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BRITNEY SPEARS DENIES PARTYING WITH PARIS

Pop icon Britney Spears is back to serve another round of entertainment on Instagram. The singer has denied attending a party with Paris Hilton amid claims that the heiress had photoshopped Britney into group photos.

SHOCKED BRAD PITT WITH MY IMPROVISED KISS: ROBBIE

Actress Margot Robbie insists she improvised her kiss with Brad Pitt in *Babylon*. "My character Nellie kisses a lot of people but not him. I thought, 'When else am I gonna get the chance to kiss Brad Pitt? I'm just gonna go for it' and he was shocked," she reveals.



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ARIES
You are enthusiastic about mixing with people today, and you will feel like combining business and leisure. You will be encouraged to take part in group activities as you have the ability to work and have fun at the same time. Ganesh says that as a matter of fact you may emerge wiser from others' ideas.

TAURUS
Professionals in all spheres of work are due for a field day today. The day will be particularly outstanding for Administrators and executives are likely to get richer by the end of the day. Even if you are engaged in some other work, you will stand out and get noticed for your overall excellence.

GEMINI
Routine work bores you, and today you will go all out to break free from the shackles of boredom. The results, however, may not be as dramatic. You will have to depend on your children, if any, to rescue you from the tyranny of routine.

CANCER
You wish to display your social prestige and monetary clout in front of your relatives. But you have to pay a heavy price for that. Your past experience will teach you something, which will stand in good stead for future dealings.

LEO
You will see some change in your daily schedule today. It is a good day to start a new job or business activity. You will focus more attention on your personality today. You will try to improve yourself and bring your hidden talents to the fore.

VIRGO
Ganesh says you realise the importance of family matters today. You have great skills when it comes to negotiations, and you will use them in settling disputes amicably. Ganesh says you have learned the lessons of life on staying level-headed, and that you keenly believe that opposition eventually leads to progress.

LIBRA
Ganesh says today you may be able to undertake travel for business or pleasure purposes. It may be a busy day for you work wise and you may not be able to completely focus on your family or family issues. Try your luck in the stock market today, as it may prove beneficial to you. If there are certain issues or problems they will be sorted out today because of your varied skills and past experiences.

SCORPIO
Try to take a chill pill as you may be worried about petty issues today. Do not let them hinder your happiness and take a toll on your health. However, the day looks promising towards the end. Friends are just a phone call away, call them and set out for a destination unknown to destress and rejuvenate.

SAGITTARIUS
Work is likely to keep you on toes. At work place, you and your opinions will be in demand. Those who are associated with stock exchange and shares will be happy to gain profits during the afternoon. Wait and watch the end result in the evening.

CAPRICORN
Though you leave no stone unturned to identify the opportunities coming your way, you need to keep your guards on whenever you are a part of a legal matter. Financially, you're likely to bear some heavy losses, and if you're a dealer or a broker, the chances of suffering from them are even higher. Take some precautionary measures well in advance, advises Ganesh.

AQUARIUS
The game is set; you are put up against those who are holding a grudge against you and are waiting for an opportunity to pull you down. But, you are confident, skilful, and know your strengths very well. No matter how hard the opponents try, they will be no match to you, predicts Ganesh.

PISCES
You will find yourself in a philosophical state of mind today. You will be able to see things for what they really are, rather than what they appear to be. You are unlikely to try and swim against the flow today, given your mental state.

'SHE LOST CHARM AND GLOW' TWEET

Outpouring of support for Samantha

Hyderabad: "I pray you never have to go through months of treatment and medication like I did. And here's some love from me to add to your glow."

This was how actor Samantha Ruth Prabhu responded to a tweet that read "She lost all her charm and glow." Hours after Samantha attended the trailer launch of her upcoming film Shaakuntalam, the tweet shocked all her fans.

"Feeling sad for Samantha she lost all her charm and glow. When everyone thought she came out of divorce strongly and her professional life is seeing heights, Myositis hit her badly, making her weak again," reads the tweet from a verified Twitter handle.

Samantha received an outpouring of support from Netizens.

A Twitter user wrote: "As someone who has an autoimmune disease, and went through heaps of experimental treatments including steroids, with all the effects of illness & treatment that showed up visibly, these kinds of condescending remarks can feel brutal. I feel sorry for those that can't see."

To this, Samantha added: "You are beautiful." Another Twitter user wrote: "I have three autoimmune patients at home. You are a fighter and so are my family members. Be strong and we will overcome everything."



Six Indian movies on Oscars 'reminder list'

Los Angeles: Six Indian feature films - *RRR*, India's official entry *The Last Film Show*, the sleeper hit *Kantara*, *The Kashmir Files*, *Gangubai Kathiyawadi* and *Me Vasant*, the Marathi-language biopic on classical singer Vasant Deshpande - are on the list of 301 movies that are eligible for the 95th Oscars.

The Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences unveiled the list Monday. It includes presumed contenders such as *Elvis*, *The Fabelmans* and *Living*. The number of movies marks an increase from last year's

276 films that were eligible from 2021, and down from 366 in 2020 at the height of the pandemic, reports Variety.

All these expected contenders are listed on the Academy's annual Reminder List of Productions Eligible for the 95th Academy Awards, including the performers eligible for consideration in the acting categories.

The highest-grossing movies of the year, including *Avatar: The Way of Water*, *Top Gun: Maverick* and *Black Panther: Wakanda Forever* are on the robust list, while critically



acclaimed features such as *The Banshees of Inisherin*, *Everything*

Everywhere All at Once and *Tar* are also in the list.



Mumbai: Ahead of *'Pathaan'* release, there is another good news for SRKians. Yes, Shah Rukh Khan has emerged as the 4th richest actor in the world.

According to the 2023 updated data in its twitter post of World of Statistics, Shah Rukh, who reportedly earns approximately \$24 million

SRK turns world's 4th richest actor

The 'DDLJ' actor has a net worth of \$770 million or ₹6,306 crore that leaves the likes of Tom Cruise, Jackie Chan, George Clooney and Rober De Niro behind

per year, has left behind the likes of *Top Gun: Maverick* star Tom Cruise and Jackie Chan. As per the list, the wealth of Shah Rukh Khan stands at 770 million \$ whereas Tom Cruise and

Jackie Chan's wealth is around 620 million \$ and 520 million \$ respectively. A wing of the Department of Mathematics and Statistics at Georgia State University, the World of Statistics is a global network of nearly 2,300 organizations worldwide committed to increasing public awareness of the power and impact of statistics on all aspects of society.

AGENCIES

Yami wants to play Madhubala in biopic

Mumbai: Known for her recent performances in *A Thursday* and *Dasvi*, actor Yami Gautam Dhar says she wants to star in a biopic of yesteryear icon Madhubala. During a recent interview, Yami was asked whose biopic would she like to play a role in, to which she responded, "The most beautiful one would be, I think Madhubala Ji. I know that there are some films being announced, but it's nothing to do with those announcements."

Speaking of her love of classic Hindi films and songs, Yami continued, "I have always said this in my makeup room because I used to watch her songs at night. So at night, I have this habit to date, of watching either some old songs or some old interviews. It could be Madhubala Ji's to Smita ji's interviews and my God! How well-spoken they were. I wish again, one of those actors were still alive. There was so much more that was left to be seen and I wish she was here today because she's one of my favorite actors."

