education. Whether this approach will foster the intended inter-departmental synergy or cause further friction remains to be seen, but it's certainly a shake-up in Delhi's administrative corridors.

Why merging DIPAM and DPE makes sense

The government is once again considering the merger of two important departments: the Department of Investment & Public Asset Management (DIPAM) and the Department of Public Enterprises (DPE). Both play crucial roles in managing Central Public Sector Undertakings (CPSUs), and if all goes according to plan, they could soon be working together under the Ministry of Finance.

The idea behind the merger is to create more synergy and liquidity for the NDA government's ambitious investment projects, particularly as it prepares for major reforms aimed at boosting growth and em-

This proposal isn't entirely new. It was first floated during the NaMo 2.0 era but didn't materialize for various reasons. The project was revived again in the list of "100 days programme" conceived by the Modi sarkar before the May 2024 Lok Sabha polls.

So why merge these two departments? DIPAM deals with investment and disinvestment in CPSUs, while DPE focuses on the management and performance of these enterprises. When a CPSU is up for closure or divestment, DIPAM initiates the process, and DPE handles the final closure. A merger could streamline this process and make things more efficient. It seems the government is banking on this move to bring much-needed agility to its public sector investment strategy ahead of 2024.

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The only solutions that are ever worth anything are the solutions that people find themselves. SATYAJIT RAY

Man is a genius when he is dreaming.

Film is very much a universal and common voice, and we can't limit it to one particular culture.

THIS DAY IN HISTORY

- 1961: The American romantic comedy Breakfast at Tiffany's, an adaptation of Truman Capote's novella, had its world premiere; it became especially known for Audrey Hepburn's performance as the free-spirited Holly Golightly.
- 1962: The first installment in the James Bond film series, Dr. No, had its world premiere; the British spy film was adapted from Ian Fleming's novel and starred Sean Connery.
- 1969: The British television series Monty Python's Flying Circus debuted on the BBC and proved to be a watershed for TV comedy around the world.
- 1975: English actress Kate Winslet, who was known for her sharply drawn portrayals of spirited and unusual women, was born.

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Homi Kharas and John W. McArthur

EXTREME POVERTY REMAINS CONCENTRATED IN THOSE COUNTRIES THAT WERE ALREADY STRUGGLING TO REDUCE IT

ny reader of the daily news could be forgiven for thinking the world is in decline. Amid so many conflicts and societal strains, the United Nations regularly warns that only 17% of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) - the economic, social, and environmental targets all countries set in 2015are on track to be met by 2030, as agreed, leading many to wonder whether such goals still serve any purpose. But rather than succumb to pessimism, we would do better to examine where the world is making sound progress, where it seems stuck on autopilot, and where things are indeed moving backwards or approaching a tipping point for the worse.

This is what we set out to do in a recent study, with our colleague Odera Onyechi, estimating country-level progress around the world. One of our top line findings is that "business as usual" aptly describes many trends since 2015. Yet the SDGs must be evaluated remembering the nature of their ambition. They were not established merely to perpetuate longerterm patterns of progress toward more prosperous, inclusive, and sustainable societies. Instead, they sought to hasten such progress dramatically.

Even if the pace of progress is not sufficient to achieve what 193 countries committed to delivering, this does not mean everything is getting worse. Our study examined 24 SDG-relevant, country-level indicators and started with a basic question: Have things improved since 2015? We found humanity-wide improvements for 18– ranging from the enlargement of marine protected areas to expanded access to water and sanitation. Such gains do not minimize the pain of backsliding on the six remaining measures, especially those linked to hunger and food security, not to mention the hor-



There is no reason to give up hope. The problem is not that everything is getting worse. It is that many things are not getting better any faster than they were before

rendous health and educational consequences of the COVID-19 pandemic. But they do show why we need to differentiate progress toward the SDGs more systematically.

When we investigate which trends have changed since the SDG agreement in 2015, the results are more muted. The clearest accelerations in progress are in HIV incidence, antiretroviral coverage to treat AIDS, and access to electricity. The AIDStreatment data include extraordinary breakthroughs in lowincome countries with limited infrastructure, such as Sierra Leone and the Democratic Republic of the Congo. For a global issue that lacked any systematic policy response in the early 2000s, this represents remarkable progress for humanity.

For eight indicators, however, we found no change in the longterm rate of progress, and spotted signs of a slowdown in nine others. The takeaway is that there is no single overall story to tell about the SDGs. Most countries are doing better on some issues and worse on others, suggesting that the world needs a more balanced scorecard for cat aloging successes and failures.

Moreover, the slowdowns do not always come as a surprise. The pandemic caused a clear short-term increase in the number of people living in extreme poverty, but most of that impact has now faded. Notwithstanding all the big global shocks of the past few years, one finds that the same core challenge persists: Extreme poverty remains concentrated in those countries that were already struggling to reduce it.

On some measures, the apparent rate of progress doesn't tell the right story. With respect to the environment, for example, annual changes in protected areas or greenhouse-gas emissions don't say much about the risk of hitting a catastrophic tipping point. If you are stuck in a car careening toward a cliff, you shouldn't obsess over the readings on the speedometer; you should be focusing on pumping the brakes in time. Although tipping points cannot be predicted precisely, there is growing evidence that many planetary boundaries already have been crossed. The world is far off track from the goal of keeping global warming within 1.5°Celsius above pre-industrial levels or adequately preserving nature to halt the risk of mass extinctions.

Other individual SDG-related issues can feed into competing narratives. Consider the challenge of child mortality. From 2015 to 2022, annual child deaths under age five fell by more than one million, from 6.1 million to

4.9 million. The country-level trends driving this were a mixed bag. Twenty developing countries notched faster improvements while more than 40 had slower gains. If current trends continue, 60 countries will not meet the SDG target of no more than 25 deaths per 1,000 live births by 2030. These shortfalls will add up to more than ten million deaths by 2030.

One can feel both buoyed by the progress and anxious about the challenges. Remarkably, more than half the excess child mortality could occur in just three countries by the end of the decade - Nigeria, Pakistan, and the DRC. Thus, it is conceivable that concerted international efforts could help local leaders achieve breakthroughs that would fundamentally change the global picture.

Overall, a nuanced assessment of the SDGs can offer encouragement alongside the sober realism that current conditions de mand. Breakthroughs in technology - ranging from pioneering health interventions to digital cash safety nets reaching people even in the world's toughest environments-continue to drive new forms of progress. When the institutions, financing, and transparent governance systems align, progress can still be rapid.

The world is full of warning signs, and too much of humanity continues to carry an extraordinary burden. But despite the big global disruptions of the 2020s, we continue to make overall gains. There is no reason to give up hope. The problem is not that everything is getting worse. It is that many things are not getting better any faster than they were before.

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SPECTRUM MENTAL HEALTH

Ensuring mental wellbeing at workplace



Bhaskar Nath Biswal

PRIORITISING MENTAL HEALTH AT WORK IS NOT **ONLY A MORAL IMPERATIVE BUT ALSO A BUSINESS NECESSITY**

Mental Health Day, a global observance dedimental health issues, encouraging support for individuals facing mental health challenges and promoting mental wellbeing as a universal priority. First launched by the World Federation for Mental Health in 1992, this day aims to foster a culture of understanding and action. The 2024 theme, 'Prioritizing Mental Health in the Workplace,' highlights the need for mental health support in professional settings.

The WHO defines mental health as a state of mental well-being that enables people to cope with the stresses of life, realize their abilities, learn well and work well, and contribute to their community. There is a profound relationship between work and mental health. A safe, supportive, and inclusive work environment plays a critical role in maintaining and promoting mental wellbeing. Conversely, good mental health enables individuals to perform at their best, driving productivity, cre-

ativity, and overall job satisfaction. Mental health is a vital component of overall health and wellbeing, closely linked to physical health and influencing relationships, decision-making, and daily functioning. Good mental health fosters resilience, productivity,

ctober 10 marks World and community engagement, while poor mental health can lead to physical illnesses and socated to raising awareness about cial issues. Prioritizing mental health is essential for overall wellness, strong relationships, and a healthier, happier life.

A healthy mind enables individuals to navigate life's challenges, build meaningful connections, and reach their full potential. Conversely, mental health issues can impact work performance, strain relationships, and reduce quality of life. By acknowledging the importance of mental health, we can break stigma, encourage support, and promote a culture of understanding and wellness.

The recent death of a young chartered accountant from EY Global, has drawn national level attention to the extreme workload that exists today. Senior executives are discussing now how to manage stress and strain in the corporate sector after the incident triggered a debate in the industry. Experts in the corporate world urged the government to develop specific policies that will

help in tackling such situations. Of course, that is right but what about the workers in the unorganized sector. Globally, more than 50% of workers are employed in the informal economy, leaving them vulnerable to exploitation and neglect. Without

structural support, these workers stay in unsafe working environments for long working hours exposed to increased risk of mental and physical health issues. Apart from this, they have limited or no access to social security, healthcare, and financial protections and prone to discrimination and social exclusion. Nobody will stand for them and the government policies are the only solace for them.

The government is enacting national policies like the National Mental Health Policy (2014), the National Youth Policy (2014), and the National Education Policy (2020), all of which highlight the importance of mental health across the entire care continuum, especially for children and adolescents.

However, the biggest hindrance is the low awareness of the people about the mental health problems. Unless until one is facing individually or a member of the family is suffering from mental health illness, people never talk or think about the ailment. Most of the funds allocated for mental health under the budget are for tertiary care related activities, with little or no funds being allotted for secondary and primary mental healthcare. While strengthening existing infrastructure and institutions is crucial, increasing accessibility to mental healthcare requires directing more funds to-

ward enhancing services and treatment at the secondary, primary, and community levels.

Psychiatrists, psychologists, licensed professional clinical counselors, social workers, nurse practitioners, and family physicians can help manage mental illness with treatments such as therapy, counseling, and medication but there is dearth of these personnel in our country. India faces a significant shortage in mental health treatment personnel with only 0.75 psychiatrists, 0.07 psychologists and 0.07 social workers per one lakh population. In comparision, developed countries have 6.6 psychiatrists per one lakh population and WHO suggests a minimum of 3 psychiatrists per one lakh population. These figures display the sorry state of affairs of mental health treatment in India.

In conclusion, prioritising mental health at work is not only a moral imperative but also a business necessity. By implementing proactive strategies and fostering a supportive environment, organizations can promote employee wellbeing, boost productivity, and reap long-term benefits. Let us join forces to break the stigma surrounding mental health and create healthier, happier workplaces.

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TO THE EDITOR

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PM's silence

Sir, The Tirupati laddu issue grew much bigger than the actual size of the prasadam itself and snowballed into a nationwide polemic solely because of our dirty politicians, who will not spare even the god for their selfish and cheap political gains. More than the alleged use of adulterated ghee and other substandard materials in the making of laddus offered as prasadam at Tirumala Tirupati Temple, it is Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister Chandrababu Naidu, whose purported ignition of the controversy for scoring quick political points and casting enough political dye, has actually accentuated the roiling issue. It is more than clear that Naidu, fearing a CBI probe into his hasty allegations, swiftly formed a Special Investigation Team to negate the need for any inquiry by a Central investigation agency and ensure that the investigation remains under his government's control. Now that his remarks have boomeranged on him after the Supreme Court's intervention, the AP Chief Minister appears more anxious, worrying if his allegations are proven false in the court, the impact could be significant for him and his government. But amid all the hubbub of the Srivari laddu issue, Prime Minister Narendra Modi has been mute so far, and expectedly so, because of the compulsions of the coalition dharma!

Ranganathan Sivakumar, CHENNAI

Application of mind

Sir, This refers to the news report "Criminalising marital rape will ruin marriages: Govt" (Orissa POST, October 4). If the husband and wife share a common understanding, they can fully enjoy marital sex. It should not be done by force without creating the right ambience. The entire sexual process is very romantic and pure, and sanctity has to be maintained. When force is applied for sex and is done beyond the wishes of the wife, it should be considered rape, for a plethora of instances could be cited as to how a forceful sexual act led to the health complications of the wife. I think the Central Government has not applied its mind that a wife can never be happy in her marriage if her husband shows unnatural sexual hunger. —

Arun Gupta, KOLKATA



Kerala govt pays tributes to victims 21 NEWLY CO-DISTRICTS INAUGURATED IN ASSAM

CM Vijavan stated that due to the effects of global warming and climate change, Kerala is becoming a land prone to severe natural disasters

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Thiruvananthapuram, Oct 4: The Kerala Assembly Friday paid tributes to the victims of the devastating landslides that occurred in Meppadi in Wayanad district, July 30, which killed over 230 people and left dozens missing.

