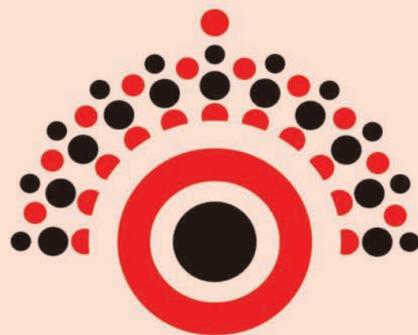


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ZOE SPEAKS ABOUT WORKING IN MULTIPLE MOVIE FRANCHISES

Hollywood star Zoe Saldana, who has been a part of major film franchises like 'Guardians of the Galaxy', recently reflected on the major tentpole projects. I felt artistically stuck in my craft of not being able to expand or grow or challenge myself by playing different sorts of genres and different roles.

ASHANTI CLAIMS PRODUCER ASKED HER TO SHOWER WITH HIM

Pop star Ashanti has claimed a music producer demanded she shower with him or face paying him \$40,000 for each track he worked on with her. The 42-year-old singer said she had a "crazy situation with one producer" she had worked with for several weeks who then ordered her to get naked with.



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ARIES
You have your hands full today. There will be planning, meetings and a lot of work to do. You may feel tired and dejected due to insufficient inputs from others. However, Ganesh says things will become clear slowly as matters come to a conclusion.

TAURUS
Today, you need to take hold of your emotions. Ganesh urges you to not get carried away by your feelings. Instead, you should try to maintain a practical, sensible frame of mind. Women are like to feature prominently in your life during the day. Try to be magnanimous and open hearted.

GEMINI
Maintaining the image you have created in the minds of people, as well as upholding your reputation in society will give you some anxious moments today. You will work hard to improve your social standing, and will get results by the end of the day.

CANCER
Ganesh advises you to watch your back today. However, he wants to make it clear that you may be at the receiving end of others' actions. Anyway, your cautious and watchful approach will save you from needless discomfiture.

LEO
You will get good co-operation from your colleagues and subordinates. In your personal life also you will gain the support of your spouse and your friends. Other people will be accommodating of your problems and will try to solve them for you.

VIRGO
You are quick-witted, sharp and artistic to the core, says Ganesh, so you may go ahead and enrapture people with your special abilities, perhaps at a social gathering. However, Ganesh says it would be better if you could conserve some of that enthusiasm in order to focus your attention on issues of greater importance.

LIBRA
Ganesh says that you will try to enhance your skill regarding new technological inventions and will want to learn about the same in your spare time. Ganesh says that if you wish to gain success you need to first leave your ego behind. Only then will you be able to stride ahead on the path to progress.

SCORPIO
You are in a mood of introspection and analysis, says Ganesh. This is likely to give you a clear vision in the days to come. Your systematic approach towards work will provide you room to think out of the box. Your innovative ideas may bag applause from superiors and bosses.

SAGITTARIUS
Begin your day with a renewed zest. Consider a jump case of lucrative offer. Cracking a telephonic interview may prove to be a milestone in your career path. Your dedication and determination towards your work and goals makes you a deserving employee, says Ganesh.

CAPRICORN
Things may just fall in to your lap today. You will help those in need but will get extremely upset when the out come is not as per your expectations, feels Ganesh. It is not an encouraging sight and it will affect your confidence adversely. But, you are over-reacting, as these disappointments are not as big as they seem. Keep your chin up and get ready for a new tomorrow.

AQUARIUS
You want to spread peace and joy all around, and today you may achieve that. You, however, may have to sacrifice your own preferences and interests to ensure that the problems get solved. It is a noble thing to play the role of peace maker, but people may take you for granted, feels Ganesh.

PISCES
Today your professional and love life will cause worry. You will want to be emotionally balanced but you may not find the time to sort things out. Long sightedness and open discussions will help resolve matters easily.

'Pujaphula' fame Jharana Das falls silent



The veteran actor had won several accolades for her outstanding performance in timeless movies like 'Shree Jagannath', 'Naari', 'Adinamegha', 'Hisabnikas', 'Pujaphula', 'Amadabata', 'Abhinetri', 'Malajanha' and 'Heera Neela'

tributes to the departed soul. Padma Shri, classical music vocalist and composer Shyamamani Devi, a close friend of Das, said, "I can't believe that

a sad day for Odia cine industry. Her work and life has been quite a lesson for us all. She was a straightforward and optimistic personality."

Actor Sritam Das said, "The loss is personal and for the entire cultural industry as well."

Actor Pinky Pradhan, who was also present at her residence, said, "Jharana Das is my all-time favorite. It is awful that I didn't get much time to spend with her. She was the wealth of this indus-



Veteran Odia actress Jharana Das passed away at her residence in Cuttack, Thursday. She was 82. Das, a winner of the state government's prestigious 'Jayadev Puraskar' for her lifetime contribution to Odia film industry, was suffering from a prolonged illness.

Born in 1940, Das started her acting career in the 60s and had won several accolades for her outstanding performance in timeless movies like 'Shree Jagannath', 'Naari', 'Adinamegha', 'Hisabnikas', 'Pujaphula', 'Amadabata', 'Abhinetri', 'Malajanha' and 'Heera Neela'.

Das had also worked as a child artiste and announcer at All India Radio (AIR), Cuttack. She had also worked as an assistant station director of erstwhile Doordarshan Kendra in Cuttack. Her direction in the biographical documentary on former Odisha chief minister Harekrushna Mahatab was appreciated by millions.

Many actors from Odia film industry were present at her residence to pay

Jhuma is no more. We had plans to meet in coming January. She was pretty active and a jovial person. It's heartbreaking for me. It's difficult to replace or find a talent like her."

Actress Anu Choudhury said, "It's

Pradyumna Lenka said, "Jharana Das has left behind an indescribable aura and a mark in the Odia cinema and music industry."

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Jharana Das receiving Guru Kelucharan Mohapatra Award, 2016 from the CM



Nora draws flak at FIFA

Qatar: Actress Nora Fatehi, who performed on the official FIFA World Cup anthem 'Light The Sky', 'O Saki Saki' and others, was criticised for "disrespecting" the Indian flag at the event. In a video that has gone viral on social media, Nora can be seen dressed in a shimmering outfit waving the Indian flag and saying 'Jai Hind' on the international stage.

Holding the Tricolour, the actress is saying, "Jai Hind!! Zor se, Zor Se Jai Hind!!" She adds, "India is not part of the FIFA World Cup but we are now in spirits through our music and dance".

It was not long when social media users noticed that she held the National flag upside down. She picked up the Indian flag from the stage that was lying, and then waved it, but due to windy weather, the flag turned upside down.

Without realising, she held the flag clenched in her palms. Indians all over social media were unhappy and called out Nora for 'disrespecting' the Indian flag.

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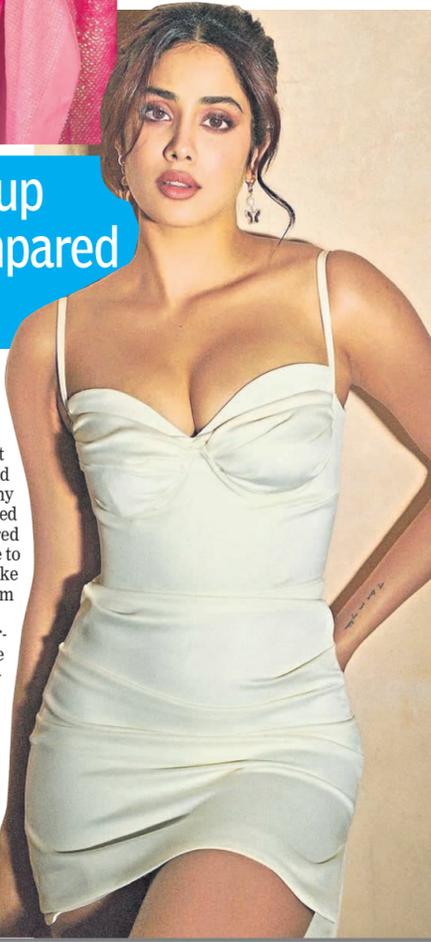
Janhvi opens up on being compared with Sridevi

Mumbai: For those who think being compared with her legendary mom Sridevi is a problem for Janhvi Kapoor, here is her rather confident verdict on the topic. Says Janhvi, "Why would I want the comparisons to stop? Why would I be offended by being compared with my mom? I am being compared with the best. So they are holding me to the best possible standards. It's like reaching to the stars. At least I can aim for the sky. I think I am flattered."

Janhvi doesn't think the comparisons are uncalled-for. "I can't blame them for their expectations. I am trying hard to live up to the expectations. I may not have the talent or beauty of my mother. But it's the hard work that is my USP. I know I will get there."

Janhvi confesses she is completely engrossed in her career. "Cinema is my life. Acting is the only thing that keeps me going. I will keep on reaching for the stars. I am not apologetic anymore for where I come from."

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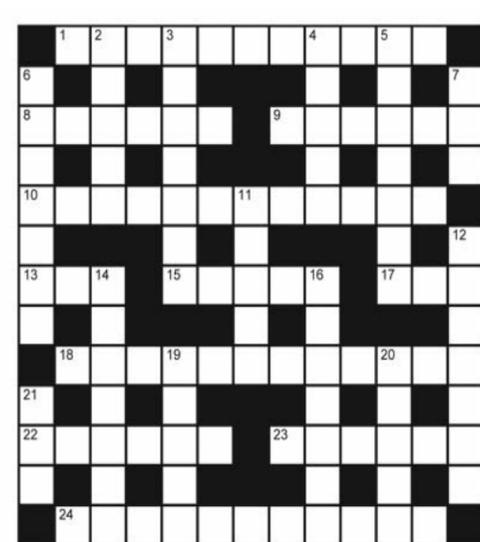


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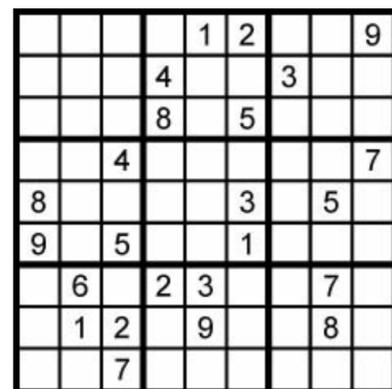
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 - 9 Public squares
 - 10 Sound of a horse on pavement (8-4)
 - 13 Quick swim
 - 15 Proclamation
 - 17 Brouhaha
 - 18 Fair attraction (5-2-5)
 - 22 Frozen dessert (6,5)
 - 23 It's between Greece and Turkey
 - 24 Pun (4,2,5)
 - Down**
 - 2 Tedium
 - 3 Steak and kidney dish (4,3)
 - 4 Excavation find
 - 5 Rocket launcher
 - 6 Antedate
 - 7 Belief system
 - 11 Item
 - 12 Excuse or overlook, such as a misdeed
 - 14 Triumph
 - 16 Ship destroyer
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Padampur: BJD, BJP woo communities, not castes

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

Bargarh, Dec 2: The ruling BJD and opposition BJP are wooing communities in their campaigns for the December 5 bypoll in Padampur Assembly seat as caste politics has been found to have no takers in Odisha.

The strategy is also perhaps due to the fact that tribals constitute around 29 per cent of the over 2.57 lakh voters in Padampur located in Bargarh district of western Odisha.

With the poll date drawing close, both the parties are holding community meetings near the Lord Nrusinghanath Temple at the foothills of Gandhamardan mountain.

While Sundergarh BJP MP Jual Oram visited it two days ago, BJD MLA and the party's poll manager Susant Singh is a regular visitor there.

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many ministers have remained absent in the Assembly as they are busy campaigning for the Padampur by-poll. No one here listens to the problems of farmers," said BJP chief whip Mohan Majhi.

Congress legislature party leader Narasingha Mishra targeted both state and central governments for not looking at the plight of farmers.

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The Kulta community has 30,000 voters and the Meheras a sizeable 20,000 electors. Gond and Sohra tribes have around 20,000 voters each

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The remaining voters belong to the OBC, while a very few people were from the general castes. Caste like Mali (gardener), Brahmin, Yadav, Kumbhar and Agaria also have significant presence in Padampur.

The Kulta Samaj has been sanctioned a piece of land and ₹3 crore for construction of a dharmasala (lodge) in Puri. Patnaik also made provision of a piece of land in the state capital for construction of a Bhavan named after famous Odia poet Gangadhar Meher. The government also sanctioned ₹3 crore for construction of the building for Meheras, who are largely involved in weaving.

The chief minister has also inducted Mahendra Badei, a member of the Kulta Samaj and a former Odisha Administrative Service,

into BJD and made him the party spokesperson. Badehi was even allowed to address the public at BJD president Naveen Patnaik's election rally Friday.

Not to be left behind, BJP Thursday inducted former Congress MP Sanjay Bhoi, who belongs to the Kulta Samaj, with the aim to get a share of community's votes.

