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ସ୍ଵାଧୀନତାର ଉଚ୍ଛ୍ଵାସ ୭୭ତମ ସ୍ଵାଧୀନତା ଦିବସ



ଓଡ଼ିଶା

ସବୁଦିନେ ଆଗରେ । ସେତେବେଳେ ବି ଆଉ ଆଜି ବି ।

‘ସିପାହୀ ବିଦ୍ରୋହ’ର ୪୦ ବର୍ଷ ପୂର୍ବରୁ ଓଡ଼ିଶାରେ ଆରମ୍ଭ ହୋଇଥିଲା ଦେଶର ପ୍ରଥମ ସଶସ୍ତ୍ର ସଂଗ୍ରାମ

‘ପାଇକ ବିଦ୍ରୋହ’ । ୧୯୩୦ ମସିହା ‘ଲବଣ ସତ୍ୟାଗ୍ରହ’ରେ ବି ଆଗଭର ହୋଇ ଆଗକୁ ବାହାରି

ଆସିଥିଲେ ରମା ଦେବୀ ଆଉ ମାଳତୀ ଚୌଧୁରୀଙ୍କ ଭଳି ମହିଳା । ୧ ଏପ୍ରିଲ୍ ୧୯୩୬ ମସିହାରେ ସ୍ଵତନ୍ତ୍ର

ଭାଷାଭିତ୍ତିକ ରାଜ୍ୟ ଭାବରେ ମାନ୍ୟତା ପାଇବାରେ ଓଡ଼ିଶା ହିଁ ପ୍ରଥମ ରାଜ୍ୟ ।

ଆଜି ବି ଓଡ଼ିଶା ଅନେକ କଥାରେ ପ୍ରଥମ ।

ଓଡ଼ିଶାବାସୀଙ୍କ ପ୍ରିୟ ମୁଖ୍ୟମନ୍ତ୍ରୀ ଶ୍ରୀ ନବୀନ ପଟ୍ଟନାୟକଙ୍କ

ଦୁଇ ଦଶନ୍ଧିରୁ ଅଧିକ ଲୋକାଭିମୁଖୀ ଶାସନ କାଳରେ ଓଡ଼ିଶା ଆଜି

ମହିଳା ସଶକ୍ତିକରଣ, ଖାଦ୍ୟ ସୁରକ୍ଷା, ବିପର୍ଯ୍ୟୟ ପରିଚାଳନା

ଏମିତି ଅନେକ କ୍ଷେତ୍ରରେ ଆଗରେ । ‘5T’ ଅଣିଛି ବ୍ୟାପକ ଶାସନ ସଂସ୍କାର

ଆଉ ‘ମୋ ସରକାର’ ଯୋଗୁଁ ଜନସାଧାରଣ ଆଜି ସରକାରଙ୍କ ନିକଟତର

ଏବଂ ସରକାର ଲୋକଙ୍କ ନିକଟତର । ସବୁଥିରେ ଓଡ଼ିଶା ଆଜି

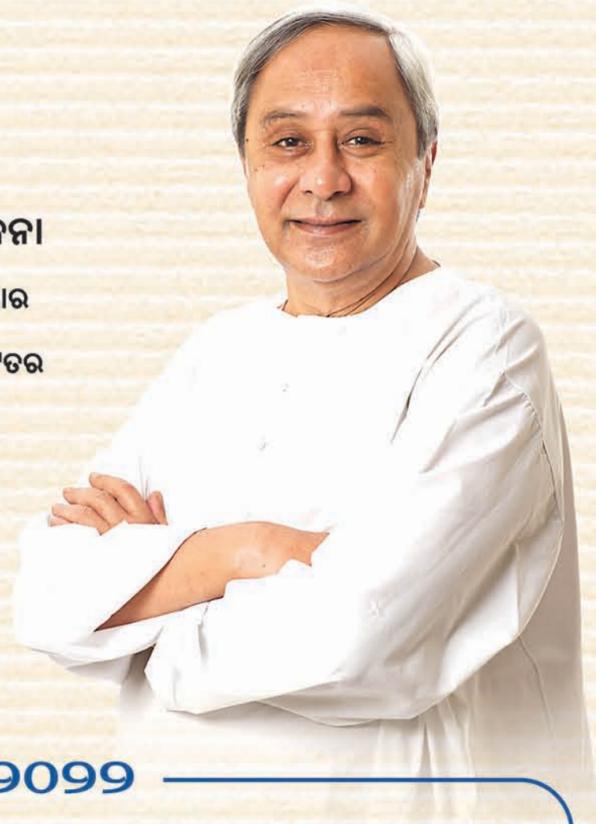
ସମଗ୍ର ଦେଶରେ ଅଗ୍ରଣୀ ଏବଂ ଅନୁକରଣୀୟ । ସରକାରୀ ସେବା

ପାଇବାରେ ମିଳିଛି ସ୍ଵାଚ୍ଛନ୍ଦ୍ୟ ଆଉ ସ୍ଵାଧୀନତା । ଆମେ ବିକାଶର

ଏହି ନବପର୍ବରେ ଆଜି ସମ୍ବୋଧନେ ପାଳନ କରୁଛୁ

‘ସ୍ଵାଧୀନତାର ଉଚ୍ଛ୍ଵାସ’

ସ୍ଵାଧୀନତାର ୭୫ବର୍ଷର ପୂର୍ତ୍ତି ଅବସରରେ ।



୧୫ ଅଗଷ୍ଟ ୨୦୨୨ ରୁ ୨ ଅକ୍ଟୋବର ୨୦୨୨

ପ୍ରମୁଖ କାର୍ଯ୍ୟକ୍ରମ

ସୂଚନା ଓ ଲୋକସମ୍ପର୍କ ବିଭାଗ

- ▶ ସ୍ଵାଧୀନତାର ୭୫ ବର୍ଷ ପୂର୍ତ୍ତି ରାଜ୍ୟ ଏବଂ ଜିଲ୍ଲା ସ୍ତରରେ ମହାସମାରୋହରେ ପାଳନ ।
- ▶ ଅଗଷ୍ଟ ୧୫ରୁ ଅକ୍ଟୋବର ୨ ‘ଅହିଂସା ରଥ’ର ଓଡ଼ିଶା ପରିକ୍ରମା ଏବଂ ଅହିଂସାର ବାର୍ତ୍ତା ପ୍ରଚାର ।
- ▶ ଉତ୍କଳ ପ୍ରସଙ୍ଗ ଏବଂ ଓଡ଼ିଶା ରିଭ୍ୟୁର ସ୍ଵତନ୍ତ୍ର ସଂଖ୍ୟା ପ୍ରକାଶନ ।
- ▶ ଗାନ୍ଧୀ ସ୍ମୃତିପୀଠ, ତେଲେଙ୍ଗାପେଟରେ ରାଜ୍ୟସ୍ତରୀୟ ସ୍ମୃତି ସଭା ।

ଗୃହ ନିର୍ମାଣ ଓ ନଗର ଉନ୍ନୟନ ବିଭାଗ

- ▶ ସମସ୍ତ ସହରାଞ୍ଚଳ, ବନ୍ଧି ତଥା ଅଣବନ୍ଧି ଅଞ୍ଚଳରେ ସ୍ଵାଧୀନତା ସଂପର୍କିତ ବିଭିନ୍ନ କାର୍ଯ୍ୟକ୍ରମ ।

ବିଦ୍ୟାଳୟ ଓ ଗଣଶିକ୍ଷା ଏବଂ ଉଚ୍ଚଶିକ୍ଷା ବିଭାଗ

- ▶ ଛାତ୍ରଛାତ୍ରୀମାନଙ୍କ ମଧ୍ୟରେ ସ୍ଵାଧୀନତା ସଂପର୍କିତ ବିଭିନ୍ନ ପ୍ରତିଯୋଗିତା, ମାରାଥନ, ସେମିନାର, ସିଂପୋଜିୟମ, ପରିସର ସଫେଇ ଏବଂ ଅନ୍ୟାନ୍ୟ ମନୋଜ୍ଞ କାର୍ଯ୍ୟକ୍ରମ ।

ଢ଼େଢ଼ିଆ ଭାଷା, ସାହିତ୍ୟ ଓ ସଂସ୍କୃତି ବିଭାଗ

- ▶ ବିଭାଗ ତରଫରୁ ଓଡ଼ିଶା ରାଜ୍ୟ ସଂଗ୍ରହାଳୟରେ ସ୍ଵାଧୀନତା ସଂପର୍କିତ ସେମିନାର, କଳାକୃତି ପ୍ରଦର୍ଶନ, କବିତା ପାଠୋତ୍ସବ ଏବଂ ଚିତ୍ରକଳା ପ୍ରଦର୍ଶନ ।
- ▶ ବିଭିନ୍ନ ଏକାଡେମୀ ମାନଙ୍କ ତରଫରୁ ସ୍ଵାଧୀନତା ସଂପର୍କିତ ଭବ୍ୟ କାର୍ଯ୍ୟକ୍ରମ ଆୟୋଜନ ।

ସୂଚନା ଓ ପ୍ରଯୁକ୍ତି ବିଭାଗ

- ▶ ସାମାଜିକ ଗଣମାଧ୍ୟମରେ ଓଡ଼ିଶା ଓ ମହାତ୍ମାଙ୍କ ସଂପର୍କିତ ବାର୍ତ୍ତା ପ୍ରଚାର ଓ ପ୍ରସାର ।

ପଞ୍ଚାୟତିରାଜ ବିଭାଗ

- ▶ ପ୍ରତ୍ୟେକ ପଞ୍ଚାୟତରେ ସଂଗ୍ରାମୀ ଓ ଶହୀଦ ମାନଙ୍କୁ ନେଇ ଜାତୀୟ ପତାକା ଉତ୍ତୋଳନ, ସ୍ଵତନ୍ତ୍ର ଗ୍ରାମସଭା, ଶହୀଦ ଓ ସଂଗ୍ରାମୀ ପରିବାରଙ୍କୁ ସମର୍ଥନା, ଗାନ୍ଧୀ ଜୟନ୍ତୀ ପାଳନ ।

ମହିଳା ଓ ଶିଶୁ ବିକାଶ ବିଭାଗ

- ▶ ବୃକ୍ଷ ରୋପଣ, ସ୍ଵାଧୀନତା ସଂଗ୍ରାମ ଉପରେ ପୋଷ୍ଟର, ଫ୍ୟାନ୍‌ଡ୍ରେସ୍, ଦେଶାତ୍ମବୋଧକ ସଜୀବ ପ୍ରତିଯୋଗିତା, ପରିବେଶ ସଫେଇ ଏବଂ ଅନ୍ୟାନ୍ୟ କାର୍ଯ୍ୟକ୍ରମ ।

ସୂଚନା ଓ ଲୋକସମ୍ପର୍କ ବିଭାଗ



Acting is a laborious job in good clothes: Tamannaah

Mumbai: Actress Tamannaah Bhatia has battled against all odds in her career to create a name for herself in the Indian film industry. The *Bahubali* actress, who is all set to play the solo lead in Madhur Bhandarkar's next *Babli Bouncer*, is of the opinion

that there is more to the film industry than glamour. "I have noticed that people come into this field for name and fame and for what they think is a very glamour driven industry, but actually it's quite a lot of labour. In my opinion, it's a very labourious job in good

clothes," she says. Talking about her upcoming film the actress adds, "*Babli Bouncer*, where I am playing a bouncer, itself is a huge opportunity to represent a strong female character. The world is essentially male dominated and you don't really see too many female bouncers, but

actually there are a lot of female bouncers that we don't know about. Of course internationally it's common, but even in India it largely exists." Tamannaah says, a story has never been told about something like that. So that's definitely a project that she is very proud of.

Marriage is on cards for Esha



Lucknow: Former Miss India and actress Esha Gupta, who is in a steady relationship with Spanish businessman Manuel Campos Guallar, recently talked about her plans for marriage and her backup plans for her career.

Esha says, "Marriage is definitely on the cards for me but I do not know when it is going to happen. I have never been against marriage."

With several projects in hand and shooting for a thriller currently, Esha firmly believes that everyone should have a backup plan for their career. "Not only as an artist but as a person, everyone should have a backup plan, and why not! My backup is to go and sit for my final Bar exam so that I can practice law because I have the degree and I just have to clear my bar exam. Also, acting was never my plan. I always wanted to become a lawyer and I became an actor by chance."

PEANUTS



CALVIN AND HOBBS

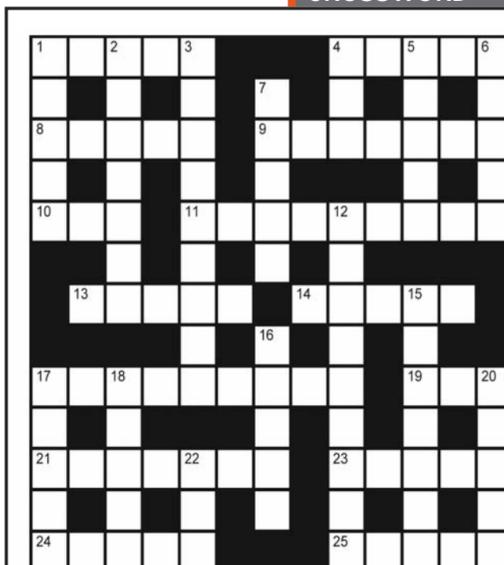


BREVITY



FUN post

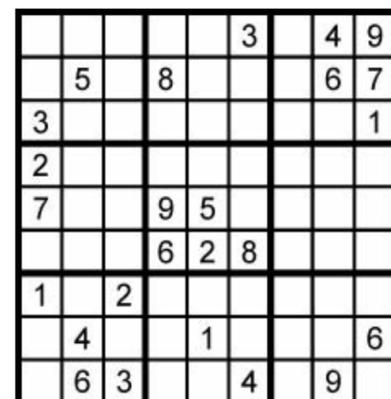
CROSSWORD



- Across**
- 1 ___ del Sol, Spain
 - 4 Karate schools
 - 8 Heavenly gift
 - 9 Really bad
 - 10 Frequently, in verse
 - 11 Edible thistlelike flower
 - 13 Vacant
 - 14 English Channel feeder
 - 17 Move furniture
 - 19 Chop down
 - 21 Wander aimlessly
 - 23 Detached
 - 24 Clan emblem
 - 25 Oktoberfest order
- Down**
- 1 Anaglyph
 - 2 Inner follower
 - 3 Mexican onyx
 - 4 Like some humour
 - 5 Kind of jet ointment
 - 7 Recipe direction
 - 12 Narrow escape (5,4)
 - 15 Board game
 - 16 Ticked off
 - 17 Invoice word
 - 18 Go with the flow
 - 20 Small thin crisp
 - 22 Aswan, e.g.

SUDOKU

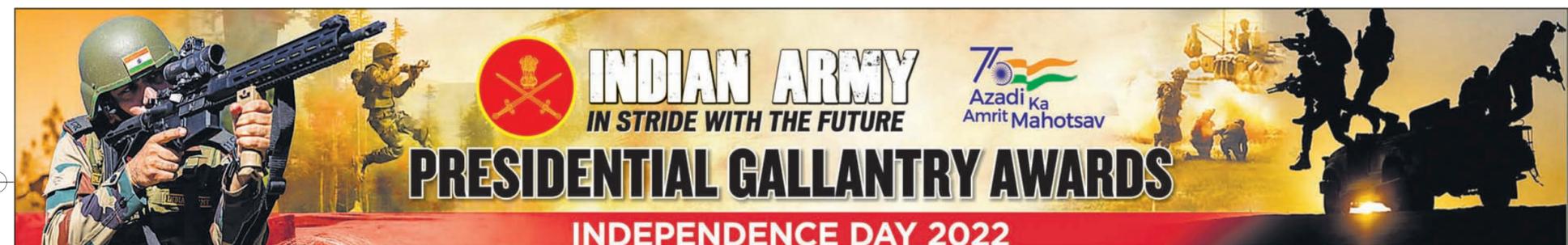
To solve the Sudoku puzzle, fill in the boxes in such a manner that every row, column and 3x3 box contains the digits 1 to 9, without repeating any.