Making a special reference to the disaster on the opening day of the nine-day-long Assembly session, Speaker AN Shamseer said the House shares in the profound grief of the families and loved ones of those who have lost

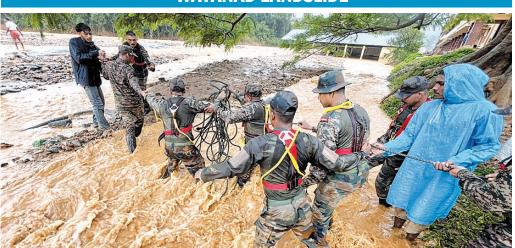
'We pay our respects to all the brothers and sisters who have been taken from us in this natural disaster that has shaken our state," the Speaker said.

Chief Minister Pinarayi Vijayan termed the landslides that occurred in the Mundakkai-Chooralmala area of the Meppadi Panchayat in Wayanad district an "unparalleled catastrophe."

'This disaster is among the largest landslides reported in the country to date," he said.

Quoting a scientific paper published by national and international scientists, the chief minister stated that it is estimated that





debris flowed at a speed of 100 kilometers per hour, totaling 5.72 million cubic meters.

"The debris reached heights of up to 32 meters," he added, noting that the extreme rainfall, which occurred locally due to climate change, caused this landslide. In the disaster that directly affected the areas of Punchirimmattam, Mundakkai, Chooralmala, and Attamala, 231 lives were lost, and 47 individuals are reported missing, he said.

A total of 145 houses were completely destroyed, while 170 were partially damaged. Two hundred forty houses have become uninhabitable, and 183 houses were

"In light of scientific studies, it has been found that there are

uninhabitable. The total loss in Meppadi, including shops, livelihoods, vehicles, agriculture, and livestock, amounts to at least ₹1,200 crore," the CM said. Currently, 794 families who survived the disaster in Meppadi are living in

rental houses, he said. Vijayan stated that due to the effects of global warming and climate change, Kerala is becoming a land prone to severe natural disasters.

The chief minister said that to combat such disasters, which are likely to recur and to minimise their impact, the state government has established a Climate Change Adaptation Mission.

He emphasised that Kerala requires the support and cooperation of the scientific community, the Central government, and ex-

perts at the global level, as well as the public, to effectively address global warming and climate change and to survive the disasters resulting from them.

The Congress leader also mentioned the lack of significant assistance from the Central government so far, despite Prime Minister Narendra Modi's visit to the affected areas.

The leaders also recalled that a landslide occurred in Vilangad. part of the Vaniyambalam Panchayat in Kozhikode district, July 30. According to the Kozhikode District Disaster Management Authority, a valuable life was lost there, along with homes, shops, livelihoods, vehicles, agriculture, and livestock. The total loss in Vilangad amounts to at least ₹217 crore.

Assam is the first state to set up co-districts

the district level

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Guwahati, Oct 4: Twenty-one newly created co-districts in Assam were inaugurated Friday by different ministers, an official release said.

which will serve as smaller

administrative units below

The Assam government has created 39 new co-districts in the state in a bid to take the administration to the doorstep of the citizens. Of the 39 co-districts, 21 were inaugurated Friday while the remaining 18 will be inaugurated Saturday.

Chief Minister Himanta Biswa Sarma was scheduled to inaugurate Jalukabari co-district (also his Assembly constituency), under Kamrup Metropolitan, Saturday.

Assam is the first state to set up co-districts which will serve as smaller administrative units below the district level, it said

The co-districts have been set up with the objective of timely access to essential government services by citizens, to improve efficiency bringing governance to the grassroots and streamlining citizen-centric services.

The co-districts will deal with



land revenue matters, development works and welfare schemes, food and civil supplies, excise, panchayat and rural development and disaster management.

Minister for Panchayat and Rural Development Ranjeet Kumar Dassa inaugurated the two co-districts of Bilasipara and Golakganj in Dhubri district while Minister for Handloom and Textiles UG Brahma was present at Goalpara (West).

Minister for Environment and Forests CM Patowary inaugurated the co-district of Rangia in Kamrup district, Transport minister Keshab Mahanta at Kaliabor in Nagaon district and Minister for Housing and Urban Affairs Ashok Singhal at Sipajhar and

Dalgaon in Darrang district. Minister for Water Resources Pijush Hazarika inaugurated the co-districts of Naduar and Behali in Sonitpur district,

Minister for Sports and Youth Affairs Nandita Garlosa at Gohpur in Biswanath and Education Minister Ranoi Pegu at Jonai in Dhenaji district. Industry and Commerce min-

ister Bimal Borah inaugurated the co-districts of Margherita and Sadiya in Tinsukia district and Revenue and Disaster Management minister Jogen Dibrugarh district. Finance minister Ajanta Neog

inaugurated Titabor in Jorhat district. Agriculture minister Atul Bora at Bokakhat while Labour minister Sanjoy Kishan was at Dergaon and Sarupathar in Golaghat district.

In Barak Valley, Tourism minister Jayanta Malla Baruah inaugurated the co-districts of Patrharkandi and Ram Krishna Nagar in Karimganj district.

The remaining 18 co-districts, including four in Kamrup (Metro), two each in Tinsukia, Dibrugarh, Sivasagar and Morigaon along with one each in Bongaigaon, Nagaon, Hojai, Sonitpur, Charaideo and Cachar, will be inaugurated Saturday.

Soldier Thomas laid to rest with military honours

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Pathanamthitta (Kerala), Oct 4: Thomas Cherian, an army jawan, who died in a plane crash in 1968, was laid to rest with full military honours in a specially prepared burial chamber in a church courtvard in this district Friday afternoon.

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idence in Elanthoor village in this district. After the priests performed the religious rites and the police gave a gun salute, the body was taken to St Peter's Orthodox

Hundreds of people, mainly from the Elanthoor locality and from far and wide, gathered to pay their last respects to the soldier's mortal remains 56 years after his death. Kerala Health

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FORM No. STK --6

PUBLIC NOTICE

[Pursuant to sub-section (2) and sub-section (4) of section 248 of the Companies Act, 2013 and rule

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Reference:

(1) In the matter of striking off or removal of names of (3) companies in the state of ODISHA under section 248 of

(2). Notice is hereby given that the Registrar of Companies had received applications from the above-mentioned

companies under section 248(2) of the Companies Act, 2013 for removal of its/their name (s) from the register of

companies either on the ground that they have failed to commence business within one year of their incorporation

or on the ground that the company(ies) is/are not carrying on any business or operation for a period of two

immediately preceding financial years and has/have not made any application (s) within such period for

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have obtained the status of dormant company/subscribers to the memorandum have not paid the subscription

which they had undertaken to pay at the time of incorporation of a company and a declaration to this effect has

not been filed within one hundred and eighty days of its incorporation under subsection (1) of section 10A/ have

not been carrying on any business or operations, as revealed after the physical verification carried out under sub-

section (9) of section 12, but it/they do not wish to continue its/their registration as companies and have,

(3) Accordingly, the Registrar of Companies proposes to remove or strike off the names of the above-mentioned

(4) Any person objecting to the proposed removal or striking off name of the companies from the register of

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therefore, requested for removal/strike off of its/their names from the register of companies.

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Minister Veena George, Pathanamthitta MP Anto Antony, leaders of various political parties, and senior officials of the military and civil administration paid homage to the soldier.

The military accorded full honours before the body was taken on its final journey The remains of Cherian. a resident of Kerala's Pathanamthitta district, were recovered 56 years after an ill-fated aircraft of the Indian

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Air Force crashed over the Rohtang Pass in Himachal Pradesh. His remains were among the four recovered through a search mission, the Army had said. The mortal remains of the soldier were received Thursday at Air Force Station Shangumugham in Thiruvananthapuram with full military honours and were kept at the Pangode Military Station. The coffin was taken to his village Friday

Indian Army to hold 62nd

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

Walong Day

Itanagar, Oct 4: The to commemorate the 62nd Walong Day with a series of grand events, paying homage to the indomitable courage and sacrifice of the soldiers who fought valiantly during the Battle of Walong in the 1962 Sino-Indian War.

The celebrations are set to begin October 17 with a solemn opening ceremony and wreath-laying at the Walong War Memorial, the place of remembrance of the brave hearts who laid down their lives defending

the country. The day will not just be a tribute to the past but a vibrant celebration of the gallant spirit of the Indian Army, a defence communique said here Friday.

The month-long events are designed to both commemorate the past and to engage the local community and promote nation-build-

The month-long celebrations include battlefield treks, car rally. medical and veterinary camps, adventure treks, cycle and motorcycle expedition and the half marathon finishing at Walong.

Each event symbolizes the indomitable spirit of the Indian Army and its dedication to keep the memory of the fallen heroes alive, it said.

The Indian Army's involvement in the Battle of Walong stands as a testament to the sheer bravery, dedication and an unwavering spirit of its soldiers.



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bidders on auction date and auction venue/auction portal.

REGIONAL STRESSED ASSET RECOVERY BRANCH, CUTTACK Plot No.: CM-2B, 1st Floor, Sector-7, Near Markat Nagar Police Station, CDA, Cuttack-753014, Odisha, Tel.: 0671-2361377, Mob.: 7077727133, E-mail: sarcut@bankofbaroda.com

E-AUCTION **SALE NOTICE**

SALE NOTICE FOR SALE OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTIES "APPENDIX-IV-A [See proviso to Rule 6 (2) & 8(6)]" E-Auction Sale Notice for sale of Immovable Assets under the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest
Act, 2002 read with proviso to Rule 6(2) & 8(6) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002.

Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower(s), Mortgagor(s) and Guarantor(s) that the below described Immovable properties
Mortgaged /charged to the Secured Creditor, possession of which has been taken by the Authorised Officer of Bank of Baroda, Secured Creditor, will be sold on "AS IS
WHERE IS", "AS IS WHAT IS" AND "WHATEVER THERE IS" basis for recovery of dues in below mentioned accounts. The details of Borrower(s)/Mortgagor(s)/
Guarantor(s)/Secured Asset's/ Dues/Reserve Price/e-Auction Date & Time, EMD and Bid Increase Amount are mentioned below-

SI. No.	Name & Address of Borrower(s) / Description of the Immovable Property with known encumbrances, if any	Description of the Immovable Preparty	Demand /Possession	Date & Time of	Reserve Price	Status of Possession	Property
		Notice Date /	E-auction	EMD	[Constructive/	Inspection	
		with known encumbrances, it any	Outstanding Dues	E-auction	Bid Increase Amount	Physical]	Date & Time
	and Late Abani Kumar Sahoo,	Equitable mortgage of Land & Building situated in Mouza: Naranpur, PS: Keonjhar, Tahasil: Keonjhar bearing	03.06.2024 / 26.09.2024 Dues as on 03.06.2024 ₹25,72,197/-	11.11.2024 02.00 PM to 06.00 PM	₹30,17,000/-	**Symbolic	08.11.2024 (10.00 AM to 4.00 PM)
1.		Khata No.: 130/180, Plot No.: 138,			₹3,01,700/-		
	Sahoo, All are At: Naranpur,	Area: Ac. 0.050 dec., in the name of Late Abani Kumar Sahoo and Mr. Narayan Sahoo.	(Inclusive interest upto 04.06.2024) + future interest & charges		₹10,000/-		
	Prop.: Narayan Sahoo and M	le, Equitable mortgage of Homestead l/s Open Land situated at Mouza: ani Naranpur, PS: Keonjhar bearing nis Khata No.: 55/39, Plot No.: 244,	03.06.2024 / 26.09.2024 Dues as on 03.06.2024	11.11.2024	₹6,96,000/-		08.11.2024
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(a) Property is in symbolic possession and bidder is purchasing the property in symbolic possession at his own risk & responsibility. (b) Bank will not be responsible or duty bound for handing over of physical possession. (c) Bank will handover the property symbolically only and successful auction bidder/purchaser will not claim physical possession from the Bank.