Bhoi's father Krupasindhu Bhoi was a four time MP from Bargarh Lok Sabha seat and his joining the saffron party is expected to affect both BJD and the Congress in the bypoll.

Union Minister Dharmendra Pradhan has criticised Patnaik for showing favour towards communities ahead of the bypoll. "Why did he (Patnaik) not sanction land and funds for communities before the election. All his activities are aimed at getting votes," he said.

Senior Congress MLA Santosh Singh Saluja criticised BJD and BJP for indulging in community politics and through it dividing the people.

"The people of Odisha had earlier rejected caste politics and now they will teach a lesson to those doing community politics," he asserted.

BJD MLA Sushant Singh on the other hand claimed that all castes and communities in Padampur constituency support the party as Patnaik is regarded to be working for all people.

Congress leader Panchanan Kanungo, who has been in politics for five decades, said that caste politics do not work in Odisha as its people believe in Lord Jagannath culture, which is above all castes, creed, religion and gender.



RACE FOR SPACE: A bullock cart participating in farmers' rally passes by Anganwadi workers staging a sit-in protest at PMG Square in Bhubaneswar, Friday

House adjourned sine die 29 days ahead

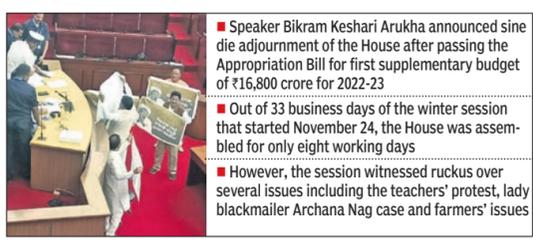
POST NEWS NETWORK

Bhubaneswar, Dec 2: The Winter Session of the Odisha Assembly was adjourned sine die by the Speaker Friday, 29 days ahead of its scheduled end December 31.

Speaker Bikram Keshari Arukha announced sine die adjournment of the House after passing the Appropriation Bill for first supplementary budget of ₹16,800 crore for the year 2022-23.

The Appropriation Bill was also passed in the absence of the opposition BJP and Congress members. Soon after that, government chief whip Prasant Muduli moved a motion proposing sine-die adjournment of the session as no legislative business was left to discuss in the House. Chief Minister Naveen Patnaik remained present during the validator session.

Out of 33 business days of the winter session that started November 24, the House was as-



sembled for only eight working days. However, the session witnessed ruckus over several issues including the teachers' protest, lady blackmailer Archana Nag case and farmers' issues.

Three Bills were passed and three CAG reports laid in the Assembly during the session. Besides, 38 papers and 10 annual reports were laid before the House during the session.

Earlier in the day, as the House assembled for the day at 10.30 am, the BJP members carrying banners stormed into the well of the house and raised slogans against the government over various demands of farmers. As a noisy scene prevailed in the House, the Speaker adjourned the proceedings till 11.30 am. When the House reassembled, the BJP members continued their protest and later staged a noisy walk out from the Assembly on the farmers' issues.

The BJP member later sat on dharna before the Mahatma Gandhi statue in the Assembly premises. "The Chief Minister along with

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Archana case: ED grills City realtor

POST NEWS NETWORK

Bhubaneswar, Dec 2: The Enforcement Directorate (ED) sleuths Friday continued the interrogation of several persons having links with Archana Nag sextortion case. A noted City-based property dealer Prabhat Ranjan Pati appeared before the ED at the Nayapalli office here for questioning.

Pati has reportedly been summoned by the Central agency to ascertain his links with Archana and the role he played in sale of a land to the lady blackmailer and her close aide and business partner, Khageswar Patra.

Meanwhile, Archana's former landlord and noted movie producer Pramod Kumar Swain again appeared before the ED Friday for questioning.

He was earlier grilled by the ED officials November 29.

Raped multiple times, woman tries to kill self in Berhampur

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

Berhampur, Dec 2: A 30-year-old woman, who was allegedly raped multiple times, tried to set herself afire on a court complex in Ganjam district Friday seeking justice, police said.

The incident happened at the Sub-Divisional Judicial Magistrate (SDJM) court in Berhampur, they said.

Constable Rashmi Ranjan Das, who was on security duty at the spot, rescued the woman immediately after she poured kerosene on herself, they added.

The woman was briefly detained at BN Pur police station, and was let go after questioning, police said.

The woman, who is married, alleged that she was first raped in

October last year. After that, the accused was arrested. However, after being released on bail, he allegedly raped her again along with a friend November 14 this year.

The accused man was arrested again, but the woman was seeking the arrest of his friend, and his mother who was guarding the house when they were allegedly raping her, police said.

The woman's husband lives in Hyderabad for livelihood. He used to send her money through the accused man's bank account, they said.

On Monday, a 51-year-old man named in at least four criminal cases threatened SDJM Prayagn Paramita Parihari with a knife in the court.

Lawyers rescued the judge and handed the accused to police.

CAG finds chinks in Biju Setu Yojana

POST NEWS NETWORK

Bhubaneswar, Dec 2: The Comptroller and Auditor General (CAG) of India has found irregularities in construction of bridges in rural areas under Biju Setu Yojana (BSY).

In a report, which was tabled in the Assembly Friday, the CAG said the state government had planned to complete 793 bridges between 2017 and 2021 out of which only 473 were completed - an achievement of 59 per cent.

The scheme was launched by the state government in 2011 to bridge all the missing links on roads in rural areas.

The state government planned to take up 300 bridges initially, of which 55 were to be funded by National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development (Nabard).



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However, since 2015-16 onwards, 100 per cent of BSY works are funded from Rural Infrastructure Development Fund (RIDF) operated by Nabard, it said.

A total budgetary provision of ₹2,570 crore was made for BSY during 2017-21, against which the actual utilisation stood at ₹2,255.62

crore (88 per cent) and ₹314.38 crore remained unutilised, the CAG said in its report.

Under BSY, the state government planned to complete 793 bridge projects during 2017-18 to 2020-21. Out of these, only 473 (59 per cent) were completed and 318 remained incomplete.

The auditor also said that works on 48 bridge projects remained incomplete after incurring expenditure of ₹184 crore due to non-acquisition of land required for the bridge or for approach roads to the bridge.

Also, provision for manual excavation instead of mechanical excavation, resulted in extra expenditure of ₹4.82 crore in 82 projects, pointed out the CAG.

A high-level bridge over river Suktel on Tamia Mudalsar road in Bolangir district was completed in September 2015 with an expenditure of ₹7.58 crore.

Due to the execution of very poor and porous concrete in the deck, cracks have developed. The bridge collapsed in April 2020 while dismantling work was going on and caused two casualties, said the audit report.

Complete MUKTA projects by March: H&UD secy

POST NEWS NETWORK

Bhubaneswar, Dec 2: Projects approved by Chief Minister Naveen Patnaik for urban infrastructure development under Mukhyamantri Karma Tatapara Abhiyan (MUKTA) Yojana last year need to be completed by March 2023, Housing and Urban Development (H&UD) department principal secretary G Mathivathanan told the officials during a review meeting on the state's flagship scheme here Friday.

The meeting focused on preparation of ward-wise Annual Action Plan under MUKTA for 2023-24 across 115 ULBs for provision of basic amenities. ULB officials were appraised on guiding principles for preparation of demand-driven action plans in a participatory approach involving all stakeholders. They were reminded that focus



should be given to creation of ward-wise basic amenities in a saturation mode across all 2,055 wards of 115 ULBs of the state. ULB-wise action plans will be approved by the Chief Minister before being executed. "All the projects approved by the CM for urban infrastructure development last year need to be completed by March 2023. Release of timely payments to MSGs/SDA

and wage seekers is of paramount importance as it would form a strong base for sustainable partnership model between CBO and the department," the participants were told.

"Action plans for 2023-24 are to be sent to the department in the prescribed format by December 15 2022. The action plan should be demand-driven and need to include

low-cost, technically feasible, sustainable and labor oriented works. Land Clearance must be ensured before preparation of plan and estimates of the proposed projects," Mathi Vathanan advised.

Varhanan instructed that 2,055 Open Air Gyms and 2,055 Child Play Stations should be set up across 115 ULBs, with every ward of the ULBs having at least one Open Air Gym and one Child Play Station.

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ECoR to start repair works

POST NEWS NETWORK

Bhubaneswar, Dec 2: In view of safety related modernisation works at various places under East Coast Railway (ECoR) jurisdiction, the Railways has planned to take proactive steps to take up immediate repair and maintenance works without affecting passenger's convenience.

The safety related modernisation works include repair of old bridges, installation of Limited Height Sub-ways (LHSs) by converting level crossings; interlocking of tracks for commissioning of doubling/third line works and others.

ECoR General Manager Roop Narayan Sunkar has given strict instructions to the officials to ensure that passengers are not inconvenienced at all. So, minimum cancellation of trains is being planned.



In the next two months, safety related modernisation works have been planned at different railway sections. On Sundays, LHS and track linking works have been planned in Angul-Sambalpur Railway Section. Similarly, installation of new girders has been planned on bridges in Palasa-Vizianagaram Railway Section on Thursdays by replacing old girders. Apart from this, safety related works have also been planned on Tuesdays and Saturdays in Titilagarh-Raipur Railway Section.

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CAG smells rat in liquor supply

POST NEWS NETWORK

Bhubaneswar, Dec 2: An examination of 'supply chain management of liquor products in the State' by the Comptroller and Auditor General (CAG) has revealed severe lapses by the Excise department, causing huge financial losses to the exchequer.

The CAG report was presented Friday by Panchayati Raj and Drinking Water department Minister Pradip Kumar Amat in the Odisha Assembly.

According to the report, Excise officers in charge of the liquor manufacturers have no record of passes issued by the district excise officers



(DEOs) for procurement of 4,52,990.72 London Proof Litre (LPL) Extra Neutral Alcohol (ENA), the primary raw material for manufacturing IMFL, by two manufacturing units during 2017-21. Hence, the Odisha government could not realise excise duty (ED) of ₹6.60 crore on the ENA consignments received, the CAG.

The CAG said that in the warehouses of three IMFL and one beer manufacturing units, 69,708.46 LPL IMFL and 62,342.80 BL beer bottled during January 2002 to March 2020 were lying in stock as of March 2021—beyond the stipulated period of three months. However, excise duty and fine amounting to ₹1.19 crore had been imposed against the due amount of ₹6.33 crore.

The CAG further said that the Excise department failed to realise extra hour operations charges of ₹1.61 crore as of January 2022 from one manufacturing unit. This apart, establishment charges amounting to ₹1.42 crore also could not be collected.

Intents worth ₹1.70L-cr received

POST NEWS NETWORK

Bhubaneswar, Dec 2: The state government received 180 investment intents worth ₹1.70 lakh crore in various sectors Friday, Industries secretary Hemant Sharma informed. He said these investments would create employment opportunities for 3,78,446 persons.

Out of the 180 intents received on the third day, 46 proposals are from the mineral, metal, metal ancillary sector; 43 from agri and food processing, 24 from IT, 22 from power



and renewable energy, 17 from chemical and plastic, 14 from agri businesses, five from agri marketing and nine from textile & garment sector, informed Sharma. The maximum number of proposals worth ₹78,000 crore have been received from metal downstream sector.

Orissa HC stays ASO results

Cuttack: In a major decision in connection with the ASO recruitment exams-2022 conducted by the Odisha Public Service Commission (OPSC), the Orissa High Court stayed Friday the publication of final mark list of the candidates. However, the court has allowed the OPSC to continue with the computer proficiency test.

Several candidates had moved the Orissa High Court petitioning that various norms were violated in the ASO recruitment exams. "The OPSC has set minimum qualifying mark for written test, this year. We argued that the OPSC has no power to set minimum qualifying mark for written test and our plea was," said lawyer Manoj Mishra.

IRREGULAR by MANJUL



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Padampur dist status by 2023: CM

POST NEWS NETWORK

Bargarh, Dec 2: CM Naveen Patnaik accused Friday the BJP of shedding crocodile tears for the poor by telling lies and asked the saffron brigade to stop misleading people. Patnaik made the observations while addressing three election meetings in Jharbandha and Paikmal blocks and at Padampur town ahead of the bypoll December 5. The meetings were Patnaik's first in any bypoll since 2019. "Do you know the GST on gold is only three per cent, while the Centre unfortunately charges 18% GST on kendu leaf trade. The BJP has been shedding crocodile tears for the poor; the kendu



leaf pluckers, farmers and others," Patnaik alleged.

The Chief Minister also promised district status for Padampur by 2023. "I believe in action. You want Padampur to become a district and your dream will be fulfilled in 2023," Patnaik said.