A biopic on Madhubala's life and career was recently teased by producer Tutu Sharma.

Yami's upcoming lineup includes *Chor Nikal Ke Bhaga*, *OMG2* and *Dhoom Dham*, and other unannounced projects.

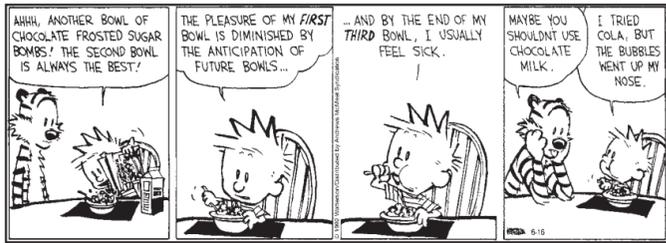
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PEANUTS



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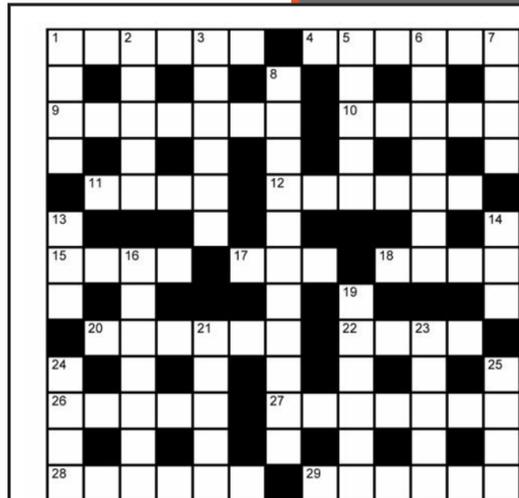


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Across

- 1 Calculating machine
- 4 Old World monkey
- 9 Fissure
- 10 Lay to rest
- 11 Sainly topper
- 12 Wobble
- 15 Pub offerings
- 17 British title of respect placed after the name
- 18 Singing voice
- 20 Farm

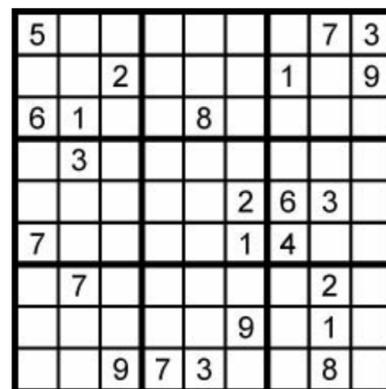
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- 22 European mountain chain
- 26 Slogan
- 27 Large indefinite amount
- 28 Entry document
- 29 Second book of the Old Testament
- 1 Instep
- 2 Field of play

- 3 Togetherness
- 5 Excuse
- 6 Best under the circumstances
- 7 Roman Emperor
- 8 Doggedness
- 13 Boxer's punch
- 14 Watch chain
- 16 Unreliable
- 19 Rectangular array of quantities
- 21 Slipknot
- 23 Boastful
- 24 Discharge
- 25 Probability

SUDOKU

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



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YAMI'S ASPIRATION

Actor Yami Gautam Dhar says acting in a biopic of yesteryear icon Madhubala is one of her dreams

LEISURE



SATELLITE SETBACK

UK officials say they are disappointed but not deterred after the first attempt to launch satellites into orbit ended in failure

INTERNATIONAL P8



INDIA WIN 1ST ODI

Virat Kohli scores his 45th ODI century to help India register a 67-run victory over Sri Lanka in the first match

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SHORT TAKES

Prithvi-II missile test successful

New Delhi: India successfully carried out a test launch of tactical ballistic missile Prithvi-II from a test range off the Odisha coast Tuesday. The defence ministry said the missile struck its target with high accuracy. A successful training launch of a short-range ballistic missile, Prithvi-II, was carried out January 10 from the Integrated Test Range, Chandipur off the coast of Odisha, it said. A well-established system, Prithvi-II missile has been an integral part of India's nuclear deterrence. The missile struck its target with high accuracy, the ministry said in a statement.

Gangadhar Nat'l Award for Pillai

Sambalpur: Eminent Malayalam poet KG Sankara Pillai was Tuesday conferred with the prestigious Gangadhar National Award for Poetry-2021 by Sambalpur University on the occasion of its 56th foundation day. The award carries ₹1 lakh, a shawl, a citation and a memento. Named after famous poet Gangadhar Meher, the award is given to a poet of national repute every year during the foundation day function of the university. Receiving the award, Pillai said poetry arises from a deeper sense of justice, and a deeper sense of history. When a social system starts to perform fascism, no doubt, poetry of that social system brings out the resistance force from within to respond, he said.

IRREGULAR by MANJUL



I'm the Governor. State gov't can't treat me like its puppet

MARKET WATCH

INDEX	VAIATION
SENSEX	60115.48 ↓ 631.83
NIFTY	17914.15 ↓ 187.05
DOLLAR	81.78 ↓ ₹0.57
EURO	87.58 ↓ ₹0.56
GOLD	₹55,787 ↑ ₹77
SILVER	₹68,560 ↓ ₹340

WEATHER

	BHUB	CTK
TEMP MAX	29.8°C	29.0°C
TEMP MIN	12.6°C	13.6°C
Humidity	70%	64%
Rainfall	Nil	Nil
Forecast	Shallow to moderate fog likely	



GUNS FOR SAFETY: Village Defence Guards (VDG) members train at an interaction-cum-training workshop organised by the Indian Army at Kotranka area of Rajouri in the aftermath of terror attacks, Tuesday

JOSHIMATH SUBSIDENCE

SC refuses urgent hearing

AGENCIES

New Delhi, Jan 10: The Supreme Court Tuesday refused urgent hearing of a plea seeking the court's intervention to declare the crisis in Uttarakhand's Joshimath a national disaster, saying there are "democratically elected institutions" to deal with the situation and all important matters should not come to it.

A bench of Chief Justice DY Chandrachud and Justice PS Narasimha listed the plea of Swami Avimuktsharanand Saraswati of Joshimath for hearing January 16. Advocate Parmeshwar Nath Mishra, appearing for the Swami, mentioned the plea and sought its urgent listing for Wednesday. "Everything important need not come to us. There are democratically



elected institutions to look into it. We will list it on January 16," the CJI said. The lawyer had mentioned the plea also on Monday for urgent listing. "Mention again Tuesday after following the due process when your matter is in the mentioning list," the bench had said. Saraswati has contended that

the incident has occurred due to large-scale industrialisation and sought immediate financial assistance and compensation to the people of Uttarakhand. The plea has also sought direction to the National Disaster Management Authority (NDMA) to actively support the residents of Joshimath in these challenging times.

"No development is needed at the cost of human life and their ecosystem and if any such thing is to happen, then it is the duty of the State and Union government to stop the same immediately at war

level," the plea by the Seer said.

Joshimath, the gateway to famous pilgrimage sites like Badrinath and Hemkund Sahib and international skiing destination Auli, is facing a major challenge due to land subsidence.