SOLUTIONS



CHECK FOR SOLUTIONS OF THE PUZZLES TOMORROW



KIRTI CHAKRA

- Nk Devendra Pratap Singh, Armoured Corps, Rashtriya Rifles

SHAURYA CHAKRA

- Maj Nitin Dhaania, Infantry
- Maj Amit Dahiya, SM, Infantry
- Maj Sandeep Kumar, Infantry, Rashtriya Rifles
- Maj Abhishek Singh, Mechanised Infantry, Rashtriya Rifles
- Hav Ghanshyam, Infantry, Rashtriya Rifles
- L/Nk Raghendra Singh, Mechanised Infantry, Rashtriya Rifles
- Sep Karn Veer Singh, Infantry, Rashtriya Rifles (Posthumous)
- Gnr Jasbir Singh, Artillery, Rashtriya Rifles (Posthumous)

BAR TO SENA MEDAL (GALLANTRY)

- Maj Archit Sharma, SM, Mechanised Infantry, Rashtriya Rifles
- Maj Narendra Singh Waldia, SM, Engineers, Rashtriya Rifles

SENA MEDAL (GALLANTRY)

- Lt Col Vivek Kumar Dwivedi, Artillery, Army Aviation Corps
- Lt Col Sudhanshu Dhyani, Army Aviation Corps
- Lt Col Prasoon Singh, Infantry
- Maj Angad Singh Behl, Infantry
- Maj Vaibhav Bhatnagar, Infantry
- Maj Sahil Kumar, Infantry
- Maj Parth Chandel, Infantry, Rashtriya Rifles
- Maj Vivek Kamboj, Infantry, Rashtriya Rifles
- Maj Mritunjay Katoch, Infantry, Rashtriya Rifles
- Maj Sudeep Kumar, Infantry, Rashtriya Rifles
- Maj Divya Agre, Infantry, Rashtriya Rifles
- Maj Rishav Jamwal, Infantry, Rashtriya Rifles
- Maj Anuj Veer Singh, Infantry, Rashtriya Rifles
- Maj Prabhjot Singh Saini, Infantry, Rashtriya Rifles
- Maj Mandeep K Narwal, Infantry, Rashtriya Rifles
- Maj Akash Sen, Infantry, Rashtriya Rifles
- Maj Arun Kumar, Army Service Corps, Rashtriya Rifles
- Maj Abhinav Nehra, Infantry
- Maj Rajesh Rawat, Infantry, Rashtriya Rifles
- Maj Navneet Singh, Infantry
- Maj Vijay Singh, Armoured Corps, Assam Rifles
- Maj Aditya Bisht, Infantry, Rashtriya Rifles

- Maj Sankalp Yadav, Artillery, Army Aviation Corps (Posthumous)
- Maj Apraant Raunaq Singh, Infantry, Rashtriya Rifles
- Maj Vikas Kumar, Infantry, Rashtriya Rifles
- Maj Jasmeet Singh Bhatia, Engineers, Rashtriya Rifles
- Maj Vikas Kumar, Infantry, Rashtriya Rifles
- Maj Dinesh A, Engineers, Rashtriya Rifles
- Maj Irengbam Vishal Meetei, Infantry
- Capt Anchit Sarpratap Rattani, Infantry
- Capt Nikhil Manchanda, Infantry
- Capt Abid Sohail, Signals, Rashtriya Rifles
- Capt Reshab Dhungana, Signals, Rashtriya Rifles
- Capt Srivathsan K, Infantry, Assam Rifles
- Capt Mushtaq Ul Islam Khan, Infantry
- Sub Ram Singh, Infantry, Rashtriya Rifles (Posthumous)
- Nb Sub Sandeep Kumar, Infantry
- Nb Sub Kailash Joshi, Infantry
- Nb Sub Daljeet Singh, Infantry
- Nb Sub Gursev Singh, Infantry
- Hav Rajendra Singh, Infantry
- Hav Manish Dhuliya, Infantry
- Hav Sonit Kumar Saini, Engineers (Posthumous)
- Hav Om Prakash, Infantry, Rashtriya Rifles
- Hav Ashok Kumar, Infantry, Rashtriya Rifles
- Hav Bhupendra Chand, Infantry, Rashtriya Rifles
- Hav R Bithungo Lotha, Infantry
- L/Hav Major Singh, Infantry
- Nk Jagjit Singh, Mechanised Infantry, Rashtriya Rifles
- Nk Norden Lepcha, Mechanised Infantry, Rashtriya Rifles
- Nk Akash Sadhotra, Mechanised Infantry, Rashtriya Rifles
- Nk Sarabjit Singh, Armoured Corps, Rashtriya Rifles
- Nk Banwari Lal Rathore, Engineers (Posthumous)
- Nk Bhuvra Rajubhai Rambhai, Mechanised Infantry, Rashtriya Rifles
- Nk Lalit Singh Shekhawat, Infantry, Rashtriya Rifles
- Nk Bhupinder Singh, Infantry
- Nk Amit Kumar, Infantry, Rashtriya Rifles
- Nk Guddu Kumar, Infantry, Rashtriya Rifles
- Nk Sanjeev Kumar, Infantry

- Nk Shakti Singh, Infantry
- Nk Mahipal Singh, Infantry, Rashtriya Rifles
- Nk Kesar Singh, Infantry, Rashtriya Rifles
- Nk Sartaj Ahmad Wagay, Infantry, Rashtriya Rifles
- L/Nk Sutinder Singh, Mechanised Infantry, Rashtriya Rifles
- L/Nk Satish Kumar, Infantry, Rashtriya Rifles
- L/Nk Parveen Singh, Infantry, Rashtriya Rifles
- L/Nk Pramod Lamba, Infantry, Rashtriya Rifles
- Sep Vikas Khatri, Mechanised Infantry, Rashtriya Rifles
- Sep Dalvinder Singh, Mechanised Infantry, Rashtriya Rifles
- Sep Sasankha Sekhar Samal, Electronics and Mechanical Engineers (Posthumous)
- Sep Jagpreet Singh, Infantry, Rashtriya Rifles
- Sep Adesh Singh, Infantry, Rashtriya Rifles
- Sep Amarjit, Infantry, Rashtriya Rifles
- Sep Chaina Ram, Infantry, Rashtriya Rifles
- Sep Narendra Sharma, Infantry, Rashtriya Rifles
- Rfn Lakhan Singh, Infantry, Rashtriya Rifles
- Rfn Deepak Phogat, Infantry, Rashtriya Rifles
- Rfn Sheikh Shahbaz Yousuf, Infantry
- Rfn Ishan Hussain Khan, Infantry, Rashtriya Rifles
- Swr Rajbir Singh Tanwar, Armoured Corps, Rashtriya Rifles
- Spr Hanamant Dhareppa Ayatti, Engineers, Rashtriya Rifles

MENTION-IN-DESPATCHES

OPERATION RAKSHAK

- Maj Sashbind Singh Pal, Infantry, Rashtriya Rifles
- Maj Abhishek Tyagi, Infantry, Rashtriya Rifles
- Maj Akshay Prakashrao Potraje, Infantry
- Maj Ravi Rajan, SM, Infantry
- Maj Jadhav Pratik Baliram, Artillery, Rashtriya Rifles
- Maj Vibhore Joshi, SM, Infantry, Rashtriya Rifles
- Capt Nikhil Sharma, Infantry
- Capt Shashwat Singh, Infantry
- Capt Kartikey Chamoli, Signals, Rashtriya Rifles
- Sub Sandeep Kumar, Intelligence Corps
- Hav Rajendra Prasad, Infantry
- Hav Mahtav Singh Gurjar, Infantry
- Hav Anil Kumar, Infantry, Rashtriya Rifles
- Hav Ashwani Kumar, Infantry, Rashtriya Rifles
- Nk Tariq Ahmad Lone, Infantry, Rashtriya Rifles

- Nk Kamlesh Singh Dhami, Engineers, Rashtriya Rifles
- Nk Madan Singh Bisht, Infantry, Rashtriya Rifles
- L/Nk Mudasar Ahmad Yattoo, Infantry
- L/Nk Manpreet Singh, Infantry, Rashtriya Rifles
- Sep Sourav Kumar, Infantry
- Gnr Sukh Deep Singh, Artillery, Rashtriya Rifles
- Army Dog Axel, Remount and Veterinary Corps (Posthumous)

OPERATION SNOW LEOPARD

- Maj Cecil Kay Jose, Infantry
- Maj Ravinder Sharma, Engineers
- Maj Sakalkar Pratardan Gopal, Artillery
- Hav Mamit Gurung, Infantry
- Nk Yankayala Sudhakar, Infantry
- Nk Satnam Singh, Infantry

OPERATION RHINO

- Maj Harender Singh Tanwar, Artillery, Army Aviation Corps

OPERATION ORCHID

- Capt Adithya Prakash VP, Infantry, Assam Rifles

OPERATION FALCON

- Nb Sub Vishan Pal Singh, Infantry
- Hav G Elangovan, Engineers

OPERATION HIFAZAT

- Maj Amit Kumar Mishra, Infantry, Assam Rifles
- Maj Bharat Singh Adhwariya, Engineers, Assam Rifles

OPERATION TRIKUT (DEOGHAR)

- Lt Devesh Joshi, Infantry
- Hav Kadam Vijay Yeshwant, Engineers
- Hav Gurdev Singh, Infantry

CAS EVAC

- Maj Varun Verma, Army Aviation Corps
- Maj Rohit Kumar, Army Aviation Corps



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Five days after the induction of 18 ministers into his cabinet, Maharashtra CM Eknath Shinde Sunday distributed portfolios

NATIONAL P5



41 KILLED IN CHURCH FIRE

At least 41 were killed in a fire sparked by an electrical fault during Mass at a Coptic church in Giza

INTERNATIONAL P8



DISAPPOINTING DEBUT

Robert Lewandowski's first game in Barcelona colours ends in disappointment as the Spanish giants are held to a draw by Rayo Vallecano

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Naveen most popular CM again: India Today poll



POST NEWS NETWORK

New Delhi, August 14: Chief Minister Naveen Patnaik has been named as the most popular Chief Minister in home state in the 'Mood of the Nation' poll by *India Today*.

The poll ranked Patnaik as the most popular CM in home state with 78 per cent respondents being satisfied with his performance. Significantly, respondents in every state were asked to rate their CMs.

Assam CM Himant Biswa Sarma stood at the second position with

63 per cent while Tamil Nadu CM MK Stalin secured the third position with 61 per cent.

In Odisha, 78.1 per cent of 4,564 respondents said they were satisfied with Patnaik's performance. Six months ago, in January 2022, 71 per cent respondents had expressed satisfaction with Patnaik's performance. Patnaik is the longest serving CM of Odisha. He has remained unchallenged in his home state for over two decades.

In the national perspective, Prime Minister Narendra Modi remains the country's most popular leader with 53 per cent people preferring him to be their PM. Only 9 per cent favour Congress leader Rahul Gandhi and 7 per cent favour AAP national convener Arvind Kejriwal.

Earlier, Patnaik was ranked the most popular CM in January 2021 with 51 per cent of respondents from Odisha giving him positive ratings.



PATRIOTIC FERVOUR: Members of the 'Vande Mataram' street theatre group pose for a photo op at Lower PMG in Bhubaneswar, on the eve of Independence Day, Sunday

Women breaking glass ceilings: Prez



AGENCIES

New Delhi, August 14: The keyword for the country today is compassion for the downtrodden, needy and those on the margins, President Droupadi Murmu said Sunday in her maiden address to the nation on the eve of the 76th Independence Day.

She said India's newfound confidence stems from the spirit of its youth, its farmers, and above all, its women. "Gender inequalities are reducing and women are moving ahead, breaking many glass ceilings. Their increasing participation in social and political processes will prove decisive," she said. **More P5**

NOTICE
There will be no edition of the paper August 16 (Tuesday) as the office and press of **Orissa POST** will remain closed Monday on the occasion of Independence Day.
Wishing readers
A HAPPY INDEPENDENCE DAY
- EDITOR

IRREGULAR by MANJUL



They all are celebrating 'Har Ghar Tiranga' in Goa, Mysuru, Ooty, Doon etc. You see, it's a long weekend!

State braces for 'medium flood'

PNN/AGENCIES

Bhubaneswar, August 14: Odisha, which has been pummeled by heavy rainfall over the past week, is bracing for a 'medium flood' in the Mahanadi river system with the formation of another depression over the Bay of Bengal, the Meteorological Centre in Bhubaneswar said Sunday.

A well-marked low pressure system that intensified into a depression over the northwest Bay of Bengal has crossed the coast near Digha in West Bengal between 10.30-11.30 am, triggering heavy-to-very-heavy rain in many coastal, northern and southern regions of Odisha.

The weather system, which lies about 70 km northeast of Balasore, is moving northwestwards and is set to maintain its intensity for the next 24 hours, the meteorological centre said. As the intensity of rain has increased in parts of the state, including the upper catchment area of Mahanadi, the state government is anticipating a 'medium flood' this time, said Special Relief Commissioner (SRC) PK Jena.

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PK JENA | SPECIAL RELIEF COMMISSIONER

Mahanadi system," the SRC said, adding that people have nothing to panic for now as the administration had handled a similar situation in August, 2019.

Jena said as much as 9.5 lakh cusecs of water were currently passing near Khairmal, downstream of Mahanadi, and that would require 24 hours to reach Mundali.

"Therefore, we expect peak flood in Mahanadi by Monday evening when above 10 lakh cusecs of water will pass," the SRC said, adding that district authorities have been asked to evacuate people from low-lying areas. Jena, who reviewed the situation, said 22 rescue teams comprising the NDRF, ODARF and Fire Service personnel, have been sent to Puri, Khurda, Kendrapara, Jagatsinghpur and Cuttack, as these places were likely to be more affected due to the possible flood. **Contd...2**



Big Bull dies

Mumbai: Ace stock market investor Rakesh Jhunjhunwala died here Sunday morning. He was 62. Jhunjhunwala passed away due to a cardiac arrest, a source in his newly set up airline said. A self-made trader, investor and businessman, he was also known as the 'Big Bull' of Dalal Street. With an estimated net worth of around USD 5.8 billion (about Rs 46,000 crore), Jhunjhunwala



was the 36th richest billionaire in India, according to Forbes' 2021 listing. Son of an income tax officer, he is survived by his wife and three children. **More P5**

No Nehru in govt ad on freedom fighters

AGENCIES

Bangalore/New Delhi, August 14: The Congress Sunday took a strong exception to the exclusion of former Prime Minister Jawaharlal Nehru in the Karnataka government's newspaper advertisement on freedom fighters and termed the BJP action 'pathetic.'

Former Karnataka CM Siddaramaiah called Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai an 'RSS slave' while AICC general secretary Randeep Surjewala said the BJP's hatred for the country's first PM has reached its zenith.

"Nehru will survive such pettiness. CM Karnataka, desperate to save his job knows what he has done is an insult to his father S.R. Bommai and his father's 1st political guru M.N. Roy, both great Nehru admirers, the latter being a friend as well. Pathetic this is," Jairam Ramesh, Congress general secretary, communications, said on Twitter.

In a series of tweets, Siddaramaiah, who is the Leader of Opposition in the Assembly, attacked VD Savarkar - his picture features in the government's advertisement - accusing him of pleading with British officials and acting as their 'stooge' for his survival.



"When we thought slavery ended with the British gone, CM of Karnataka Bommai proved everyone wrong by showing that he is still a slave to RSS. Not including Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru in the list of freedom fighters in today's govt ad shows how low a CM can go to save his chair," he said.

Noting that Bommai should remember that Nehru had written letters and books to inspire people to participate in the freedom movement even while he was jailed for nine years, the former chief minister said, "Looks like RSS is sad that Nehru did not write apology and mercy petitions to British like Savarkar."

13 GOLD MINES MAY BE SOLD THIS MONTH

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

New Delhi, August 14: The government plans to put on the block 13 gold mines in Andhra Pradesh and Uttar Pradesh in the ongoing month amid its efforts to give a boost to the mining sector's contribution to the country's GDP.

Of the 10 blocks in Andhra, the auction of five blocks may take place August 26, while the remaining five are likely to be put on the block August 29, according to latest data of the government.

The gold mines in Andhra Pradesh include Ramagiri North Block, Boksampalli North Block, Boksampalli South Block,

Javakula-A Block, Javakula-B Block, Javakula-C Block, Javakula-D Block, Javakula-E Block, Javakula-F Block.

The notices inviting tender for these gold mines were floated in March.

In the case of remaining three gold mines in Uttar Pradesh, the auction will happen this month.

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ARIES
Today is a bright day, and the stars foretell success for you. If you find yourself in a creative mood, indulge in some activity that will satisfy the urge. But, Ganesh says, if you are driving alone, exercise a great deal of caution to be on the safe side.

TAURUS
Fortune favours the brave and you will wake up feeling gutsy. Your performance will peak today and you will reap the benefits of real estate and construction business. Your peers and boss will extend all the support you need. All in all, a day to bask in the glory of advantages and awards.

GEMINI
Today, you are likely to remain transparent in all your dealings, forecasts Ganesh. You can be optimistic about your chances of success if you choose to propose to that special someone. The day will bring more pleasure than pain.

CANCER
Today, you may focus your entire attention on your relationships - your ties with your parents, spouse, children, siblings and even neighbours. However, all that effort and energy may not get its due, and you may get a cold response from one or more of your relatives. Still there is no reason to lose heart.