SECTORAL SESSION

TOPIC : LOGISTICS & WAREHOUSING

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ABOUT THE SESSION

With improving performance of the State in Logistics Ease Across Different States (LEADS) index, Odisha is bracing for rationalization of multimodal transportation of commodities. Some of the major stakeholders shall deliberate on the state's endeavours to create an integrated logistics ecosystem in Odisha to enhance competitiveness, operational efficiency and sustainability through innovation, governance, transparency, quality and disruptive technologies, thereby strengthening State's position as the preferred destination for trade and commerce.

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Sri Rinkesh Roy
Divisional Railway Manager, Khurda, Indian Railways

Ms Saroj Ayush
Senior Transport & Logistics Specialist, World Bank

Sri Sachin Bhanushali
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There is no greater courage than that of recognising one's own mistakes.

THE MOTHER

MHA Tough on Babus

Since the start of his tenure as the Union Home Minister in 2019, Amit Shah has constantly sought to burnish his 'tough guy' image. He's taken the Modi sarkar's crackdown on wayward babus to a whole new level. Sources have informed DKB that 2021 was a 'good' year, with the Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA), on average, taking strict action against at least one gazetted officer every week! At least 10 gazetted officers have faced dismissal, removal and compulsory retirement in 2021 compared to two officers each in 2020 and 2019. The Andaman & Nicobar Islands chief secretary J Narain suspended on charges of sexual harassment, is one of the most high-profile cases of recent times.

The ministry's annual report reveals that 237 disciplinary cases were filed between April and December 2021 against 249 gazetted officers. The action was taken against 52 gazetted officers involved in 48 cases. Punishment, say observers, ranges between minor infractions and major misdemeanours. In some instances, the ministry censured and issued warnings to the erring babu while in more serious offences, ordering the dismissal, removal and compulsory retirement of the officer.

Shah's way seems less to censure or warn an officer and favours major punishment such as dismissal from service and removal. In this, the minister is aided by a vigilance cell within the ministry headed by a joint secretary-rank officer, who acts as part Chief Vigilance Officer. Sources say that there are separate vigilance divisions in each organisation under the MHA's control, and these cells are responsible for all disciplinary and vigilance activities of the ministry.

Non-IAS services making inroads in PMO

The acronym IFS seems to be working rather well for those lucky enough to hold it. Three Indian Foreign Service officers - Deepak Mittal, Vipin Kumar and Nidhi Tewari - are joining the Prime Minister's Office (PMO) following their appointment at the joint secretary, deputy secretary and undersecretary levels respectively.

Their ingress into the hallowed portals of the PMO is being seen in the context of India assuming the presidency of the G20 recently. It is clearly going to be a busy year for India's foreign service officers and Prime Minister Narendra Modi will lean on them to ensure that India's one-year tenure as head of the summit passes flawlessly.

But some observers also note that increasingly the Modi sarkar is keen to promote non-IAS services to positions that formerly only the IAS held. The government is increasingly empanelling officers from all services, and elevating them to crucial positions in important ministries. It is now no longer surprising to see Indian Forest Service (IFoS) officers and Indian Revenue Service (IRS) officers posted to positions that the IAS long considered their own turf.

The government states that no position is reserved for IAS officers. It is appointing officers from all services based on their efficiency. Of course, it could also be a way to address the current crunch of IAS officers at the Centre.

ED chief's tenure extended 'in public interest'

Going by current form, the Enforcement Directorate (ED) seems to be the busiest government agency by a mile. The third extension for ED Director SK Mishra, after four years already as the chief, has been sought to be justified by the several high-profile key investigations that he is leading, and which may lose momentum if someone new takes over the helm. With this extension, Mishra would be able to complete five years in the post next year.

Last year the government brought an ordinance mandating that the tenure of CBI and ED directors can be extended up to three years after the mandated two-year term. This is how Mishra got his second extension.

However, now there are several petitions pending in the Supreme Court challenging the extension of Mishra's tenure. The petitions have questioned not just Mishra's continuation but also the amendments in the CVC and DSPE acts.

The Centre has argued in the SC that restricting the tenure of the director of ED or CBI would be counterproductive to India's concerted action against corruption and money laundering. It added in its affidavit filed in September this year that enough safeguards are in place, as any extension beyond two years is to be given on the grounds of larger public interest and for reasons recorded in writing by the committees appointing them.

With the apex court currently sceptical of the government's replies to its query on the tenure of election commissioners, it would be interesting if it takes a similar view on Mishra's third extension or sees it as well within the purview and powers of the Executive.

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WISDOM CORNER

A great man is different from an eminent one in that he is ready to be the servant of the society. **BR AMBEDKAR**

The butterfly counts not months but moments, and has time enough. **RABINDRANATH TAGORE**

To live is to suffer, to survive is to find some meaning in the suffering. **FRIEDRICH NIETZSCHE**

WORDSWORTH

Deasil

It means to move righthandwards, in the direction of the sun, clockwise. It now mainly conjures up associations with witchcraft, as it's the much rarer converse of widdershins. Trying to define it unambiguously immediately runs into the fundamental problem of how to explain the difference between left and right (clockwise is fine, unless you only know about digital clocks, or you're one of those jokers who has one that runs backwards; sunwise works in the northern hemisphere only; just try explaining to an alien visitor which is right and which left, using words only). In immediate origin deasil is a Gaelic word that derives from the same root as the Latin dexter, "right, right-handed" which even then could mean "skilful" (hence our word dextrous). In witchcraft, including modern Wicca, to move deasil is to invoke positive qualities. As an example of its associations, here is Sir Walter Scott, in Chronicles of the Canongate: "In the meantime, she traced around him, with wavering steps, the propitiation, which some have thought has been derived from the Druidical mythology. It consists, as is well known, in the person who makes the DEASIL walking three times round the person who is the object of the ceremony, taking care to move according to the course of the sun".

Decussate

You may be reminded of Dr Samuel Johnson's famously unhelpful try at defining network in his Dictionary of 1755: "Any thing reticulated or decussated, at equal distances, with interstices between the interstices." The moral for lexicographers is not to define a word using words that are less familiar than the one you're defining. The verb decussate means to intersect or cross two things to form the shape of an X. Its source is the Latin verb decussare with the same sense. This can be traced back to the ancient Roman copper coin called an as. A coin worth 10 of them had the name decussis, a combination of as with the word for 10, decem. As the Roman symbol for 10 was X, decussis came to mean cross-shaped and the verb followed. In everyday life we've never had much need for decussate, as it's much simpler to use crosswise. Mostly, it turns up in specialist fields of study. As an adjective, neurologists use it to describe nerve fibres that cross the midline of the spinal cord or brain. For botanists, it refers to the leaves in some plants that are arranged on the stem in alternate pairs at right angles.

GEOPOLITICAL CONCERNS

FOCUS G20 PRESIDENCY



Malay Mishra

SO LONG AS THE WAR CONTINUES, INDIA WILL HAVE TO SUFFER OPPROBRIUM FROM THE DEVELOPED BLOC THOUGH IT STANDS TO GAIN FROM THE CHEAP CRUDE PURCHASE FROM RUSSIA

The Group of 20 was created in 1999 in the wake of the global economic crisis as an inter-governmental body to mutually sort out global economic issues. It had three pillars initially on its agenda - boosting global growth, strengthening global supply chains and firming up global markets, investments and production. Climate change and sustainable development were later added to the lot when there were several protest movements from climate activists and development managers to infuse depth and strength into the 20-member grouping. However, of late with the virtual formation of two ideologically-divided power blocs, and majorly with the impact of COVID-19 and Russia's Ukraine invasion, it has no longer remained an exclusive economic group but has taken on multifarious global issues including managing the aftermath of COVID-19 and addressing the Ukraine war. On the latter, clearly India has fallen out of the lot siding with China and Russia over the war. This schism was visible at the Bali Summit recently. So long as the war continues, India will have to suffer opprobrium from the developed bloc though it stands to gain from the cheap crude purchase from Russia.

PM Modi, before embarking for Bali to take over the G20 Presidency, had been eloquent while inaugurating the logo of G20 in extolling India's age-old heritage. He called the lotus (the national flower of India) resting over Mother Earth with the colours of the national flag as "the symbol of hope in these troubled times" and claimed that it devolved on India "a new responsibility and measure of the world's trust in India." Recently, in a radio address he reiterated the claim and said that India stood for "global good and welfare". Contrastingly, global powers are more concerned about the steady attrition in India's democratic values. Last week the US Commission on International Religious Freedom blamed India for the government's "crackdown on civil society and dissent" and "religious freedom violations". To add to it, the same or-

ganisation, known for its independence, recently clubbed Modi with the likes of the Saudi Crown Prince and some African dictators for prosecuting dissidents, commenting that Modi's US visa was granted on his becoming the PM and the ban on his travel to the US has been 'suspended' but not lifted. It is clear that the Biden administration uses India as a counterweight to China's expansionism as well as for India's large and potentially lucrative market. As usual the MEA spokesperson rubbished such reports as biased and misrepresenting facts which showed "their lack of understanding of India". Such eye-wash statements do not gel for an international audience.

Indian officials in the PM's entourage gloated in Bali about how India played an instrumental role in coming up with a consensual joint communiqué at the last minute, and that the PM's famous quote, "this is not the era of war" was incorporated at the end of the communiqué. The same communiqué however mentioned that some countries abstained from taking a position against Russia on its invasion of Ukraine. Ironically, India was among the 'some countries', in the same league as China, while Russia's Foreign Minister Sergei Lavrov flew back from Bali even before the communiqué was released.

For India, the presidency of this important body will challenge its strategic thinking while presenting an opportunity which the pres-

ent government will be loath to miss. The challenge first, the pandemic for over two years soon followed by the Ukraine war led to severe shortages in oil, gas and basic commodities leading to global inflation and rupture in the global value chain crippling the global economy. Along with it the fight for supremacy between the two great powers, the US and China, has brought in a third angle of global domination leading to both developed and emerging economies seeking fresh alternatives. Herein lies the opportunity for India, to wrest the situation by bringing in its economic assets to play. It needs no gainsaying that India has the lowest GDP per capita among all the G20 members, both in nominal as well as PPP terms. Though government officials and the RBI hold India's macro-economic fundamentals to be robust, the facts speak otherwise. Rising inflation, unemployment at its peak, low investment and decline in savings with a huge debt burden have put the country under heavy pressure. Besides, the constantly falling rupee has done much harm to India's global trade and export earnings and consequent flight of capital and severe drain in its forex reserves.

While international agencies like IMF and World Bank have predicted a 6.5% GDP growth for the current year, other estimates like that of Goldman Sachs have predicted a less than 6% growth. Of course the neoliberal policies sur-

sued by the government have boosted the super capitalists at the cost of the poor, and with a regressive indirect tax regime in place where the poor is taxed as much as the rich, it is no wonder that India's social development matrix continues to backslide. Thus the Presidency of G20 comes at a time when India can ill afford to speak on behalf of 2/3rd of the global population with a cumulative GDP of 85% and 75% of global trade. Yet the irony is that India would be expected to be the spokesperson for the Global South and call out for human development and climate change activism, among other important economic declarations.

During the course of the Ukraine war, India has hobnobbed on both sides of the ideological spectrum in its national interest of buying cheap crude from Russia and being brazen about it, while dallying as part of the Quad catering to Western interests in the Indo-Pacific. Canada has recently proposed an Indo-Pacific Forum with the Quad members in view, while China has launched a China-Indian Ocean Forum with nearly 20 riparian states of the Indian Ocean, all members of the BRI led by China. India has not been invited to join the group though it is a moot point whether it would have. All these developments should caution India to carefully navigate its foreign policy amidst this fractured geopolitics.

On their return from Bali, senior officials in charge of G20 preparations made a presentation in the Andamans to some 40 diplomats and representatives of international organisations, whose heads are likely to attend the grand finale of G20 in September, 2023, about India's preparedness with an "ambitious, action-oriented and decisive" agenda over the year with 200 meetings in all parts of India. Such exoticisation of a global event may not necessarily add heft to India's ability for global leadership unless there is a sea change in the government's policy thinking that domestic issues have a large bearing on the country's external perception, which could play a vital role in future.

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SPECTRUM STRATEGIC AFFAIRS

The global ambitions of Chinese law

A recent report by the NGO Safeguard Defenders about the existence of "secret Chinese police stations" in cities around the world, including New York, has sparked investigations in several European countries and attracted the attention of the FBI. But while these investigations aim to protect the rule of law from subversion, they also highlight how unprepared Western democracies are to grapple with China's growing international influence.

In their eagerness to appear "tough on China," Western media and government officials alike have demonstrated their inability - or perhaps unwillingness - to evaluate the Safeguard Defenders report, which is plagued by mistranslations and misunderstandings of Chinese and international legal norms. China's rising power requires careful technical debate and strategising rather than crude populist appeals.

Since emerging as a global economic and political power, China has increasingly focused on shaping international norms and institutions. Chinese leaders have indeed made extraterritorial jurisdiction a national priority in recent years, adding clauses to domestic laws that aim to expand their reach beyond

China's borders. But China's extraterritorial influence is a natural consequence of its growing economic and political interconnectedness with the rest of the world.