Joshimath is sinking gradually with huge cracks developing in houses, on roads and fields. Many houses have tilted and are sinking, locals said. Chief Minister Pushkar Singh Dhama has ordered immediate evacuation of 600 families living in houses that are at risk.

On Monday, stressing that every minute is important, Uttarakhand Chief Secretary SS Sandhu directed immediate evacuation of people from the affected zone in Joshimath, which is facing land subsidence.

Earlier, a bulletin from the Disaster Management Authority Chamoli said that cracks have appeared in 678 houses so far while 82 families have been shifted to safe locations in the town. Sandhu held a meeting with the concerned departments at the State Secretariat to review the situation in Joshimath.

PREP BEGINS TO DEMOLISH HOTELS AMID PROTESTS

Joshimath: The administration prepared Tuesday to demolish two precariously standing hotels in subsidence-hit Joshimath in Uttarakhand but faced protests from their owners and locals on the issue of compensation, while more families were evacuated from the danger zone as the number of affected houses rose to over 700. Hotels Malari Inn and Mount View were leaning towards each other dangerously, posing a threat to human settlements around them and the Uttarakhand government had Monday directed the razing of unstable structures, starting with these two buildings. State Disaster Relief Force (SDRF) personnel along with JCBs and workers reached the site and announcements were made through loud hailer asking people to keep their distance from the two hotels. The area was barricaded and power lines in the area were cut off Tuesday. **MORE P5**

HSRP ENFORCEMENT SET TO START JAN 15

■ The deadline for vehicles with registration number ending with 7 and 8 is Jan 31 while the same for vehicles with registration number ending with 9 and 0 is Feb 28

POST NEWS NETWORK

Bhubaneswar, Jan 10: The deadline for affixation of High Security Registration Plate (HSRP) on vehicles registered prior to April 01,

2019, carrying Odisha registration mark and registration number ending with 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6 ended December 31, 2022. Now, the law enforcement agencies are all set to enforce the fitment from January 15.

The deadline for vehicles with registration number ending with 7 and 8 is January 31 while the last date for the vehicles with registration number ending with 9 and 0 is February 28. "No e-chal-



lan shall be issued and no fine shall be collected or no penal action shall be taken against any vehicle owner for plying vehicles

without HSRP till January 14. After that challans will be issued in accordance with the last date given for various series of vehicles. In case the vehicle is not affixed with HSRP within the scheduled date mentioned above, e-challan shall be issued against the offending vehicle and attract fine of ₹5,000 or ₹10,000 under Section 192 of MV Act, 1988 as the case may be," informed an official. **Continued on P2**

HOCKEY FEVER GRIPS ODISHA

Youths pedal to Bhub from Steel City to thank Naveen



AGENCIES

Bhubaneswar, Jan 10: With Odisha under the grip of hockey world cup fever, a large number of youths pedalled over 300 km from Rourkela to Bhubaneswar to thank Chief Minister Naveen Patnaik for organising the mega event in Sundargarh district, the cradle of hockey in the state.

Rourkela is one of the two venues for the Men's Hockey World Cup, 2023 where as many as 20 matches will be played at the newly built Birsra Munda Hockey Stadium.

While welcoming the youths from Sundargarh district, Patnaik lauded their efforts to popularise and promote hockey and sought the cooperation of all for the success of the mega international event in Rourkela, an official release said. **Continued on P2**

Half-day holiday in all schools today for star-studded opening ceremony

The cyclists were elated as the people of the tribal-dominated Sundargarh district will hold an international event on their soil for the first time in the history. The world's largest hockey stadium has also come up in Rourkela, where the inaugural match is slated to be held between India and Spain January 13.

Similarly, another group of enthusiasts led by former legislator Prabhat Tripathy also met the Chief Minister and thanked him for the decision to organise the opening ceremony of the Hockey World Cup in the historic city of Cuttack Wednesday.

The Chief Minister sought cooperation of the people of the Millennium City for the success of the event, the CMO statement said. **Continued on P2**

After much hype, Prince Harry's 'Spare' hits stand

THE BOOK'S MYRIAD REVELATIONS AND ACCUSATIONS HAVE ALREADY BEEN SPLASHED ACROSS THE MEDIA

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London, Jan 10: After weeks of hype and days of leaks, readers got a chance to judge Prince Harry's book for themselves when it went on sale around the world Tuesday.

In Britain, a few stores opened at midnight to sell copies of 'Spare' to diehard royal devotees and the merely curious. Many said they wanted to form their own opinion of the book after days of snippets and debate on news sites and television. "I'm excited just to hear about Prince Harry's life from Prince Harry," said Sarah Nakana, a surveyor who bought the book at London's Victoria station. "There's so much misinformation, disinformation about



Harry and Meghan." The book's myriad revelations and accusations have already been

splashed across the media. In the ghostwritten memoir Harry, 38, recounts his grief at the death of

his mother, Princess Diana, his disputes with brother Prince William and frustration at the role of royal "spare" in the shadow of his elder sibling, who is heir to the British throne.

He lacerates the UK's tabloid press for coverage he considers prurient, intrusive and sometimes plain wrong, claims his relatives were unwelcoming to his wife Meghan and accuses members of the royal family, including his stepmother Camilla, of leaking stories to the media to burnish their own reputations.

Buckingham Palace has not commented on any of the allegations, though royal allies have pushed back, largely anonymously. Harry's exposure of bitter divides inside the House of Windsor — alongside details of his mental health struggles, experiences with sex and drugs and decade-long military career — has generated reams of media coverage. **Continued on P2**

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Hockey World Cup boon for tourism

This is for the first time that the sporting extravaganza will be hosted by a country/state twice in a row



HOCKEY ENTHUSIASTS: Visitors taking selfie with the Hockey WC mascot Oilly at Kalinga Stadium in Bhubaneswar, Tuesday

ARINDAM GANGULY, OP

Bhubaneswar, Jan 10: With Odisha having the distinction of organising two back-to-back hockey world cups and the state government leaving no stone unturned to project the state as a major sports hub of the country, the tourism and hospitality sector expects that the upcoming FIH Men's Hockey World Cup beginning January 13 would undoubtedly be a tourism booster. Projecting Bhubaneswar as the country's 'Sports Capital', the state government aims to attract huge number of tourists from across the country and abroad, said sources. During the previous hockey world cup held in the Capital city, Odisha had witnessed a record surge in tourist footfall during November-December of 2018. As per the Tourism department, the state received 1.61 million and 2.22 million domestic tourists in November and December respectively - upto 60 per cent rise than normal times. Also, arrival of foreign tourists in Odisha had notched

During the previous hockey world cup held in the Capital city, Odisha had witnessed a record surge in tourist footfall during November-December of 2018

As per the Tourism department, the state received 1.61 million and 2.22 million domestic tourists in November and December respectively - upto 60 per cent rise than normal times

up to 50 per cent in 2018.

The Tourism department expects higher footfall as this is for the first time that the Men's Hockey World Cup will be hosted by a nation twice in a row (2018 and 2023). Also, Bhubaneswar is co-hosting the world cup with Rourkela, the steel city of Odisha, this time.