For detailed terms and conditions of sale, please refer to the link provided in https://ebkray.in/eauction-psb/eproperty/buyer/view-property-detail/ or https://ebkray.in

1) The Authorized Officer/Bank has the absolute right to accept or reject any bid or adjourn/postpone/cancel the sale/modify any terms and conditions of the sale without any prior notice and without assigning any reason including calling upon the next highest bidder to perform in case the earlier bidder fails to perform. 2) All statutory dues/arrears of property tax, electricity dues, other dues if any including registration charges, stamp duty, taxes

etc shall have to be borne by the purchaser. Authorised Officer shall not be responsible for any charge, lien, encumbrance, etc. or any other dues to the Government, Local Authority or anybody, in respect of the properties under sale. Bank does not undertake any responsibility to procure any permission/NOC/license in respect of property under sale

LAST DATE OF SUBMISSION OF ONLINE PAYMENT EMD AMOUNT: 11.11.2024 LATEST BY 2.00 P.M.

Date: 04.10.2024

STATUTORY 30 DAYS SALE NOTICE TO THE BORROWERS / GUARANTORS / MORTGAGORS FOR SALE UNDER RULE 8(5) AND 8(6) AS PER SARFAESI ACT 2002.

national



The Government of India has requested every person to plant a sapling in the name of mothers. If 140 crore saplings are planted, the number of trees will increase which will slowly improve the climate. To achieve this, everyone must plant a sapling each year DROUPADI MURMU | PRESIDENT OF INDIA

MOON REPLICA

A giant 10-metre high replica of the moon is set to come up in Guwahati to celebrate the success of Chandrayaan mission as the city gears up to host the India **International Science Festival** from November 30





privatisation of the railways. I urge those spreading such remember the railways and defence are two backbones of India and must be spared all kinds of politics

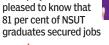
ASHWINI VAISHNAW UNION MINISTER

I am happy to be in Gwalion as it is the workplace of late Rajmata Vijayaraje Scindia. The country is marching ahead in

the sports sector. When India hosts the Olympics in 2036, it should rank among the top 10 nations in sports MANSUKH MANDAVIYA UNION MINISTER

The biggest

challenge our youths face unemployment. I am pleased to know that 81 per cent of NSUT



ATISHI DELHI CM

SHORT **TAKES**

E-cigarettes worth over ₹2cr seized

New Delhi: Banned e-cigarettes worth over ₹2 crore have been seized and eight members of inter-state gangs involved in importing and selling them arrested, Delhi Police said Friday. On Thursday, information regarding the import and transportation of prohibited electronic cigarettes in the north district was received, they said. These e-cigarettes were being transported from Uttar Pradesh's Gorakhpur to Delhi, the police said.

Bihar: 45 lakh hit in 2 phases of deluge

Patna/Muzaffarpur: The flood situation remained grim in Bihar Friday though the water level has come down in several rivers, while a section of the affected people put up a road blockade in Muzaffarpur district alleging inadequate relief measures. officials said. More than 45 lakh people in 30 out of the total 38 districts of the state have been affected by the calamity in two phases since last month, according to the **Disaster Management** Department (DMD).

Lone NCP MLA in J'khand ioins BJP

Ranchi: Jharkhand's sole **Nationalist Congress Party** (NCP) legislator Kamlesh Singh joined the BJP Friday ahead of the upcoming state assembly elections. The Hussainabad MLA, who withdrew his support from the Hemant Soren-led government November 1 last year, asserted that he would strengthen the party in Palamu.

Delhi court grants bail to businessman

New Delhi: A Delhi court Friday granted bail to a businessman in a money laundering case, noting that there was no possibility of the proceedings concluding in the near future and this could deny him the "fundamental right" of a speedy trial. The ₹500 crore money laundering case is being probed by the Enforcement Directorate (ED).

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Pilgrim rescued

Gopeshwar: A pilgrim from Delhi who went missing while returning from a trek to Rudranath temple in Uttarakhand's Chamoli district was rescued on Friday, a senior official said. Akash Gupta, who was part of a group of over 40 pilgrims from Delhi, went missing late Thursday evening near Pung Padav, Chamoli District Magistrate Sandeep Tiwari told reporters here.

Maha dy Speaker jumps from third floor of secretariat

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

Mumbai, Oct 4: Tribal leaders, including Deputy Speaker Narhari Zirwal, protesting against the demand to include the Dhangar community in the Scheduled Tribe list, Friday jumped from the third floor of Maharashtra state secretariat Mantralaya on the safety net just a floor below.

No injuries were reported in the incident that saw tense moments unfolding at the six-storey Mantralaya complex.

Zirwal, his fellow Nationalist Congress Party (NCP) legislator Kiran Lahamate and BJP tribal MP Hemant Savara were among those who jumped from the third floor onto the safety net installed on the second floor. a precaution taken in response to previous suicide attempts at

The incident occurred around 12.40 pm, a police official said. The protest, which involved two MLAs and an MP from the ruling Mahayuti alliance, highlighted escalating tensions over the government's handling of tribal issues.

After the police personnel removed these leaders from the net, these tribal representatives then gathered in the ground floor passage and began a sit-in claiming that Chief Minister Eknath Shinde was not meeting them to discuss the quota issue.

Dhangar or shepherd com-

munity in the state is demanding ST category inclusion for the purpose of reservation. But Zirwal and other tribal leaders are protesting against this demand. "I am an adivasi first and then an MLA and a deputy speaker," Zirwal told reporters when asked what led him to resort to such a protest.

"CM Shinde should meet the

Zirwal said the state government should offer protection to students who have been protesting since a fortnight against the halt to recruitment under the Panchayats (Extension to Scheduled Areas) Act (PESA) in Maharashtra.

Speaking in Chhatrapati Sambhajinagar about the incident, Shiv Sena spokesperson Sanjay Shirsat said, "Zirwal is in the government and a responsible person...The protesters should have spoken to other leaders who are present there. The Chief Minister meets everyone after the cabinet meeting. Instead of doing such agitations, they should have spoken to the CM first. This kind of protest by Zirwal is unacceptable."

'Caste-related agitations are going on across the state. The CM and two deputy CMs do hold talks with those who wish to discuss issues," he said



protesters," he added. BJP MLC Gopichand Padalkar said Zirwal holds a constitutional post and there is no need to take such an extreme step.



Road crash in UP leaves 10 dead

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

Mirzapur (UP), Oct 4: Ten people were killed and three injured when a truck collided with a tractor trolley carrying labourers in the district early Friday, police said. The incident took place around

1 am on G T Road between Kachhawan and Mirzamurad areas on the Mirzapur-Varanasi border, Superintendent of Police (Mirzapur) Abhinandan said. 'The tractor trolley, carrying 13 labourers who were returning from construction work in Bhadohi district, was hit from behind by the truck that had gone out of the driver's control," the SP said. "Of the 13 injured, 10 died while the three others were taken to the hospital at the IIT-BHU, where their condition is stated to be normal," the officer said.

President Droupadi Murmu, Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Yogi Aditvanath condoled the loss of lives in the accident. Prime Minister Modi also announced a compensation of ₹2 lakh to each for the kin of the deceased and ₹50.000 to those injured.

SUB-CLASSIFICATION OF SCs

SC refuses to review order

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

New Delhi, Oct 4: The Supreme Court has dismissed a batch of pleas seeking review of its judgment which held that states are constitutionally empowered to make sub-classifications within the Scheduled Castes for granting reservation.

An Indian Air Force (IAF) aircraft during final rehearsal as part of its upcoming 92nd anniversary celebrations, in Chennai

A seven-judge Constitution bench comprising Chief Justice D Y Chandrachud and Justices B R Gavai, Vikram Nath, Bela Trivedi, Pankaj Mithal, Manoj Misra and Satish Chandra Sharma said there is no error apparent on the face of the record.

The top court also rejected applications for listing the review petitions in open court.

Justice Trivedi, who had written a separate dissenting judgment in the case, was also part of seven-judge bench which dismissed the pleas seeking review of the majority verdict.

"Having perused the review petitions, there is no error apparent on the face of the record. No case for review under Order



XLVII Rule 1 of the Supreme Court Rules 2013 has been established. The review petitions are, therefore, dismissed," the order dated September 24, which was uploaded today, said.

The top court had August 1 held that states are constitutionally empowered to make sub-classifications within the Scheduled Castes (SCs), which form a socially heterogeneous class, for granting reservation for the uplift of castes that are socially and educationally more backward. The apex court, however, made it clear that states have to make sub-classification on the basis of "quantifiable and demonstrable data" of backwardness and representation in government jobs and not on "whims" and as a matter of "political expediency".

bench headed by Chief Justice Chandrachud, by a majority of 6:1, set aside the apex court's five-judge bench verdict of 2004 in the EV Chinnaiah vs State of Andhra Pradesh case which had held that no sub-classification of SCs can be allowed as they are a homogeneous class in themselves. Except for Justice Trivedi, the other six judges concurred with the findings of the CJI. Justice Trivedi, in her 85page dissenting judgment, said it is only Parliament which can include a caste in the SC list or exclude it, and states are not empowered to tinker with it.

A seven-judge Constitution

The SCs, she ruled, are a "homogeneous class" incapable of being sub-classified further. Overruling the Chinnaiah verdict, the CJI dealt with the scope of sub-classification of SCs and said the objective of any form of affirmative action, including the sub-classification, is to provide "substantive equality of opportunity for the backward classes".

Muizzu to visit India next week

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

New Delhi, Oct 4: Maldives President Mohamed Muizzu will pay a five-day visit to India beginning Monday with an aim to reset ties that came under some strain since November last year.

Though the Maldivian president attended Prime Minister Narendra Modi's swearing-in ceremony in June, it will be his first bilateral visit to India. The ties between Indiaa and the Maldives came under severe strain since Muizzu, known for his pro-China leanings, took charge of the top office in

November. Within hours of his oath, he had demanded the withdrawal of Indian military personnel from his country. Subsequently, the Indian military personnel were replaced by civilians.

The Ministry of External Affairs (MEA), announcing Muizzu's trip, said it is expected to lend further momentum to cooperation and robust people to people ties between the two countries. "President of the Republic of Maldives Mohamed Muizzu will be travelling to India on a state visit from October 6 to 10," it said. During his visit, Muizzu will hold discussions with Modi on bilateral, regional and international issues of mutual interest, it said. Muizzu is also scheduled to meet President Droupadi Murmu.

Besides Delhi, he will also visit Mumbai and Bengaluru where he will be attending business events.

maritime neighbour in the Indian Ocean Region and holds a special place in the prime minister's vision of 'SAGAR' (Security and Growth for All in the Region) and India's 'Neighbourhood First Policy',"

Junior docs call off 'total cease work'

KOLKATA: Agitating junior doctors demanding justice for the RG Kar medic on Friday evening called off their 'total cease work' at state-run medical colleges and hospitals but threatened to launch a hunger strike till death if their demands were not met by the West Bengal government within 24 hours, "We are calling off our 'total cease work'. But we will continue our sit-in protest. We will give the state administration 24 hours to fulfill our demands or else we will start a hunger strike till death," an agitating doctor said. Holding clocks in their hands, the doctors reiterated their demands including the directive to form a central enquiry committee for disciplinary proceedings against alleged perpetrators involved in "threat culture" in all medical colleges of West Bengal, among others.

Apex court questions LG's 'tearing hurry' tition but after looking into the

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

New Delhi, Oct 4: The Supreme Court Friday questioned the "tearing hurry" on the part of the lieutenant governor's office for holding the polls for the sixth member of the MCD's standing committee and "interfering" with the electoral process.

A bench of Justices P S Narasimha and R Mahadevan also asked LG VK Saxena to not hold the election for the post of chairman of Municipal Corporation of Delhi's standing committee till the next hearing.

The court was critical of the exercise of power under Section 487 of the Delhi Municipal Corporation Act by the office of LG for holding the poll for the member of standing committee



executive power. Where do you (LG) get the power to interdict the electoral process. It is not for interfering with the legislative functions. It is the election of a member. What happens to democracy if you keep interfering like this? Democracy will be in danger," the bench observed during the brief hearing.