LEO
The discomfort similar to the fish-out-of-water syndrome will be a thing of the past, as today you will be quite flexible and would want to remain on the move, says Ganesh. So much so that you may even begin to feel bound by the environment in your office.

VIRGO
The artist, the comedian and the showman in you are all set to take the floor today. Entertain people and set the evening ablaze with your arsenal of jokes and gags, says Ganesh. But save valuable time and energy for other pressing matters and responsibilities too.

LIBRA
Monotonous is the word to describe the way things have been till now, but no more, says Ganesh. It might be a very good idea for you to take a break from things around you and go on a small trip. Invigorate yourself with a small picnic with family and friends. It shall go a long way in boosting your energy and enhancing your awareness and wisdom in the coming future.

SCORPIO
It is very likely that the moment of victory is often preceded by a moment of peril; but that is not where the danger ends. In the heat of victory, arrogance and overconfidence can push you away from what you aimed for. So, it is important for you to learn when to stop in victory. Set a goal and stop when you reach there, says Ganesh.

SAGITTARIUS
Today will be a day for introspection, says Ganesh, as you try and find the root causes of your problems. But the job is only half-done; the rest will depend on the initiatives you may take to implement possible solutions to your problems. Overall, a day spent pondering.

CAPRICORN
You will find the day to be taxing, mostly because of the amount of work delegated to you, says Ganesh. But it will take trouble quite an effort to dampen your spirit. You will be in the fray in the latter part of the day, but will leave your rivals trailing behind in terms of business strategies.

AQUARIUS
Ganesh says it's okay to cry on somebody's shoulders. In fact, sharing problems lightens the load, and if nothing else, your friends will think you're as human as them.

PISCES
An important day today, you can expect to reach a much-awaited milestone either on the domestic front or at the workplace, says Ganesh. Expect your professional status and your social standing to receive a boost.

No meeting on Mahanadi water mgmt in three years



POST NEWS NETWORK

Sambalpur, August 14: Odisha and Chhattisgarh governments are locked in a bitter fight over sharing of Mahanadi river water before the Central Water Commission (CWC), a report said. However, despite the case, the two states have failed to sit together for a meeting on management of Mahanadi river water for the last three years. Reports said that the meeting over management of Mahanadi river water between the two states has not been held for the last three years. The negligence and non-cooperation of Chhattisgarh government and its water resources department is to be blamed for this, Anand Chandra Sahu, chief engineer, Hirakud Dam said. He said that the dispute between the two states over sharing of Mahanadi river water is different but the two states could at least attend a meeting and chalk out the modalities of river water management. There won't be any problems if Chhattisgarh attends a meeting

on the issue, he said. Reports said that several notices have been issued in past inviting both the states to attend a meeting on the issue but Chhattisgarh has never shown any interest to attend the meeting despite Odisha being always ready for such a meeting. The last meeting between the two states concerning the issue was held in 2019. Later, a high level committee representing both the state governments was convened April 13, 2022 at Ashok Niwas in Burla. The CWC had notified both the state governments informing them about the date, time and venue of the meeting. However, the Chhattisgarh government again played truant and expressed its unavailability for the meet on the scheduled date following which the meeting was cancelled. It is customary for both the states to attend a meeting on water management before the arrival of monsoon but the meeting has not been held for the last three years due to lack of cooperation from the Chhattisgarh government. The development comes close

to the heels of Hirakud Dam opening around 34 gates to discharge floodwaters. The floodwater discharge has been necessitated due to incessant rain in last couple of days in upstream of Chhattisgarh that has led to a medium flood in Mahanadi river system. This has led to an increase in water level in downstream and the peak floodwater is expected to pass through Mundali barrage in Cuttack by Monday evening. This was informed by Special Relief Commissioner Pradeep Kumar Jena, Sunday, after he reviewed the situation arising because of continuous rainfall due to the formation of low pressure area and active monsoon in past two days. Currently, Chhattisgarh is witnessing a flood-like situation due to heavy rainfall in the upstream of the river which falls under its jurisdiction. The dam and barrages have been opened in Chhattisgarh as there is flood situation the state. The excess floodwater discharged is entering the Hirakud dam. The incessant rainfall has led to water-logging in many low-lying areas of Sambalpur and Hirakud. Left with no other options, the water resources officials of Chhattisgarh have requested the Hirakud dam authorities to open more gates for discharge of floodwaters. Meanwhile, the CWC has again sent a letter to both state governments inviting them to attend meeting on the issue, August 22. It is now to be seen whether the Chhattisgarh government attends the meeting or again plays truant like before, reports added.

State braces for 'medium flood'

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Official sources said that Mahanadi's tributaries such as Luna, Karandia, Chitroptala, Daya, Bhargavi, Rajua and Malaguni were also swelling. Asked about the situation in other rivers, the SRC said, "There will be no flood in Baitarani, although the water level at Akhupada was flowing at 18.06 metres against the danger level of 17.83m." He pointed out that water level in Jalaka at Mathani was also flowing at 6.39 metres, almost 0.9 metres above the danger level, but stressed that there was no reason to worry as of now. Very heavy rain battered Cuttack, Sambalpur, Kandhamal, Jagatsinghpur, Subarnapur and Mayurbhanj districts, the Met office said. Twenty-one stations received over 115.6 mm of very-heavy rain, while heavy showers of 65-116 mm occurred at 73 places across the state. An intense spell of down-pour lashed Bhubaneswar in the morning.

PROMPT ACTION



Fire personnel removing an uprooted tree which blocked the Jayadev Vatika road on the outskirts of Bhubaneswar, Sunday

Information literacy key to curb the spread of disinformation

Donald Trump derided any critical news coverage as "fake news" and his unwillingness to concede the 2020 presidential election eventually led to the January 6, 2021 riot at the US Capitol. These are in no way isolated efforts to flood the world's media with dishonest information or malicious content. Governments, organisations and individuals are spreading disinformation for profit or to gain a strategic advantage. But why is there so much disinformation? And what can we do to protect ourselves? Three schools of thought have emerged to address this issue. The first suggests disinformation is so pervasive because distrust of traditional sources of authority, including the news media, keeps increasing. When people think the mainstream media is not holding industries and governments to account, they may be more likely to accept information that challenges conventional beliefs. Secondly, social media platforms' focus on engagement often leads them to promote shocking claims

that generate outrage, regardless of whether these claims are true. Indeed studies show false information on social media spreads further, faster and deeper than true information, because it is more novel and surprising. Lastly, the role of hostile and deliberate disinformation tactics cannot be overlooked. Facebook estimates that during the 2016 US election, malicious content from the Russian Internet Research Agency aimed at creating division within the American voting public reached 126 million people in the US and worldwide. This crisis of information is usually framed in terms of the diffusion of false information either intentionally (disinformation) or unwittingly (misinformation). However this approach misses significant forms of propaganda, including techniques honed during the Cold War. Most Russian influence efforts on Twitter did not involve communicating content that was "demonstrably false". Instead, subtle, subversive examples of propaganda were common and unre-



lent, including calling for the removal of American officials. So how have various entities addressed both mis- and disinformation? The Alex Jones jury case and verdict is one example of how societies can counter disinformation. Being hauled into court and forced by a jury of your peers to shell out \$49 million in damages would cause most people to verify what they're saying before they say it. Governments and corporations have also taken significant steps to mitigate disinformation. In the wake of the 2022 Russian invasion

of Ukraine, the EU ceased retransmitting Russia Today, the well-known Russian state-controlled television network, and it is now no longer available in Europe or in Africa. The EUvsDisinfo project has countered Russian propaganda and addressed "the Russian Federation's ongoing disinformation campaigns affecting the European Union, its Member States, and countries in the shared neighbourhood" since 2015. In 2022 Google followed suit, launching its Russia-Ukraine Conflict Misinfo Dashboard, which lists dubious claims related to the invasion and fact-checks their veracity. Ordinary citizens have several avenues to counter disinformation as well. Information literacy is typically framed as an individual responsibility, but Swedish scholars Jutta Haider and Olof Sundin point out that "a shared sense of truth requires societal trust, especially institutional trust, at least as an anticipated ideal". How can we re-create a common sense of truth? Wikipedia - the freely accessible online encyclopedia where knowledge is collectively produced - is a good place to start. Wikipedia has community-en-

forced policies on neutrality and verifiability. Anyone can edit a Wikipedia page, but countless administrators, users and automated type-setting "bots" ensure these edits are as correct as possible. Modifications and disputes about article content are archived on the website and visible to all: the editorial process is transparent. As information consumers, some important steps we can take to protect ourselves from disinformation include seeking out and reading a wide variety of sources and not sharing dubious content. Schools are doing their part to spread this message. Notable initiatives in Australia include Camberwell Grammar School in Canterbury, Victoria where teachers have drawn on resources produced by ABC Education to teach their students how to identify credible news sources. And a University of Canberra pilot program using Stanford University's "lateral reading" principle is being trialled in three primary and secondary ACT schools this year.



Keshab Swain, the Guinness World Records holder, showing his skill while riding a motorcycle at Airport road in Capital city, Sunday

ECoR observes Partition Horrors Remembrance Day

Bhubaneswar, August 14: To keep alive the memory of suffering that millions of people went through during the partition of India's, the whole country observed Remembrance Day of Horrors of Partition Sunday. The Prime Minister in last year's Independence Day speech had made the announcement for the observation of the "Partition Horrors Remembrance Day". This day has been envisaged to bring to light the agony, suffering and pain of millions of people who were displaced during partition. It is a reminder to the country that its independence was preceded by the largest displacement of human pop-



ulation in the last century. The partition also claimed the lives of a large number of people. Dharmendra Pradhan, Union Minister of Education and Skill Development and Entrepreneurship, graced the occasion at Bhubaneswar railway station. He spoke about the tragedy of partition, the human costs involved. Joining the function as Guest of Honour, Aparajita Sarangi, MP said that this day will remind us about the partition tragedy.

To mark the occasion, an exhibition was organised at Bhubaneswar railway station. Exhibition on Partition Horrors was also organised at various important stations under the East Coast Railway jurisdiction, including Puri, Bhubaneswar, Sambalpur and Visakhapatnam railway stations. Two freedom fighters were also felicitated on this occasion by Pradhan. Both of them, Shyam Sundar Behera and Ramahari Goswami, shared their experience during the period following the independence of India. East Coast Railway general manager (I/C) Sharad Kumar Srivastava was also present on the occasion. Rinkesh Roy divisional railway manager, Khurda Road coordinated the programme.

BSCL invites entries for photography competition

Bhubaneswar, August 14: Aiming to showcase the growth and development of smart capital, the Bhubaneswar Smart City Limited (BSCL) has initiated a photography competition called "Cities of Tomorrow" through National Institute of Urban Affairs (NIUA). The NIUA under Cities Investment to Innovate, Integrate and Sustain (CITIIS) has invited entries from the photographers in the event to showcase the impacts of sustainable and innovation-driven urban development in the country. The CITIIS is a joint programme of the Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs (MoHUA), the French Development Agency (AFD), the European Union (EU), and National Institute of Urban Affairs (NIUA). BSCL was selected in the CITIIS

Challenge for its project, 'B-Active or Bhubaneswar Active'. This project is categorised under the CITIIS focus area of 'Public Open Spaces' which is also one of the themes for the Cities of Tomorrow competition. Among the other themes are included Sustainable Mobility, E-governance and Social Innovation. "Entries are invited from Bhubaneswar on the basis of the theme mentioned above. The entries will be judged by a panel comprising renowned photographers like Raghu Rai, Ketaki Sheth and Sounak Banerjee. The winner of the first prize will receive Rs. 50,000 while the first and second runner up will receive Rs. 25,000 and Rs. 10,000 respectively. The winning entries will be displayed at a public exhibition at the India Habitat Centre, New Delhi, October 2022," a BSCL official stated.

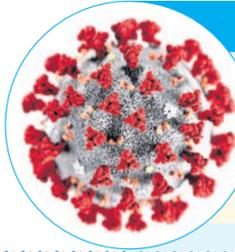
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RAIN WOES

Commuters travel on a Capital City thoroughfare, Sunday, as rain continues to lash the state for the past few days owing to a depression formed over the Bay of Bengal



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World	59,49,63,159	56,80,41,314	64,54,070
India	4,42,53,464	4,36,09,566	5,27,037
Odisha	13,22,671	13,09,677	9,155

Tribals allege crops, huts burnt down

PNN & AGENCIES

Nabarangpur, August 14: Residents of three tribal villages in the district here Sunday alleged that their farmland and huts were set on fire by members of a forest protection group engaged by the state government.

During the day, the tribal people of Kapsabhata, Sariabhata and Laktipokhona villages under the banner of 'Rashtriya Kissan Mazdoor Mahasangha' staged a protest near the district magistrate's office here.

They lodged a complaint at the Umerkote police station, alleging that Vana Surakshya Samiti (VSS) members had Saturday evening destroyed their crops and shelters near the fields, a senior officer said. Notably, the state government engages volunteers to protect forests and promote conservation practices.

The tribal people also claimed that the forest protection group members along with over 1,000 people, including women, from nearby villages, set their maize crops and huts on fire. The incident took place inside the reserve forest in Burja gram panchayat under the Umerkote block of the district, the officer said.

"A scuffle broke out between the people belonging to Kondh tribe and the forest protection group members who mostly hail

from Kusamguda, Sirliguda, Bamandeibhata, Sirliguda, Palbeda, Kasarbhata and Chichiniguda villages. It is a long-standing dispute. VSS alleges that the tribals have been cultivating maize by encroaching forest land," a district official said.

The Kondh tribal people, who reside in Kapsabhata, Sariabhata and Laktipokhona villages, have been cultivating in the forest area for a long time, and they have been demanding 10 acres of forest land for each of the 147 households as per the Forest Right Act, the local revenue circle officer said.

"They have been allotted two or three acres of land for cultivation. There are 147 households in the three tribal villages.

"On the other hand, the VSS accused the tribals of encroaching more forest land than their allotment for farming," he said. The agitating Kondh tribal cultivators met Nabarangpur's ADM Bhaskar Raita during the day and held a detailed discussion with him.

"The administration has been trying to bring about a permanent solution to the dispute. Strict action would be initiated against those involved in damaging the crops, setting huts on fire and assaulting the Kondh cultivators of the three villages," the ADM said.

POST NEWS NETWORK

New Delhi, August 14: Twin City Police Commissioner Saumendra Priyadarsi was among the two officials from Odisha to get the prestigious President's Police Medal for Distinguished Service on the occasion of Independence Day, an official said Sunday.

As many as 1,062 police personnel from across the country have been selected to be awarded Police Medals on the occasion of Independence Day 2022, according to the Ministry of Home Affairs.

While Commandos Kumar Karmi and Pitabasa Pande will get Police Medal for Gallantry, twin city Police Commissioner Saumendra Priyadarsi and Bhubaneswar SP (In-charge)

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■ As many as 11 police officials from Odisha will get Police Medal for Meritorious Service

■ Three Prison, as many Fire Services and five Home Guards and Civil Defence officials will also be awarded medals on the occasion

Security Wing Saroj Kumar Mohapatra will be awarded President's Police Medal for Distinguished Service.

As many as 11 police officials will be awarded Police Medal for Meritorious Service. The officials are

Cuttack Vigilance Additional SP Prakash Kumar Naik, Bhubaneswar STF CID, CB DSP Sachidananda Rath, Bhubaneswar BPSPA DSP Guruprasad Shivasankar Nanda, Rourkela DSP Banita Majhi, Cuttack CB, CID Sub-

Inspector N Trinath Dora, Sambalpur Special Squad ASI Mohammed Jahangir and Jharsuguda OSAP 2nd Battalion Havildar Bishnu Kumar Bura. Angul Driver Havildar Hrusikesh Barik, Koraput SOG, AET & RC Assistant Armourer Basanta Kumar Dakua, Sundargarh DFSL Constable Anjan Kumar Mohanty and Koraput OSAP 3rd Battalion Sepoy Prasanta Parida were also among those from Odisha who will be awarded Police Medal for Meritorious Service.

Similarly three Prison officials will also be awarded. While Jailor Bivendu Bhuyan will get President's Correctional Service Medal for Distinguished Service, Jailor Bulu Matia and Assistant Jailor Supak Kumar Nayak will be awarded Correctional Service Medal for

Meritorious Service.

Three Fire Services and five Home Guards and Civil Defence personnel will also be awarded medals on the occasion. "While Fire Officer Prasanta Kumar Dash will be awarded President's Fire Service Medal for Distinguished Service, Leading Fireman Bijaya Chandra Patra and Driver Havildar Sarbeswar Mishra will get Fire Service Medal for Meritorious Service," said a notification.