Criminal justice is a small but illustrative example. China has been increasingly aggressive in seeking to repatriate criminal suspects and fugitives, focusing primarily on areas of great concern to the Chinese public, such as online fraudsters targeting China and corrupt local officials who have fled abroad. Pursuing such criminals and recovering stolen assets is viewed as an essential component of deterrence and a legitimising demonstration aimed at Chinese citizens of the state's ability to protect their interests anywhere in the world.

Here, China has studied and largely mimicked the practice of established powers, particularly the US. It has employed various methods to enforce Chinese laws abroad, including extradition and formal international cooperation, exerting pressure by seizing suspects' domestic property, and promising leniency to those who return willingly.

But while China borrows from other countries' legal toolkits, it often lacks the capacity to extend the reach of its laws, owing to a

shortage of extradition treaties, professional resources, and international influence. It seems clear that strengthening China's ability to enforce its laws abroad will remain a high priority for the authorities.

To be sure, legitimate concerns about China's pursuit of political dissidents affect how its extraterritorial tactics are viewed around the world. While China's overseas enforcement has not focused primarily on dissidents, it is essential to consider their plight, as well as the inadequacy of procedural protections for all defendants in China's criminal justice system.

At a more fundamental level, the ruling Communist Party of China's understanding of the rule of law differs from Western conceptions. In China, Party leadership is considered an "essential feature and inherent requirement" of its "socialist rule of law with Chinese characteristics." In the context of Chinese communism, the law is primarily a tool for maintaining domestic stability and CPC rule.

Moreover, the CPC rejects institutional checks on government power, such as constitutionalism, separation of powers, and judicial independence, as "incorrect Western concepts." Whether such a legal

system can ensure basic fairness and reduce arbitrariness to protect the rights of both Chinese and foreign citizens is a question that anyone, including other governments, must seriously consider before interacting with China's legal system.

Addressing the challenges involved with China's growing influence will require new rules of engagement, as well as fact-based analysis and technical debate. China has made great efforts to learn from, emulate, and adopt global legal practices. European and US policymakers must cultivate an equally accurate understanding of China's actions and ambitions.

Painting China as an irrational agitator seeking to impose its will on the rest of the world is an easy way to curry popular support. But sensationalist reports of "secret police stations" do not contribute to sustaining a rules-based international order. In fact, this simplistic narrative grossly underestimates China and the challenges posed by its sophisticated and strategic efforts to use the law to promote its national interests.

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Letters

TO THE EDITOR

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Truth matters

Sir, Journalist Ravish Kumar has resigned from his post as the senior executive editor at NDTV India. Why he tendered resignation? On this subject, it would be better to place a few lines which the Ramon Magsaysay Award Foundation spoke about Ravish. In September 2019, Ravish won the Ramon Magsaysay Award for harnessing journalism to give voice to the voiceless. The Ramon Magsaysay Award said that "Kumar was being recognized for his unfaltering commitment to a professional, ethical journalism of the highest standards: his moral courage in standing up for truth, integrity and independence; and his principled belief that it is in giving full and respectful voice to the voiceless, in speaking truth bravely yet soberly to power, that journalism fulfills its noblest aims to advance democracy." Ravish says, "A democracy can thrive only as long as its news is truthful." By resigning, he took the stature of the ethics of journalism to a very high position. Whenever there is talk of ethics of journalism, Ravish Kumar will be taken as an example. This is the mark of a true journalist.

Asit Mohanty, JAJPUR

Trust deficit

Sir, China's growing discomfort over closer ties between India and America is evident in the Pentagon's latest report to the US Congress. China has also objected to the ongoing India-US military exercises taking place about 100 km from the LAC. Earlier this year, China had reacted sharply to comments by US Army's Pacific Commanding General Charles A Flynn, who had termed the situation in eastern Ladakh as alarming and red-flagged Chinese infrastructure build-up along the LAC. Chinese Foreign Ministry spokesman Zhao Lijian had accused American officials of adding fuel to fire and stated that Beijing and New Delhi had the "will and capability" to resolve their differences through talks. However, China has repeatedly failed to match its conciliatory words with verifiable action to reduce hostilities on the ground. Even as military commanders of the two nations have held 16 rounds of talks in the past two years, the Chinese have remained elusive on the disengagement of troops from the friction points of Depsang and Demchok. The trust deficit between India and China has spurred Washington to strengthen defence and strategic cooperation with New Delhi. The US sees India as a key ally in the region which can possibly deter China from throwing its weight around.

N Sadhasiva Reddy, BANGALORE

of the day quote

I will continue to fight on the political front to ensure statehood is restored to Jammu and Kashmir and all the rights that were taken away on August 5, 2019, will be granted back to its people

GHULAM NABI AZAD | DEMOCRATIC AZAD PARTY CHAIRMAN

The government will soon launch a drive so that no former student can stay at the hostels of colleges and universities. If we can do that, I believe 60 per cent of ragging cases will stop. The government will take a big initiative on this front. If college and university administrations and the police work together, ragging incidents will be controlled

HIMANTA BISWA SARMA | ASSAM CM

All Residents' Welfare Associations in the national capital will have their own 'mini councillors' with power handed to them in steps if the AAP wins the civic elections

ARVIND KEJRIWAL | DELHI CM

SHORT TAKES

Four injured in leopard attack

Srinagar: Four people were injured on Friday in a leopard attack in Jammu and Kashmir's Pulwama district. The officials said that a leopard prowling in the Ladoo village of Pampore tehsil in Pulwama district attacked people. "The leopard appeared in the orchard area of the village and attacked the four persons, including a minor boy," officials said.

Headmaster killed

Azamgarh (Uttar Pradesh): Bike-borne assailants shot dead the headmaster of a school in the Jyanpur Kotwali area of Azamgarh district. Sanjay Yadav, 46, was a resident of Kasada Ima village, and was posted as headmaster at the composite school at Akhaipur in the Haraiya block. The assailants opened fire at Yadav near a brick kiln and fled from the spot. Hearing the gunshot, locals working in a nearby field raised an alarm.

21 uninhabited islands named after war heroes

Andaman and Nicobar Islands MP, Kuldeep Rai Sharma, welcomed the move taken by the Centre for naming the 21 islands after decorated soldiers in assistance with the Defence and the local administration

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Port Blair, Dec 2: The government has named 21 uninhabited islands in the union territory of Andaman & Nicobar after recipients of Param Vir Chakra, the country's highest wartime gallantry award.

Out of the 21 islands, 16 are located in North and Middle Andaman district, while five islands are in South Andaman.

Andaman and Nicobar Islands MP, Kuldeep Rai Sharma, welcomed the move taken by the Centre for naming the 21 islands after decorated soldiers in assistance with the Defence and the local administration.

"I am happy that the Centre has chosen 21 islands from Andaman to honour our brave soldiers. I would also like to request the administration to publish a small handbook for school-children so that they can learn more about their supreme sacrifice for our

Chhattisgarh CM's deputy secy held

The money laundering investigation was launched after the ED took cognisance of an Income tax department complaint

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Raipur, Dec 2: The Enforcement Directorate Friday arrested Saumya Chaurasia, a deputy secretary rank officer posted in Chhattisgarh Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel's office, in connection with an alleged coal levy scam in the state.

A special court designated for trying cases under the Prevention of Money Laundering Act (PMLA) sent her in ED's custody for four days. The officer, belonging to the state administrative service, was produced before Additional District and Sessions Judge Ajay Singh Rajput in the evening after her arrest, said Chaurasia's lawyer Faizal Rizvi.

The ED sought a 14-day custody of her but was granted only four days with her by the special court after it heard the arguments, he added. The ED, while seeking her remand, mentioned an alleged land purchase by the officer which came under the purview of the Income tax department but she has already given clarification about this deal, Rizvi said.

The ED presumed that the money used for land purchase might have come from the alleged coal levy scam, he said. ED lawyer Saurabh Kumar Pandey claimed that the central agency had enough evidence against Chaurasia in the case. Chaurasia, considered a powerful bureaucrat, was arrested under the criminal sections of the



Modiji repeatedly claims that we insulted him. He accuses me and other Congress leaders of using abusive words for him. Sometimes Modiji says he is poor. For how long you will keep saying this (that I am poor)? How is this possible when you have served as the chief minister of Gujarat for nearly thirteen-and-a-half years and have been serving as the PM for the last eight years?

MALLIKARJUN KHARGE | CONGRESS PRESIDENT

Don't derail a working system: SC

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

New Delhi, Dec 2: The Supreme Court said Friday the existing collegium system should not be derailed on the basis of statements of "some busybody", asserting the top court is one of the most transparent institutions.

Amid divisions within the judiciary and its festering dispute with the government over the system under which existing judges appoint judges to constitutional courts, it said it does not want to comment on what a few former apex court judges, who were once members of the Supreme Court collegium, are now saying about the mechanism.

A bench of Justices MR Shah and CT Ravikumar said, "Nowadays, it has become a fashion to comment upon earlier decisions (of the collegium) made when they (former judges) were part of the collegium. We don't want to say anything on their comments."

"Let the existing collegium sys-



tem which is functioning not get derailed. Collegium does not work on the basis of some busybody. Let the collegium function according to its duties, we are one of the most transparent institutions," it said.

The top court was hearing a petition by RTI activist Anjali Bhardwaj against the Delhi High Court order dismissing her plea seeking the agenda of the Supreme Court collegium's meeting held on December 12, 2018, when certain decisions were purportedly taken on the elevation of some judges to the apex court.

Advocate Prashant Bhushan, appearing for Bhardwaj, said for-

mer apex court judge Justice MB Lokur, who was part of the SC collegium in 2018, had said in public domain that the decisions taken at a collegium meeting on December 12 that year should have been uploaded on the top court's website.

On December 12, 2018, the collegium headed by then Chief Justice Ranjan Gogoi and comprising Justices Lokur, AK Sikri, SA Bobde and NV Ramana (all retired) had purportedly taken certain decisions with regard to appointment of judges in the top court and proposals for transfer of chief justices and judges of high courts but those resolutions were not uploaded on the SC web site.

Woman kills her kids, hangs self

INDO-ASIAN NEWS SERVICE

Mandya (Karnataka), Dec 2: In a shocking incident, a woman killed three children and then hanged herself at her residence over a family dispute in Mandya district of Karnataka on Friday.

The deceased have been identified as 30-year-old Usna Kausar, a resident of Hole Beedi in Maddur town and her children - 7-year-old Harris, daughters Aalisa (4) and Fathima (2). According to police, Usna Kausar was married to a car mechanic, Akeel.

On the fateful day, she mixed poison with the food that she gave to her children. Afterwards she had ended her life, said the police. Usna Kausar worked at a nursing home in Maddur town. The husband and wife often quarrelled over a family dispute.

The incident took place on Thursday night and it came to light on Friday. The police visited the spot and have taken up the investigation.

Sidhu murder mastermind detained in US

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

Chandigarh, Dec 2: Murdered Punjabi singer Sidhu Moosewala's father Friday welcomed the news of the detention of gangster Goldy Brar, prime accused in the case, by the US authorities.

Punjab Chief Minister Bhagwant Mann, who is currently in Ahmedabad confirmed the development, saying that Brar has been detained by the police in California and that he would "definitely be brought to India". He will be in the custody of the Punjab Police "very soon", he told reporters.

In Mansa, Moosewala's father

Balkaur Singh said he was yet to get any official information about the development.

"I do not have any official information. I learnt through media reports that Brar has been detained. If it is so, I welcome it," Singh told reporters. Singh had on Thursday called upon the Union government to announce a reward of Rs 2 crore for any information leading to the arrest of Canada-based gangster Brar. He had even offered to pay for the reward from his own pocket.

Singh on Friday said he seeks severe punishment for Brar. He said it is because of criminals



like these that the reputation of the country also gets tarnished and that is why they should be put behind bars.

He said he will not sit quietly till such criminals are punished. Singh said his son was innocent

and committed to his state. Shubhdeep Singh Sidhu, popularly known as Sidhu Moosewala, was shot dead in Punjab's Mansa district on May 29.

Satinderjeet Singh alias Goldy Brar, a member of the Lawrence Bishnoi gang, claimed responsibility for the singer's murder. A red corner notice, which allows the arrest and detention of a fugitive abroad, was issued against him.

According to the 1,850-page chargesheet filed in the Moosewala murder case, Goldy Brar was the mastermind behind the killing.

Rijju bats for regional languages

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

Chennai, Dec 2: Union Law and Justice Minister Kiren Rijju on Friday batted for the use of regional languages in the curricular activities of the courts in the country and said he was opposed to "imposing" of one language.

Rijju also said easy access to justice is the "call of the time". In his address at the 12th convocation of the Tamil Nadu Dr Ambedkar Law University (TNDALU), he also praised the Tamil language.