Section 487 of the DMC Act allows the Delhi Lieutenant Governor to intervene in the functioning of the municipal The bench, which sought the

response of LG's office in two weeks on the plea of Mayor Shelly Oberoi against the September 27 standing committee polls, told senior advocate Sanjay Jain, appearing for the office of LG, "We will view it seriously if you hold an election for the MCD Standing Committee chairman.

It said that initially the court was not inclined to entertain this petition as everyone would start rushing to the Supreme Court but had to issue notice because of exercise of powers under Section 487 of the DMC Act by the LG.

"Our initial view was why should we entertain Article 32 pe-

ter where we have to issue notice, particularly in view of the manner in which the powers under Section 487 was exercised," the bench said. 'We have serious serious doubts about the legality

matter, we thought this is a mat-

and validity of your (LG's) powers," it added. The top court said that there are other issues also which it needs to go into with regard to certain decisions of the mayor. Jain, counsel for the LG's of-

fice, said that he was raising a preliminary objection with regard to the maintainability of the petition because the elections have taken place and they can only be challenged by way of election petition.

Journey of a child beggar who became doctor

Pinki Haryan, once a child beggar, is now a qualified doctor raring to serve the destitute and give them a better life

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

Shimla, Oct 4: As a child, Pinki Haryan, along with her parents, begged on the streets and scavenged for food in garbage dumps in Mcleodganj.

Twenty years and a Chinese medical degree later, she is now burning the midnight oil to clear an exam that will make her eligible to practice medicine in India.

It was in 2004 when Lobsang Jamyang, a Tibetan refugee monk and the director of Dharamshala-based charitable trust, spotted Haryan begging. Days later, he visited the slum

cluster at Charan Khud and recognised the girl. Then began the uphill task of convincing her parents, especially her father Kashmiri Lal, to let her pursue education. After hours of persuasion, Lal agreed.

Haryan got admission into the Dayanand Public School at Dharamshala and was among the first batch of students at a hostel for destitute children set up by the charitable trust in 2004. Ajay Srivastava, president of NGO Umang Foundation, who has been associated with Jamyang for the last 19 years, said initially, Harvan missed her home and parents but kept her focus on studies, which she realised was her ticket out of poverty. Soon enough, the results were proof of her dedication.

She passed the senior secondary examination and also cleared the National Eligibility



Entrance (Undergraduate). The NEET is an all-India entrance exam for admission to undergraduate medical courses, Srivastava said.

However, the doors of private medical colleges remained shut for her due to the exorbitant fees. With the help of the Tong-Len Charitable Trust in the United Kingdom, she got admission to a prestigious medical college in China in 2018 and has returned to Dharamshala recently after completing her MBBS course, Srivastava said.

After a wait of 20 years, Haryan is a qualified doctor raring to serve the destitute and give them a better life.

"Poverty was the biggest strug-

gle since childhood. It was painful to see my family in distress. As I got into school, I had an ambition to become successful in life,' Haryan told PTI.

"Ås a child, I lived in a slum so my background was my biggest motivation. I wished for a good and financially stable life," she added. Sharing a childhood mem-

ory, Haryan recalled that during her school admission interview as a four-vear-old, she expressed her ambition to become a doctor. Haryan, whose brother and

sister have enrolled in a school after drawing inspiration from her, credited Jamyang for her "slum-dweller to doctor" suc-Meanwhile, Jamyang said he

had set up the trust in the hope of imparting basic education to destitute children so that they can lead a respectful life.

"The Maldives is India's key 🛶 the MEA said in a statement.

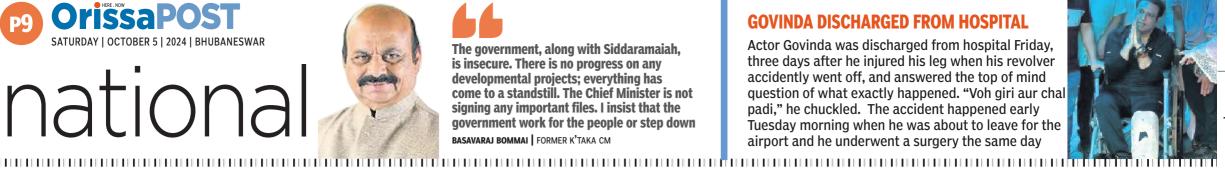
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The government, along with Siddaramaiah, is insecure. There is no progress on any developmental projects; everything has come to a standstill. The Chief Minister is not signing any important files. I insist that the government work for the people or step down BASAVARAJ BOMMAI | FORMER K'TAKA CM

GOVINDA DISCHARGED FROM HOSPITAL

Actor Govinda was discharged from hospital Friday, three days after he injured his leg when his revolver accidently went off, and answered the top of mind question of what exactly happened. "Voh giri aur chal padi," he chuckled. The accident happened early Tuesday morning when he was about to leave for the airport and he underwent a surgery the same day





always insulted the freedom fighters, the brave soldiers and the security forces



TARUN CHUGH | BJP NATIONAL GENERAL SECY

cannot run a government in Himachal Pradesh even for one day without the help of the Centre but the state government has no account of where the money is being spent

We are with 36 communities Our resolve is for everyone. We wil always raise the voice of Dalits,

tribals, backward classes,

J P NADDA UNION HEALTH MINISTER

minorities and the poor ASHOK TANWAR FORMER MP



Wait for many more A joker couldn't #ShamelessSangiPawan

SHORT **TAKES**

Bomb blast near **Arjun Singh's office**

Kolkata: Former Lok Sabha MP and BJP leader Arjun Singh alleged that a group of people threw stones, hurled bombs and fired multiple gunshots at his office-cum-residence Meghna More in West Bengal's North 24 Parganas around 8.30 am Friday. Singh claimed that he sustained a splinter wound during the incident. He claimed that police were mere spectators as the assailants brandished firearms openly.

Kejriwal vacates CM residence

New Delhi: Former Delhi Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal Friday vacated the 6, Flagstaff Road address -- his home for nine years -- and moved to a bungalow in the Lutyens' zone. The Aam Aadmi Party national convener and his family including his wife, son, daughter and parents left in two vehicles for 5, Ferozeshah Road near Mandi House.

4 killed as SUV rams into tree

Gonda (UP): Four men, all in their 20s, died after their SUV rammed into a tree on Khargupur-Itiyathok road. police Friday said. The victims were identified as Abhishek Sahu, 23, Dharm Singh, 22, Ram Bachchan Pandey, 25, and Deepu, 23. "The speeding Bolero was heading towards Kharqupur when it lost contro and rammed into a tree.' Itivathok Police Station In-charge Shesh Mani Pandey said.

Two booked for sexual assault

Mumbai: A case has been registered against two men for allegedly sexually assaulting a 29-year-old woman, who has gone missing after reporting the crime, police said Friday. The police have launched a search for the victim who went missing from a women's shelter where she was lodged after the assault, an official

SC forms SIT to probe Tirupati laddus row

ASSUMES SIGNIFICANCE AS THE **TOP COURT-APPOINTED PANEL SUBSTITUTES THE ANDHRA PRADESH GOVERNMENT'S SIT CONSTITUTED SEPTEMBER 26 TO PROBE THE POLITICALLY SENSITIVE ROW**

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

New Delhi, Oct 4: The Supreme Court Friday set up a five-member independent SIT to probe the allegations of animal fat used in preparing Tirupati laddus to "assuage the feelings of crores of people" while making clear that the court cannot be used as a "political battleground".

We don't want this to be turned into a political drama. There are sentiments of crores of people throughout the world,' a bench of Justices BR Gavai and K V Viswanathan observed. It directed that the independent SIT will comprise two officers each from the Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) and the Andhra Pradesh Police besides a senior official of the Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (FSSAI).

The court said in the independent SIT, the two officers from the CBI would be nominated by its director while the two officers from the Andhra Pradesh Police would be named by the state government. The FSSAI chairperson would nominate a senior officer of the authority to be a part of the SIT, it said. The bench also directed that the SIT shall work under the supervision of the CBI director.



"However, in order to assuage the feelings of crores of people/devotees, we find that the investigation should be conducted by an independent SIT consisting of the representatives of the CBI, representatives of the state government and a representative of the FSSAI," it said.

Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister N Chandrababu Naidu had claimed earlier this month that animal fat was used in preparing Tirupati laddus during the previous Y S Jagan Mohan Reddy-led regime in the state, triggering a massive political row.

The YSR Congress Party accused Naidu of indulging in "heinous allegations" for political gains while the ruling Telugu Desam Party in the state has circulated a laboratory report to back its claim.

The apex court passed the order on a batch of pleas, including those seeking a court-monitored probe into the alleged use of animal fat in making Tirupati laddus.

The bench noted these petitions have sought various reliefs, including a direction to constitute a committee consisting of a retired apex court judge or a retired chief justice of the high court for a deeper probe into the allegations.

It noted an FIR was registered in the matter alleging that the ghee received in tankers supplied July 6 and July 12 was found to be adulterated. The bench said it is alleged in the

FIR that adulterated ghee was used for preparing prasadam or

"The allegations in the FIR have the potential of hurting the sentiments of crores of devotees/people residing worldwide," it said. "We are passing order regarding entrustment of this matter to an independent agency consisting of the aforesaid members only to assuage the feelings of crores of people/devotees having faith in the deity," it said while disposing of the petitions.

The bench clarified that it has not gone into the allegations and counter-allegations made in either of the petitions or the stand of the respondents, including the state.

Hearing the matter September 30, the top court had asked Solicitor General Tushar Mehta to assist it in deciding whether the investigation by the stateappointed SIT should continue or the probe should be conducted by an independent agency.

During the hearing Friday, Mehta said, "One thing is very clear if there is any element of truth in these allegations, it is unacceptable". Senior advocate Mukul Rohatgi, appearing for the state, said he has no objection if the court adds any officer of its choice to the SIT.

Meanwhile, Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister N Chandrababu Naidu welcomed the Supreme Court order, even as YSRCP chief YS Jagan Mohan Reddy attacked Naidu, accusing him of spreading lies and demanded that he should apologise to people.

Woman gangraped near Pune, male friend assaulted

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

Pune, Oct 4: A 21-year-old woman was allegedly raped by three unidentified persons, who also tied her male friend to a tree and assaulted him at an isolated place on the outskirts of Pune city, police said Friday.

The horrific incident took place in the Bopdev Ghar area at around 11 pm Thursday and a day later police released sketches of two of the suspects as they intensified efforts to trace the culprits and sought help of citizens to nab them.

According to the Kondhwa police, under whose jurisdiction the crime occurred, the woman had gone to the locality with a



male friend. "As per preliminary details, the woman and her male friend had gone to the Bopdev Ghar area on late Thursday night where three unidentified persons allegedly raped her," said Ranjan Kumar Sharma, additional commissioner of police.

He said the trio first tied the woman's male friend to a tree at the crime scene and then took turns to rape her.

The police came to know about the incident at around 5 am Friday after the woman along with her male friend approached Maharashtra government-run Sassoon General Hospital in Pune city, said Sharma.

Ten police teams have been formed to trace the accused, he informed.

Another official from the Kondhwa police station said the incident took place at an isolated place and the trio also assaulted the woman's male friend.

Meanwhile, the police sent a forensic team to the crime spot and deployed a dog squad as part of investigation to gather clues and trace the accused

Dalit family murder: Oppn slams Yogi govt



PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

Lucknow, Oct 4: Opposition leaders in Uttar Pradesh Friday attacked the BJP-led state government over law and order situation in the state, citing murder of four members of a Dalit family, including two children. inside their house in Amethi

The incident of the brutal murder of four members of a Dalit family in Amethi district of UP is extremely sad and worrying. The government should also take strict action against the culprits and the policemen there so that the criminals do not remain fearless,' Bahujan Samaj Party chief Mayawati said on X in Hindi. UP Congress president Ajay

Rai said the incident shows that in the poor law and order of the Yogi government, a person is not safe even inside the house.