Company Commanders (HG) Rohit Sahoo and Binod Kumar Padhi will be awarded President's Home Guards & Civil Defence Medal for Distinguished Service, while Home Guards S Parsuram Reddy and Pradeep Kumar Satapathy and Civil Defence Volunteer (CD) Gyanendra Mallia will get Home Guards & Civil Defence Medal for Meritorious Service.

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FOCUS GLOBALISATION SHOCKS

CHINA'S LOSS, INDIA'S GAIN



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Indonesia have increased their exports at extraordinary rates. All have seized the opportunity created by the \$150 billion of manufacturing export space that China has vacated. At the same time, the global shocks have increased opportunities for services exporters. The COVID-19 pandemic has encouraged services firms to allow their staff to work from home. But if workers for a Boston-based firm can log in from Boise, then why not from Bangalore? Indeed, services trade has boomed over the past few years, benefiting India.

Similarly, "friend-shoring" of production will boost countries perceived to be friendly to the West. A growing number of firms have exited Russia, and foreign capital is fleeing China, aggravated by Xi's domestic policies. At the same time, integration efforts among the US-led alliance are increasing, with India having resumed negotiations on free-trade agreements with the European Union and the United Kingdom.

But to gain from the globalisation shocks that have differentially favoured services and open, pluralistic democracies, India will need to change its policy direction. It will need to reverse its recent inward turn and become more open economically. At the same time, it needs to improve what we call the "software of economic and political policymaking," ensuring the rule of law, even-handed treatment of all investors, robust domestic institutions, and social stability, all of which are critical for creating a favourable environment for sustained economic growth.

In sum, the three shocks to globalisation have squeezed opportunities for China while enlarging them for India. Of course, China can overcome its challenges, just as India can seize the initiative. But in each case, success will require a reassessment of current domestic policies and governance.

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Over the past decade and a half, financial, health, and geopolitical shocks have pummeled world trade. The 2008 global financial crisis devastated the banks that financed much of the world's commerce, and then triggered a secular decline in economic growth. In 2020, the COVID-19 pandemic closed factories and upended global supply chains. And now Russia's invasion of Ukraine has disrupted food and energy supplies, threatening to divide the world along geopolitical lines.

Some argue that these three shocks might even lead to the death of globalisation. But the reality is likely to be more complex: The disruptions will probably transform the global trading system rather than shrink it, with the impact varying across countries. Significantly, China will probably lose, while India might even gain.

Starting in the early 1990s, developing countries advanced as a group for almost two decades, rapidly catching up to rich countries' standards of living. This convergence was facilitated by hyper-globalisation, whereby trade liberalisation and large declines in transport and communication costs swiftly increased opportunities for the developing world. China and India benefited enormously, leading to the largest reductions in poverty the world has ever seen.

This golden age ended with the 2008 global financial crisis. Since then, national growth trajectories have varied considerably. China's deceleration has been dramatic: After decades of double-digit annual expansion, GDP growth has now slowed to almost zero. But other countries such as India have continued to grow (apart from in pandemic-hit 2020), albeit less rapidly on average than before. Why the difference?

The global shocks have proved particularly damaging for China because they have come on top of an ongoing, secular loss of competitiveness, as labour migration from farms to factories has started to reach its limits, causing wages to rise. Johns Hopkins University's Shoumitro Chatterjee and one of us (Subramanian) estimated that

declining competitiveness has caused China to lose out on about \$150 billion worth of exports.

Moreover, the shocks themselves have had an asymmetric impact. After 2008, trade in goods stopped growing as a share of global GDP, while trade in services continued to rise. This affected China more severely, because it is a manufacturing powerhouse, whereas India is a competitive services trader. As a result, China's exports-to-GDP ratio decreased from its pre-2008 peak of 36% to 18.5% while India's declined by much less, from 25% to about 19%.

The long-term consequences of the shocks could be very serious for China. For starters, the country has reached an inflection point in its development, where it needs to navigate the difficult transition from middle-income to upper-income status. When South Korea attained China's current level of development (a GDP per capita of roughly \$15,000 in purchasing-power-parity terms), its further transition required exports to surge by another 25 percentage points of GDP.

The prospect of China being able to replicate this seems remote, in large part because the world's political willingness to absorb Chinese exports has reached its limits. The COVID-19 shock has forced a reassessment of globalisation, with countries seeking to reduce their reliance on im-

ports of critical goods such as pharmaceuticals.

Moreover, Russia's invasion of Ukraine has led to a broader geopolitical realignment, with the United States and its allies on one side and Russia and China on the other. This reordering comes on top of a longer-standing superpower rivalry between the US and China. The severe Western sanctions against Russia and the resulting weaponisation of interdependence have further sharpened the geopolitical divide.

Meanwhile, China's growth model is under huge stress. The real estate and construction boom that powered the economy's rapid expansion for decades has come to an end, leaving many leading developers close to bankruptcy. Demographic trends are far more adverse than the country's official population statistics indicate. And President Xi Jinping's embrace of state intervention is undermining entrepreneurship and economic dynamism – the domestic wellsprings of growth.

This will leave China more dependent on exports, just at a time when global demand is dimming. Consequently, the Chinese growth model may be in even more serious trouble than many believe.

But as China's prospects darken, those of other countries are brightening. For example, countries such as Vietnam, Bangladesh, and



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THE 2008 GLOBAL FINANCIAL CRISIS, THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC, AND RUSSIA'S INVASION OF UKRAINE HAVE DIMMED CHINA'S ECONOMIC PROSPECTS WHILE BRIGHTENING INDIA'S

One of the chief obstacles to the establishment of a progressive harmony is our eagerness to prove to an opponent that he is wrong and we are right.

THE MOTHER



Pursuit of Independence

Celebrating the 75th year of Independence and naming it Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav and later the 'Har Ghar Tiranga' campaign has been treated as a historic moment in the present times. We shall refrain from mentioning here the costs involved, that the taxpayer has to bear, for these fun and frolic of the few 'chosen' people. In a turbulent India where the economy is fast degrading and disparities between the rich and the poor vastly growing, this kind of a slogan in Hindi may seem lame to many sane Indians unfazed by political rhetoric. Patriotism or worse, nationalistic fervor seems to stop at manmade political borders guarded by weapon wielding soldiers. However, patriotism should be the love among people who live and die as countrymen within those unnaturally drawn border lines. True love and brotherhood are manifest primarily through tolerance and inclusiveness. A nation's spirit is known by the social cohesiveness and economic parity that hold it together. It is not the army nor the tax collector and not even the rulers who create the identity of a country. People alone are the sole representatives of a country.

When we talk of people, we assume all human beings as being equal in a free country. However, this is not seen in the Indian society even today. Take for example the incident that took place in Jalore district of Rajasthan on July 20. Nine year old Indra Meghwal, a Dalit student of a Saraswati Vidyamandir school in Surana village was allegedly beaten up mercilessly by his upper caste teacher Chail Singh for merely touching a pot containing drinking water. The young boy's only crime was that he was thirsty and wanted to drink some water. The beating by the teacher was so severe that the child was initially hospitalized locally but was later moved to a larger hospital in Ahmedabad where he succumbed Saturday, 13 August. The teacher, Chail Singh, should not be considered as an individual with a mental aberration. Singh represents the general and widespread bitter casteist mindset that plagues most of India. That mindset also gave him the courage to get extremely infuriated and cruel enough to kill the child. This is also not an isolated case that demands strong police action. Every Indian is aware that such incidents along with torture, humiliation and bad behavior towards lower caste citizens, especially women and children, is commonplace and seems to be totally acceptable currently, so much so that most of them go unreported.

Flying the tricolor flag has been made into a great issue lately. The political overtones of such clarion calls to demonstrate publicly one's nationalism may be welcome if only it helps in creating a cohesive and equal society. Independence from the foreign rulers was but only a physical act. Whether a government acknowledges the contributions of a certain prominent freedom fighter after the goal had been attained is barely of any consequence. What matters is NOW. The India of today may or may not acknowledge verifiable facts of history. It is easier for Indians to do so since most of our history has been verbal, thanks to the upper caste Hindus who believed in keeping their knowledge strictly confidential and not document it for fear of losing the upper hand. In spite of this, history is not only what was. History is being created every moment now. When we gloss over the death of Indra Meghwal thinking he was a poor unfortunate downtrodden boy totally unrelated to our existence, we must not forget these events are stark reminders that this country is far from being independent.

Piate
Tathagata Satpathy

WISDOM CORNER

- First they ignore you, then they laugh at you, then they fight you, then you win. **MAHATMA GANDHI**
- In the long run, the sharpest weapon of all is a kind and gentle spirit. **ANNE FRANK**
- Truth can be stated in a thousand different ways, yet each one can be true. **SWAMI VIVEKANANDA**

WORDSWORTH

Whiffler

Students of Shakespeare will know of whifflers from Henry V: The deep-smouth'd Sea, Which like a mighty Whiffler 'fore the King, Seems to prepare his way. Whifflers went in front of a procession to clear spectators from its path. In early times, they would have been men-at-arms, wielding their customary weapons such as javelins or swords to keep back the mob. By the time of Shakespeare, they had taken on a formalised role and by the next century had degenerated into being merely part of the ritual of events such as civic parades. They survived until the middle of the nineteenth century in the procession of the London craft guilds to the Guildhall banquet on Lord Mayor's Day, in which young freemen called bachelor whifflers carried flags to lead each guild. They lived on to about the same date in Norwich: In that of the Corporation of Norwich from the Guild-hall to the Cathedral Church, on the Guild-day, the whifflers are two active men very lightly equipped ... bearing swords of lath or latten, which they keep in perpetual motion, "whiffing" the air on either side, and now and then giving an unlucky boy a slap on the shoulders or posterior with the flat side of their weapons -- The Vocabulary of East Anglia, by Robert Forby, 1830. In an entry written a century ago, the Oxford English Dictionary finds the word's origin in the Old English wiffler for a spear or battleaxe. But as whiffle also referred to the wind when it blew in puffs or slight gusts, or veered or shifted about (it became a figurative way to describe a shifty or evasive person), it would be as reasonable to assume that it referred to the continual waving of their weapons to encourage hangers-on to stand back. Whifflers in action would certainly have raised a constant whiffle of wind, as Robert Forby implied with his use of whiff, to blow lightly (this last word is also the source of the word in the sense of a brief or faint smell, as in "a whiff of perfume"). At the beginning of the twentieth century, Thomas Ratcliffe, a contributor to Notes and Queries, recalled this variation: The art of the whiffler-waffler is still known, though I have not seen the practice for a number of years. Whiffing-waffling was common when I was a boy, and many boys could give very creditable exhibitions of the art ... Some men were great experts, making the stick twirl in the hands round and about all parts of the body round the head, behind the back, under the thigh, the whiffing-waffling being done as easily with the left as with the right hand. When the exhibition was put of doors the stick was sent whirling high, the performer dancing round a considerable circle before catching it at the right moment of its descent. We are irresistibly reminded of a drum-major with his mace leading a band in a parade or of an American baton-twirler. There certainly seemed to be a skill to whiffing, to judge from George Borrow, who lamented in The Romany Rye in 1857, "The last of the whiffers hanged himself about a fortnight ago ... from pure grief that there was no further demand for the exhibition of his art, there being no demand for whiffing since the discontinuance of Guildhall banquets." The modern drum-major may not have his genesis in the ancient passage-clearing art of the whiffler, but parallels persist.

Widdifful

Somebody who was widdifful deserved to be hanged. The story behind it starts with the northern English and Scottish word widdy or widge, local forms of the standard English widdy, a flexible branch from a tree such as willow used to make baskets or to tie or fasten things together. One sense was of a band or rope made of intertwined withies. Later it came to mean a halter and in particular a hangman's rope. To cheat the widdy meant to escape hanging. By an obvious transfer the sense of gallows-bird grew up, one destined to fill a widdy.

SPECTRUM POLITICS

A change amid JD-U's funds leap



Shivaji Sarkar

HAVING BEEN WITH THE BJP, NITISH REALISES THE IMPORTANCE OF THE PURSE IN A VOLATILE POLITICAL SITUATION

The corporates know how best to invest and reap dividends. Long before a sleuth could know, the investments in JD-U's fortune were soaring. Yes, it is the party with donations of ₹160 crore in a short span, largest among regional parties for past some time. Its luck smiled long before it was known to change its alliance partner in Bihar this month and Nitish Kumar formed the government with RJD dumping the BJP. If the donations were in anticipation of the miracle, the donors must be complimented for their foresight and speculative capacity. Having been with the BJP, Nitish realises the importance of the purse in a volatile political situation.

The JD-U received ₹60.15 crore, the highest donation among 54 regional parties, in 2020-21 as per figures submitted to the Election Commission. It was followed by the DMK - ₹33.99 crore and AAP - 11.32 crore, the Indian Union Muslim League ₹4.16 crore, Telangana Rashtra Samithi ₹4.15 crore. Even the Samajwadi Party with ₹50.44 crore before the Uttar Pradesh elections in 2020-21 was a laggard.

With the maximum number of donations during FY 2020-21, JD(U) declared 58 donations from corpo-

rate/business sectors amounting to ₹60 crore, while 272 individual donors donated ₹90.60 lakh. In February 2022, JD-U Bihar president Umesh Kushwaha announced that during a fortnight of starting a fund-raising campaign, it received ₹100 crore as donation from "leaders, supporters and workers, showing the popularity of Chief Minister Nitish Kumar." He hoped at that time that by March the party would get ₹300 crore. This was not confirmed.

With regard to the total amount of donations, the Shiv Sena leads with ₹62.859 crore from 436 donations, followed by the AIADMK, which has declared receiving ₹52.17 crore from three donations.

In 2019-20, corporate/business donated ₹31.95 crore to national parties. The BJP had the highest with ₹720.4 crore. At ₹4847 crore, it has the highest assets among top seven parties. The Congress was a distant second, with ₹55.36 crore received from 151 corporate donors. In such a scenario, the JD-U has seemingly changed its tack. It has apparently introduced a regular levy system on its leaders, office-bearers and other workers. Even Deputy Chairman Rajya Sabha Hariwansh Narayan Rai is regularly contributing to it. But it has never

been averse to corporate donations.

The importance of money, particularly which can be converted into loose cash, is a significant political need. It helps the party in its penetration to different areas, influence its supporters, organise various activities in an easy manner. That JD-U has an ambition and its leader pines to become a key political player is no secret. In such operations, seeking donations is normal.

Often the rules of donations have been changed. Former PM Indira Gandhi had totally banned it. But it was not found to be practical. In 2016, the concept of anonymous corporate bonds was issued. There are still concerns and changes may be likely.

In such a scenario, anonymous bonds supposedly keep the donor's identity a secret. Technically, it is so but in reality may not be. It shows a corporate tilt for the parties in power. There are expectations from the party as well as the donors. Seeking favours may be easy but obliging in a structured framework is never easy. But corporates are known to have flourished with the proximity they have with the powers that be. An Asian house recently donated a huge sum to major Australian parties and got the business foothold. The recent move by Nitish is

seemingly appreciated by the corporates. Business leaders despite being sceptical do not rule out a change. They are silent but have reportedly activated the systems to take care of their interests. Bihar elections are three years away but the Lok Sabha polls less than two years from now may see a keen tussle. The JD-U moves may be keenly watched and help it gain more financial support from a larger catchment area.

This apart, Nitish Kumar-Tejasvi Yadav duo has to take steps to change the economic fundamentals of Bihar with more investments. That would be an opportunity for corporates to grab. Nitish no more has the benefit of the aura of PM Narendra Modi to sail through. He has to build the new alliance as the change model may be beyond Bihar. If it succeeds his donation kitty would increase, and so may his clout. But if he cannot, it may be a run-away success for his opponents who might romp Bihar and elsewhere. The Nitish donation story is significant today for the success or not of the new daring model that he has tried to set up. It will be interesting to watch how the waves of Bihar sweep the course.

INFA

Promote generic drugs

Sir, It is a well known fact that India is a pharmaceutical powerhouse and the world's leading producer of generic drugs. Generic drugs play an important role in helping to address rising health care costs and in promoting access to medicines. The Central government has promoted generic drugs in a number of ways to support the health care sector. Generic medicines are now more widely available, more fairly priced, and may be more profitable for the country's health care system. Government organisations have started a number of public awareness efforts about the availability of generic medicines. The Pradhan Mantri Bhartiya Janaushadhi Pariyojana (PMBJP) was launched with an objective of making high quality generic medicines available at affordable prices to the consumers. All the Indian states currently offer this programme, which provides the general public with access to medications and enjoys substantial popularity among people in average to low income groups. It is regrettable that the majority of doctors do not prescribe generic medications despite directives from the Medical Council of India. Developed countries applied various policies and regulations to improve the use of generic medicines. Therefore, the government has to promote greater awareness about cost effective generic drugs and their prescription and encourage doctors, more specifically in government hospitals to prescribe generic medicines.