"As you all know, our Prime Minister (Narendra Modi) has a commitment to take the country forward along with our culture and our language. I also have been emphasising on this - that the Indian courts and the Indian legal

system must have regional languages in the curricular activities."

"I have already spoken to the Chief Justice of India, senior judges of the Supreme Court and all the Chief Justices of the High Courts, that in the future we must give priority to the regional languages," he said.

Rijju added "we all will be proud to see that Tamil language takes centre stage in the high court and all the district and subordinate courts," (in the future).

Listing out the various pro-people measures initiated by his ministry, Rijju said that among others, it has identified oft-repeated words in legal documents and created a common code vocabulary by coining words from common roots which will be adaptable by all Indian languages.



motherland.

"Andaman and Nicobar Island is a 'tirtha sthan' (pilgrimage) because of sacrifices made by the freedom fighters and now such honour for the Param Vir Chakra recipients is a matter of pride for us," Sharma said.

The first uninhabited island numbered 'INAN370' in North and Middle Andaman was named after Major Somnath Sharma. Now 'INAN370' will be known as 'Somnath Dweep'. He was the first and the first recipient of the Param Vir Chakra. Sharma lost his life in the line of duty on 3 November 1947 while handling Pakistani infiltrators near Srinagar Airport. He was posthumously awarded the highest military award for his gallantry and sacrifice during the Battle of Badgam.

Subedar and Honorary Captain Karam Singh who fought in the Indo-Pakistani War of 1947, and was awarded the Param Vir Chakra for sav-

ing a forward post at Richmar Gali, south of Tithwal (a small border-village in Jammu and Kashmir) was also honoured after the Andaman administration and the Defence Ministry named another uninhabited island numbered 'INAN308' after him as 'Karam Singh Dweep'.

Similarly, Major Rama Raghoba Rane, Naik Jadunath Singh, Company Havildar Major Piru Singh Shekhawat, Captain Gurbachan Singh Salaria, Lieutenant Colonel Dhan Singh Thapa Magar, Subedar Joginder Singh Sahman, Major Shaitan Singh Bhati, Company Quartermaster Havildar Abdul Hamid, Lieutenant Colonel Ardeshir Burzorji Tarapore, Lance Naik Albert Ekka, Colonel Hoshiar Singh Dahiya, Second Lieutenant Arun Khetarpal, Flying Officer Nirmal Jit Singh Sekhon, Major Ramaswamy Parameswaran, Captain Bana Singh, Captain Vikram Batra, Captain Manoj Kumar Pandey and Subedar Major Sanjay Kumar - all recipients of the Param Vir Chakra were honoured after the islands were named after them.

"Christening of the 21 uninhabited islands of Andaman and Nicobar archipelago with names of Param Vir Chakra heroes is a real tribute to the soldiers "who had given their today for our tomorrow," the MP said.

Some of the 21 islands fall under reserved forest while some have great potential for water sports, creek tourism and fishing.

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A plenary session on mining and metal in Odisha in progress at Make in Odisha (MIO) Conclave at Janata Maidan in Bhubaneswar, Friday



CEO of Institute of Technical Education Singapore, Bruce Poh (4th from L) and CEO of World Skill Centre, Alka Mishra signing an MoU during the Conclave



A cultural programme at MIO Conclave



Audience and business delegates attending the MIO Conclave

Logistics Policy for raw material evacuation soon

POST NEWS NETWORK

Bhubaneswar, Dec 2: On the third day of 'Make in Odisha Conclave 2022' being held here, a session on 'Mining in Odisha - A Paradigm Shift' was conducted where industry leaders from mining sector from across the country participated in the presence of Steel & Mines department principal secretary Deoranjana Kumar Singh.

In his address to the delegates, Singh said, "The state government is formulating a Logistics Policy for raw material evacuation by prioritising slurry pipelines, rail network and also waterways which will substantially reduce the road transportation in the mineral rich districts of Odisha." He also said that the mining sector has perception problem, however, in the last couple of years the perception has changed positively as the sector has been contributing immensely to the economy.

He further added that everyone in the mining industry must work to change the perception of the industry further by taking care of the planet and the people living in the periphery thereby winning the hearts of the local people.

He said that the state-owned OMC has been doing massive CSR works in its mining areas to improve the socio-economic lives of the people residing in the pe-

Focus on value creation: Investors to startups

The main message that investors wanted the startups to take home, during a thematic session hosted by Startup Odisha on the third day of Make in Odisha Conclave 2022, was to focus on value creation and delivery and the valuation will take care of itself. Addressing a one-hour session, a panel of seven investors advised startups that the right approach is to think big and aspire to become 'decacorns', not 'unicorns'. To give startups an idea of what investors look for, they said that over 70 per cent diligence is done about the entrepreneur. Then follow understanding of the product, leadership qualities, passion and the capability to build a business. They said that one of the key elements that they look for in the services segment is how niche the area of operation is and how innovative the service delivery is.

Godrej palm oil mill in state

An MoU was signed between Godrej Agrovet Ltd and Agriculture and Farmer's Empowerment department for establishment of a crude palm oil extraction mill in the state. Agriculture and allied sector is a key contributor to the growth of Odisha. Specialised crops such as Kandhamal Turmeric, Arabica Coffee from Koraput, cashew nuts and millets have witnessed growth in production in the past few years. Speaking about the abundant opportunities in Odisha, Principal Advisor to Chief Minister Asit Kumar Tripathi said, "The government has been working on a multi-pronged approach of introducing forward looking agricultural policies, developing world-class infrastructure, leveraging technology to digitise agricultural value chains boost the sector and make Odisha the gateway for east India for corporations."

Minister lauds state's skilling ecosystem

A session on 'Skilled-in-Odisha' was held in the presence of the top market leaders and eminent speakers and officials of Skill Development and Technical Education department. Minister Pritirajan Gharai said the occasion has successfully afforded the opportunity to reflect collectively on the current youth skilling status, the progress that has been made in implementing practical programs, strategies and policies to empower the youth of this state

riphery of the mines. He further said that 80 per cent of the minerals produced by OMC shall be

given to long term linkage players as per the Long Term Linkage policy of OMC.



Industry and MSME Minister Pratap Keshari Deb speaks during the Conclave



of the day quote

We too have to sometimes revisit our assumptions to figure out how this works. The fact that the Quad has grown so much in the last five years is a testimony to the creativity and farsightedness of the people in these four countries over the last five years

S JAISHANKAR | EXTERNAL AFFAIRS MINISTER

Leaders in the Delhi government having become 'number 1' in telling lies. Arvind Kejriwal speaks lies while putting up an innocent face. But, the veil has now been lifted and people of Delhi and the country now know the entire truth

JAIRAM THAKUR | HIMACHAL CM

A state-of-the-art film city is already being constructed by the state government in Rajgir, besides developing Shekhodevra in Nawada. Natural cinematic treasures in the state are enough to attract filmmakers. Now, the ease of film-making and facilitating full institutional support to filmmakers must be enhanced in the state

NITISH KUMAR | BIHAR CM

SHORT TAKES

Seven killed

Jagdarpur: Seven persons were killed after some portion of a limestone mine collapsed on them at their village in Bastar district of Chhattisgarh Friday, police said. The deceased included six women, they said. The incident took place in Maalgaon village under Nagarnar police station area, around 12 km away from Jagdarpur, the headquarter of the district, a police official here said. "The victims were digging soil in the mine when a part of it caved in, due to which they got trapped under the debris," he said. Soon after being alerted about it, police personnel rushed to the spot and launched the rescue operation, he said. While five persons died on the spot, two others succumbed while they were being shifted to a hospital, he said.

Court fines cops

Dakshina Kannada: A local court Friday slapped a fine of ₹5 lakh on police for arresting a wrong person in a POCSO case in this district of Karnataka. The man arrested by the police turned out to be innocent but not before spending one year in judicial custody. Announcing the verdict, the District Second Additional FTSC POCSO Court asked the police officers to pay the fine amount from their salaries. The amount will be handed over to the victim as compensation, it added.

6 Bihar cities among top 10 polluted in India

INDO-ASIAN NEWS SERVICE

Patna, Dec 2: People in Bihar's several districts these days have been at the receiving end due to low temperature and high air pollution, triggering serious health problems.

They have been forced to stay indoors as problems like eye-burning, and breathing problems are becoming common health issues. In the past fortnight, three to five cities of Bihar have regularly been coming on the top in terms of worst Air Quality Index in the country.

Bihar's six cities including Arrah, Motihari, Bettiah are among most polluted top 10 with Arrah having AQI of 404 and Motihari logging 400 mark on Friday at 12 noon. The AQI of Bettiah (4th) is 356 while Mullanpur (5th) (Punjab) -336, UP's Meerut (6th) -332, Naugachia (7th) -320, Bihar



Sharif (8th) -309, Chapra -307, Delhi's Pitampura (9th) -296 and Haryana's Jind (10th) -293. An AQI from 0 to 100 is considered as good, 100 to 200 moderate, 200 to 300 'poor', 301 to 400 'very poor', and 401 to 500 'severe'. The AQI in several districts of Bihar started worsening in the first week of November this year. Surprisingly, there are no industries in these districts which could be blamed for it. Even the officials of the pollution departments are clueless about how to deal with it. Ravi Sinha, a USA-based environmentalist and a resident of Patliputra colony Patna, said.

The cities like Arrah, Motihari or Bettiah do not have traffic volumes like metro cities, still the air pollution in these areas has reached alarming levels. The experts believe that unsystematic development of cities, road constructions, building constructions, transportation of sand and clay are the main reasons for air quality deterioration in urban cities of the state. "We have been seeing rampant constructions of roads and buildings in these cities. They are breaching basic norms of neither sprinkling water on roads nor covering the construction areas leading to fine particles amalgamating with drops of dew

located on the Indo-Nepal border. Now, it has turned into a gas chamber with people having health issues and low visibility," Sinha said.

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"In the past, we have seen clear blue sky and the peaks of Himalaya from my village

and forming smog," Rajesh Tiwari, another environmentalist and a resident of Patliputra colony Patna, said.



Should I remind Mr Modi what he said on Feb 8, 2017 in Rajya Sabha about Dr Manmohan Singh — that he knew the 'art of bathing with a raincoat on'. Can there be a cheaper & crasser comment by any PM on his predecessor, and that too in the very temple of democracy?

JAIRAM RAMESH | AICC GENERAL SECRETARY, COMMUNICATIONS

DELHI MAN ARRESTED

The Central Bureau of Investigation on Friday arrested a South Delhi-based man for indulging in sextortion and blackmailing a Professor of a prominent University in the US



SC QUASHES PRE-ARREST BAIL TO 4



A BENCH OF JUSTICES M R SHAH AND C T RAVIKUMAR REMANDED THE MATTER BACK TO THE HIGH COURT AND DIRECTED IT TO DECIDE THE ISSUE WITHIN FOUR WEEKS

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

New Delhi/Thiruvananthapuram, Dec 2: The Supreme Court Friday quashed the Kerala High Court order granting anticipatory bail to four people including a former DGP in the case related to the alleged frame-up of scientist Nambi Narayanan in the 1994 ISRO espionage matter.

A bench of Justices M R Shah and C T Ravikumar allowed the plea filed by the Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) against the order, and remanded the matter back to the High Court with a direction to decide the issue within four weeks from the date of receipt of its present order.

THE CBI EARLIER ALLEGED THERE WAS A CLEAR INDICATION THAT THE ACCUSED WERE PART OF A TEAM WHICH HAD ULTERIOR MOTIVES TO TORPEDO THE ATTEMPTS OF THE ISRO FOR MANUFACTURING THE CRYOGENIC ENGINE

The top court at the same time directed that by way of an interim arrangement the four people will not be arrested for a period of five weeks from today subject to their cooperation in the investigation and till the bail applications are finally decided by the High Court on remand.

The High Court had granted anticipatory bail to former Gujarat Director General of Police (DGP) R B Sreekkumar, two former police officers of Kerala S Vijayan and Thampi S DurgaDutt, and a retired intelligence official P S Jayaprakash. Sreekkumar was then the Deputy Director of the

Intelligence Bureau (IB).

Narayanan expressed happiness over the apex court order and hoped that the High Court will come out with a proper judgement. "I am happy to hear about the Supreme Court order. Now that the matter has been reverted to the High Court, I hope that it will come out with a proper judgement," Narayanan told PTI in Thiruvananthapuram.

The top court said the High Court has neither considered the allegations against the respective accused nor the role played by them while granting anticipatory bail.

"It appears that the High Court has made some observations without considering the individual role played by the respective accused when they were working in the Kerala Police/IB and without considering the nature of allegations against them, we are of the opinion that the matters need to be remanded to the High Court to consider the anticipatory bail applications afresh."

While granting anticipatory bail to the four accused on August 13 last year, the High Court had said, "There is not even a scintilla of evidence regarding the petitioners being influenced by any foreign power so as to induce them to hatch a conspiracy to falsely implicate the scientists of the ISRO with the ion to stall the activities of the ISRO with regard to the development of the cryogenic engine."