'The rule of law has been destroyed in the state. The flag of terror of goons, miscreants and criminals is flying high in UP and no step of the government is visible in the direction of ending this terror," Rai said. "The Yogi government should answer how much worse will Uttar Pradesh be made now?" he said on social media. Swami Prasad Maurya, pres-

ident of Rashtriya Shoshit Samaj Party, condemned the incident. "I am with the victim family in this hour of sorrow. I demand the immediate arrest of the criminals guilty of four murders,' added the former UP minister.

Azad Samaj Party chief Chandra Shekhar Aazad said, "The incident in Amethi tells that there is no rule of law in Uttar Pradesh but jungle raj...

Sunil Kumar, 35, a government school teacher, his 32-year-old wife Poonam, and the couple's two daughters. Drishti and Suni, were shot dead in the Ahorwa Bhawani area of **Amethi Thursday**

The brazen wipeout of the Dalit family has drawn widespread denunciation of the state government

The murder of the whole family in Amethi district is the real picture of the law and order of Uttar Pradesh. Demanding immediate arrest

of the accused, the MP warned to start a protest in Amethi over any delay. Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath had Thursday expressed grief over the incident. Samajwadi Party chief

Akhilesh Yadav had Thursday evening criticised the BJP-led state government over the law and order situation through a brief cryptic post on social media. Congress MP from Amethi

Kishori Lal Sharma also attacked the government over the murders. The CPI (ML) too has strongly condemned the mass murder of the Dalit teacher and his family in Amethi. Expressing huge anger over the incident, the party in a statement has demanded strictest punishment to the culprits. Holding the state government

responsible for the massacre, Yadav said in order to provide justice to the deceased family. apart from giving the harshest punishment to the killers, strict action should be taken against the guilty police officers, including the Raebareli SP for negligence.

India condemns Zakir's visit to Pak



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New Delhi, Oct 4: India Friday described as "condemnable" the way Pakistan feted controversial Islamic preacher Zakir Naik but added that it was not "surprising"

Naik, who is living in Malaysia, began a nearly month-long visit to Pakistan Tuesday. "We have seen reports that he (Zakir Naik) has been feted in Pakistan. He has been warmly welcomed there,' External Affairs Ministry Spokesperson Randhir Jaiswal said at his weekly media briefing. "It is not surprising for us that

an Indian fugitive has received a high-level welcome in Pakistan. It is something which is disappointing and condemnable but at the same time it is not surprising," he said. Jaiswal was replying to a question on Naik's visit to Pakistan. Naik is wanted by the Indian

authorities for alleged money laundering and inciting extremism through hate speeches. He left India in 2016. The Islamic preacher was granted permanent residency in Malaysia by the previous government led by Mahathir Mohamad. Jaiswal said India's extradition request to the Malaysian government is pending. "We are pursuing the extradition with the Malaysian government," he said. India is understood to have raised the issue during Malaysian Prime Minister Anwar Ibrahim's visit to New Delhi in August.



Shia Muslims shout slogans during a protest against Israel's attack in Gaza after Friday prayers, at Shah-E-Mardan Dargah in New Delhi

No criminal cases on scribes for criticising govt: Top court

THE BENCH WAS HEARING A PLEA FILED BY JOURNALIST ABHISHEK UPADHYAY, WHO HAS SOUGHT QUASHING OF AN FIR LODGED AGAINST HIM IN UTTAR PRADESH FOR PUBLISHING A NEWS REPORT ON THE 'CASTE DYNAMICS OF THE GENERAL ADMINISTRATION' IN THE STATE

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New Delhi, Oct 4: Criminal cases should not be slapped against journalists merely because their writings are perceived as criticism of the government, the Supreme Court said Friday

A bench of Justices Hrishikesh Roy and S V N Bhatti said in democratic nations, the freedom to express one's views is respected and the rights of journalists are protected under Article 19(1)(a) of the Constitution.

The bench was hearing a plea filed by journalist Abhishek Upadhyay, who has sought quashing of an FIR lodged against

him in Uttar Pradesh for publishing a news report on the "caste dynamics of the general administration" in the state.

"Merely because writings of a journalist are perceived as criticism of the government, criminal cases should not be slapped against the writer," the bench said. While issuing a notice to the Uttar Pradesh government seeking its response on the plea, it said, "In the meantime, coercive steps should not be taken against the petitioner in connection with the subject article.'

The bench noted in its order that the petitioner is a journalist and he published an article with a "casteist tilt" on officers deployed in responsible posi-



tions in the state. It further noted that following the article, an FIR was registered against him. "The counsel for the petitioner would read the contents of the FIR to say that no offence can be said to be made

out by the said FIR. Yet the petitioner is being targeted and since the story was posted on X (earlier Twitter), it might result in multiple other FIRs," the bench noted in its order.

The top court posted the

matter for hearing after four

In his plea, Upadhyay has alleged that registration of the FIR against him was a clear attempt to "misuse" the law enforcement machinery of the state to "silence his voice" and it should be quashed to prevent any further harassment.

The plea, filed through advocate Anoop Prakash Awasthi, claimed that after his client did a story titled 'Yadav Raj versus Thakur Raj', he was named in the FIR registered at Hazratgani police station in Lucknow September 20. It said the FIR was filed under Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita (BNS) sections 353 (2) (statements conducing to public

imputations or assertions prejudicial to national integration), 356(2) (punishment for defamation) and 302 (uttering words etc. with deliberate intention to wound religious feelings of a person) and under the provisions of the Information Technology (IT) Act. The plea said the story, even when taken at its face value, did not disclose the commission of any offence. "The reason for approaching this court is the threat of legal action by the official X handle of UP Police and the petitioner is not aware as to how many other FIRs are filed against him on the issue in the-State of Uttar Pradesh or anywhere else," it said.

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Many fear that today's Ukraine could be tomorrow's East Asia. Why did deterrence not work in Ukraine? **Combined with the situation in the Middle East, the international** community is becoming increasingly divided and confrontational SHIGERU ISHIBA I NEW PM. JAPAN

MUSK'S X IN SOUP

An Australian court upholds an order Friday for Elon Musk's X to pay a fine of \$418,000 for failing to cooperate with a regulator's request for information about anti-child-abuse practices

Russia knocks out

80% of Pokrovsk's infra





Vice President Harris and I are committed that this White House will continue to condemn in all forms anti-Islam, anti-Arab sentiments being led by Donald Trump, but more importantly, a commitment that Muslims will be engaged in this administration and

serve side by side

DEMOCRATIC PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATE, US

What January 6th shows us is that there is not an ounce, not an ounce, of

compassion in Donald Trump. He is petty, he is vindictive and he is cruel. And Donald Trump is not fit to lead this good and great nation

LIZ CHENEY FORMER REPUBLICAN CONGRESSWOMAN, US



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SHORT **TAKES**

1st diagnostic test for mpox approved

Geneva: The UN health agency said Friday that it had approved the use of the first diagnostic test for mpox, a kev tool in countries battling outbreaks. More than 800 people have died across Africa from mpox, where the disease has been officially detected in 16 countries, according to the African Union's disease control centre. "The approval for emergency use" of the test "will be pivotal in expanding diagnostic capacity in countries facing mpox outbreaks, where the need for quick and accurate testing has risen sharply", the World Health Organization said in a statement. The test, called the Alinity m MPXV assay and manufactured by Abbott Molecular Inc., enables the detection of the mnox virus from swabs taken from human lesions.

Khan's protest: Pak tightens security

Islamabad: Pakistan's authorities sealed off the capital Islamabad Friday to foil a planned protest by the Tehreek-i-Insaf of former premier Imran Khan to show solidarity with the judiciary and increase pressure to release the former Prime Minister from the jail. He asked his followers to converge at the iconic D-Chowk of the capital to register a protest. It is the same venue where Khan held a sit-in for 126 days in 2014 against alleged rigging in the elections. The government responded by imposing Section 144 in the city to outlaw all sorts of protests and gatherings and blocked all major entry points to the capital by putting shipping containers on the roads.

70 dead in Haitian gang massacre

Port-Au-Prince: Armed men belonging to the Gran Grif gang killed at least 70 people as they passed through a Haitian town with automatic rifles shooting at residents, a spokesperson for the United Nations' Human Rights Office said Friday. "We are horrified by Thursday's gang attacks in the town of Pont-Sonde in Haiti's Artibonite department," spokesperson

Thameen Al-Kheetan said in a statement. At least another 16 people were seriously injured in the attack in the early hours of Thursday, according to the UN, as gang members reportedly set fire to at least 45 houses and 34 vehicles, forcing residents to flee their homes.

MIDDLE EAST ON EDGE

Iran-Israel going all out

ISRAELI AIRSTRIKES ROCK SOUTHERN SUBURBS OF BEIRUT AND CUT OFF KEY CROSSING INTO SYRIA

Beirut, Oct 4: Supreme Leader Ayatollah Ali Khamenei said Friday that Iran and its regional allies will not back down, after an Israeli attack on Beirut that is thought to have targeted the heir apparent to the assassinated leader of Tehran-backed Hezbollah.

Iran raised the stakes when it fired missiles at Israel Tuesday. partly in retaliation for Israel's killing of Hezbollah Secretary General Sayyed Hassan Nasrallah, a towering figure who turned the group into a powerful armed and political force with reach across the Middle East

Israel has vowed to respond and oil prices have risen on the prospect of a possible attack on Iran's oil facilities.

'The resistance in the region will not back down even with the killing of its leaders,' Khamenei said in a rare appearance leading Friday prayers in Tehran, mentioning Nasrallah in his speech and calling its attack on Israel legal and legitimate.

Iran will not "procrastinate nor act hastily to carry out its duty" in confronting Israel, he said, without issuing a direct threat to Israel or the United States but grasping the barrel of

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estimates it has killed around 250 Hezbollah fighters, including a number of battalion and

a rifle that stood to his left.

The semi-official Iranian news quoted agency SNN Revolutionary Guards deputy commander Ali Fadavi as saying Friday that if Israel attacks, Tehran would target Israeli energy and gas installations.

company commanders

Iran's escalating rhetoric comes as the fate of Hezbollah official Hashem Safieddine, ruhit near its main hospital. Medical staffs have decided to temporarily evacuate, the hospital director Mounes Klakesh told Reuters. Hezbollah denies.

Israel accuses the militants of hiding among civilians, which

on Beirut's southern suburbs

killed a rescuer from the same

unit and another on the south-

ern Lebanese town of Marjayoun

In the group's stronghold in Beirut's southern suburbs, many buildings have been reduced to rubble by a week of intensive strikes on the area. Along a main market street, known as Moawad Souk, nearly all the storefronts had been damaged and the street was filled with broken glass.

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Safieddine had been targeted in

an underground bunker in Beirut

overnight but that his fate was

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ment and Hezbollah made no

comment on Safieddine's fate.

His brother Sayyed Abdallah

Safieddine, who is Hezbollah's

representative to Iran, attended

Khamenei's speech in Tehran.

On Friday, an Israeli strike

FLATTENED BEIRUT BUILDINGS

officials as

known.

'We're alive but don't know for how long," said Nouhad Chaib, a 40-year-old man already displaced from the south.

Israeli air strikes had pummelled the district hours before Iran's Foreign Minister Abbas Araqchi met with top Lebanese officials in Beirut, including caretaker Prime Minister Najib Mikati and speaker of Parliament Nabih Berri, a Hezbollah ally.

Iran's most senior diplomat also said his presence in Beirut "in these difficult circumstances" was the best evidence that Iran stood by Lebanon and supported

REUTERS

Kyiv, Oct 4: Russia knocked out around 80% of critical infrastructure in the town of Pokrovsk, a key logistics hub in Ukraine's east, as Moscow's troops inched forward, a local official said Friday.

Serhiy Dobriak, Pokrovsk's military administration head, said Russian forces were at about 7 km from the town, which is at an intersection of roads and a railway that makes it an important logistics point for the military and for civilians in the eastern Donetsk region

Russia forces have focused some of their heaviest assaults in recent weeks on Pokrovsk, which could allow it to consolidate and advance the front line in the region.

"The enemy is leaving us without power, without water, without gas. Prepares us for the winter, so to say," Dobriak said on national television. Some 13.050 residents remain in the town and Ukrainian officials are pressing on with an evacuation plan

that has been going on for some weeks. Just a month and a half ago, the town hosted more than 48,000 people, he said.