Krishna Kumar Vepakomma, HYDERABAD

V-P's real test

Sir, There is little doubt that Jagdeep Dhankhar, the fourteenth Vice President of the country, has all credentials to lift the exalted post. But the Vice President's real test is ahead - how will he conduct the proceedings of the Rajya Sabha of which he is now the Chairman? The Rajya Sabha is a bitterly divided House. It has been so for quite a long time now. No Opposition party desires to support the government on important bills; every member wants to split hair. Ego and one-upmanship have superceded sanity and cordiality. The party appears supreme for the members, while national interests mean nothing. Many important bills get stuck in limbo before seeing the light of the day. In the past, Chairpersons had gone out of their way to infuse decorum in the House. V-P Jagdeep Dhankhar may have to adapt a reconciliatory approach while dealing with raucous Opposition members. Will Dhankhar succeed where his illustrious predecessors failed?

Ganapathi Bhat, AKOLA

Letters

TO THE EDITOR

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of the day quote

By learning the concepts of entrepreneurship and establishing start-ups at a young age, students in Delhi government schools are becoming responsible citizens as well as smart entrepreneurs

MANISH SISODIA | DELHI DEPUTY CM

India did not let China enter its territory. I appeal to political parties not to politicise issues related to the country's security

RAJNATH SINGH | DEFENCE MINISTER

It is for the first time in the country's history that a prime minister has appealed to people to hoist the Tricolour atop their homes

SMRITI IRANI | UNION MINISTER

JEE Adv test Aug 28

New Delhi: The Joint Entrance Examination (JEE) Advanced for admission into 23 IITs across the country is scheduled to be held August 28, officials said.



While this flag is a symbol of pride for crores of Indians, it is a commodity for the BJP. BJP should stop setting up shops for everything. Playing with the pride of the national flag is shameful and condemnable

AKHILESH YADAV | SP PRESIDENT

MONKEYPOX VAX SOON?

The Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR) has received 31 bids from manufacturers showing interest in developing vaccine against the monkeypox virus



World has seen new India rising: President

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

New Delhi, August 14: India has helped the world discover the true potential of democracy and the key-word for the country today is compassion for the downtrodden, needy and those on the margins, President Droupadi Murmu said Sunday.

In her maiden address to the nation on the eve of the 76th Independence Day, Murmu said major economic reforms are being accompanied by innovative welfare initiatives and the world has seen "a new India rising in recent years, more so after the outbreak of COVID-19".

The President, in her 17-minute address, complimented the policymakers for ensuring the growth of the country that has become more inclusive with reduced regional disparities. "Our response to the pandemic has been appreciated everywhere. We launched the biggest vaccination drive in human history with vaccines manufactured in the country itself. Last month we crossed the 200-crore mark in cumulative vaccine coverage," said Murmu who took over the presidency last month.

She said in combating the pandemic, India's achievements have been better than those of many developed countries. "For this feat, we are grateful to our scientists, doctors, nurses, paramedics and the staff associated with vaccination," she said.



The President said that the pandemic uprooted lives and also economies in the entire world. "When the world has been battling the economic consequences of the great crisis, India got its act together and is now moving forward. India is among the fastest growing major economies in the world" whose start-up ecosystem ranks high in the world.

The President said "our existence will become meaningful only in building a glorious India" and quoted a poem of poet Kuvempu 'I will pass, so will you, but on our bones will arise the great tale of a new India'.

She said this is a clarion call of the nationalist poet for making a complete sacrifice for the motherland and the uplift of fellow citizens. "To follow these ideals is my

special appeal to the youth of the country who are going to build the India of 2047," she said.

In most other well-established democracies, women had to wage long-drawn struggles to get the right to vote. But India adopted universal adult franchise rights since the beginning of the Republic, she said.

Thus, the makers of modern India enabled each and every adult citizen to participate in the collective process of nation-building, she said adding India can be credited for helping the world discover the true potential of democracy. She said the success of start-ups, especially the growing number of unicorns is a shining example of industrial progress and credited the Narendra Modi government and its policymakers for beating the global trend

During the last few years, unprecedented progress has been made in the development of physical and digital infrastructure... For the vibrancy of growth visible in our country, credit must also be given to workers and farmers whose hard work has made it possible and entrepreneurs whose business acumen has created wealth

DROUPADI MURMU | PRESIDENT

and helping the economy flourish.

"During the last few years, unprecedented progress has been made in the development of physical and digital infrastructure... For the vibrancy of growth visible in our country, credit must also be given to workers and farmers whose hard work has made it possible and entrepreneurs whose business acumen has created wealth. What is all the more heartening is that the growth is becoming more inclusive and regional disparities too are reducing. But this is only the beginning. A series of economic reforms and policy initiatives have been preparing the ground for a long term... The National Education Policy' is aimed at preparing the future generation for the next stage of industrial revolution while also reconnecting it with our heritage."

Maharashtra cabinet: BJP takes the cake

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

Mumbai, August 14: Five days after the induction of 18 ministers into his cabinet, Maharashtra Chief Minister Eknath Shinde Sunday distributed portfolios, with the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) getting several key ministries, including the Home and Finance that will be handled by Deputy CM Devendra Fadnis.

Shinde kept Urban Development and 11 other ministries with himself. Shinde, whose rebellion against the Shiv Sena leadership had led to the collapse of the Uddhav Thackeray-led Maha Vikas Aghadi (MVA) government, had taken oath as the chief minister on June 30 with the support of the BJP. Fadnis was sworn in as his deputy.

In addition to Home and Finance and Planning, Fadnis will also handle Law and Judiciary, Water Resources, Housing, Energy and Protocol portfolios. Another important portfolio - the Revenue Department - has been given to BJP leader Radhakrishna Vikhe Patil, who had quit the Congress a few months before the 2019 Assembly elections to join the saffron party.

Shinde had expanded his two-member ministry on Tuesday, 41 days after taking oath as the chief minister by inducting 18 minis-



ters - nine each from his rebel Shiv Sena group and the BJP. However, the list did not include any woman.

Apart from the Urban Development Department, CM Shinde has kept with himself General Administration Department, Public Works Department (public sector undertakings), Information and Public Relations, Transport, Marketing, Social Justice, Disaster Management, Relief and Rehabilitation, Soil and Water Conservation, Environment and Climate Change and Minority Development.

From the BJP's side Chandrakant Patil, Sudhir Mungantiwar, Girish Mahajan, Vijaykumar Gavit, Suresh Khade, Ravindra Chavan, Atul Save and Mangal Prabhat Lodha were inducted as ministers.

Jhunjhunwala: The unabashed wealth creator sans big scam shadow

Ace stock market investor Rakesh Jhunjhunwala, often referred to as 'Big Bull' of Dalal Street, passed away Sunday due to a cardiac arrest. A self-made trader, investor and businessman, he had an estimated net worth of around Rs 46,000 crore and was the 36th richest billionaire in India

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

Mumbai, August 14: Stock market investments are always said to involve risks and people who made big fortunes often made headlines as scamsters, leading to Dalal Street always being looked at with suspicion, but Rakesh Jhunjhunwala was broadly an exception.

Jhunjhunwala, a partner at RARE Enterprises, who rose to amass a \$5.8 billion fortune and earn the tag of the country's biggest individual investor, leaves behind a relatively cleaner slate.

Unlike names like Harshad Mehta and Ketan Parekh, whose rise in fortunes in post-liberalised India was tainted with scam links, the newest 'Big Bull' in the more-regulated market had lesser baggage on this front.

Jhunjhunwala was unabashed about

wealth creation and strutted his connections flamboyantly, a sign of the shift to a market-based economy in early 1990s taking root.

It was Jhunjhunwala's long-term, research-based bets on stocks like Titan and Indian Hotels Company which made him one of the biggest names in the Indian markets.

Every move in his portfolio was tracked closely by the growing number of investors in India, who wanted an early entry into scrips which would eventually break out. Some of the bets, especially in the infrastructure space, did not pay off for Jhunjhunwala. But the proverbial 'humbling effect' was missing, as he would often succeed in some other stock, showcasing his Midas touch.

And when companies underperformed, Jhunjhunwala was unsparing, like the

iconic character of Gordon Gekko in the movie 'Wall Street'. Managements of quite a few portfolio companies faced questions from an irate Jhunjhunwala himself on analyst calls.

Outspokenness and wit came to define Jhunjhunwala. Unlike most of his contemporaries who shied away from having a public profile, Jhunjhunwala participated in industry seminars and spoke passionately on a variety of subjects beyond the markets as well.

His newest venture in the heavily-regulated airlines sector, Akasa Air, also had a smooth take off.

Not given to shying away from sharing his reflections, Jhunjhunwala had lately spoken about not paying enough attention to his health during his pursuit of wealth lasting several decades. He was down with multiple ailments and struggled to stand and walk towards the end.

Jhunjhunwala, who often spoke about nobody being capable of predicting the weather, death, market or women, breathed his last Sunday morning.

All I've known is trading and investing. I don't want to do anything else in life. I'll call it quits the day I die

RAKESH JHUNJHUNWALA



NATION BIDS FAREWELL

Rakesh Jhunjhunwala was indomitable. Full of life, witty and insightful, he leaves behind an indelible contribution to the financial world. He was also very passionate about India's progress. His passing away is saddening. My condolences to his family and admirers. Om Shanti

NARENDRA MODI | PM

Investor, bold risk taker, masterly understanding of the stock market, clear in communication - a leader in his own right. Had strong belief in India's strength and capabilities

NIRMALA SITHARAMAN | FM

Rakesh Jhunjhunwala, who sadly passed away this morning, will always be remembered for his acute understanding of the stock exchanges of India. He will also be remembered for his jovial personality, his kindness, and his foresightedness

RATAN TATA | CHAIRMAN EMERITUS, TATA GROUP

Rakesh Jhunjhunwala: my school and college mate. One year my junior. Believed stock India was undervalued. He is right. Amazingly sharp in understanding financial markets. We spoke regularly, more so during COVID. Will miss you Rakesh!

UDAY KOTAK | CEO, KOTAK MAHINDRA

Extremely saddened by the untimely passing away of the most legendary investor that India has had. Shri Jhunjhunwala inspired an entire generation to believe in our equity markets with his brilliant views. We will miss him. India will miss him but we will never forget him. RIP

GAUTAM ADANI | FOUNDER & CHAIRMAN, ADANI GROUP

Dalit boy beaten up by teacher dies



Nine-year-old Indra Kumar Meghwal died Saturday allegedly after he was beaten up by the teacher for touching a water pot in the school

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

Jaipur, August 14: The BJP Sunday demanded action against the owner of a private school for a minor Dalit boy died in Rajasthan's Jalore district after being allegedly beaten up by a teacher for touching a water pot.

Nine-year-old Indra Kumar Meghwal died Saturday allegedly after he was beaten up by the teacher for touching a water pot in the school. The accused teacher, Chail Singh (40) has been arrested. BJP state president Satish Poonia charged that such incidents happen when the state government and chief minister are weak.

"Incidents of Dalit atrocities have happened one after another in the last three-and-a-half years. This happens when the state government, chief minister are weak. The guilty must be punished at the earliest," Poonia told reporters.

"When the country is celebrating 75th year of independence, such an incident forces us to think where we are standing. A society is made up

of unity and harmony, and for us society is paramount," he said.

The BSP also condemned the incident and said it will give representations addressed to the President on Tuesday.

BJP spokesperson and MLA Ramlal Sharma said recognition of the school should be cancelled so that discipline is maintained. "This is first such incident where a Dalit boy died after he was beaten up by a teacher in private school for touching a drinking water pot. The BJP demands that immediate action should be taken so that such incidents do not recur," Sharma said.

"Action against the school owner should also be taken and recognition of the school should be cancelled so that discipline is maintained in schools," he said. The Jalore Police has charged the teacher with murder and under sections of the Scheduled Caste and Scheduled Tribe (Prevention of Atrocities) Act.

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Flood fear grips downstream areas

WEAK EMBANKMENTS ALONG MAHANADI, PAIKA, LUNA RAISE CONCERN; PEOPLE OF 55 PANCHAYATS PANICKED

Kendrapara/Mahakalapara, August 14: Amid heavy rains upstream, 34 gates of the Hirakud dam have been opened in Sambalpur. People living in riparian pockets in the downstream areas of Mahanadi, Paika and Luna rivers have been living in fear of possible floods in Kendrapara while the Mahanadi water level has been rising alarmingly in various parts.

Fear of flood is gripping people of 55 panchayats in this district. On the other hand, due to tides, sea water has entered Batighat, Kalapatia, Pentha, Kansar, Dadandua, Talachua, Satabhaya and Gangani panchayats. The administration has stepped up alertness on weak embankments along Chitrotpala, Luna, Karandia, and



People from Kuda village under Athamallik block in Angul district being evacuated after floodwater from Mahanadi entered their village

Paika rivers. Two ODRAF teams, one NDRF team, four teams of firefighters have reached Kendrapara to deal with the emerging flood situation. Major cause of public concern is that embankments along these three rivers under Mahakalapara block are weak at many points. These embankments may collapse at those vulnerable points under pressure from the swirling flood

BAITARANI IN SPATE

Dhenkanal: Owing to torrential rains for the last eight days, flood situation has cropped up in parts of Dhenkanal with the Baitarani river gradually swelling. Floodwater is flowing over the road between Gengutia and Kamgara linking Dhenkanal and Kamakhyanager. People living in riparian villages like Gengutia, Sankulei under Sadar block, Kankha under Gondia block, Odhana, Malapur under Bhuban block and Kamgara and Tumusingha under Kamakhyanager block fear possible floods soon. Floodwater is also flowing over Badajora road in Gundichapada panchayat under Odapada block, disrupting communication to Besalia and Dhenkanal town. People of Bidabandi, Khunatujhari, Balabhadrapur and Koreigadi were inconvenienced on the communication front. They are unable to venture out in case of any emergency while schoolchildren have stopped going to school.

Locals listed out various locations on the embankments of Mahanadi, Luna and Paika where breaches are likely. Contacted, superintending engineer of Aul river embankment division, Subrat Kumar Das said that the department is keeping a close watch on floods and weak embankments.

'Now, jumbo attack victims to get damages in a month'

POST NEWS NETWORK

Jaleswar, August 14: People suffering from loss of lives and properties due to elephant attacks will no more have to fret over delay in government assistance as they will be given compensation within a month, a report said.

Divisional forest officer (DFO) Ayush Jain said this at Raibania in Balasore district on an occasion recently.

He said that a mobile application has been developed for the benefit of the families affected due to elephant conflicts. The affected families will receive compensation within a month from the forest department if they apply through the mobile app mentioning about their loss in the elephant

attack, he said.

The DFO said that elephants are not harmful to humans but rather helpful to them. Besides, elephant dung helps in creation of new trees in the forest.

Elephants from Similipal wildlife sanctuary and Dalma forest in neighbouring Jharkhand often stray into the territory of Balasore and Mayurbhanj districts.

The animals would do no harm if they could be driven away without irritating them when they stray into human habitats.

Diganta Sobhan Chand, ACF and Aswini Kumar Dash, honorary wildlife warden, stressed over the need for more awareness drives to reduce man-animal conflict.

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PNN & AGENCIES

Berhampur, August 14: A group of men in this southern Odisha town are hoisting the national flag every day for the last four years to create awareness about patriotic spirit among the people.

The group members assemble near the Jagannath temple in Kamapalli area in the city every day at about 8am where they hoist the National Flag and salute it before commencing their daily work, said August 15, 2018.

Not even a single day has passed without hoisting the National Tricolour; despite the rains and lockdown period, said Ram Kumar Patra, who initiated the practice.

Patra, a social activist said they decided to hoist the Tricolour every day to create awareness about the patriotic spirit among the people.

"We invite a new person from the city every day for flag hoisting. If no one is available, any one from our group or even the priest of the nearby temple hoists the flag and play the national anthem at 8am," he said.

When the national anthem is played, even the passers-by on the road pause to pay respect to the tricolour, he said.

"We thanked the youths, especially Patra, for continuing to practice the spirit of patriotism among the people by hoisting the flag daily," said Subash Chandra Sahu, a doctor in the city, who hoisted the flag Saturday.

Before 2018, they had only planned to hoist the National Flag on Independence and Republic Days each year, said Ashok Nimal, who is participating in the flag hosting every day.

"We feel very much proud of the country, when we hoist and salute the flag", added Maheswar Pani, the temple priest, who has hoisted the flag several times. Patra said one of the members of the group was assigned to down the flag before the sunset, as before the amendment of the flag code, allowed that the tricolor could be hoisted between sunrise and sunset.