Paresh sorry for 'cook fish for Bengalis' quip



PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

Mumbai, Dec 2: Veteran actor Paresh Rawal Friday apologised for his statement linking gas cylinders, Bengalis and fish during a campaign speech in Gujarat, saying his reference was to illegal Bangladeshis and Rohingyas.

The apology came after a huge backlash from the Bengali community and some others on social media. "Of course the fish is not the issue as Gujaratis do cook and eat fish. But let me clarify by Bengali I meant illegal Bangladeshi N Rohingya. But still if I have hurt your feelings and sentiments I do apologise," the 67-year-old actor and former BJP MP wrote on Twitter.

Trinamool Congress MP Mahua Moitra didn't seem too impressed. "Actually Kemchho Slapstickman need not have apologised. The 2nd

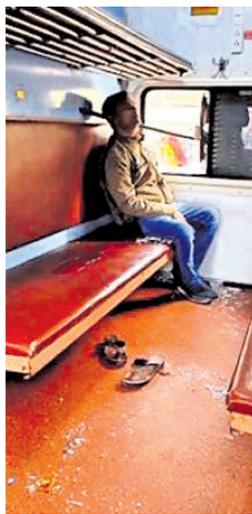
part of Cook Fish like Bengalis is 'Have Brains like Bengalis'. Most nobel laureates than any other Indian state, buddy boy..." she posted on Twitter.

Rawal had taken up the issue of gas cylinder prices, an emotive poll issue, at a BJP rally in Valsad district on Tuesday. "Gas cylinders are expensive, but their price will come down. People will get employment too. But what will happen if Rohingya migrants and Bangladeshis start living around you,

like in Delhi?" "What will you do with gas cylinders? Cook fish for the Bengalis?" Rawal had said. The first phase of the Gujarat assembly elections were held on Thursday and the second phase will take place on December 5. The votes will be counted on December 8.

The apology came after a huge backlash from the Bengali community and some others on social media

Man dies after iron rod pierces through his neck



PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

New Delhi/Aligarh, Dec 2: A passenger on board the Delhi-Kanpur Neelachal Express died on Friday after being impaled by an iron rod that broke through a glass window of the coach and struck him in the neck, an official said.

The freak accident took place around 8:45 am between Danwar and Sonma in the Prayagraj division of the North Central Railway, the railway spokesperson said. "One

person died in the general coach by an external object (iron rod) which damaged the window. The train was stopped at the Aligarh junction at 09:23 hrs," the railway spokesperson said.

The deceased was identified as Hrishekesh Dubey (34), a native of Sultanpur who was living in Delhi. He was sitting by the window when the iron rod pierced his neck.

Sources said some work was underway on the tracks when the incident happened. "The incident occurred some 35 kilometers before Aligarh railway station. The railway staff stopped the train at Aligarh and took Hrishekesh Dubey to hospital where the doctors declared him dead," Chief Public Relation Officer (CPRO) of North Central Railway (NCR) Himanshu Shekhar Upadhyay said.

"The body has been sent for post-mortem examination and a probe has been ordered in the matter," the CPRO added. Meanwhile, a pall of gloom has shrouded the house of Dubey in Sultanpur.

Hrishekesh Dubey was a native of Gopinathpur village under Chanda police station area of Sultanpur. "Dubey was employed with a private firm in Delhi. He was on his way to attend a marriage function in Lucknow," deceased's cousin Rajeev Dubey said. "He is survived by his parents, wife Shalini and two children, daughter Arya (7) and son Ayansh (4)," Rajeev said.

ED records Nora's statement



PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

New Delhi, Dec 2: The Enforcement Directorate Friday recorded the statement of actor Nora Fatehi for more than five hours as part of an ongoing money-laundering probe against alleged conman Sukesh Chandrashekhar and his associates, official sources said.

Fatehi, 30, has been questioned by the federal agency in the case a few times in the past. The Canadian-born artist came to India about seven to eight years ago to work in the Hindi film industry.

Sources said the actor, who featured in popular Bollywood dance numbers such as 'Naach Meri Rani' and 'Kamariya', will be questioned about some more issues related to Chandrashekhar. Her statement was being recorded under the Prevention of Money Laundering

Act (PMLA) and she left the ED office in central Delhi after spending over five hours.

She is understood to have been questioned on some new facts that have emerged in the case. The ED, in its earlier charge sheets filed in this case, had named actor Jacqueline Fernandez as an accused while Fatehi's statement was included in the same prosecution complaint.

In a statement, Fatehi had told the agency that Chandrashekhar's wife Leena Maria Paul (Leena Paulose) had invited her to a charity event at a five-star hotel in Chennai in December 2020 and was offered a new iPhone, a Gucci bag and a BMW car.

"I had received the bag and phone on the spot in front of everyone but the procedure to gift the car was done after the event," she had told the ED. Fatehi added the car was given to her brother-in-law who sold it in February 2021 due to "some financial issues".

"I did not receive anything else besides the items mentioned above (Gucci bag and mobile phone). Also, the BMW was not given to me, it was given to Bobby (cousin's husband) instead," Fatehi told the agency.

Asked if she purchased any bag from a Mumbai mall, the payment for which was "arranged" by Chandrashekhar, the dancer denied the charge and said in her statement: "No HELL No." The agency has alleged that Chandrashekhar, 32, used illegal money to purchase gifts for

Fernandez which he had extorted by cheating high-profile people including former Fortis Healthcare promoter Shivinder Mohan Singh's wife Aditi Singh to the tune of about ₹200 crore.

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of the day quote

India and Israel are natural allies, united by a fundamental commitment to the democratic ideals upon which both our nations were founded. Yet this evening transcends politics, commerce — even diplomacy

If we do not head towards elections there won't be stability in the country. The coalition government is not ready to talk about snap polls because they are scared of the results

India does not need to be told what to do on democracy. In India, democracy had roots going back to 2500 years, we were always a democracy

SHORT TAKES

Kanye's Twitter acc suspended again

Washington: Twitter Inc Friday suspended Kanye West's account again, just two months after it was reinstated, after its owner Elon Musk said he had violated the platform's rules prohibiting incitement to violence. Musk, who calls himself a free speech absolutist, had welcomed the return of the rapper, now known as Ye, to the platform in October. "I tried my best. Despite that, he again violated our rule against incitement to violence. Account will be suspended," Musk tweeted late Thursday.

Seoul places new sanctions on NK

Seoul: South Korea Friday sanctioned eight people and seven companies suspected of engaging in illicit activities to finance North Korea's growing nuclear weapons and missile programmes. The move, which prohibits South Koreans from conducting any type of business with them without authorisation, was largely symbolic as there are little financial dealings between the rival Koreas. But the steps may still draw an irritated response from North Korea, which last month called South Korean President Yoon Suk Yeol and his government "idiots" and a "wild dog gnawing on a bone given by the US".

Peru enters 5th Covid-19 wave

Lima: Peru has entered into its fifth wave of the Covid-19 pandemic after an increase of confirmed cases in the past three weeks, Health Minister Kelly Portalatino announced. A total of 6,541 new infections were detected, and nine deaths were reported between Tuesday and Wednesday, Xinhua news agency quoted the Minister as saying. Since the start of the pandemic in early 2020, Peru has had a total of 4,252,383 cases and 217,414 deaths, according to the Health Ministry.

Global terrorists

Washington: The US has designated four top leaders of al-Qaeda and the Pakistani Taliban groups as global terrorists, Secretary of State Antony Blinken has said as he emphasised that the Biden administration will ensure that terrorists do not operate with impunity in Afghanistan. The terrorists who were designated on Thursday were Osama Mehmood, the emir of al-Qaeda in Indian Subcontinent (AQIS), Atif Yahya Ghouri, the deputy emir of AQIS and Muhammad Maruf who is responsible for the group's recruiting branch.



I must be brutally honest with you, Europe isn't strong enough right now. We would be in trouble without the United States
SANNA MARIN | PM, FINLAND

US' NEW STEALTH BOMBER

United State's newest nuclear stealth bomber, B-21 Raider, is making its public debut after years of secret development and as part of the Pentagon's answer to rising concerns over a future conflict with China. The B-21 Raider is the first new American bomber aircraft in more than 30 years



My father tested chemical weapons on my dogs: Osama's son

THE 41-YEAR-OLD, WHO NOW LIVES IN FRANCE, CHOSE TO LEAVE AFGHANISTAN IN APRIL 2001, JUST MONTHS BEFORE THE SEPTEMBER 11 TERRORIST ATTACKS IN NEW YORK

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

London, Dec 2: One of the sons of slain al-Qaeda chief Osama Bin Laden has claimed that his father was training him to follow in his footsteps, making him fire guns as a child in Afghanistan and using his dogs to test chemical weapons. In an interview with "The Sun" newspaper while on a visit to Qatar, Bin Laden's fourth eldest son Omar claims he was a "victim" and has tried to forget the "bad times" with his father. "I said goodbye and he said goodbye. I'd had enough of that world. He wasn't happy that I was leaving," he tells the newspaper. "I saw it," he says, with reference

to chemical experiments conducted by his father's henchman. "They tried it on my dogs and I wasn't happy. I just try to forget all the bad times as much as I can. It's very difficult. You suffer all the time," he said. Now a painter, Omar believes his art is like therapy and his favourite subject is "mountains after living in Afghanistan for five years". His artwork reportedly sells for up to GBP 8,500 a canvas. "They give me a safe feeling, like I'm untouchable," said Omar, born in Saudi Arabia to Bin Laden's first wife Najwa in March 1981. When asked why he thinks his father chose him as his heir, he tells the newspaper: "I don't know,



My father never asked me to join Al-Qaeda, but he did tell me I was the son chosen to carry on his work. He was disappointed when I said I was not suited to that life
OMAR | OSAMA'S ELDEST SON

maybe because I was more intelligent, which is why I'm alive today." His 67-year-old wife Zaina tells the newspaper Omar is her "soul mate" and believes he suffers from "very bad trauma, stress and panic attacks". "Omar loves and hates Osama at the same time. He loves him because he is his father but

hates what he has done," she says. According to the "Sun" report, Omar was in Qatar May 2, 2011, when he heard the news that US Navy Seals had assassinated his father who was holed up in a Pakistan safehouse. The official US account is that Bin Laden's body was buried at sea from the supercarrier USS Carl Vinson within 24 hours of his death. However, Omar is doubtful: "It would have been much better to bury my father and know where his body is. But they didn't give us the chance. I don't know what they did to him. They say they threw him in the ocean but I don't believe that. I think they took his body to America, for people to see."

A RAY OF HOPE RUSSIA 'OPEN' TO TALKS ON UKRAINE



After more than nine months of fighting and with winter tightening its grip, Western countries are trying every possible measure to put an end to the war which has shattered global peace

REUTERS

Kyiv, Dec 2: Russian President Vladimir Putin is "open to negotiations" on Ukraine but the West must accept Moscow's demands, the Kremlin said Friday, a day after US President Joe Biden said he was willing to talk if Putin were looking for a way to end the war. Biden and French President Emmanuel Macron said after talks at the White House Thursday that they would hold Russia to account for its actions in Ukraine but the US president also appeared to hold out an olive branch to Moscow while stressing he saw no sign of any change in Putin's stance. Biden has not spoken directly with Putin since Russia invaded Ukraine February 24. In March, Biden branded Putin a "butcher" who "cannot stay in power". In Moscow's first public response

- Putin pressing demands after US shows willingness to talk
- Russia rejects pullout from Ukraine as condition for talks
- Putin urges Scholz to rethink Germany's line on Ukraine
- EU tentatively agrees \$60 price cap on Russian seaborne oil

I am prepared to speak with Putin if in fact there is an interest in him deciding he's looking for a way to end the war. He hasn't done that yet
JOE BIDEN | PRESIDENT, US

The US refusal to recognise annexed territory in Ukraine as Russian was hindering a search for ways to end the war
KREMLIN SPOKESMAN DMITRY PESKOV

to Biden's overture, Kremlin spokesman Dmitry Peskov told reporters: "The president of the Russian Federation has always been, is and remains open to negotiations in order to ensure our interests." Peskov reiterated that Russian President Vladimir Putin remains open to talks but the Western demand that Moscow

first withdraws its troops from Ukraine is unacceptable. His comments came as Putin spoke with German Chancellor Olaf Scholz. Scholz's office said he made clear to Putin "that there must be a diplomatic solution as quickly as possible, which includes a withdrawal of Russian troops." Putin told Scholz that the Western line on Ukraine was "destructive" and urged Berlin to rethink its approach. Fighting is raging in eastern Ukraine, with the town of Bakhmut the main target of Moscow's artillery attacks, while Russian forces in the southern Kherson and Zaporizhzhia regions remain on the defensive, Ukraine's General Staff said in its latest battlefield update.