Russia continued to pummel the town Thursday, launching a total of nine glide bombs and injuring four people in two attacks which damaged infrastructure. Dobriak said.

He said the daily attacks targeted energy facilities and other vital infrastructure. Almost half of Pokrovsk, 10 nearby villages and one smaller town were without power, he said, adding the energy infrastructure was "almost impossible to repair". He put the level of the destruction at about four fifths of the town's critical infrastructure.

Russia denies targeting civilian infrastructure.

More than 31 months since Russia's full-scale invasion, Ukrainian forces are on the defensive and Kyiv ordered the pullout of its troops from Vuhledar, another town in the east. Kyiv's top commander this week ordered defences strengthened on the eastern front.

Russia decides to remove Taliban from terrorist list

REUTERS

Moscow, Oct 4: Russia's Foreign Ministry said Friday that a decision to remove the Taliban from a list of terrorist organisations had been "taken at the highest level", the state TASS news agency reported.

The decision needs to be followed up with various legal procedures in order to make it a reality, President Vladimir Putin's special representative on Afghanistan, Zamir Kabulov, was quoted as saving.

Putin said in July that Russia considers Afghanistan's Taliban movement an ally in the fight against terrorism.

Russia has been slowly building ties with the Taliban since it seized power in Afghanistan in August 2021 as US-led forces withdrew after 20 years of war but the movement is still officially outlawed in Russia. No country has formally recog-

nised the Taliban as the country's legitimate leadership, although China and the UAE have accepted its ambassadors. Russia added the Taliban to its

list of terrorist organisations in 2003. Removing it would be an important step by Moscow towards normalising relations with Afghanistan.

In separate comments Friday, Russian Foreign Minister Sergei Lavrov said Moscow was convinced of the need to maintain "pragmatic dialogue" with the current Afghan government.

"It is obvious that it is impossible to solve problems or even discuss an Afghan settlement without Kabul," Lavrov said. "Moscow will continue its course on developing political, trade and economic ties with Kabul," he added, speaking at a meeting in Moscow with his Afghan counterpart Amir Khan Muttaqi and representatives of neighbouring countries.

While he did not mention the Taliban by name, he praised the current Afghan leadership for its efforts to curb drug production and fight Islamic State, which is outlawed in Russia.



SNIPPETS

Lanka releases 50 Indian fishermen

Colombo: Sri Lanka Friday released 50 Indian fishermer arrested by its Navy for allegedly poaching in the island nation's waters, the Indian mission here said. Fishermen from both countries are arrested frequently for inadvertently trespassing into each other's waters.



"Returning home! 50 Indian fishermen from Mayiladuthurai, Pudukottai and Nagapattinam have been released today and will be repatriated from Sri Lanka to Tamil Nadu later this week," the High Commission of India in Colombo posted on X along with some photographs of the released fishermen. The development comes amidst External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar visiting Colombo to further strengthen India-Sri Lanka ties. The fishermen issue is a contentious one in the ties between India and Sri Lanka, with Lankan Navy personnel even firing at Indian fishermen in Palk Strait and seizing their boats in several alleged incidents of illegally entering Sri Lankan territorial waters.

EU votes to impose tariffs on China EVs

Brussels: European Union countries Friday voted to impose duties on imports of electric vehicles from China, as talks continued between Brussels and Beijing to find an amicable solution to their trade dispute before an endof-October deadline. In a pivotal vote, 10 EU members backed tariffs and five voted against, with 12 abstentions,



EU sources said. Those duties will come into force October 31 unless China has a solution to end the standoff. Commission spokesman Olof Gill said that any solution proposed by Beijing would have to be fully compatible with World Trade Organisation rules, remedy "the injurious subsidisation" by China, and be "monitorable and enforceable". Beijing opposes the duties. "China firmly opposes the EU's unfair, non-compliant and unreasonable protectionist practices in this case, and firmly opposes the EU's imposition of anti-subsidy duties on Chinese electric vehicles," a spokesperson at China's Commerce Ministry said.

Kim threatens South Korea with N-strikes, if provoked

NK leader says his military will use without hesitation all the offensive forces it possesses, including nuclear weapons, if South Korea attempts to use armed forces

ASSOCIATED PRESS

Seoul, Oct 4: North Korean leader Kim Jong Un threatened to use nuclear weapons and destroy South Korea permanently if provoked, state media reported Friday, after the South's leader warned that Kim's regime would collapse if he attempts to use nuclear arms

The exchange of such rhetoric between the rival Koreas is nothing new, but the latest comments come during heightened animosities over the North's recent disclosure of a nuclear facility and the continuation of missile tests. Next week, observers say North Korea's rubber-stamp Parliament is expected to constitutionally declare a hostile "two-state" system on the Korean Peninsula to formally reject reconciliation with South Korea and codify new national borders.

During a visit to a special operation forces unit Wednesday,



Kim said his military "would use without hesitation all the offensive forces it possesses, including nuclear weapons", if South Korea attempts to use armed forces encroaching upon the sovereignty of North Korea, according to the North's official Korean Central News Agency.

"If such a situation comes, the permanent existence of Seoul and the Republic of Korea would be impossible," Kim said, using South Korea's official name.

Kim's statement was a response to South Korean President Yoon Suk Yeol's speech at his country's Armed Forces Day Tuesday. Unveiling South Korea's most powerful ballistic missile and other weapons that could

target North Korea, Yoon said the day that North Korea tries to use nuclear weapons would be the end of the Kim government because Kim would face "the resolute and overwhelming response" of the South Korean-US alliance.

Kim repsonded that Yoon's address fully betrayed his "bellicose temerity" and showed "the security uneasiness and irritating psychology of the puppet forces". In a derisive comment, Kim called Yoon "an abnormal man", saying that "the puppet Yoon bragged about an overwhelming counteraction of military muscle at the doorstep of a state that possesses nuclear weapons"

Antarctica turning green at an alarming rate

Scientists from universities of Exeter and Hertfordshire use satellite imagery and data to analyse vegetation levels in Antarctica

AGENCIES

London, Oct 4: Antarctica, the southernmost continent and site of the South Pole, is known for its vast ice-covered landmass. But according to a new study, extreme heat events and climate change are turning parts of the continent green.

Scientists from universities of Exeter and Hertfordshire used satellite imagery and data to analyse vegetation levels in



Antarctica, which has been warming at alarming rate, much faster than the global average. As per reports, the team of researchers found plant life, mostly mosses, and said the green cover has increased 10-fold over the past four decades or 40 years.

The study was published Friday in the journal Nature Geoscience.

Study found that from a mea-

gre 0.4 square miles in 1986, the vegetation cover reached almost 5 square miles in 2021. In a period of five years, from 2016 to 2021, accelerated by more than 30 per cent.

'Our findings confirm that the influence of anthropogenic climate change has no limit in its reach," Thomas Roland, a study author and environmental scientist at the University of

Even on the Antarctic Peninsula, this most extreme, remote and isolated 'wilderness' region, the landscape is changing, and these effects are visible from space

THOMAS ROLAND | STUDY AUTHOR AND **ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENTIST AT THE** UNIVERSITY OF EXETER

Exeter. "Even on the Antarctic Peninsula, this most extreme, remote and isolated 'wilderness' region, the landscape is changing, and these effects are visible from space."

Though the landscape is almost entirely snow, these researchers found that the green

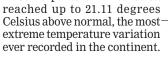
cover has grown dramatically. At a conference in Chile in August, nearly 1,500 academics, researchers and scientists discussed whether the extreme climate events meant Antarctica had reached a tipping point, or a point of accelerated and irreversible sea ice loss from the

West Antarctic ice sheet. "You might see the same rise in CO2 over thousands of years, and now it's happened in 100 years," said Liz Keller, a paleoclimate specialist from the Victoria University of Wellington

in New Zealand. Antarctica, being the coldest place on Earth, has witnessed se-

vere extreme heat events. In summer months this year, the average temperature in the continent climbed up to 10 de-

grees Celsius above normal. In March 2022, temperatures in some parts of Antarctica reached up to 21.11 degrees Celsius above normal, the mostextreme temperature variation



business



As US companies look for alternatives to China. India could see increased investment in electronics, textiles, and manufacturing, enhancing its position in global supply chains

AJAY SRIVASTAVA | FOUNDER, GTRI

SPICEJET CLEARS SALARY, GST DUES

Crisis-hit SpiceJet, which has recently raised ₹3,000 crore, Friday said it has cleared all pending salary and GST dues as well as deposited ten months' dues of provident fund. On September 23, the airline announced raising ₹3,000 crore through Qualified Institutional Placement (QIP) of shares



IN A FIRST

Forex kitty breaches

Mumbai, Oct 4: India's forex re-

serves jumped by \$12.588 billion

to a new all-time high of \$704.885

billion for the week ended

September 27, the Reserve Bank

The overall kitty had swelled

by \$2.838 billion to \$692.296 billion

in the previous reporting week.

\$700 billion mark

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said Friday.



implies, civil aviation serves the civilian population. It must be kept out of harm's way by all actors



WILLIE WALSH DIRECTOR GENERAL, IATA

government's plan to review the Production-Linked Incentive scheme for textiles to expand its scope to the readymade garment sector will

support exporters over the medium term JAYASHREE NANDAKUMAR DIRECTOR.

CRISIL RATINGS

The highest ever car deliveries during January to September this year, reflects the synergy hetween a successful

strategy and an unparalleled customer experience

VIKRAM PAWAH PRESIDENT AND CEO, BMW

SHORT **TAKES**

NSE, former chief, others settle case

New Delhi: The National Stock Exchange (NSE), its former chief Vikram Limaye and eight others Friday settled with markets regulator Sebi a case pertaining to alleged bypass of trading access point (TAP) system by certain brokers after paying ₹643 crore. Apart from NSE and Limaye, those who settled the case are --Umesh Jain GM Shenoy, Narayan Neelakantan, VR Narasimhan, Kamala K, Nilesh Tinaikar, R Nandakumar and Mayur Sindhwad. TAP was a software application deployed by NSE in 2008 on the servers of trading members for managing connections and messages (orders/trades) of such members. Trading members, registered with NSE, connected to TAP to establish communication with the NSE trading system.

HDFC Bank records loan growth of 7% New Delhi: Private sector

HDFC Bank Friday said the bank has registered a 7 per cent rise in loans to ₹25.19 lakh crore in the second quarter of this fiscal. The credit book was ₹23.54 lakh crore as of September 30 last year. During the quarter ended September 30, 2024, the Bank securitised/assigned loans of ₹19,200 crore (year to date ₹24,600 crore) as a strategic initiative, HDFC Bank said in a regulatory filing. The bank's average deposits were ₹23.53 lakh crore for the September 2024 quarter, a growth of around 15.4 per cent against ₹20.38 lakh crore for the September 2023 quarter, it

Macrotech properties sale hit record high

New Delhi: Realty firm Macrotech Developers Friday reported a 21 per cent increase in sales bookings to a record ₹4,290 crore during the July-September period on better housing demand. Mumbai-based Macrotech Developers, which markets its properties under the Lodha brand, had sold properties worth ₹3,530 crore in the yearago period. The company has a major presence in Mumbai Metropolitan Region (MMR) and Pune.

Amazon inks pact with India Post

New Delhi: Amazon Transportation Services and the Department of Posts (India Post) Friday announced a strategic partnership to boost nationwide delivery capabilities. Both the entities have inked a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) to this

WORST WEEK IN TWO YEARS Shares' free fall continues

Stock markets fall for 5th day on rising conflict in West Asia, FII outflows

ued as investors are monitor-

ing the escalating conflict in the

Middle East and have adopted a

The pessimism on the mar-

ket is expected to continue in

the near term amidst rising

crude prices and fund flows to

cheaper markets like China, he

sell-on recovery strategy.

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Mumbai, Oct 4: Stock markets slid for the fifth day in a row Friday with Sensex tumbling 808 points in a topsy-turvy session as FMCG, auto and energy shares succumbed to intense selling and foreign fund outflows triggered by escalating tensions in West Asia.