Hotel & Restaurant Association of Odisha (HRAO) working president Srinivas Subudhi said altogether 16 countries are participating in the world cup which will certainly boost tourist footfall. "We estimate that around 10 lakh foreign tourists will arrive in Odisha for

the hockey world cup. We had collaborated with the government and will organise international food festival during the tournament in Bhubaneswar. We had directed all the hotels and restaurants to make elaborate arrangements for the tourists. Last time, the hockey world cup was organised in haste but this time we had ample time for promotion of the mega event. We expect higher footfall than that of 2018," said Subudhi. Debasish Mohapatra, a tour operator, said, "Recently launched

flights from Rourkela and Jharsuguda to other cities will attract more tourists. We also expect rise in the numbers if India reaches the semifinal and final. We expect 20-25 per cent rise in footfall as compared to 2018 world cup."

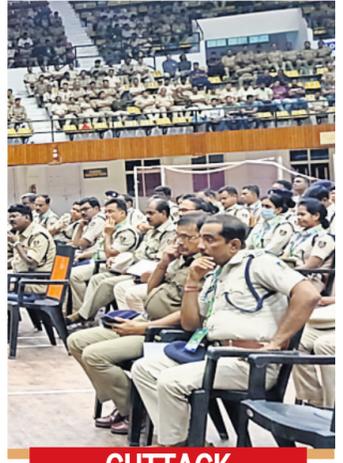
Nevertheless, he cautioned about the recent rise in Covid-19 cases and the situation in Asian countries that might impact the foreign tourist footfall to some extent.

Biswa Mohan Bhoi, a tour operator, opined that the state may see around 10,000-15,000 local tourists as the coastal state is hosting the world cup for the second time in a row. "Hosting the world cup for the second time will help ensure more than 50 per cent growth in tourist footfall as compared to 2018," he said. It is an opportunity to attract the tourists to Odisha's world-class tourism sites like Konark, Puri, Satapada, Bhitarkanika and winter places like Daringbadi, he added.

According to Odisha Tourism Development Corporation (OTDC) chairperson Lenin Mohanty, "We are ready to welcome tourists during the upcoming hockey world cup. We have renovated OTDC Panthanivas at Rourkela which was unveiled by the Chief Minister recently. The newly-renovated property with plush interiors with modern comfort and amenities might just be the place to unwind as you travel to the Steel City."



BHUBANESWAR



CUTTACK



BMC readies for sanitation

Bhubaneswar: Bhubaneswar Municipal Corporation (BMC), by order of the Mayor and Commissioner, has chalked out instant cleaning of Kalinga Stadium Ground ahead of FIH Hockey Men's World Cup. Under supportive coordination of Deputy Commissioner, Sanitation, Suvendu Kumar Sahu, Assistant Health Officer, BMC is designated as 'nodal officer' for smooth management of sanitation activities in and around Kalinga Stadium. Assistant Commissioner, Sanitation has been assigned for ensuring sanitation along with team of SBA Cell Experts. About 100 sanitary workers and 12 loaders shall be deployed along with required number of vehicles. On-spot monitoring and central reporting have been ordered to ensure timely cleaning.

HALF-DAY HOLIDAY FOR SCHOOLS TODAY

POST NEWS NETWORK

Bhubaneswar, Jan 10: In view of the opening ceremony of the FIH Men's Hockey World Cup 2023, all the schools including private schools in the state will remain closed Wednesday from 1pm.

As art, culture and heritage of Odisha will be showcased during the inaugural ceremony at Barabati Stadium Wednesday, the schools will be closed after half-day so that students can witness the historic moment.

An order issued by the School and Mass Education department said all government, aided, private and public (self-financing) schools will be closed to watch the direct telecast of various entertaining programmes based on art, culture, heritage and traditions of the state presented at the opening ceremony.

A notification also issued by the Revenue and Disaster department said all government offices, universities, colleges and schools and other government institutions lo-

cated within Cuttack Municipal Corporation (CMC) area will remain closed on the second half from 1:30pm to watch the inaugural ceremony of Hockey Men's World Cup 2023.

The state government has also announced the close down of all technical and professional education institutions Wednesday at 3pm.

The Skill Development and Technical Education Department has issued a circular to all concerned in this regard, Tuesday.

All government and private ITIs, diploma, technical and professional institutions functioning under the administrative control of the Skill Development & Technical Education department will remain closed after 3pm Wednesday in order to enable students of such institutions to witness the opening ceremony of the World Cup.

Bollywood actors Ranveer Singh and Disha Patani will perform live during the opening ceremony.

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After much hype, Prince Harry's...

The book is already the top-selling book on Amazon's UK site, which like many big retailers is offering it half price, and is expected to be one of the year's biggest sellers. John Cotterill, nonfiction buyer at the Waterstones bookstore chain, told trade magazine The Bookseller that 'Spare' was "one of the biggest pre-order titles of the last decade for Waterstones".

Excitement is far from universal, however. Harry's interview with broadcaster ITV drew 4.1 million viewers Sunday - fewer than the

5.3 million who watched BBC drama "Happy Valley" at the same time. Retail worker Caroline Lennon arrived at 6am Tuesday at a branch of Waterstones in central London to await its opening. "I did expect a queue. Unfortunately, there's no queue. I'm just by myself," she said.

"I want to read (it) because I like the royal family and I don't care what anybody says," she said. "People will criticise that. I don't care because I like the royal family, and I like Harry and Meghan."

'Submit asset list or face music'

AGENCIES

Bhubaneswar, Jan 10: The Agriculture and Farmers' Empowerment Department has asked its employees to submit details of their property statement by January 31, failing which salaries would be stopped from February.

The submission of the document is a mandatory requirement for all government officials of the state, according to the principles outlined under the Odisha Government Service Conduct (Amendment) Rules, 2021, it said in a recent order. The directive follows a similar communication issued by the state's General Administration and Public Grievances wing.

The property statement is a prerequisite for consideration of officials for promotion to the next higher grade, the GA&PG Department had said.

Student held for assaulting friend

POST NEWS NETWORK

Bhubaneswar, Jan 10: The Commissionerate Police Tuesday arrested a student of a prominent educational institution here on charges of assaulting a fellow student over past enmity Monday night. The accused was identified as Nitish Kumar Tripathy, of Mangalpur area in Jajpur district.

Tripathy who is a second year student of the college is staying at Panchasakha Nagar in Khandagiri here. The victim Preetam Kumar Sadangi, a native of Rourkela, is staying at a hostel of the technical institution at Jagamara. Sadangi had past rivalry with Tripathy over some issues in the college. Monday, they engaged in a heated argument and in a fit of rage Tripathy attacked Sadangi with an iron rod. The victim sustained serious injuries on his head. He alleged that he was forcefully taken to a medical shop by Tripathy. He was also detained at Jatri for hours at an isolated place by the accused.

Police swung into action and rescued the victim after tracking his phone number at around 1am. Police arrested the accused and produced him in the court that later sent him to judicial custody, Tuesday.

EOW probes mining fraud

POST NEWS NETWORK

Bhubaneswar, Jan 10: A miner has allegedly duped a businessman of Rs 1.65 crore on the pretext of subleasing a granite stone mine at Dasapalla in Nayagarh. The Economic Offences Wing (EOW) of crime branch has started investigation into the allegations after registering a case based on the complaint of the victim, Ajay Kumar Agarwal.