In a bid to reduce the money available for Moscow's war effort, the European Union has tentatively agreed to a \$60 a barrel price cap on Russian seaborne oil, diplomats said. The measure will need to be approved by all EU governments in a written procedure by Friday.

10K-13K Ukrainian troops killed in war

A top adviser to Ukraine's president has cited military chiefs as saying 10,000 to 13,000 Ukrainian soldiers have been killed in the country's nine-month struggle against Russia's invasion, a rare comment on such figures and far below estimates of Ukrainian casualties from Western leaders. Late Thursday, Mykhailo Podolyak, a top adviser to Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy, relayed new figures about Ukrainian soldiers killed in battle, while noting that the number of injured troops was higher and civilian casualty counts were "significant." The Ukrainian military has not confirmed such figures and it was a rare instance of a Ukrainian official providing such a count. The last dates back to late August, when the head of the armed forces said that nearly 9,000 military personnel had been killed. In June, Podolyak said that up to 200 soldiers were dying each day, in some of the most intense fighting and bloodshed this year. The UN Human rights office, in its latest weekly update published Monday, said it had recorded 6,655 civilians killed and 10,368 injured, but has acknowledged that its tally includes only casualties that it has confirmed and likely far understates the actual toll.

'Looking forward to supporting Modi'

INDIA FORMALLY ASSUMED THE G20 PRESIDENCY THURSDAY

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Washington, Dec 2: Describing India as a strong partner of the US, President Joe Biden Friday said he was looking forward to supporting his "friend" Prime Minister Narendra Modi during India's G20 presidency. "India is a strong partner of the US, and I look forward to supporting my friend Prime Minister Modi during India's G20 presidency," Biden tweeted Friday. The US President also underlined that both countries "will advance sustainable and inclusive growth while tackling shared challenges like the climate, energy, and food crises."

Prime Minister Modi Thursday said India will work to further promote oneness, inspired by the theme of "One Earth, One Family, One Future" and listed terror, climate change, pandemic as the greatest challenges that can be best fought together. India's G20 priorities will be shaped in consultation with not

INDIA'S G20 PRESIDENCY



just our G20 partners, but also our fellow-travellers in the global South, whose voice often goes unheard, Modi said in an article which appeared in several newspapers and was posted on his website as well. India's G20 agenda will be inclusive, ambitious, action-oriented and decisive, he said. "Let us join together to make India's G20 Presidency a Presidency of healing, harmony and hope. Let us work together to shape a new par-

adigm — of human-centric globalisation," Modi noted. The country looks forward to working on encouraging sustainable lifestyles, depoliticising the global supply of food, fertilisers and medical products among other subjects, the Prime Minister said in a series of tweets. The next G20 Leaders' Summit at the level of Heads of State/Government is scheduled to be held on September 9 and 10 in New Delhi. The G20 or Group of 20 is an inter-governmental forum of the world's major developed and developing economies. It comprises Argentina, Australia, Brazil, Canada, China, France, Germany, India, Indonesia, Italy, Japan, the Republic of Korea, Mexico, Russia, Saudi Arabia, South Africa, Turkey, the UK, the US and the European Union (EU). Together, they account for over 80 per cent of the global Gross Domestic Product, 75 per cent of international trade and two-thirds of the world population.

Sunak loses 1st electoral test as PM; Oppn wins big



ASSOCIATED PRESS

London, Dec 2: Britain's opposition Labour Party has handily won a special election for a northwest England seat in Parliament, the first test of voter sentiment since Conservative Prime Minister Rishi Sunak took office in October. Labour held onto the City of Chester constituency with an increased vote share of 61%, according to results announced Friday. Labour won 50% of the votes in Chester at the last national election in 2019. Labour leader Keir Starmer

said the result showed people are "fed up" with the Conservative government. Thursday's election was called after Labour lawmaker Christian Matheson stepped down over allegations that he made inappropriate sexual advances to a member of his staff. The result is bad news for the Conservatives, whose popularity has been hammered by the scandal-plagued three-year-term of former Prime Minister Boris Johnson, which ended in September, and weeks of turmoil under his short-term successor, Liz Truss. Sunak replaced her and announced a package of tax increases and spending cuts aimed at restoring confidence in the nation's finances. But the economic picture remains gloomy: Inflation hit 11.1% in October, many people are struggling to pay soaring energy bills and millions of workers, including railway staff, ambulance drivers and nurses, are staging strikes to demand major pay increases.

FARMGATE SCANDAL Ramaphosa's future as SA Prez in trouble

REUTERS

Johannesburg, Dec 2: Senior officials in South Africa's ruling African National Congress (ANC) were gathering Friday to decide whether President Cyril Ramaphosa should stay on after an inquiry found evidence of misconduct over cash hidden at his farm. His future has been in doubt since publication Wednesday of a report by a panel of experts investigating the alleged theft of millions of dollars of cash stuffed into furniture in the multi-millionaire leader's Phala Phala game farm in 2020. Ramaphosa has denied any wrongdoing and has not been charged with any crime. The president has said the money was much less than the \$4 million to \$8 million reported, and that it was the proceeds of game sales at the farm. The media has dubbed the affair "Farmgate".

Indonesia set to penalise sex outside marriage

Indonesia, the world's most populous Muslim-majority nation, has hundreds of regulations at the local level that discriminate against women, religious minorities, and LGBT people

REUTERS

Jakarta, Dec 2: Indonesia's parliament is expected to pass a new criminal code this month that will penalise sex outside marriage with a punishment of up to one year in jail, officials have confirmed. The legislative overhaul will also ban insulting the president or state institutions and expressing any views counter to Indonesia's state ideology. Cohabitation before marriage is also banned. Decades in the making, the new criminal code is expected to be passed December 15, Indonesia's deputy justice minister, Edward Omar Sharif Hiariej, told Reuters. "We're proud to have a criminal code that's in line with Indonesian values," he told Reuters in an interview. Bambang Wuryanto, a lawmaker

involved in the draft, said the new code could be passed by as early as next week. The draft has the support of some Islamic groups in a country where conservatism is on the rise, although opponents argue that it reverses liberal reforms enacted after the 1998 fall of authoritarian leader Suharto. A previous draft of the code was set to be passed in 2019 but sparked nationwide protests. Tens of thousands of people demonstrated at the time against a raft of laws, especially those seen to regulate morality and free speech, which they said would curtail civil liberties. Critics say say minimal changes to the code have been made since then, although the government has in recent months held public consultations around the country to provide information about the changes.



The changes to the code would be a "huge a setback to Indonesian democracy", said Andreas Harsono of Human Rights Watch. Some changes that have been made include a provision that could allow the death penalty to be commuted to life imprisonment after 10 years of good behaviour. The criminalisation of abortion, with the exception of rape

victims, and imprisonment for "black magic", remain in the code. According to the latest draft dated November 24 that was seen by Reuters, sex outside marriage, which can only be reported by limited parties such as close relatives, carries a maximum one-year prison sentence. Insulting the president, a charge that can only be reported by the president, carries a maxi-

The code, if passed, would apply to Indonesian citizens and foreigners alike, with business groups expressing concern about what damage the rules might have on Indonesia's image as a holiday and investment destination

mum of three years. Just weeks after Indonesia chaired a successful Group of Twenty (G20) meeting that saw its position elevated on the global stage, business sector representatives say the draft code sends the wrong message about Southeast Asia's largest economy.



For the investigators, the theft, which only came to light in June, has raised questions about how Ramaphosa acquired the money, why he wasn't keeping it in a bank and whether or not it had been declared to authorities. Ramaphosa put a pledge to fight endemic graft at the heart of his successful drive to oust predecessor Jacob Zuma in 2018. More than 80 officials from the ANC's senior entity, the National Executive Committee (NEC), were meeting in Johannesburg, the ANC announced. The scandal has damaged South Africa's image as a relatively stable investment destination and gateway to the continent. The country was only just recovering from several corruption scandals linked to Zuma, which authorities are now investigating.

of the day quote

We are excited to be able to connect Pune and Singapore - two cities that were not directly connected thus far. There is a growing demand for air travel between the two cities especially from corporate travelers

VINOD KANNAN | CEO, VISTARA

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AKSHAY JATIA | EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, WESTLIFE FOODWORLD

SHORT TAKE

Coal production up 17% in April-Nov

New Delhi: The country's coal production increased 17 per cent to 524.20 million tonne in the April-November period of the ongoing fiscal. India's coal output was at 447.54 million tonne in the year-ago period. In a bid to augment coal production capacity, the government has put 141 new coal blocks for commercial mines auction and has been engaging regularly with various coal companies in the country and monitoring their production, the coal ministry said in a statement.



The food processing sector is critical for the Indian economy as well as job creation. We need to ramp up production and exports of processed items

PARAMESWARAN IYER | CEO, NITI AAYOG

MSI TO HIKE PRICES FROM JAN

Maruti Suzuki India will increase the prices of its vehicles 'substantially' from next month as it looks to offset the impact of rising input costs and make provisions to update the model range to conform to stricter emission norms which kick in from April 2023



PROFIT TAKING ON D-ST

Markets settle lower after 8 days of rally

In the past eight days of bull-run, the BSE benchmark had jumped 2,139.35 points or 3.49%

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Mumbai, Dec 2: Equity benchmark indices ended lower Friday, halting their eight-day rally, amid a weak trend in global markets and emergence of profit-taking.

The 30-share BSE Sensex fell 415.69 points or 0.66 per cent to settle at 62,868.50. During the day, it tanked 604.56 points or 0.95 per cent to 62,679.63. The broader NSE Nifty dipped 116.40 points or 0.62 per cent to end at 18,696.10.

Among the Sensex pack, Mahindra & Mahindra, Hindustan Unilever, Maruti, Nestle, HDFC, Asian Paints, Bajaj Finance and Power Grid were among the major laggards. Tata Steel, Dr Reddy's, Tech Mahindra, IndusInd Bank and HCL Technologies were among the winners.

"Markets witnessed profit-taking and lost over half a per cent, taking a breather after the recent surge," said Ajit Mishra, VP - Technical Research, Religare Broking Ltd.

The broader market, however, bucked the trend and ended in the green, with the BSE midcap gauge settling 0.80 per cent higher and smallcap index climbed 0.70 per cent.



Among sectoral indices, power fell 1.23 per cent, auto declined 1.12 per cent, utilities (1.10 per cent), tech (0.52 per cent), consumer durables (0.46 per cent), IT (0.41 per cent) and bankex (0.32 per cent).

Commodities, industrials, capital goods, telecommunication and metal were among the winners.

The rupee pared its initial gains to settle down by 7 paise at 81.33 against the US dollar Friday. At the interbank foreign exchange market, the local unit opened at 81.11, but pared the gains and ended at 81.33, down 7 paise over its previous close. On Thursday, the rupee appreciated by 4 paise to close at 81.26 against the US dollar.

The BSE benchmark had climbed 184.54 points or 0.29 per cent to settle at 63,284.19, its fresh record closing high. Thursday the Nifty advanced 54.15 points or 0.29 per cent to end at 18,812.50, its new record closing high.

Foreign Institutional Investors (FIIs) turned buyers Friday as they purchased shares worth ₹214.76 crore.

Nexus Malls appoints Amitabh Bachchan as 'happyness ambassador'

POST NEWS NETWORK

New Delhi, Dec 02: Nexus Malls, the retail platform in India owned and managed by Blackstone Real Estate funds, has announced Amitabh Bachchan as its 'Happyness Ambassador'.

This is a unique, one-of-a-kind partnership with India's biggest global superstar to provide customers with a 'Har Din Kuch Naya' experience. Bachchan is one of the most iconic celebrities in India, who is an all-time favourite across different age groups. He is a household name renowned for his award-winning acting career and charitable efforts.

"We are extremely privileged to welcome Amitabh Bachchan to our Nexus Malls family. He has a remarkable ability to connect with different age groups. We are proud to partner with one of India's biggest icons to help us deliver Har Din Kuch Naya experiences to our customers," said Dalip Sehgal, CEO, Nexus Malls.

Bachchan added, "I am delighted to endorse Nexus Malls. Together, we will try and further aim at curating new experiences for the customers each time they visit Nexus Malls."

Growing at great pace since inception, Nexus Malls now boasts of a portfolio of 9.8 million square feet of Grade A retail space in the country.

With an objective of identifying, evaluating, buying and adding value to the assets that they acquire, Nexus Malls today operates across 17 major malls in the country spread across 13 cities which include Mumbai, Bangalore, Hyderabad, Pune, Amritsar, Chandigarh, Ahmedabad, Bhubaneswar, Indore, Mysore, Mangalore and Udaipur. One of the malls in the Nexus Malls portfolio is India's largest Transit Oriented Development - Seawoods Grand Central in Navi Mumbai.

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I extend my hearty congratulations to all the differently abled persons on the International Day of PwDs 2022. My Government will continue to endeavour for inclusive development of persons with disabilities.