He said they used the flag made in khadi and changed it every fortnight or month, when its colour faded or turned dirty due to dust.

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Decaying body of teacher fished out

POST NEWS NETWORK

Athagarh, August 14: ODRAF and fire personnel fished out the decomposed body of a missing teacher from flooded Sapua river on the outskirts here in Cuttack district, Sunday.

The deceased was identified as Pabitra Kumar Roul, the headmaster of Bhogra UP School under Athagarh block and a native of Raghunathpur village under this police limit. The matter came to the fore after locals spotted the body floating in the river and informed the local police.

Roul was returning home from school on his scooter but had been missing thereafter since Friday. Police with the help of ODRAF and fire personnel launched a search operation and fished out the body. Police ruled out any foul play over his death stating that he was hurled into the river after he met with an accident on the river bridge, Friday.

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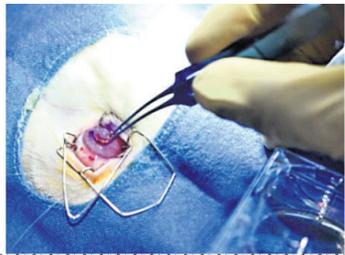


The BJP has never desisted from doing injustice to daughters and its talk of "beti bachao" is merely pretence

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TASTING SUCCESS

For the first time in India, researchers in Hyderabad have successfully 3D-printed an artificial cornea and transplanted it into a rabbit eye



Residents during a Har Ghar Tiranga campaign, organised under the aegis of Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav, near the India-Pakistan Attari-Wagah border, around 35 kms from Amritsar



People carry a 111-metre long tricolor during a Tiranga Yatra, organised as part of Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav in Jaipur



A glorious 75 feet national flag being unfurled at the southern-most tip of India, ahead of Independence Day, in Kanyakumari

PM pays homage; Cong slams BJP

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

New Delhi, August 14: Prime Minister Narendra Modi and other senior BJP leaders on Sunday paid homage to those who lost their lives during the Partition as the Congress accused the ruling party of 'using the traumatic events as a "fodder" for its political battles.

On the 'Partition Horrors Remembrance Day', BJP president JP Nadda also led a silent procession at Jantar Mantar here and was joined by several party leaders, including Union ministers Piyush Goyal and Anurag Thakur.

In a tweet, PM Modi said tributes to all those who lost their lives during the Partition, and applauded the resilience and grit of those who suffered during the tragedy. He had announced last year that August 14 will be observed as 'Partition Horrors Remembrance Day' in memory of the struggles and sacrifices of people.

Union Home Minister Amit Shah said "inhuman" chapter of India's history can never be forgotten. The Congress, however, alleged that the real intent of PM Modi to mark August 14 as 'Partition Horrors Remembrance Day' is to use the traumatic events as "fodder" for his current political battles.



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Congress general secretary, communications, Jairam Ramesh said the tragedy of Partition cannot be misused to fuel hate and prejudice. "The tragedy of Partition cannot be misused to fuel hate and prejudice. The truth is Savarkar originated two-nation theory and Jinnah perfected it. Sardar Patel wrote, I felt that if we did not accept

Partition, India would be split into many bits and would be completely ruined", Ramesh said.

In his tributes, Shah said the 'Partition Horrors Remembrance Day' will remind the younger generation the torture and pain suffered by the countrymen and will inspire citizens to maintain peace and harmony "forever".

"The partition of the country in 1947 is that inhuman chapter of the Indian history, which can never be forgotten. The violence and hatred claimed millions of lives and displaced innumerable people. Today, on 'Partition Horrors Remembrance Day', I bow to the lakhs of people who suffered the brunt of the Partition," he said in Hindi.

While announcing his government's decision to observe the 'Partition Horrors Remembrance Day', Modi had noted that millions of people were displaced and a huge number of people lost their lives due to the mindless hate and violence. BJP president JP Nadda remembered those who paid an unbearable price during the Partition. "We must never forget how politics of selfishness & personal interests led to the Partition & pain," he said.

The BJP also hit back at Ramesh for his swipe at Savarkar over two-nation theory, with its IT department head Amit Malviya saying that it was first propounded AMU founder Syed Ahmed Khan way back in 1876, much before Savarkar was even born. Savarkar and the Hindu Mahasabha had, in fact, opposed to idea of the Partition till the very end, he claimed.

19-yr-old man with JeM links arrested

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

Lucknow, August 14: The Uttar Pradesh police has arrested a 19-year-old man for allegedly having links with terror group Jaish-e-Mohammed and being in touch with handlers in Pakistan and Afghanistan through social media, officials said Sunday.

The arrest of Habibul Islam alias Saifulla by the Anti-Terrorist Squad (ATS) came close on the heels of the arrest of Mohammad Nadeem (25), an alleged terrorist linked to Jaish-e-Mohammed (JeM) who was tasked with carrying out a 'fidayeen' attack on suspended BJP spokesperson Nupur Sharma.

"Following Nadeem's interrogation Saifulla was brought from Fatehpur to Kanpur. He was later arrested. Saifulla admitted that he knew Nadeem and both of them were linked to JeM," the UP ATS said in a statement on Sunday.

Indian and international links of Saifulla are being probed and he has been booked under the Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act, Additional Director General of Police (ATS) Naveen Arora said.

According to the police, Saifulla, who was residing in Uttar Pradesh's Fatehpur district, is a native of



Bihar's Motihari district. Saifulla is an expert in making virtual IDs and he has provided around 50 of those to Nadeem as well as terrorists in Pakistan and in Afghanistan. He was linked to handlers in Pakistan and Afghanistan through various social media platforms like Telegram, WhatsApp and Facebook Messenger," the ATS said.

Saifulla was linked to various groups on social media which used to share "jihadi videos", the police alleged, adding he used to "send jihadi videos to people to motivate them". The ATS has also alleged that a Pakistani handler of the JeM had asked Saifulla to come to Pakistan for "jihadi training" and then "carry out jihad in India". A mobile phone, a SIM card and a knife have been seized from him, the ATS said.

SHORT TAKES

Attack thwarted, seven arrested

Imphal: Seven armed militants of the banned People's Liberation Army (PLA) were arrested from different parts of Manipur ahead of Independence Day, police said Sunday. The Assam Rifles received inputs on Saturday morning about a plot to target government installations and security forces with explosives during the Independence Day celebrations, Superintendent of Police of Thoubal district H Jogheshchandra said at a press conference. "A joint team of Thoubal district police and 16 Assam Rifles rushed to Yairipok Bazaar, cordoned off the area and began a search operation," he said.

IMD predicts light rains at Red Fort

New Delhi: The weather office has forecast light rain and strong winds on Monday morning in the area surrounding the Red Fort where Prime Minister Narendra Modi will hoist the national flag to mark the 76th Independence Day. In a special forecast, the India Meteorological Department (IMD) said the Red Fort area could experience a generally cloudy sky with light rain in the morning hours between 6 AM and 12 noon. "Strong wind occasionally speed reaching 20-30 km per hour likely to prevail during forenoon," the weather forecast said.

Murder accused escapes from jail

Surenranagar: An accused in a murder case escaped from a sub-jail in Gujarat's Surenranagar district by scaling the compound wall of the facility on Sunday, police said. The accused, Babu Parmar, had been lodged in the sub-jail in Limbdi for the last six to seven months, sub-inspector V N Chaudhary of Limbdi police station said. Parmar scaled 20-foot-high compound wall with the help of other inmates and escaped in the morning. Police teams have been formed to nab him, he said.

Crocodile rescued

Shivpuri: A crocodile wandered into a residential colony in Madhya Pradesh's Shivpuri district amid heavy rainfall Sunday and was captured after an hour-long operation, an official said. The reptile was spotted in a colony near the old bus stand in the early hours of the day, following which the authorities were informed, sub divisional officer of police (SDOP) Ajay Bhargava said. A rescue team from Madhav National Park was called in and the crocodile was captured after an hour-long effort, he said.

Taiwan thanks India for support

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

New Delhi, August 14: Taiwan Sunday expressed gratitude to India and several other countries for their calls for exercising restraint and avoiding unilateral actions to change the status quo in the Taiwan Strait in the face of China's belligerent military posturing following US House Speaker Nancy Pelosi's visit to the island.

With Beijing launching a diplomatic overdrive seeking reiteration of support by countries across the world for its 'One China' policy in the backdrop of the current crisis, Taiwan said it is entitled to maintain relations with other nations.

Pelosi's visit to Taiwan around 10 days back drew a furious response from China which launched its biggest-ever military exercise around the self-governing island and blamed the US for escalating the tension in the region.

China considers Taiwan as its breakaway province.

In a statement, Taiwan's representative office in New Delhi said the government of Taiwan will continue to enhance its self-defence capabilities while maintaining close communication and coordination with the US, Japan and all other like-minded nations including India to jointly preserve the rules-based international order.

It said Taiwan conveyed sincere gratitude to all countries that have voiced justice and "grave concerns" regarding China's recent belligerent military posturing across the Taiwan Strait.

The statement was issued by the Taipei Economic and Cultural Center (TECC) which is the Taiwanese government's representative office in India.

ISI-BACKED TERRORIST MODULE BUSTED

This is the third such module of cross-border smuggling of arms and explosives that has been busted by the Punjab Police in less than a week

INDO-ASIAN NEWS SERVICE

Chandigarh, August 14: Thwarting a possible terrorist attack ahead of Independence Day, Punjab Police have busted a Pakistan's ISI-backed terrorist module with the arrest of four members associated with Canada-based gangsters.

The accused were associated with Arshdeep Singh, a.k.a. Arsh Dala, and Australia-based gangster Gurjant Singh, a.k.a. Janta. They were apprehended from Delhi during the intelligence-led operation carried out by the Counter-Intelligence unit of Punjab Police with the help of Delhi Police.

The Police have also recovered three hand-grenades (P-86), one IED and two 9 mm pistols along with 40 cartridges from the possession of arrested persons, said

Director General of Police (DGP) Punjab Gaurav Yadav here on Sunday.

This is the third such module of cross-border smuggling of arms and explosives that has been busted by the Punjab Police in less than a week.

Those arrested have been identified as Deepak Sharma of Moga; Sandeep Singh of Ferozepur; and Sunny Dagar and Vipin Jakhar, both of Delhi.

DGP Yadav said following reliable inputs that associates of Arsh Dala are being harboured by Jakhar at his accommodation in Goyla Khurd village in Delhi, teams of Punjab Police along with Delhi Police conducted a raid at their premises on Friday, and arrested them after recovering two 9 mm pistols (foreign-made) along



with 40 cartridges.

"Working on the leads obtained during the questioning of the arrested persons, the police teams have also recovered one IED and three hand-grenades on Saturday from the locations pinpointed by them in Punjab," he said, adding the arrested accused also revealed that they were being tasked by Arsh Dala to execute criminal activities in areas of Delhi and Punjab ahead

of Independence Day to disrupt the peace and harmony.

The investigation so far revealed that Deepak Sharma, who is a history-sheeter and was wanted by Punjab Police in two cases, including of murder of Moga-based Jaswinder Singh, a.k.a. Jassi, who was killed in March and another for firing on the house of Panchayat Secretary Moga in June, said the DGP.

6 killed in collision

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

Beed, August 14: Six people were killed after a car and a tempo collided head-on in Maharashtra's Beed district on Sunday morning, police said.

The accident took place around 5.30 am on Manjarsumba-Patoda highway, they said.

As per preliminary information, a family from Pune was going to Jiwachiwadi village in Kej tehsil in the car to attend a marriage ceremony when their vehicle and the tempo hit each other, a police official said.

Five members of the family and one other person were killed, the official said.

The deceased have been identified as Ramhari Chintaman Kute (40), Sunita Ramhari Kute (38), Rushikesh Ramhari Kute (19), Akash Ramhari Kute (15), Priyanka Ramhari Kute (17), all residents of Jiwachiwadi village now living in Pune, and Radhika Sugriv Kedar (14), belonging to Sarni Sangvi village in Kej taluka, the police said.



Back to the drawing board

Left in the lurch by the JD(U), the BJP leadership has gone back to the drawing board in Bihar for its mission 2024. The NDA had won 39 out of 40 Lok Sabha seats in 2019 with the BJP obtaining 17, JD (U) 16 and LJP

6. The NDA's vote tally was 53.25%. The BJP's vote share in Bihar was 29.40% and it got 22 Lok Sabha seats. Its two allies- LJP and RSP got 9 seats with a vote share of 9.40%. The RJD-Congress & JD (U) had contested separately and got 44.50% votes. Thus, it is clear that the BJP will have a problem to cross the 30% vote share in Bihar.

Winds of change blowing in MP

The BJP may be on a high horse after it dislodged the Kamal Nath government in Madhya Pradesh. But its electoral arithmetic is not working. Warning bells are ringing in BJP headquarters after the party suffered a humiliating defeat in local bodies' elections in Madhya Pradesh. The outcome may not have made national headlines due to several reasons. But it has shaken Chief Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan to the core and he is

on a shaky wicket as Assembly polls are 15 months away. The shocker came as the BJP lost the Morena Municipal Corporation election for the first time since its creation. Similarly, the BJP also lost the Gwalior Mayoral poll for the first time in 57 years. Union Minister Jyotiraditya Scindia and several senior state leaders belong to the region. Incidentally, 15 of the Congress MLAs who quit the Congress to join the BJP and pulled down the Kamal Nath government belong to this region. When Scindia joined BJP in 2020, the party had claimed that Gwalior-Chambal would be "Congress-Mukt". But the results came as a huge setback to Chouhan, Scindia and other BJP leaders.

It's Sam Pitroda's ED turn

The ED is now set to look out for another Gandhi family loyalist Sam Pitroda who

has been on bail in the National Herald case since February 2016. The ED has already questioned the other directors of the Young India company including Sonia Gandhi, Rahul Gandhi, Leader of Opposition in Rajya Sabha Mallikarjun Kharge and another family friend Suman Dubey. The ED has grilled all of them once except Kharge who had to depose twice. The ED is also contemplating to quiz Sonia Gandhi and Rahul Gandhi with a fresh set of questions. But Pitroda is the only person who has not been quizzed even once. Pitroda is a former chairman of the National Innovation Council during the Manmohan Singh regime. A senior ED official said that the round of investigation had to take its full circle and Pitroda may also throw some light on the Young India-AJL controversy. Pitroda is currently in the USA and the ED is contemplating to issue a notice for appearance.

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FLOOD WOES

Seven people were killed by a torrent of water that came rushing down a river in a popular recreational spot following mountain rains in southwestern China, authorities said Sunday



of the day quote

The brutal stabbing of Salman Rushdie should be a wake-up call for the West, and Iran's reaction to the attack strengthens the case for proscribing the IRGC
RISHI SUNAK | PM CANDIDATE, UK

A national dialogue is the need of the hour, whereby consensus may be built on a charter of economy by all stakeholders... We have to commit to becoming an economic power. If we can become a nuclear power, we can also become an economic power but we have to strive day and night
SHEHBAZ SHARIF | PM, PAKISTAN

The attack on Salman Rushdie is an attack on our freedoms and values. It is the result of decades of incitement led by the extremist regime in Tehran. On behalf of the people of Israel, we wish him a full and speedy recovery
YAIR LAPID | PRIME MINISTER, ISRAEL

UK PM RACE

Truss in commanding lead over Sunak

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

London, August 14: The UK Prime Ministerial race frontrunner, Foreign Secretary Liz Truss, continues to hold on to a commanding 22-point lead over former Chancellor Rishi Sunak in the Conservative Party leadership contest, according to a new survey of Tory members Sunday.

In an Opinium poll for "The Observer" newspaper of 570 Conservative members with a vote in the election, Truss is on 61 per cent and the British Indian former minister is on 39 per cent. With under three weeks to go before the September 2 deadline for postal and online votes to be cast by the membership to elect a successor to outgoing Prime Minister Boris Johnson, Sunak seems to have closed the gap only slightly in recent days.

"From the moment we knew the final two candidates, it has



been clear that Truss has had all the momentum, and our latest poll sets out just how large her lead among the party members has become," Chris Curtis of Opinium told the newspaper. "With many members having already returned their ballot papers, it is now very unlikely Truss won't become Prime Minister in September. It's clear



that Sunak's biggest problem is trust. While some members respect his economic arguments, this hasn't been enough to overcome the view among members that he isn't honest or trustworthy enough for the top job, particularly after he called for Johnson to go," he said.

Opinium's detailed questioning also uncovers a striking lack of

enthusiasm for either candidate when members are asked whether they would prefer one of them to Johnson to run the party and country. When offered the choice of Johnson still being in No. 10 Downing Street, or Truss taking over, around 63 per cent of Tory members polled said they would prefer Johnson to be still in charge against 22 per cent who wanted Truss. On the other side, 68 per cent said they would prefer to still have Johnson than see him replaced by Sunak, who was preferred by just 19 per cent.