Agarwal alleged in his complaint that one Satyapriya Jayasingh, the managing partner of Maa Chandeswari Granites located at Kolathia in Khandagiri

contacted the complainant in 2018. Jayasingh told Agarwal that he was no more interested in running his mining business and pursued the complainant to purchase the granite stone mines measuring 13.60 acres located at Dimiritadi in Dasapalla tehsil.

Jayasingh also allegedly told the victim that decorative stone is a very profitable business. Later, Jayasingh asked Agarwal to pay him Rs 1.45 crore in advance owing to some emergencies.

July 25, 2018, both signed an agreement in which Jayasingh agreed to sublease the said mine in the name of Agarwal. He con-

sented that the rest amount of Rs 30 lakh would be paid by Agarwal after the transfer of the lease in latter's name.

Accordingly, Agarwal gave a total Rs 1.65 crore to Jayasingh in two installments.

Meanwhile, the state government March 31, 2022 amended the rules allowing transfer of lease of mines by the original lease holder in the name of a third person.

However, Jayasingh allegedly reneged on the contract executed between the both the parties and refused to transfer the lease December 5, 2022.



THREAT LOOMS: A pachyderm that had strayed into Puri town Monday night was taken to Dampara wildlife sanctuary near Bhubaneswar, Tuesday
OP PHOTO

Youths pedal to Bhub from Steel City...

Meanwhile, keeping in view the inaugural celebrations of the FIH Odisha Hockey Men's World Cup 2023 Bhubaneswar-Rourkela at the Barabati Stadium in Cuttack, the School and Mass Education department announced half-day holiday in all the schools in state.

All state government offices, educational institutions, banks and banking institutions located within Cuttack Municipal Corporation will also remain closed in the second half from 1:30pm

Wednesday to enable people to watch the inaugural ceremony of the Hockey Men's World Cup 2023.

Adding to this, the authorities also announced free 'Mo Bus' (my bus) service to Cuttack for the people having pass or ticket for the inaugural event. The free 'Mo Bus' shuttle service will be available on Master Canteen in Bhubaneswar to Barabati Stadium in Cuttack and Baramunda to Barabati Stadium routes, the Capital Region Urban Transport (CRUT) authority said.

HSRP enforcement set to start...

In a press note, additional transport commissioner enforcement LM Sethi said, "As of January 9, a total of 35,56,819 vehicle owners have booked slot, out of which HSRP has been affixed in 27,24,994 vehicles."

Urging vehicle owners to get the HSRP affixed to their vehicles without delay, Sethi said, "The vehicle owners who do not have access to the internet or do not have knowledge of technology can apply for HSRP through nearby Mo Seva Kendra or HSRP facilitation centres at RTO as per their convenience." The OEMs (vehicle manufac-

turers) through their authorised vendors have also opened camp fitment centre / temporary fitment centre at 88 locations and at other places of the state i.e. important Government / private establishments where the dealers network of all OEMs are not available and have also started fitment of HSRP at these locations. Further, fitment of HSRP with old and existing locally manufactured trailers and vehicles registered prior to April 1, 2019 whose manufacturers has closed down their businesses can be done at the RTO from where the vehicle is purchased.

Sunkar takes stock of Mancheswar workshop

POST NEWS NETWORK

Bhubaneswar, Jan 10: General Manager of East Coast Railway (ECOR) Roop Narayan Sunkar along with senior officials Tuesday inspected the Mancheswar Carriage Repair Workshop (CRW) here.

Sunkar reviewed the overhauling of coaches. He laid emphasis on maintenance and modernisation of passenger amenities like improved quality of seats, flooring, easy-to-clean toilets, fire retardant, upholstery, mobile charging points and emergency lights. He took stock of the process and quality control measures and steps undertaken to increase the production.

Sunkar inaugurated the CTRB Mounting Section for modern utilities and amenities provided in the coaches being maintained at Mancheswar CRW.

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STRICKING A POSE: Artists performed Odissi dance on the eighth evening of Bhadrak Sanskrutik Mahotsav held at Gandhi Maidan in the town, Tuesday

Gahirmatha turning graveyard for turtles

DEATHS AMONG THE ENDANGERED OLIVE RIDLEY SPECIES ARE INCREASING DUE TO FISHING IN PROHIBITED ZONES

POST NEWS NETWORK

Kendrapara, Jan 10: Despite framing of rules and constantly embarking on awareness campaigns for protection of Olive Ridley turtles, nothing seems to be working in the state. Deaths of Olive Ridley turtles are allegedly increasing in the world famous Gahirmatha marine sanctuary which is known as the nursery of the rare species, sources said.

This development has come to light when the Odisha government has chosen the turtle as the mascot and named it 'Olly' for the upcoming FIH Men's Hockey World Cup. However, it seems that the government is least interested in implementing the rules for the protection of the turtles.

In a development Sunday, members of a voluntary outfit spotted 20 dead turtles at Madali island



of the marine sanctuary and buried them. Observers and environmentalists have blamed the deaths on the movement of trawlers and fishing boats in the prohibited zones.

The turtles, while swimming to the shore for mating, are being hit by trawlers and fishing boats and are dying. The Forest department has banned fishing by motorised vessels and trawlers within 20km of the shores along the Devi, Dhamra and Rushikulya river mouths from November 2022 to May 2023. However, in spite of the order, the boats are violating it with impunity.

Forest officials are cracking down regularly on the boats operating in the prohibited areas. A

total of 20 boats have been seized so far; but that has not hindered the fishermen from carrying out their illegal activities.

Sources said that the fishermen are only interested in their own profits and do not care about the endangered Olive Ridley species. As a result the Gahirmatha marine sanctuary has turned into a graveyard for the turtles.

Nature lover Manoj Kumar Nayak pointed out that prohibitory orders are not being followed at all. He said fishing is carried out with impunity without any fear of legal action. "The fishermen have also set up markets to sell their catch in the prohibited zones. They are allegedly paying huge amounts

to the local Forest department and police to continue their activities," Nayak alleged.

Environmentalist Ramesh Chandra Jena alleged that turtle deaths are increasing as the boats and trawlers are not installing turtle excluder device (TED), despite an order of the Orissa High Court.

Sources said that patrolling is also not being carried out in the prohibited zones. They said that two patrolling boats bought for ₹6 crore are lying unused for quite some time now. "Also boats and trawlers seized earlier were confiscated. Now fishermen are moving the court to get their vessels back," they informed.

Prakash Chandra Das, president of 'Samudrika Jiva Surakhya Samiti' said that the nesting sites of the turtles are under grave threat. Erosion is rapidly eating up the Babubali, Madali and Ekakula islands. However, it seems that the Forest department has no plans to prevent erosion.

When contacted, Gahirmatha forest range officer Manas Chandra Das said that special attention is being given for the protection of the turtles. Patrolling has been intensified and many arrests have been made, Das added.