The BSE Sensex tumbled 808.65points or 0.98 per cent to settle at a three-week low of 81,688.45. The benchmark hit a low of 81,532.68 and a high of 83,368.32 during the day, reflecting a wild swing of 1,835.64 points.

The NSE Nifty slumped 235.50 points or 0.93 per cent to 25,014.60. Intra-day, it hit a low of 24,966.80 and a high of 25.485.05.

On weekly basis, Sensex tanked 3,883.4 points or 4.6 per cent and Nifty by 1,164.35 points or 4.5 per cent in just four sessions, which was their worst week in past two years.

From the 30 Sensex firms, Mahindra & Mahindra, Bajaj Finance, Asian Paints, Nestle, Bharti Airtel, Ultra Tech Cement, Hindustan Unilever, ITC, and HDFC Bank were the major lag-

In contrast, Infosys, Tech Mahindra, Tata Motors, Axis Bank, Tata Consultancy Services and State Bank of India were among the gainers.

Foreign Institutional Investors (FIIs) offloaded equities worth ₹15,243.27 crore Thursday, ac**BSE SENSEX** OCTOBER 04, 2024 CHANGE: -808.65 (-0.98%) **Previous** Today's Closing +0.83% +0.51% AXIS BANK +0.50% -2.49%

The increase in geopolitical tensions between Israel and Iran weighed on risk assets. In global news, mounting geopolitical tensions have contributed to a shaky start in October for the stock

SHRIKANT CHOUHAN | HEAD OF EQUITY RESEARCH, KOTAK SECURITIES

cording to exchange data.

"Nifty ended lower for the fifth consecutive session on Friday. It recorded its worst week in over two years amid rising tensions in the Middle East, said Deepak Jasani, Head of Retail Research, HDFC Securities.

Vinod Nair, Head of Research, Geojit Financial Services said, ■ Sensex tumbles 0.98% to settle at a three-week low of 81,688,45

■ Nifty slumps 0.93% to end session at 25,014.60

■ On weekly basis, Sensex down 4.6%, Nifty by 4.5% in just 4 sessions

added. The BSE midcap gauge declined 0.94 per cent and smallcap index went lower by 0.80 per Among the indices, realty fell

the most by 1.60 per cent. Auto (1.50 per cent), telecommunication (1.25 per cent), utilities (1.20 per cent), consumer discretionary (1.18 per cent) and commodities (1.14 per cent) were among losers. IT emerged as the only gainer.

A total of 2,387 stocks declined while 1,563 advanced and 104 remained unchanged.

In Asian markets, Seoul, Tokyo and Hong Kong settled in the positive territory. Markets in

Investors lose ₹16L-cr in five days of decline

Market investors became poorer by ₹16.26 lakh crore in five days of heavy correction in equities amid worsening tensions in the Middle East and foreign fund outflows. The market capitalisation of BSE-listed firms slumped ₹16,26,691.48 crore to ₹4,60,89,598.54 crore (\$5.49 trillion) in five days of the market crash.

mainland China are closed due

Global oil benchmark Brent crude climbed 0.99 per cent to \$78.39 a barrel.

or 2.12 per cent.

₹ LOGS WORST WEEK SINCE MAY

The Indian rupee ended nearly unchanged Friday to cap its worst weekly

performance in a little over four months, as equity outflows surged and

crude oil prices rose due to a worsening of the Middle East conflict.

Intervention by India's central bank limited losses, traders said. The

its close at 83.9675 in the previous session. The currency fell 0.3%

last month. Foreign investors have net sold about \$3.5 billion of

oil futures were at \$78.1 per barrel, up nearly 8.5% on the week as

Services sector slips to 10-month low

local stocks over the previous three trading sessions. Brent crude

escalating tensions in the Middle East prompted concerns about supply.

rupee closed at 83.9725 against the US dollar, almost flat compared to

week-on-week. The rupee had declined to its record low of 83.9850

to a holiday. European markets were trading higher in mid-session deals. The US markets ended lower Thursday.

Falling for the fourth straight

session Thursday, the BSE benchmark Sensex tumbled 1,769.19 points or 2.10 per cent. The Nifty slumped 546.80 points

The \$12.588 billion would be one of the highest weekly rises ever and this is the first time the reserves have crossed the \$700 billion mark. For the

week ended September 27, foreign currency assets, a major component of the reserves, in-

creased by \$10.468 billion to \$616.154 billion, the data released Friday showed.

Expressed in dollar terms, the foreign currency assets include the effect of appreciation or depreciation of non-US units like the euro, pound and yen held in the foreign exchange reserves.

Gold reserves increased by \$2.184 billion to \$65.796 billion during the week, the central bank said. The Special Drawing Rights (SDRs) were up by \$8 million to \$18.547 billion, it said. India's reserve position with

the IMF was down by \$71 million to \$4.387 billion in the reporting week, the apex bank data

FESTIVE DEMAND

Gold hits fresh all-time high of ₹78,450/10 gm

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New Delhi, Oct 4: Gold prices rose by ₹150 to hit a fresh alltime high of ₹78,450 per 10 grams in the national capital Friday on increased demand from jewellers and retailers driven by the ongoing festive season. The precious metal closed at

₹78,300 per 10 grams Thursday. Silver surged ₹1,035 to ₹94,200 oer kg from ₹93.165 per kg in the previous session, according to the All India Sarafa Association.

Meanwhile, gold of 99.5 per cent purity climbed ₹200 to reach an all-time high level of ₹78,100 per 10 grams. Bullion traders attributed the

rise in precious metal prices to the emergence of buying by jewellers and retailers driven by the ongoing 'Navratri' festival.

In futures trade on the Multi Commodity Exchange (MCX), gold contracts for December delivery rose ₹131 or 0.17 per cent to ₹76,375 per 10 grams, hovering near an all-time high.

"Silver witnessed steady moves as participants widened their bets on a firm spot demand seen in physical markets due to the



Gold prices continue to trade steady as safeescalating tensions in the **Middle East offset pressure** from a stronger dollar after investors toned down expectations of another big interest-rate cut from the US **Federal Reserve**

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start of the festive season in India," Maneesh Sharma, AVP Commodities & Currencies. Anand Rathi Shares and Stock Brokers, said.

Silver contracts for December delivery climbed ₹219 or 0.24 per cent to ₹93,197 per kg on the

NEW ORDERS, INTERNATIONAL **SALES DECLINE IN**

SEPTEMBER PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

New Delhi, Oct 4: India's services sector activity fell to a 10month low in September as new businesses, international sales and output growth moderated, a monthly survey said on Friday.

The seasonally adjusted HSBC India Services Business Activity Index fell from 60.9 in August to 57.7 in September, indicating that though the output registered an increase, the pace of growth was the slowest since November 2023.

In the Purchasing Managers' Index (PMI) parlance, a print above 50 means expansion, while a score below 50 denotes contraction.

"India's services PMI data showed that the services sector expanded at a slower pace in September. The headline Business Activity Index fell below 60 for the first time in 2024, but we note that at 57.7, it was still much above the longterm average," said Pranjul Bhandari, Chief India Economist



The growth was reportedly curbed by fierce competition, cost pressures and changes in consumer preference (i.e. switch to online services) and softer increase in new export orders.

According to the survey, firms reported the weakest rise in international orders in nine months. The rate of expansion moderated to the weakest in 2024 so far. Still, some firms noted gains from Asia, Europe, North America, the Middle East

Despite the loss of growth momentum, private sector employment rose markedly, and business confidence strengthened since August

The September data highlighted that there was solid job

Services companies' margins have likely been squeezed further, as prices charged rose at a slower pace when input cost inflation intensified. A long period of robust new business growth has led to strong labour demand

PRANJUL BHANDARI | CHIEF INDIA

creation and the weakest untick in selling prices in over two-andoptimism also strengthened.

Meanwhile, HSBC India Composite Output Index fell from 60.7 in August to 58.3 in September as both factory production and services activity rose at slower rates.

Composite PMI indices are weighted averages of comparable manufacturing and services PMI indices. Weights reflect the relative size of the manufacturing and service sectors according to official GDP data.

With regards to prices, the latest results showed a quicker increase in aggregate input costs, parallel to a softer uptick in prices charged for the provision of Indian goods and services, the survey said.

Apple expands footprints in India

THE IPHONE MAKER IS **SET TO OPEN 4 MORE** STORES IN INDIA, **START SELLING 'MADE IN INDIA' IPHONE 16 PRO FROM THIS MONTH**

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

New Delhi, Oct 4: iPhone maker Apple Friday said it will open four more stores in India, located in Pune, Bangalore, Delhi-NCR and Mumbai.

The company said it will also roll out its first-ever "made in India" iPhone 16 Pro and iPhone 16 Pro Max series devices this

'We're thrilled to build our teams as we plan to open more stores in India because we're inspired by the creativity and passion of our customers across



this country. We can't wait for them to have even more opportunities to discover and shop for our amazing products and services, and connect with our extraordinary, knowledgeable team members," Apple's senior Vice President of Retail, Deirdre O'Brien, said in a statement.

In April 2023, Apple opened

Delhi and the other in Mumbai. "Future Apple Retail stores are planned in Bangalore, Pune, Delhi-NCR and Mumbai," the statement said.

According to people aware of the development, the stores are likely to be opened next year. The company announced that

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DEIRDRE O'BRIEN | SENIOR VICE PRESIDENT OF RETAIL, APPLE

it will now manufacture iPhone

16 series smartphones in India. "Apple is now manufacturing the entire iPhone 16 lineup, including iPhone 16 Pro and iPhone 16 Pro Max, in India," the statement said.

Apple began manufacturing the iPhone in India in 2017.

"Manufactured in India iPhone 16 Pro and Pro Max will soon be available for our local customers and for export to select countries across the world," the statement said.

According to sources, supplies of the high-end, Made-in-India iPhone 16 Pro and Pro Max are expected to begin this month.

BANKS' BUZZ

Central Bank gets new regional head

Bhubaneswar: Deputy General Manager, Pankaj Kumar has joined as the new regional head of Central Bank of India, Bhubaneswar Region. Prior to this, he was working as regional head at Warangal Regional Office in Telangana during 2021-24. He has gained wide experience of working in different capacities in difference



places of North East, Telangana, Bihar, Maharashtra and Uttar Pradesh. He has worked in the corporate finance branch in Mumbai and has also worked in digital payments and taxation banking, head office, Mumbai He has worked at the branch level for five years and has worked in the audit office for more than five years. During his tenure as the regional head, he is likely to give more emphasis on MSME, Retail, SHG, CD Ratio, CASA, Social Security Schemes, Cent UPI, successful implementation of the schemes approved by central and state government and to bring development in grass root level.

SBI classifies MTNL loan a/c as sub-standard NPA

New Delhi: State Bank of India has declared loan accounts of debtridden state-owned MTNL as sub-standard non-performing assets due to non-payment of installments and interest since June 30, the telecom firm said in a regulatory filing. The total outstanding on the MTNL loan account was ₹325.52 crore as of September 30, according to the SBI letter dated October 1 shared by the company with the stock exchanges. 'State Bank of India (SBI) vide its letter dated October 1, 2024, has informed that Term Loan Accounts Number 36726658903 of MTNL has changed to NPA - Sub Standard category with effect September 28, 2024, due to non-payment of interest and installment," MTNL said.

Devine show sinks India HIL in new avatar after 7 years Rourkela to host 8-team men's segment games including final, separate HIL for women

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New Zealand players celebrate the dismissal of Smriti Mandhana during the game against India

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

Dubai, Oct 4: A completely out of sorts India were humbled by opposition skipper Sophie Devine's (57 n o, 36b, 7x4) flamboyant batting and tactical astuteness as New Zealand powered to 58-run win in a lopsided Women's T20 World Cup game here Friday. Much had been said about this Indian women's team about their talent, but they once more came short on a day it mattered.

The 'White Ferns' also put an end to their 10-match losing streak with their biggest win against India in T20Is.

On a pitch which was extremely difficult for batting, Devine's power-packed unbeaten knock took New Zealand to an above-par 160 for four in 20 overs.