The poll also found that almost three in 10 of the Tory electorate (29 per cent) had already voted. Some 47 per cent said they would definitely be voting for the candidate they had opted for. Just 19 per cent said they had yet to make up their mind. Opinium said that while these findings meant it may still be possible for Sunak to pull off a "stunning comeback" to enter

10 Downing Street, but to do so he would have to win over almost all the undecideds and convert a sizeable chunk of those not fully behind Truss.

The Foreign Secretary's support is particularly strong among older Conservative members, while Sunak's is far higher among younger ones. For Sunak the most cited reason was that he would be better at managing the economy (22 per cent), while 10 per cent said they regarded him as the most competent or intelligent.

A main reason mentioned by people who backed Truss was dislike of Sunak (14 per cent). The same proportion (14 per cent) said the Cabinet minister was more honest and trustworthy, while 10 per cent chose the fact that she had remained loyal to Johnson and not called on him to resign. Around 2 per cent of Tory members cited race or ethnicity as a reason for supporting Truss and not Sunak.

Salman Rushdie off ventilator

INDO-ASIAN NEWS SERVICE

London, August 14: Author Salman Rushdie has been taken off his ventilator and is talking as he recovers from being stabbed in the US.

British-American writer Aatish Taseer said, in a since-deleted tweet, that the 75-year-old was "off the ventilator and talking (and joking)", which was then confirmed by the author's agent Andrew Wylie.

Wylie had earlier said Salman was using the ventilator and could lose an eye after he sustained injuries to his arm and liver in the attack, dpa news agency reported.

The Indian-born Briton, whose novel "The Satanic Verses" led to death threats from Iran in the 1980s, was about to deliver a lecture in New York state on Friday, when he was attacked. The man accused of stabbing him pleaded not guilty on Saturday to charges of attempted murder and assault.

41 DEAD IN EGYPT CHURCH BLAZE



REUTERS

Cairo, August 14: At least 41 people were killed and 45 injured in a fire sparked by an electrical fault during Mass at a Coptic Christian church in the Egyptian city of Giza Sunday, Egyptian authorities said Sunday.

The blaze erupted just before 9 a.m. (0700 GMT) when 5,000 people had gathered for Mass at the Abu Sifin church in the Imbaba neighbourhood, two security sources said. The fire blocked an entrance to the church, causing a stampede, they said, adding that most of those killed were children.

"People were gathering on the third and fourth floor, and we saw smoke coming from the second floor. People rushed to go down the stairs and started falling on top of each other," said Yasir Munir, a worshipper at the church.

"Then we heard a bang and sparks and fire coming out of the window," he said, saying he and his daughter were on the ground floor and able to escape.

Electrical fires of this kind are

not a rare occurrence in Egypt; in late 2020, a fire at a hospital treating Covid-19 patients killed at least seven people and injured several others. In a statement, the Interior Ministry said a forensic examination showed that the fire began on the second floor air conditioning of the church as a result of an electrical malfunction.

Smoke inhalation was the main cause for the deaths and injuries, it said. Families of those who died will receive 100,000 Egyptian pounds (\$5,223), according to a cabinet statement. Giza, Egypt's second-largest city, lies just across the Nile from Cairo.

"I offer my sincere condolences to the families of the innocent victims that have passed on to be with their Lord in one of his houses of worship," said Egyptian President Abdel Fattah al-Sisi in a tweet. Sunday's blaze was one of the worst fire tragedies in recent years in Egypt, where safety standards and fire regulations are poorly enforced. In March last year, a fire at a garment factory near Cairo killed at least 20 people and injured 24 more.

US lawmakers arrive in Taiwan

REUTERS

Taipei/Washington, August 14: A delegation of US lawmakers arrived in Taiwan Sunday for a two-day trip during which they will meet President Tsai Ing-wen, the second high-level group to visit while there are military tensions between the self-ruled island and China.

Beijing, which claims democratically governed Taiwan as its own territory, has conducted military drills around the island to express its anger over US House of Representatives Speaker Nancy Pelosi's visit to Taipei in early August.

The de facto US embassy in Taipei said the delegation is being led by Senator Ed Markey, who is being accompanied by four House lawmakers on what it described as part of a larger visit to the Indo-Pacific region.

Taiwan's presidential office said the group would meet Tsai Monday morning.

"Especially at a time when China is raising tensions in the Taiwan Strait and the region with military exercises, Markey leading a dele-



gation to visit Taiwan once again demonstrates the United States Congress' firm support for Taiwan," it said in a statement.

Markey chairs the Senate Foreign Relations East Asia, Pacific, and International Cybersecurity Subcommittee. The co-leaders of the visit are Representative John Garamendi of the congressional Nuclear Weapons and Arms Control Working Group and Representative Don Beyer, a spokesperson for Markey said.

Markey's office said the lawmakers "will reaffirm the United States' support for Taiwan as guided

by the Taiwan Relations Act, US-China Joint Communiqués, and Six Assurances, and will encourage stability and peace across the Taiwan Strait."

The group will meet "with elected leaders and members of the private sector to discuss shared interests including reducing tensions in the Taiwan Strait and expanding economic cooperation, including investments in semiconductors," Markey's office said.

Taiwan's Foreign Ministry published pictures of four of the group being met at Taipei's downtown Songshan airport having

China responded to Pelosi's August 2 visit by sending missiles, warships and warplanes into the seas and skies around Taiwan for several days afterward

The Chinese government objects to Taiwan having any official contact with foreign governments, particularly with a high-ranking congressional leader like Pelosi

arrived on a US air force transport jet, while Markey arrived at the Taoyuan international airport.

"The delegation will meet with senior Taiwan leaders to discuss US-Taiwan relations, regional security, trade and investment, global supply chains, climate change, and other significant issues of mutual interest," the de facto US embassy said.

While China's drills around Taiwan have abated, it is still carrying out military activities. Eleven Chinese military aircraft crossed the Taiwan Strait's median line or entered Taiwan's air defence zone Sunday, Taiwan's Defence Ministry said. Thirteen planes crossed the strait on Saturday, the ministry said.

SHORT TAKES

Taliban declares public holiday

Kabul: The Taliban have declared Monday a public holiday in Afghanistan to mark one year since the Islamist militant group conquered Kabul during the chaotic withdrawal of US-led NATO forces. "August 15 is the first anniversary of the victory of the Afghans' Jihad, led by the Islamic Emirate of Afghanistan, against the American and its allies' occupation," dpa news agency reported quoting the Taliban Labour and Social Affairs Ministry's statement.

Spain: Wildfire forces evacuation

Madrid: A large wildfire in northeast Spain grew rapidly overnight and was burning out of control Sunday, forcing the evacuation of eight villages and 1,500 people in Zaragoza province, firefighters said. The head of the local Aragon government, Javier Lamban, said Sunday that the situation was critical in the town of Anon de Moncayo and the priority for the 300 firefighters fighting the blaze was to protect human lives and villages.

Fireworks blast kills 1, injures 36

Yerevan: A strong explosion at a fireworks storage area tore through a popular market in Armenia's capital Sunday, killing at least one person, injuring 36 others and setting off a large fire. More than three hours after the early afternoon blast at the Surmalu market, firemen labored to put out the blaze that sent a towering column of smoke over the center of Yerevan.

Jerusalem shooting: 8 Israelis wounded

Jerusalem: A gunman opened fire at a bus near Jerusalem's Old City early Sunday, wounding eight Israelis in a suspected Palestinian attack that came a week after violence flared up between Israel and militants in Gaza, police and medics said.

Moderate quake jolts Indonesia

Jakarta: A 5.9-magnitude quake rocked Indonesia's eastern province of North Maluku (Maluku Utara) Sunday. The quake hit at 9:47 Jakarta time (0247 GMT), with the epicentre at 139 km northwest of Halmahera Barat (West Halmahera) district and the shallow of 10 km under seabed, Xinhua news said.

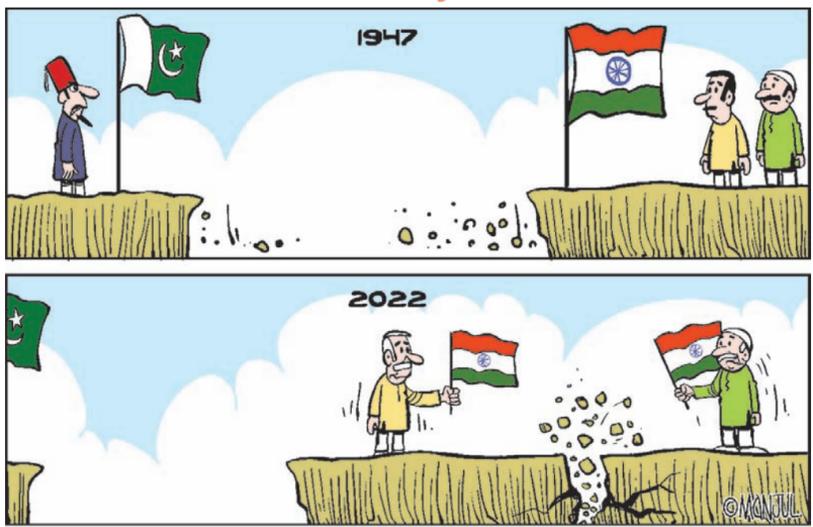
Ukraine warns Russian soldiers accused of threatening N-plant

REUTERS

Kyiv, August 14: Ukraine's President Volodymyr Zelenskyy has warned Russian soldiers who shoot at Europe's largest nuclear power station or use it as a base to shoot from that they will become a "special target" for Ukrainian forces.

Meanwhile, an Africa-bound food aid cargo was getting ready to depart from Ukraine in the coming days, the first since Russia's invasion of Ukraine, and sources said the first grains ship to leave Ukraine under a UN deal was nearing Syria. Russian troops captured the Zaporizhzhia nuclear facility in southern Ukraine early in the war, but it is still being run by Ukrainian technicians.

POLITICKLE by MANJUL



Cash-strapped Britons give up pets as living costs soar

REUTERS

London, August 14: Stood on her hind legs to greet any prospective owner who might approach her glass-doored kennel, Harriet is a black English cocker spaniel abandoned as a deepening cost-of-living crisis pushes growing numbers of Britons to part with their pets.

She was found running along a busy road in London after witnesses saw her pushed out of a car and is one of 206 dogs and 164 cats currently being looked after at rehoming centres run by the Battersea animal charity. It is a similar story at other centres across the country - with some seeing record inquiries for dog and cat returns - as the tightest squeeze on living standards since at least the 1960s forces many owners to decide the addi-

tional cost of food plus hundreds of pounds in vet bills is no longer manageable.

"We are concerned that's going to be an increasing reason for people bringing their dogs in to Battersea," Steve Craddock, who manages the centre in southwest London, told Reuters.

Exotic pets such as snakes and lizards are also proving too expensive due to their need for specialist heating and lighting. Three snakes, including an 8-foot (2.4-metre) boa constrictor, were recently dumped in pillow cases outside a reptile shop, the Royal Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (RSPCA) told Reuters.

A NEW FINANCIAL CRASH Dogs Trust, which currently has 692 dogs needing homes in 21



centres across the country, said the last time it had seen anything like this was in the wake of the 2008 financial crash. "This cost-of-liv-

The trend, which follows a surge in demand for pets during Covid lockdowns in a country known for its love of animals, comes as households brace for energy bills to more than triple in January on last year, hammering people's incomes

The Bank of England has warned Britain faces a long recession

Such is the pressure that the charity is considering whether it should expand an emergency support fund, normally reserved for people on welfare benefits who need short-term financial support to keep their pets, to more middle income earners. Animal charities say they are

also worried the squeeze on living standards will have an impact on donations, though they are not seeing this yet.

At Battersea, some pets are being rehomed. Maggie is a British short hair cat who arrived pregnant after her owner of two years realised that they could not afford the kittens. All of her four kittens have now been found new homes.

But that is unlikely to be the case for most animals, with another charity, Woodgreen, saying applications to adopt animals have dropped to the 100s a month from around 10,000 during lockdowns. Pilar Gómez-Igbo, an assistant editor, could have been one potential owner, but having done some research she is now worried about the extra costs.



“We are already doing a lot of long-term health protection and guaranteed health products. And we are evaluating the suggestion that the regulator Irdai made recently”
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SIX OF TOP 10 COMPANIES ADD ₹1,56,247.35 CRORE TO M-CAP

The combined market valuation of six of the 10 most valued companies surged by ₹1,56,247.35 crore last week. In the ranking of top-10 firms, RIL retained the title of the most valued domestic firm, followed by TCS, HDFC Bank, Infosys, HUL, ICICI Bank, SBI, HDFC, Bajaj Finance and LIC



Chauhan gets shareholders' okay

New Delhi: Leading bourse National Stock Exchange (NSE) Sunday said that shareholders have approved the appointment of Ashishkumar Chauhan as its managing director and chief executive. The Extra Ordinary General Meeting (EOGM) of NSE was held August 11, according to a statement. Shareholders approved the appointment of Chauhan, who was the MD and CEO of rival bourse BSE, with 99.99 per cent votes. He assumed charge as NSE chief July 26. His appointment at the top post of the NSE was cleared by the capital markets regulator Securities and Exchange Board of India July 18.

SOFTENING INFLATION WOES

FPIs invest ₹22,452cr in Aug

FPIs had turned net buyers for the first time in July, after nine straight months of massive net outflows, which started in October last year



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New Delhi, August 14: After turning net buyers last month, foreign investors have become aggressive shoppers of Indian equities and have invested ₹22,452 crore in the first two weeks of August amid softening inflation concerns.

This was way higher than a net investment of nearly ₹5,000 crore by Foreign Portfolio Investors (FPIs) in the entire month of July, data with depositories showed.

FPIs had turned net buyers for the first time in July, after nine straight months of massive net outflows, which started in October last year.

Between October 2021 till June 2022, FPIs sold ₹2.46 lakh crore in the India equity markets.

“Going forward, foreign fund inflow is expected to improve in the emerging markets on account of fading concerns of rising inflation and tightening of monetary policy by central banks,”

Shrikant Chouhan, Head - Equity Research (Retail), Kotak Securities, said.

According to official figures, India's retail inflation softened to 6.71 per cent in July due to moderation in food prices but remained above the Reserve Bank's comfort level of 6

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- FPIs poured a net amount of ₹1,747 crore in the debt market
- FPIs have turned buyers in sectors like autos, capital goods, FMCG and telecom
- Sentiments in the equity market have turned bullish due to sustained buying by FPIs

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According to official figures, India's retail inflation softened to 6.71 per cent in July due to moderation in food prices but remained above the Reserve Bank's comfort level of 6

per cent for the seventh consecutive month.

US inflation slowed down from a 40-year high in June to 8.5 per cent in July on lower gasoline prices, indicating that the US Fed might be less aggressive in hiking interest rates.

Brent crude futures, the global oil benchmark, is hovering around \$88 per barrel. According to data with depositories, FPIs infused a net amount of ₹22,452 crore in Indian equities during August 1-12. In addition, FPIs poured a net amount of ₹1,747 crore in the debt market during the period under review.

Bitcoin crosses \$25K 1st time since June

Washington: Bitcoin rises back above \$25,000 for the first time in two months, according to the Spectator Index, as cryptocurrency prices show signs of recovery from the recent market slump, but still a far cry from its all-time high of \$69,000 in November. Prices have partly recovered, with bitcoin gaining 17 per cent in July. While the Spectator Index tweeted that the crypto hit a two-month high of \$25,000 Sunday, it is still well below its all-time high of \$69,000 in November. The crypto market plunged in May and June as worries about high inflation and Federal Reserve interest rate hikes prompted investors to ditch risky assets. Following the collapse of a major pair of tokens, some cryptocurrency lenders froze customer withdrawals, and several crypto firms have cut jobs.

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Finance Ministry to review exemption-free tax regime

New Delhi, August 14: The finance ministry is proposing to soon review the exemption-free new tax regime with a view to making it more attractive for individual income taxpayers, sources said.

Eventually sources said, the government aims to establish a system where there are no exemptions and the complex old tax regime with exemptions and deductions is terminated.

The Union Budget 2020-21 introduced a new tax regime. Taxpayers were given the option to choose between the old regime with various deductions and exemptions and the new tax regime that offered lower tax rates without exemptions and deductions. The intention behind the move was to provide significant relief to the individual taxpayers and to simplify the income-tax law.

Asked about the experience of the new tax regime, sources said, there are clear signs that people who have finished their home and education loans are willing to shift to the new tax regime as they have no exemptions to claim.