(NAVEEN PATNAIK)

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A dedicated Session on Film & Entertainment is being organized by Odisha Film Development Corporation (OFDC) from 10:30 A.M. to 12:30 P.M. on 3rd December, 2022 in Sectorial Hall No. 5 of the Make in Odisha Conclave 2022 venue at Janata Maidan, Bhubaneswar as a part of the Make in Odisha Conclave scheduled from 30th November to 4th December 2022.

The session shall include panel discussions.

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SAMURAI SLAY SPAIN, OUST GERMANY



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Doha, Dec 2: Same stadium. Same result. Similar shocking victory for Japan at the World Cup. After beating Germany 2-1 in their opener, Japan found their way into the round of 16 of the World Cup by defeating Spain by the same score in their last group game Thursday. Spain also advanced despite the loss.

Japan scored twice early in the second half to come from behind and defeat another European powerhouse and make it to the knockout stage for the second straight time. It was the first time Japan has advanced past the group stage in back-to-back tournaments.

Ao Tanaka scored the winning goal from close range early in the second half. It took about two minutes for video review officials to confirm the ball hadn't gone out of bounds before the goal that gave Japan the win at Khalifa International Stadium, which is where Japan had shocked Germany in their opener.

Japan finished at the top of Group E to set up a last-16 matchup against Croatia. Spain finished second and will take on Morocco.

Spain and Germany — who beat Costa Rica 4-2 — both had three points in the group. But Spain had a superior goal difference from their first group match so Germany was eliminated.

The group standings bounced back and forth during both matches. Costa Rica were beating Germany

at one point. If that result had stood, Costa Rica would have eliminated Spain.

Alvaro Morata scored first for Spain in the 11th minute and Spain was in control until Japan rallied after halftime. Ritsu Doan equalised

in the 48th with a left-footed shot from outside the box, and Tanaka added the second three minutes later. Morata became the first player to score in the first three Spain matches at the World Cup since Telmo Zarra in 1950. Spain had

opened with a 7-0 rout of Costa Rica before conceding late in a 1-1 draw against Germany.

Japan were eliminated by Belgium in the last 16 in Russia. The Blue Samurais have never gone past the round of 16 at World Cups.

VAR controversy hits again



Doha: The goal that dumped Germany out of the 2022 World Cup initially didn't count. Japan scored it to take the lead during their win over Spain, but referees initially disallowed it because the ball, a second before the goal, seemed to have crossed the end line.

But the video assistant referee (VAR), after reviewing the play, overturned the call on the field because, although replays and still photos both appeared to show the ball crossing the line, it didn't —

at least not fully, apparently. There was, from some camera angles, green grass between the ball and the white end line. That bit of green led millions of fans, and even refereeing experts, to assume the goal wouldn't count.

But the excuse or debate was wrong, as far as the rule is concerned. That bit of green between ball and line does not matter. By rule, the ball is only out of play when the entirety of it has fully cleared the plane of the boundary.

In other words, if you were to draw a line perpendicular to the ground — straight up from the end line toward the sky — and that vertical line intersects with any part of the ball, the ball is still in play.

Camera angles that offered a bird's eye view seemed to show that the ball hadn't done this; that a sliver of it still hovered above a sliver of the line. And thus, after video review, the goal was given.

The decision was not infallible. Whereas goals can be checked via goal-line technology, similar to the "Hawk-Eye" system popularised by tennis, goal-line tech only applies between the posts.

The VAR, though, would have had access to multiple angles from cameras perched in line with the end line. FIFA has not published the video or still photos used to overturn the decision on the field, but the video assistants must have concluded that those angles were definitive.

S Korea kill 2 birds with 1 stone

REUTERS

Al Rayyan, Dec 2: South Korea scored a last-gasp goal to beat already-qualified Portugal 2-1 at the World Cup in a comeback win that sent the Asian side into the last 16 ahead of Uruguay on goals scored.

With the clock ticking down on South Korea's time in the tournament, striker Son Heung-min ran free after a Portugal corner in added time and slipped a pass to Hwang Hee-chan who fired past Diogo Costa to spark wild celebrations.

After the whistle blew, the anxious Korean players gathered in a circle awaiting the end of the Uruguay-Ghana game and exploded with joy when the news arrived that the South Americans had only won 2-0 in their Group H clash.

South Korea had to beat Portugal at the Education City Stadium to stand a chance of going through to the last 16 and their win catapulted them from fourth to second place

by virtue of having scored four goals in the tournament to Uruguay's two.

Winger Ricardo Horta had put Portugal ahead with their first goal attempt in the fifth minute when he found himself inside the box and converted a neat cut-back by defender Diogo Dalot.

The Koreans equalised later through defender Kim Young-gwon who scored after the ball bounced off Cristiano Ronaldo's back following a corner. Ronaldo, seeking a goal to equal Portugal's overall World Cup record of nine scored by the great Eusebio, had his first chance just after the half-hour mark with a solo effort which Kim Seung-gyu saved and he was in any case offside.

URUGUAY BOW OUT

Luis Suarez cried on the sidelines after Uruguay were eliminated despite a 2-0 win over Ghana. The result also put Ghana out of the competition.

Suarez played a key role in both first-half goals scored by Giorgian De Arrascaeta and Uruguay appeared headed for the round of 16 after inflicting more pain on Ghana 12 years after their now-infamous meeting in the quarterfinals at the 2010 World Cup.

Then, Suarez denied Ghana a winning goal with a deliberate handball on the goal-line and having been sent off, he celebrated wildly on the sidelines when Ghana missed the resultant penalty.

Uruguay were in a position to go through in Qatar until South Korea's late goal gave it a 2-1 win over Portugal in the other Group H game. That meant Uruguay needed to score one more goal in the dying minutes of their game to qualify.

They didn't and were eliminated. Suarez was distraught on the sidelines and covered his face with his shirt having been substituted in what was likely his last World Cup appearance.



DISAPPOINTMENT FOR GERMANS

ASSOCIATED PRESS

Al Khor (Qatar), Dec 2: Germany were eliminated from the group stage of the World Cup for the second tournament in a row.

The four-time champions beat Costa Rica 4-2 Thursday but it wasn't enough to reach the round of 16. Japan's 2-1 victory over Spain in the other group game allowed both of those teams to advance instead, with the Japanese team finishing at the top of Group E.

"I was just in the changing

room and as you can imagine, the disappointment is huge," Germany coach Hansi Flick said. Playing as defending champions at the last World Cup, Germany also were knocked out in the group stage.

Germany, who lost to Japan in their opening match in Qatar, needed help from the other match in order to advance with a victory at Al Bayt Stadium, but things didn't go its way. If Spain had beaten Japan, the Germans would have finished second in the group.

It all started so well with Serge

Gnabry putting Germany in front against Costa Rica with a 10th-minute header and Spain taking an early lead against Japan at the Khalifa International Stadium here. Both matches were turned upside down in the second half.

Yeltsin Tejada evened the score in the 58th minute and Juan Vargas scrambled another in the 70th, putting Costa Rica ahead 2-1 and on target to advance at Spain's expense.

But Germany substitute Kai Havertz made it 2-2 three minutes later and then restored Germany's lead in the 85th. Another substitute, Niclas Füllkrug, added the fourth.

Japan finished at the top of Group E with six points, two more than both Spain and Germany. Spain progressed because of their better goal difference, with most of them coming from their opening 7-0 rout of Costa Rica. Germany would have needed five more goals to match the Spanish tally.

The match was also notable because French referee Stéphanie Frappart became the first woman to officiate a men's WC match.



Veron postmortems WC Group E results



JUAN VERON

prising, since they have been improving year after year. But this year they surprised with their attacking game and the speed of their tireless players.

And to me credit also goes to my Brazilian legend Zico who changed Japan football. Next up for the Japanese is a round of 16 tie against Croatia, where they will play as underdogs once more.

Earlier, Spain coach Luis Enrique said that football was a show and that you had to have fun. It wasn't what really happened. Enrique was seen to be restless and very nervous, because of the bad game that his men were having.

At this stage I can say, one of the favourites to win this World Cup is Argentina. Slowly they are getting back their rhythm. But the problem is some of the players are already feeling tired and fatigued. Coach must find out the way to overcome this.

As an example, Angel Di Maria. He is one of the main players and perhaps coach Lionel Scaloni will lose him for the game against Australia. It is not to worry, since they have plenty of good players. But it is not a good sign that there are already injured players just before the start of the knockout stage. They must overcome these issues to progress through the World Cup.

CHIVACH SPORTS

BCCI set to introduce 'impact player' rule in IPL

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New Delhi, Dec 2: In its bid to provide tactical flexibility to the teams, the BCCI is all set to introduce the 'impact player' system in the upcoming edition of IPL where the captains will be able to replace one playing-XI member with a substitute player during the match.

BCCI had put the system on trial during the Syed Mushtaq Ali T20 tournament in October and the move was largely welcomed

by the state teams.

According to sources privy to development, the matter was discussed at the IPL Governing Council on Thursday evening. The franchisees have already been sent a note with regards to introduction of tactical substitution.

"The matter has been discussed at the IPL GC meeting and BCCI will share the details soon," an IPL franchise source told PTI on conditions of anonymity. While the exact details are awaited, the play-

ing regulations, followed during the Syed Mushtaq Ali Trophy, would be adopted.

According to the 'impact player', a team can have four pre-decided substitute players who can be pencilled as "tactical substitutions" and one of them can be used in a match situation. However any such substitute has to be introduced, if required, into the match before or by the end of the 14th over of a team's innings. The 2023 IPL will be played between April and October.

HOW THE RULE WORKS

If Delhi Capitals' Prithvi Shaw gets out cheaply and the team feels that they have a like-for-like power-hitter in Yash Dhuil sitting in the dug-out as one of the four substitutes, he can come out for batting.

Similarly in case of a bowling team, if MS Dhoni uses Deepak Chahar's four over spell within the first eight overs and feels conditions at the Eden Garden's are aiding seam and swing, he can substitute Chahar with Sam Curran (if

picked by CSK) before the 14th over and ask bowl his full quota of four overs for maximum advantage.

"With the ever-growing popularity of T20 cricket, it is imperative that we look at introducing new dimensions which will make this format more attractive and interesting not only for our viewers but also the participating teams from a strategic viewpoint," the BCCI, in its note to state units had said before the Mushtaq Ali Trophy.

Odisha FC move to 2nd with victory

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

Bhubaneswar, Dec 2: Odisha FC registered three wins on a trot for the first time this season as they beat NorthEast United FC (NEUFC) 2-1 in the ISL here Friday.

Nandhakumar Sekar scored his fourth goal of the season to put the Juggernauts in front in the 25th minute before substitute Rochharzela scored with his first touch to make it all square in the 60th minute. Jerry Mawihmingthanga scored Odisha FC's 99th ISL goal in the 78th minute to lift the Juggernauts up into second place.

The hosts got their noses in front in the 25th minute courtesy of Sekar, who got on the scoresheet for the third successive game. Raynier Fernandes slid a through ball into the box for Diego Mauricio, who whipped a low ball across the face



of goal, and Sekar was at the far post to tap it into an empty net.

An equaliser came in the second half when Rochharzela scored just five minutes after coming on. In the 78th minute, Crespo unleashed a shot at goal, which was parried away by the keeper straight to Jerry, who put the hosts back in front.

The narrow win kept Odisha FC's 100 percent record at home intact and helped them leapfrog Hyderabad FC and move into second place, three points behind leaders Mumbai City FC with a game in hand. NorthEast United FC remained at the foot of the table, still waiting to get off the mark.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Mishra, Jena nominated to represent Odisha

BHUBANESWAR: Hareesh Kumar Mishra and Partha Sarathi Jena of Odisha Ice Skating Association (OISA) have been nominated to represent Odisha in the 'World Ice Skating Day' to take place at SISSU, Manali, Himachal Pradesh December 3-5. Notably, Mishra and Jena are the founder and originator of ice skating sport in the state, and already helped Odisha make their debut in ice skating November last year. "Since ice skating is a popular Olympics sport, exposure like 'World Ice Skating Day' to our officials will give a new dimension and opportunities to the young skaters and athletes of the state," said OISA president Surjit Pattnaik.

Saurashtra triumph

AHMEDABAD: Senior batter Sheldon Jackson struck an unbeaten 133 as Saurashtra beat Maharashtra by five wickets to win the Vijay Hazare Trophy here Friday. Batting first, Maharashtra rode on skipper Ruturaj Gaikwad's third consecutive hundred (108) to reach 248/9. Chirag Jani (3/43) took a hat-trick for Saurashtra. In reply, Saurashtra reached the target in 46.3 overs.

Chinese GP cancelled

LONDON: Formula One confirmed Friday that the Chinese Grand Prix will not take place in 2023, making it the fourth year in a row the race has been cancelled because of the coronavirus pandemic. F1 has not visited the Shanghai circuit since 2019 as China pursues a strict policy of lockdowns and entry restrictions during the pandemic.