Trenches pose grave threats to elephants

POST NEWS NETWORK

Keonjhar, Jan 10: Digging up trenches for slurry pipelines in elephant corridors is posing serious threats to the lives of pachyderms in Keonjhar district, sources said Tuesday. This development comes at a time when the Forest department is taking a number of steps for the safety of elephants and to prevent man-animal conflicts in the district.

Officials expressed surprise and feigned ignorance regarding the trenches. However, lengthy trenches have been dug up adjacent to the jungle and close to National Highway-20. The industrial firms are planning to use the pipelines for transportation of minerals.

The consultancy agency entrusted with the responsibility of digging up the trenches has stopped work. It did so, after a section of the media reported that the company was cutting trees illegally. More importantly, the dug up trenches have not been filled up. As a result, movement of elephants is always plagued with danger.

Sources said the initiative by the Forest department comes after elephant deaths at frequent intervals became a cause of concern in the district. It has identified the places through which the pachyderms move. The department has

also put up warning signs for people who commute in the areas through which elephants travel.

Officials informed that the elephants frequently use a portion of National Highway-20 near Badapasi under Sadar forest range to move from one side of the jungle to the other. The department has also constructed an underpass so that the elephants do not have to frequent the highway.

Social activist Pradip Mohanty informed that the elephants might lose their tracks on noticing the trenches and stray into nearby villages. It will only increase the man-animal conflict, he said. Mohanty added that digging of trenches near the underpass will also affect the safe movement of the pachyderms.

Environmentalists apprehended that elephants and calves while moving in darkness may fall into these trenches and die or get injured. They have asked the Forest department to take immediate steps and fill up the trenches.

When contacted, Sadar forest range officer Bijay Kumar Mohanta said the pipe laying work has been stopped for the time being. Also the agency has been asked to ensure adequate safety measures as the area is an elephant corridor. He added that the agency will be held responsible for untoward incidents.



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MAN KILLS WIFE OVER DOWRY

POST NEWS NETWORK

Purusottampur, Jan 10: In a shocking incident, a woman was strangled to death Monday by her husband over alleged dowry demands at Dhubapalli village under this police limits in Ganjam district.

The deceased has been identified as Mama Swain, wife of Ranjit Swain. On being informed, Purusottampur SDPO Rajanikant Samal and IIC Priyas Ranjan Chhotray rushed to the spot and launched an investigation. Police said that since the alleged murder, Ranjit is absconding. Efforts are on to nab him.

The body was sent for post-mortem and a forensic team has been pressed into service. A case was registered in this connection.

The IIC said that Mama, daughter of Dhoba Palei of Paklapali village under Aska police limits was married to Ranjit of Dhubapalli village in Chingudighai panchayat. However, Ranjit was unhappy with the dowry she had brought. He started torturing her to bring additional dowry. During a heated argument Monday, Ranjit strangled his wife to death.

Baripada road accident toll rises to 4

Baripada: The toll in Monday's road mishap on Deuli road on the outskirts of this town in Mayurbhanj increased to four Tuesday with one of the persons undergoing treatment at PRMMCH succumbing to his injuries. The deceased has been identified as Jagannath Naik, 31, of Badanachana village in Suliapada locality of the district. It should be stated here that three persons died on the spot after a pick-up van and a auto-rickshaw met with a head-on collision on Deuli road, Monday.

BSF jawan's gun goes off; colleague suffers injury

POST NEWS NETWORK

Malkangiri, Jan 10: A BSF jawan was critically injured Tuesday after a colleague's gun went off accidentally at the 142 Battalion camp at MV-79 village in Malkangiri district. The injured jawan was identified as Bhaskar Narayan. He has been admitted to the Malkangiri headquarters hospital and is undergoing treatment. Specialist Dr Sapan Kumar Dinda conducted the surgery to take the bullet out of Narayan's stomach. His condition is now stable and improving, Dr Dinda said.

The incident occurred when Narayan was working in a garden near the camp. His colleague's gun went off with the bullet hitting Narayan in the stomach. BSF officials termed the incident as an 'accident'. They said that the gun went off while it was being cleaned. They also informed that a departmental inquiry will be conducted as to how the gun went off. However, they ruled out any foul play when personnel from the MV-79 police station visited the BSF camp.

Chandipur beach festival starts Jan 26

POST NEWS NETWORK

Balasure, Jan 10: The four-day Chandipur beach festival will kick off January 26 informed committee president Jiban Pradip Das here Tuesday.

"For the last two years, the beach festival was not held due to Covid-19 restrictions. Balasure MLA Swarup Kumar Das is the chief patron of the festival while ADM Nilu Mohapatra has been made the nodal officer," informed Das. He added that Culture and Tourism Minister, Ashwini Kumar Patra, several other ministers and the MP and the MLAs of the district have been invited to attend to the programmes on different days during the festival.

It was decided that the main attractions of the festival will be various dance programmes including Ganjam's 'Ranapa', 'Sambalpur', Raghurajpur's 'Gotipua' and Kalahandi's 'Ghumura'. There will also be programmes on Bharatnatyam, Assam's Bihu dance and Odissi by Bhubaneswar-based 'Aradhana Group'. Orchestra troupes from Bengal have also been invited to the programme, Das said.

A number of organisations and SHGs from various parts of Odisha and outside the state will find a platform to sell their products during the festival. The organisers are hopeful that the festival will be a huge success.



FILE PHOTO OF CHANDIPUR BEACH

Number of mugger crocs rises in Odisha

POST NEWS NETWORK

Digapahandi, Jan 10: The population of muggers, an endangered crocodile species, has increased in Ghodahada reservoir and its adjoining water bodies near Digapahandi area in Ganjam district, much to the delight of wildlife enthusiasts. The number of muggers is now 81, up by 16 in the last four years, the Forest department said Tuesday.

While 64 muggers were found in around five square kilometres reservoir area, another 17 were located in 10 water bodies, according to the census conducted through direct sight method, Berhampur divisional forest officer, Amlan Nayak informed.

Mugger is one of the three crocodile species found in Odisha. The other species are gharial and salt water or estuarine crocodiles. Ghodahada reservoir is considered as one of the potential habitats for muggers.



Forest department personnel were engaged in the annual census, which was for the first time conducted round the clock, Nayak said.

Last year, the number of muggers found was 76. Among them 58 were in the Ghodahada reservoir and 18 in the ponds. The population of muggers stood at 72 and 65 respectively in 2021 and 2020.

Improvement of the habitats in water bodies and protection provided by local people are the main reasons for the increase in the number of muggers in the last four years, Nayak said. Fishermen of the area consider sighting of a mugger as a harbinger of good times and they do not inflict any harm to the reptiles, he added.

The Forest department is creating awareness among locals for co-existence of human and reptiles, other officials said.

It should be stated that Ghodahada reservoir is an eco-tourism destination about 50kms from here. It was declared a crocodile sanctuary a few years back.



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Right Might

In a chilling replication of the violence in the US Capitol in Washington DC by supporters of former US President Donald Trump two years back, hundreds of supporters of Brazil's recently ousted President Jair Bolsonaro stormed the country's seats of power - the Congress, the Presidential palace and the Supreme Court - in the capital Brasilia, damaging public property and offices. About 1,500 rioters have been arrested since the mayhem 8 January, according to Brazilian Justice Minister Flavio Dino.