The 35-year-old Kiwi legend then used her slow bowlers to first choke the 'Women in Blue' and then asked her seamers to take pace off deliveries blowing the opposition away for a meagre 102 in 19 overs. Such was

SHORT TAKES

Indian trio bags

gold at ISSF Jr WC Lima (Peru): The trio of Mukesh

Nelavalli, Raajwardan Patil, and

Harsimar Singh Rattha secured

India's 11th gold medal at the

ongoing ISSF Junior World

gold of the championships.

victory in the men's 25m rapid-fire

pistol team competition, marking

Championships here. This triumph

including an individual gold in the

China with 16 medals. China on the

Mumbai in command

Lucknow: Spinners Tanush Kotian

(3/101) and Shams Mulani (3/122)

put Mumbai in command in the

Friday against Rest of India (RoI).

Despite Abhimanyu Easwaran's

heroic 191 (292b, 16x4, 1x6) and

Dhruv Jurel's 93 (121b, 13x4, 1x6),

Rol could only manage 416 in their

first innings in reply to Mumbai's

537. From 393 for four, Rol lost

their last six wickets for just 23

runs. In their second innings,

Mumbai are on 153 for six, an

turn alarmingly.

overall lead of 274. Prithvi Shaw

(76) top scored for Mumbai on a

pitch where the ball has started to

final of the Irani Trophy here

25m pistol event. India currently

head the medal tally ahead of

other hand have only four.

also brought Mukesh his fourth

the way New Zealand bowled that none of the Indian batters could post an individual score of 20 or more, the highest scorer being skipper Harmanpreet Kaur with 15. The Indian batters could not hit a single six and had only

six boundaries for their efforts. The difference between the two sides was brute power, a mandatory requirement on such surfaces, which Devine and her two openers Suzie Bates (27, 24, 2x4) and Georgia Plimmer (34, 23b, 3x4, 1x6) possessed.

The game for all practical reasons was won and lost in the power play. While Bates and Plimmer added 55 in the first six overs, India lost their three potential game-changers, Shafali Verma (2), Smriti Mandhana (12) and Kaur in the power play for only 43 runs.

The best part about Devine was that the batter in her understood what the skipper required to do. She started with leftarm spinner Eden Carson (2/34) from one end and Shafali, who is never comfortable if pace is

out in the deep while seamer Rosemary Mair (4/19) bowled one that swung in to hit Harmanpreet on the pads plumb

Such was the slowness that even Lea Tahuhu (3/15) had Jemimah Rodrigues (13) trying to chip it over mid-on but the stroke lacked power and Richa Ghosh (12) chipped one to midoff as the Indian challenge fizzled out in a jiffy.

Earlier, on a sticky pitch where stroke-making was difficult, Devine muscled her way with seven boundaries as most Indian bowlers sans Deepti Sharma (0/45) used the tackiness of the track to good effect for the better

part of the innings. Devine, who dropped herself in the batting order, displayed excellent footwork to dismantle the length bowled by Indian bowlers with the standout shot being a bent on knee cover-drive off Shrevanka Patil to complete her half century.

One thing that stuck out like sore thumb was poor ground fielding from India save Rodrigues, who was brilliant as usual in the deep.

However once leg-spinner Asha Sobhana (1/22) started operating just after the power play, she immediately put brakes but once Devine started chancing her arms at the death, Indian bowlers were left with little

> **Brief scores:** New Zealand 160 for 4 (Sophie Devine 57 no, Renuka Singh 2/27)

(Rosemary Mair 4/19, Lea Tahuhu 3/15) by

prowess, paving the way for a beat India 102 more inclusive and competitive in 19 overs future for Indian hockey. The final of the women's league is scheduled for January 26 next year in Ranchi while the men's summit clash will be held

Govind appointed captain of Sr squad

during the meeting Friday in New Delhi

New Delhi, Oct 4: The much-

awaited Hockey India League

(HIL) will return after seven long years in a new avatar, where

both the men's and women's

teams will participate in the

event beginning December 28

and ending February 1, 2025.

While the men's competition

will have eight teams, six sides

will feature in women's event.

The league will be played in two

venues - Rourkela for men and

The players auction for the

league will be held here October

13 to 15. A total of 10 franchise

owners have come on board.

Players will be auctioned in three

categories: ₹2 lakh, ₹5 lakh, and

only a significant moment in

the history of the sport but also

a major step forward in pro-

moting women's hockey. The in-

troduction of an exclusive

women's league within the HIL

framework is being seen as pro-

viding a platform for female ath-

letes to demonstrate their

The return of the HIL is not

Ranchi for women.

POST NEWS NETWORK

Bhubaneswar, Oct 4: Govind Poddar has been named as the captain of the 17-member Odisha senior men's cricket squad for the first two Ranji Trophy games in the 2024-25 season. Odisha will begin their campaign against Tripura (October 11 to 14) at Agartala while their second game will be against Jammu and Kashmir (October 18 to 21) at the Barabati Stadium in Cuttack, the Odisha Cricket Association said in a release, Friday.

The other members of the team are: Shantanu Mishra, Anurag Sarangi, Sandeep Pattanaik, Biplab Samantray, Kartik Biswal, Swastik Samal, Rajesh Dhupar (wicket-keeper), Aashirwad Swain (wicket-keeper), Anil Parida, Suryakant Pradhan, Sunil Kumar Roul, Rajesh Mohanty, Debabrata Pradhan, Tarini Sa, Harshit Rathod and

Sumit Sharma. The tough games for Odisha will be again defending Ranji Trophy champions Mumbai, former Ranji Trophy winners Baroda and Maharashtra. Odisha are in Group A and the two other teams in the group are Meghalaya and Services. It is imperative that Odisha do well in their first

Bhubaneswar, Oct 4: The Odisha cricket team thrashed Mizoram by 207 runs in a one day match of the U-19 tournament for the Vinoo Mankad trophy played Friday. After being put in by Mizoram, Odisha scored 257 for the loss of nine wickets in 50 overs. Then the Odisha bowlers came to the party dismissing the opposi-

Three batters from Odisha got half centuries to take the team to a competitive total. Sambit K Beja (56, 61b, 5x4, 1x6) was the top scorer for the side. He was wellsupported by Pankala Mokshit (52 not out, 73b, 3x4) and Ayush Sutar (51, 58b, 6x4). Ahmaa (3/45)

When Mizoram batted they could not tackle the bowling of Odisha's Arnab Pattnaik (4/24) and Krishna Mohanty (1/3). The two completely destroyed the opposition batting. Johan (22) was the only Mizoram batter to offer some resistance. However,

Association (OCA) in a release stated that some matches of the Vinoo Mankad Trophy are also being held in the state. The Maharashtra versus Karnataka game played at the Vikash ground here was a



Women	Owners
Odisha	Navoyam Sports Ventures Pvt Ltd
Haryana	JSW Sports
West Bengal	Shrachi Sports
Delhi	SG Sports and Entertainment

*Names of two other women's teams will be announced later

February 1 in Rourkela. Hockey India president and chairman of HIL, Dilip Tirkey said it was his dream to revive the league since taking over the charge of the federation.

HI officials including president Dilip Tirkey (3rd from left), franchise owners, representatives and other dignitaries

"Premier Hockey League started the culture of league in the world. Since the day we were elected, it was our dream to revive the HIL and today the dream

"HIL has been and will be a

teams and it is very important for world hockey. We are thankful to the International Hockey Federation (FIH) for giving us a window of 35 days,' added Tirkey.

HI secretary general Bhola Nath Singh meanwhile said that FIH has allotted HI five years window for the league. He also said that Odisha government has extended its sponsorship deal with Indian

has been fulfilled," Tirkey said. supply chain for the national hockey teams till 2036.



Odisha colts begin with thumping win

POST NEWS NETWORK

tion for just 50 in 23.5 overs.

was the best bowler for Mizoram.

it was not enough for the hosts.

The Odisha Cricket



Arnab Pattnaik bowled well for Odisha

thriller with the former winning by just two runs.

In other matches played on the day, Baroda trounced Meghalaya by 10 wickets while Bengal hammered Assam by 229 runs. Ankit Chatterjee (115, 91b, 7x4, 9x6) was the star performer for Bengal with a century. Bengal after scoring 309 for seven, bowled out Assam for 80 to romp home in a canter.

Maguire's head saves Man U

EASY WINS FOR SPURS AND CHELSEA IN EUROPA LEAGUE GAMES

Sophie Devine

PTI PHOTO

AGENCIES

London, Oct 4: Harry Maguire struck in the 91st minute to spare Manchester United the blushes as they rescued a 3-3 draw Thursday evening at Porto in the Europa League. Chelsea kickstarted their league campaign with a 4-2 home win while Tottenham Hotspur maintained their 100 per cent start in the tournament at Ferencearos with a 2-1 triumph. However, Serie A side Roma went down 0-1 in Sweden against Elfsborg.

The beleaguered Erik ten Hag's Man United made a blistering start against Porto with goals from Marcus Rashford and Rasmus Hojlund firing them into a 2-0 lead in the opening 20 minutes.

But Pepe pulled one back for the hosts on 27 minutes before a brace by Samu Omorodion either side of the break flipped the game on its head.

Bruno Fernandes was given marching orders for a high boot with nine minutes remaining and Man United seemed to be heading to a second defeat in a week after losing their skipper to another red card.

But Maguire popped up in injury time to head in from a cor-



Harry Maguire (red jersey) goes airborne to head home Manchester United's equaliser against Porto, Thursday

ner and grab the Manchester club their second draw in two Europa League outings this term and relieve some of the pressure on Ten Hag.

"Don't judge us in this moment. Judge us at the end of the season," Ten Hag told *TNT Sports* after the game. "We are in the process. Just wait. We have to deand continue. We will fight."

Goals in both halves from Pape Sarr and Brennan Johnson did the job for Spurs despite a late Barnabas Varga strike. "I'm really happy. It's never easy going away from home in Europe,' Spurs manager Ange Postecoglou told TNT Sports.

Bargarh to meet Mayurbhanj in final

velop this team. We will work

Double crowns for Aahan, Aditya

POST NEWS NETWORK

Bhubaneswar, Oct 4: Odisha youngster Aahan bagged a double crown in the IVth Ganeshwar Mishra Memorial TAB AITA-OTA Championship Series (CS7) tennis tournament which ended Friday at the Kalinga Stadium tennis complex here. Aahan won the girls' under-16 and under-18 singles title in the event.

In the girls' under-16 final, Aahan defeated compatriot Aradhyaa Verma 6-1, 6-2, 6-0. Aahan's under-18 final was comparatively easy against Prarthana Mondal of West Bengal whom she beat 6-2, 6-0.

The boys' under-16 final was won by Odisha's Aditya Bikram Acharva who defeated C Yale of Karnataka 6-3, 6-3. However, Yale



Winners and runners-up of the various segments at the tennis tournament pose with their trophies alongside dignitaries

came back strongly to win the boys' under-18 singles title. In the final he defeated Kamalesh Rath of Odisha 6-1, 2-6, 7-6 (7-0).

Rath however, managed to win the boys' under-18 doubles final. He and Acharya overcame Bihar's Aman Singh and Abhishek Singh 6-4, 6-1 to emerge champions.

POST NEWS NETWORK

Bhubaneswar, Oct 3: Jitu Muduli got a hat-trick as hosts Bargarh defeated Rourkela Steel Plant (RSP) 4-0 Friday to seal their place in the final of the 63rd Senior Men's Inter District Sahani Cup-2024 football tournament. They will meet Mayurbhanj who defeated Cuttack 5-3 in a shootout for the title clash.

The first half of the game between Bargarh and RSP remained goalless. However, once the floodgates opened in the second half, there was no stopping the Bargarh team.

Jitu broke the deadlock in the 48th minute. He added two more to his tally in the 61st and 71st minute. Chandra Murmu then scored the fourth goal for Bargarh in the 81st minute.

Even though the game between Mayurbhanj and Cuttack



Players of the Bargarh team pose for a group photo after their win

failed to produce a result even after extra time, it was a lively affair. The goalkeepers of both the sides had to rescue their

teams on a number of occasions. Baghari Hembram, Pahala Hansda, Dhananjay Soren, Paghu

Hembram and Nilesh Tigga converted their spot-kicks for Mayurbhanj. However, for Cuttack only Bikash Kumar Sahoo, Abinash Muduli and Mohammed Imitiaz could hit

the target.

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