Sources further said that lowering of taxes in the new regime would make the new tax regime more attractive. A similar tax regime for corporate taxpayers was introduced in September 2019 by significantly lowering rates and removing exemptions.

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HIGH OIL PRICES

Saudi Aramco logs record \$48.4 billion profit in Q2

Net income leapt 90 percent year-on-year for the world's biggest oil producer, which clocked its second straight quarterly record after announcing \$39.5 billion for Q1

AGENCE FRANCE-PRESSE

Riyadh, August 14: Oil giant Saudi Aramco Sunday unveiled record profits of \$48.4 billion in the second quarter of 2022, after Russia's war in Ukraine and a post-pandemic surge in demand sent crude prices soaring.

Aramco is just the latest oil major to rake in eye-watering sums after ExxonMobil, Chevron, Shell, TotalEnergies and Eni also revealed multi-billion-dollar profits in the second quarter.

“While global market volatility and economic uncertainty remain, events during the first half of this year support our view that ongoing investment in our industry is essential,” said Aramco president and CEO Amin H. Nasser. “In fact, we expect oil demand to continue to grow for the rest of the decade,” he added.



Net income rose 22.7 percent from Q1 in “strong market conditions”, Aramco said. Half-year profits were \$87.9 billion, up from \$47.2 billion for the same period of 2021.

Aramco will pay an \$18.8 billion dividend in Q3, the same as it paid in Q2. It “continues to work on increasing crude oil maximum sustainable capacity from 12 million barrels per day to 13 million by 2027”, its earnings announcement said.

The quarterly profits, the highest since Aramco's record-breaking IPO, beat a company-compiled analyst forecast of \$46.2 billion. Aramco shares were down about 1.0 percent at 40.4 riyals (\$10.8) in early trading on the Saudi stock exchange. They are up 25 percent this year.

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'Legends' to decide AIFF's fate

FOR THE 1ST TIME IN THE HISTORY OF THE INDIAN FOOTBALL BODY, PLAYERS ON VOTER'S LIST



Bhaichung Bhutia (centre) seen in this picture with former FIFA chief Sepp Blatter and ex-AIFF president Praful Patel is one of the former India footballers who will vote

AGENCIES

New Delhi, August 14: They mesmerised all and sundry with their skills and 'surefootedness' during those heady Indian club football days of 1970s and 1980s, but former national captains like Shabbir Ali, Manoranjan Bhattacharya and Bhaichung Bhutia will have a far bigger task at hand in the coming days. Their prudence will decide the course that Indian football system charts, after more than a decade long 'One-Man show' (read Praful Patel) at the helm of affairs, which has done more harm than good for the sport in India.

These three and 33 other prominent internationals of their times are now part of an exclusive voter's list to elect the next governing body of All India Football Federation (AIFF) with an imminent FIFA ban looming large. It is they who will decide whether India will get the chance to host the Women's U-17 World Cup.

There are 24 male and 12 female former India footballers, who have been included in the initial voter's list of 67 for the elections dated August 28 on the orders of the Supreme Court. And for once, the players will, and not bureaucrats and politicians crazy for posts in

sports bodies, decide as to who runs Indian football.

As per rule, an 'eminent player' must have played at least two matches for India and must have retired two years before the date of the upcoming elections.

The publication of the Electoral College also ruled out a big politician running for the AIFF president's post. Former Sports Minister and current Union Minister Sarbananda Sonowal's name was doing the rounds as presidential candidate.

Assam Football Association president Naba Kumar Doley, who is also a BJP MLA in the state, is

Eminent players who will vote

(Men): Bhaichung Bhutia, IM Vijayan, Shabbir Ali, Climax Lawrence, Gouramangi Singh, Renedy Singh, Jo Paul Ancheri, Syed Rahim Nabi, Parminder Singh, Prasanta Banerjee, Tarun Dey, Deepak Mondal, Babu Mani, Surkumar Singh, Prasun Banerjee, Alok Mukherjee, Mauricio Alphonso, Manoranjan Bhattacharya, NP Pradeep, Bruno Coutinho, Clifford Miranda, Brahmanand, Biswajit Bhattacharya and Atanu Bhattacharya.
(Women): O Bembem Devi, Pinky Bompal, Thongam Tababi Devi, Madhu Kumari, Ronibala Chanu, Tuli Goon, Geetarani Chanu, Kangujam Rebika Devi, Sujata Kar, Thangjam Ranjita Devi, Gitanjali Kuntia and Thoi Devi Hijam.

in the Electoral College, so also is Football Delhi chief Shaji Prabhakaran's.

Any person who is a member of the Electoral College and an Indian citizen can fight for the AIFF president's post.

The elections to the AIFF are being held in the backdrop of FIFA's threat to ban India and take away hosting rights of Under-17 Women's World Cup on the ground of 'third party interference'.

FIFA has also expressed its unhappiness on the inclusion of 36 players in the electoral list - the same as the number of representatives from state associations, terming the move as 'not prudent'.

The three-member Committee of Administrators (CoA), which is running football in India at present, is however, going ahead with the elections.

DISAPPOINTING DEBUT FOR LEWANDOWSKI

Catalan giants Barcelona drop points in season opener against Rayo

AGENCIES

Barcelona, August 14: Robert Lewandowski's Barcelona debut ended in a disappointing 0-0 home draw with Rayo Vallecano at Camp Nou in their first La Liga game of the season Saturday. It was a frustrating night for the Barca fans who showed up at an almost sold-out stadium to see their new team headlined by Poland striker Lewandowski, the twice 'FIFA Best Player of the Year' winner, and Brazil winger Raphinha.

Barcelona dominated the match with almost 70 per cent of ball possession and 18 goal attempts to two for Rayo. However, the two best chances fell to the visitors with Alvaro Garcia thwarted by a bril-

liant save by Marc Andre ter Stegen and Sergio Camello shooting wide.

Rayo's five-man defence did a superb job in shackling Lewandowski, who barely touched the ball in the entire game. The closest the former Bayern Munich star went to scoring was a header flicked well over the bar in the first half. Most of Barcelona's chances in the first half came from wingers Raphinha and Dembele, who linked up well and gave the team an attacking threat.

Barca coach Xavi Hernandez tried to break the deadlock by sending on forwards Ansu Fati and Pierre-Emerick Aubameyang from the bench, but Rayo showed real grit to hold out for the draw.

As the frustration mounted for

Barca, their captain Sergio Busquets lost his cool and was sent off for an elbow to the face of Falcao Garcia in added-on time.

Goalkeeper Stole Dimitrievski kept a clean sheet for the third consecutive time against Barcelona after Rayo won both games against the Spanish giants last season. He made a couple of crucial stops in the second half, one from a Busquets long-range shot and another from a strike by Raphinha.

"We tried as much as we could but we lacked aim and effectiveness. Maybe the pressure and expectation got a little under our skin," Xavi said after the game. "It will be a process. We have to be patient and keep working. Better days will come, I am sure about that," Xavi added.



NO LUCK: In his first game in Barcelona colours, Robert Lewandowski failed (R) to impress

SHORT TAKES

Jhingan quits ATKMB, joins Bengaluru FC

Bangalore: Top Indian defender Sandesh Jhingan has quit ATK Mohun Bagan (ATKMB) and has joined Bengaluru FC (BFC). This was informed by BFC in a release Sunday. However, Jhingan's decision to quit ATKMB has not come as a surprise as he had informed the Kolkata giants of his intention more than a month back. BFC also said that Jhingan trained with the players Sunday. However, club officials have not stated whether he will be playing in the Durrand Cup in which BFC are participating.

Chappell retires from the commentary box

London: Australian cricket great Ian Chappell has officially called time on his more than four-decade-long commentating career, said a report in 'Daily Mail' Sunday quoting 'Sydney Morning Herald'. The veteran of 75 Test matches said his decision to leave the broadcasting box was similar to his career retirement call. "I remember the day when I knew I'd had enough of playing cricket," the 78-year-old, who signed in 1980 with Channel 9 and has worked with the ABC, told the Sydney Morning Herald. "I looked at the clock and it was five past 11 on a day of play and I thought, 'S***, if you're clock-watching at that time, I have to go,'" Chappell was quoted as saying.

Neymar nets 2

Paris: Neymar and Paris Saint-Germain's (PSG) high-powered attack put on another impressive display in a 5-2 win over Montpellier in the French league here Saturday as Kylian Mbappe opened his account but missed a penalty in his return from a groin injury. Neymar scored twice to take his tally to three goals in two league games for the defending champions. The other scorers were Falaye Sacko (own goal) and debutant Renato Sanches.

Olivier ruled out

London: South Africa's right-arm fast bowler Duanne Olivier was ruled out Sunday from the upcoming three-match Test series against England due to a grade two right hip flexor muscle tear. Olivier sustained the injury during South Africa's four-day warm-up game.

ASIA CUP COUNTDOWN BEGINS

Lack of all-rounder can hurt Pak: Javed

AGENCIES

Karachi, August 14: India will take on Pakistan in their first match of the upcoming Asia Cup August 28 in Dubai. Both teams had met last year during the T20 World Cup at the same venue, with Pakistan coming out on top. However since then according to former Pakistani cricketer Aaqib Javed, India have improved considerably.

Javed feels that India have a much-experienced batting line-up,

especially the middle-order, which can make the difference. And also the in-form Hardik Pandya can make a huge difference between the two sides.

"Babar (Azam, Pakistan skipper) is now experienced and these cricketers have been playing together for a while. But the difference between India and Pakistan lies in the batting. Even now, their (India) batting is more experienced. If a player like Rohit (Sharma) plays long, he alone will take the game away," Javed pointed out.

The former Pakistani fast bowler also said India have quality all-rounders who can make a difference. "We don't have an all-rounder of Hardik's calibre," Javed said during an interaction on 'paktv'. Hardik had scored 11 off eight balls during the defeat to Pakistan last year. He, however, did not bowl during the match due to a back issue.

In 2022, Hardik has scored 281 runs in 13 T20Is at a strike rate of almost 140. He also picked up wickets at regular intervals. "An in-form Hardik will always be an asset to India. He can turn a game on his own," Javed stated.



HARDIK PANDYA

HALEP SETS UP MAIA DATE

ROMANIAN STAR LOOKING FORWARD TO 1ST MASTERS FINAL IN 2022



Simona Halep stretches for a return during her semifinal match against Jessica Pegula in Toronto

AGENCIES

Toronto, August 14: Two-time champion Simona Halep of Romania advanced to the final of the National Bank Open tennis tournament here Saturday beating Jessica Pegula of the United States 2-6, 6-3, 6-4.

Halep will face Brazil's Beatriz Haddad Maia, a 6-4 7-6 (7) winner

over 14th-seeded Karolina Pliskova of the Czech Republic in the semifinal played later Saturday night.

Halep smashed a racket on the hard court at Sobey's Stadium after she missed a return late in the third set. "The fire is back," Halep said. "It's a good sign if I do that. It looks like I'm fighting. It helps me sometimes. I don't know if it's always good or not, but it helps

me," the Romanian added.

The 15th-seeded Halep won the tournament in Montreal in 2016 and 2018. Pegula was seeded seventh.

This is Maia's first WTA Masters event final. In June, she won consecutive grass court events in Nottingham and Birmingham in England for her first two tour titles.

"I just try to breathe a little bit more. I try to calm down and think about what I need to do and not what I'm experiencing," Maia said after the match. "I try to play every point and think about the next shot," she added.

Maia had beaten top-ranked Iga Swiatek in the round of 16. "I don't think about, 'Oh, I'm here playing against No. 1 in the world in a big stage in a 1000 WTA', because otherwise I wouldn't be able to play," Maia said referring to her stunning win.

Halep began working with coach Patrick Mouratoglou in April and said that he has rekindled her passion for tennis, pointing to training sessions at his tennis school in the French Riviera. "Patrick brought about the change. The vibe from the academy gave me the energy. To see all those kids fighting every day to touch the dream that they have. I felt that I still can do it. I still have it inside myself," Halep signed off.

Sindhu pulls out of Worlds due to stress fracture

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

New Delhi, August 14: Star shuttler PV Sindhu has pulled out of the upcoming BWF World Championships owing to a stress fracture on her left foot. Sindhu gave this information on Twitter in which she said she will miss the 2022 World Championships. Sindhu won the World Championships gold in 2019, along with two silver and two bronze medals in other editions of the meet.

"While I am on a high of winning a gold medal at the CWG for India, unfortunately, I have to pull out of the World Championships. I felt pain and there was an injury scare at the quarterfinals of the CWG, but with the help of my coach, physio and trainer, I decided to push as far as I could," Sindhu said in the statement. "The pain was unbearable during and post the final. Hence I rushed for an MRI as soon as I got back to Hyderabad. The doctors confirmed a stress fracture on my left foot and recommended rest for a few weeks. I should be back to training in a few weeks. Thank you all for your support and love," added the former World No. 1.

The World Championships will be played in Tokyo August 21 till August 28.

Athletes thank PM for motivation

CWG MEDAL WINNERS EXPRESS GRATITUDE AFTER BEING FELICITATED BY MODI

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

New Delhi, August 14: Indian athletes expressed their elation at being honoured by Prime Minister Narendra Modi for their performances at the Birmingham Commonwealth Games (CWG). They showed their happiness with Nikhat Zareen gifting Modi her boxing gloves and sprinter Hima Das giving the traditional Assamese 'gamocha'. Modi had hosted Saturday, the Indian contingent at his residence to felicitate the players. The Indians finished with 61 medals, including 22 gold, 16 silver and 23 bronze.

"Honoured to gift the boxing gloves signed by all the pugilists to our honourable Prime Minister @narendramodi sir. Thank you for this amazing opportunity. A great day spent with my fellow athletes who have made the country proud," Nikhat tweeted Sunday.

Hima also expressed her happiness. "Elated to receive blessings from our honourable Prime Minister - Shri @narendramodi Ji,



MEMORABLE MOMENT: Nikhat Zareen gifts her boxing gloves to Narendra Modi during a programme in New Delhi, Saturday

by virtue of CWG 2022. Fortunate to have presented him with our traditional gamocha, wrapped with immense gratitude from all of Assam." Hima wrote on Twitter.

Champion weightlifter Mirabai Chanu, who won the gold medal without breaking a sweat, a year after her historic silver at the Tokyo Olympics, thanked the PM for his

words of encouragement. "Honoured to meet & interact with our Honourable Prime Minister @narendramodi Sir. Thank you so much sir for all your support & encouragement. Jai Hind," Chanu said on Twitter.

The golden period of Indian sports is knocking on the door, said the prime minister as he

hailed the fine show of the Indian contingent.

"Thank You Sir for sparing your valuable time and inviting us over to your residence. It was like always a delight to speak with you," wrote shuttler Chirag Shetty on the microblogging site.

His young colleague Lakshya Sen, who won the men's singles title in spectacular fashion, too expressed his gratitude at being honoured by the PM.

"What a great day for all the Athletes #gratitude. Thank you so much Sir for appreciating our hard work and for your words of encouragement. We are all very grateful for your support. Will continue to make our nation proud. Jai Hind!" Sen tweeted. Star Indian para table tennis player Bhavina Patel, who won the gold medal in the women's singles class 3-5, called the interaction with Modi motivating.

"Meeting Hon. PM @narendramodi ji once again, interacting with him and seeking blessing was motivating and inspiring as always," Bhavina said.

Manager slams players after disastrous defeat

MAN UNITED SUFFER HUMILIATING LOSS

AGENCIES

Manchester, August 14: Manchester United suffered a humiliating 0-4 loss Saturday against Brentford in their second match of the Premier League. The Red Devils lost the match 0-4 and all the four goals came in the first half. It is important to note that United had also lost their opening match of the season, and the result against Brentford has made the matters worse.

It prompted a backlash from manager Erik ten Hag who's had a disastrous start to the season losing both games that Man U have played so far. "You can have a good plan, but then you put the plan in the bin. I think it's nothing to do with tactics," Ten Hag said after the defeat against Brentford.

"The first two goals are about dealing with the ball and decisions. I think they follow my instructions but they make bad decisions. This is football, it's a game of mistakes and we got punished," the manager added.

You have a good plan, but it will not help if players put that plan in the bin. I wish I could have subbed all the 11 players

ERIK TEN HAG | MANAGER

Goalkeeper David De Gea gifted the first two goals to Josh Dasilva and Mathias Jensen, Ben Mee helped himself to a third and Bryan Mbeumo hit a slick fourth on a chastening afternoon for the visitors.

The result left Man United bottom of the top flight for the first time in more than three decades and Ten Hag questioning the hunger of his players. "For one, Brentford were more hungry, and two, we conceded goals with individual mistakes," said Ten Hag. "When results are like this I can imagine how fans are feeling. We need more hunger on the pitch as a team and individuals and need to work that much harder," the angry manager retorted.