The violence was unleashed a week after the new President Luiz Inacio Lula da Silva took charge following a victory over Bolsonaro in a run-off election 30 October. There are both similarities and dissimilarities between the two assaults on democracy. Bolsonaro is a close ally of Trump and both had threatened not to accept the electoral verdict if it went against them. Both had also cast doubts on the reliability of voting machines and apprehended without any basis electoral fraud by their rivals. Television footage showed the same dangerous pattern of violence in the two incidents. Nearly repeating the vandalism in the Capitol, massive crowds in Brasilia walked up a ramp and broke into the Congressional building. Thereafter they entered the Supreme Court and the Presidential palace and the mayhem turned even worse. The floor of the Congress building was flooded after the sprinkler system activated when protesters attempted to set fire to the carpet. Brazil's Presidential Communications Minister Paulo Pimenta's description of the scene of violence showed blood, faeces and urine in palace rooms. Onlookers said the marauding crowd seemed beside themselves with hate. They were running down hallways, smashing things, urinating, defecating in the corridors and in the rooms on a destruction spree.

The Federal District Governor Ibaneis Rocha, a Bolsonaro follower, said the arrested "will pay for the crimes committed." Hours later, however, Rocha himself was suspended from his post for 90 days by Supreme Court Justice Alexandre de Moraes. All this happened because the administration appeared to be still under the influence of Bolsonaro. President Lula charged the incidents would not have taken place without the connivance of pro-Bolsonaro elements in the administration.

One striking difference between Trump and Bolsonaro is that while Trump had publicly incited his supporters to go on the rampage to undo the election results, Bolsonaro was conspicuous by his absence from the scene of violence. In fact, he was then in the United States, hanging out in a Florida suburb, not far from Disney World. He neither delivered any speeches nor did he exhort the crowds to march on the halls of power. The next day, Bolsonaro reportedly checked into a hospital with abdominal pain. On the other hand, Bolsonaro is yet to fully concede defeat which is why he skipped the installation ceremony of President Lula.

This puts the rampaging supporters of Bolsonaro in a different light, compared to those of Trump. It appears Trump's supporters needed help from their leader for the attack on the Capitol. But, Bolsonaro's followers apparently knew what they would do without promptings from their leader. However, this behaviour is not limited to Trump and Bolsonaro.

All across the globe today, one notices autocratic rulers taking over power in democracies. Once they are mounted and well saddled, these leaders tend to think only about their survival in power. In the process, the very people that had voted such leaders into power are the ones who are victimised the most. Creating divisions within social structures, these leaders successfully create bigots in large numbers who are willing to go the extra mile and confront any positive changes that may come through the electoral process. While China's Xi Jinping is obviously not an elected leader, his colleagues such as Vladimir Putin of Russia, Viktor Orban of Hungary, Giorgia Meloni of Italy and the heads of states in African countries like Tunisia, Zimbabwe and Tanzania were all duly elected but have turned autocratic and are known to suppress their own people.

Looking closer to home, we have the examples of Pakistan and Myanmar which have openly discarded their respective democratically elected governments, and the army is in command. This trend is visible in most continents across the world. It is easy to understand the similarities between these leaders whose manner of controlling their countries has many common aspects. Creating social and religious divides, weakening Parliament and constitutional institutions, making a mess of the economy, silencing dissent or any opposing views, surveillance to instil fear among citizens and at the end, not accepting people's verdict if it goes against them.

The rising tide of Far-Right intolerance of democratic values and principles is a great threat to free thinking and liberalism in an increasingly communally and racially polarised world.

HOW THREATENING ARE THREATS?

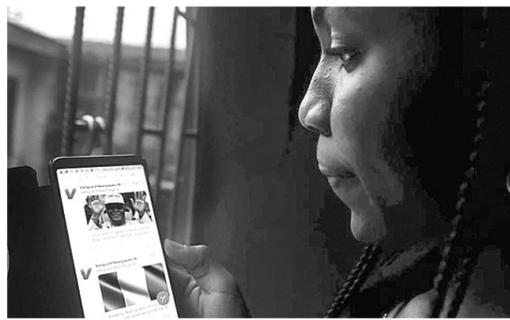
FOCUS SOCIETY

From climate-change alarms and "triple-demic" concerns to the Bulletin of Atomic Scientists' Doomsday Clock, we are awash in dire warnings. News and social media alert us daily to the dangers of everything from nefarious politicians to natural disasters. All of these warnings - some sincere, some manufactured - are lighting up not only our smartphones but also our brains, prompting us to ask how all the "threat talk" might be affecting us psychologically and socially.

To cut through the hysteria and improve our understanding of credible threats, we and our colleagues have created a "threat dictionary" that uses natural language processing to index threat levels from mass communication channels. In research published in the Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences, we demonstrate the tool's use both in identifying invisible historical threat patterns and in potentially predicting future behaviour. (The tool is publicly available to anyone who wants to measure the degree of threat language present in any English-language text.)

The threat dictionary builds on past survey research into how chronic threats lead societies to "tighten up" culturally, by imposing strict rules and strong punishments for those who violate them. We have found evidence of a tight/loose divide in all forms of cultures - including between countries (think Singapore versus Brazil), subnational states (Alabama versus New York), organisations (accounting firms versus startups), and social classes (lower versus upper). Yet we previously lacked a reliable linguistic measure for tracking threat-related talk over time, and for evaluating its relationship to cultural, political, and economic trends.

That is why we created the threat dictionary. We wanted a tool to help measure different types of threats over time and the types of cultural responses they elicit. In the past, researchers developed dictionaries by asking people to brainstorm possible keywords. But we wanted both greater breadth and more precision in



While threat-related language naturally becomes more pervasive during wars and natural disasters, it can also spread as a result of misinformation campaigns, "engagement" algorithms, and social contagion effects. Improving our understanding of the threat environment thus has become an urgent imperative

our mapping of the "threat universe." So, we created algorithms that scanned Twitter, Wikipedia, and randomly selected websites to find terms that frequently appear alongside words like "threat" in a written text. The algorithms retrieved 240 words that people use widely when writing about threats, including "attack," "crisis," "fear," "looming," and "tension." Notably, such words can apply to a threat of any magnitude, from a deadly hurricane to a family conflict, making the dictionary broadly applicable.

We conducted a variety of tests to confirm that our dictionary accurately measures threat associations in text. For example, given that threat levels - particularly the threat of organised violence - have been in historical decline worldwide, we analysed 600 million pages of news articles from 1900 to 2020 to see whether the overall use of threat words in our dictionary also declined over time. We found that it did. But the algorithm also suggests that perceived threat levels could rise again in the next 20 years.

As one would expect, words

from the threat dictionary spiked in the US newspapers during major military conflicts, such as the World War I and the Gulf War. Similarly, when the US Federal Emergency Management Agency has issued declarations of natural disasters, threat language has surged. The threat dictionary also captured the mounting severity of the COVID-19 pandemic in 2020, as reflected in tweets.

In terms of forecasting future developments, the threat dictionary can identify important trends in stock-market activity, cultural norms, and political attitudes. For example, increased threat talk predicts lower daily stock returns in the S&P 500, DJIA, and NASDAQ and lower innovation, as measured by patent filings. And when Americans face serious threats, words associated with tight (as opposed to open) cultures - such as "constrain," "comply," and "dictate" - tend to be used more widely.

Increased threat talk has also historically been associated with broad-based political "tightening" - reflected, for example, in higher presidential approval ratings or anti-immigrant sentiment.

Analysing presidential speeches over the past 70 years, we found that Republican (conservative) presidents alluded to threats more often than did Democratic (liberal) ones.

Equally important, we found threat talk to be contagious. For example, adding a single threat-related word to a tweet increases the expected retweet rate by 18 per cent. As we have seen in recent years, the contagious nature of threat-laden online messages can be especially problematic during major crises, owing to social media's well-known role in amplifying misinformation and sowing mass panic.

Now that the threat dictionary has been validated, it can be used to examine an array of critical societal issues. We can examine how threat talk motivates conspiracy theories and extremism, drives the spread of online hate and misinformation, and shapes elections, foreign-policy decisions, and economic investments. We can also assess the degree to which social-media users amplify their voices by exaggerating both real and fabricated threats. And by directing the threat dictionary at our personal social-media feeds, we can uncover our own possible role in spreading threatening messages. That would help us all make better-informed decisions about what to share and what to screen out.

In business, politics, and our daily lives, we are often in the dark when it comes to understanding the nature of existing threats and their probable implications. Like a searchlight, the threat dictionary can scan for linguistic footprints to reveal important societal patterns across geography, populations, and history. By so doing, we can more reliably distinguish genuine danger from manufactured risks, which is essential to building a safer world.

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IN JEST THIS

The price for fast delivery can be quite steep

The New York Times recently printed an article on the many delivery companies in India, some of whom promise delivery in less than 15 minutes.

An American living in India commented on the article, saying that she uses Instamart on the Swiggy app. "It's amazing to get a few groceries in less than 15 minutes," she wrote. "I almost never go to the shops anymore. The delivery guys really work hard and I always give a decent tip, but seriously ... I don't need anything in less than 15 minutes. The pressure for speed makes me cringe."

But does it make her cringe enough to stop using the app? Nope. Most people are like her - they don't need their food to arrive extremely fast, but if it does, they're happy. They greet the driver with a big smile.

Customer: "I ordered just 10 minutes ago. How did you get here so fast?"

Driver: "I went through five red lights."

Customer: "Five red lights! I hope you did it carefully. I don't want you to take any unnecessary risks with my chicken biryani. The last driver went so fast, the chicken got scared and flew out. It was a vegetarian dish when I opened it."

Driver: "Don't worry. It is still non-veg. I checked."

The New York Times article describes how a 29-year-old driver named Shivam Tirupati Niralwar speeds through Hyderabad traffic, even running red lights, to deliver an order of fried okra ('bhindi') to an office worker within 11 minutes.

This seems crazy to me. Do we really want people risking their lives to deliver 'bhindi'?

Like a lot of Indians, my wife loves 'bhindi', but even she's willing to wait 30 minutes for an order of 'bhindi' fry. As for me, I'm willing to wait 30 years. It's not one of my favourite vegetables.

But whether we love a particular dish or not, we shouldn't need

it delivered so rapidly that drivers have to put their lives (and the lives of other motorists) at risk.

All the single-order deliveries are contributing to traffic congestion and pollution, but even more concerning to me is the stress on drivers. They have to cut corners to make speedy deliveries. One company, Zepto, even promises to make deliveries in 10 minutes or less. If they're so keen on speed, perhaps they need to start an ambulance service as well.

Drivers face pressure from companies as well as customers. If they're not ultra-efficient in their deliveries, they're "punished" by an algorithm that gives orders to the most efficient drivers.

It helps that Swiggy and Zepto have built distribution warehouses in busy areas to reduce driving distances. But even in these fulfillment centres, workers face intense pressure to fill orders as fast as humanly possible.

"Customers get angry and complain if they don't get their orders

on time," a store packer for Zepto told the Times. "They don't think about us."

Yes, many customers don't think about the workers. They just want their food as fast as possible. And in the coming years, don't be surprised if companies use all sorts of methods to decrease delivery times. Restaurant worker: "Here is the 'bhindi ki sabzi' for Mrs. Sen. Please get there fast."

Delivery driver: "Okay. I'll be there in five minutes."

Five minutes later, Mrs. Sen is surprised to find a driver handing her the 'bhindi ki sabzi'.

Mrs. Sen: "But I haven't even placed my order yet. How did you know I wanted this sabzi?"

Driver: "We have started anticipating orders, Madam. We have an algorithm that predicts what customers are going to order, so we can deliver before you even order."

Mrs. Sen: "That's wonderful! But I have a small problem: I can't find my credit card. Has your algorithm predicted how I'm going to pay?"

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OSCAR WILDE

WORDSWORTH

Face the music

It was originally American. The first known examples are all from New Hampshire, the earliest from the New-Hampshire Statesman and State Journal for 2 August 1834; "Will the editor of the Courier explain this black affair. We want no equivocation - 'face the music' this time." Another early one is in the Portsmouth Journal of Literature and Politics of 23 May 1835: "As Van Buren, however, has now given 'assurances' that he will not be a Vetoite, we are curious to see how the Tories will get over it. Come gentlemen - no dodging - face the music." In July 1848, it appears in The National Era in Washington in an exchange with John P Hale, an abolitionist senator from the same state: "Mr. FOOTE - As the Senator from New Hampshire is an aspirant himself, what does he think a candidate ought to do? Mr. HALE - (with promptitude and humor) Why, stand up and face the music." It seems to suddenly burst into wider popular consciousness in 1850, with many examples to be found in the years that immediately follow. One school of thought says that it comes from musical theatre. A nervous or inexperienced performer would have to summon up all his courage to face the audience, which would require him also to face the musicians in the orchestra pit, a cynical and worldly-weary group who had seen everything. A second theory is that it is of military origin, though no two writers agree on what that might be. Explanations include a soldier taking his place in the ranks during an assembly, so facing the military band; a cavalry man trying to keep his restless horse quiet while the band is playing; or a soldier being drummed out of his regiment.

Facile

Facile has two main meanings. The much less common meaning, the one the university was employing, is the older of the two. It means something that's easy to understand, or easily accomplished. At one time it could even imply that a person had good manners, or was courteous or affable - in other words someone whose behaviour was easy or effortless. The word, and its positive senses, came to us through Middle French from the Latin facilis (so the word is closely connected to our facilitate and facility). When applied to things faciles meant they were easy to do, but applied to people it meant courteous or pliant. It first appeared in English in an early printed book, Caxton's translation of the Fables of Aesop of 1483. As always, something thought to be easy was valued accordingly: if it was easy, it couldn't be important or valuable. So a second meaning grew up, a derogatory one which is now often the first to be cited in dictionaries: something glib that's superficially convincing but actually simplistic.



Melvin Durai

THIS SEEMS CRAZY TO ME. DO WE REALLY WANT PEOPLE RISKING THEIR LIVES TO DELIVER 'BHINDI'?

A superfood for the world

Sir, It is commendable that India is the world's largest millet producer, contributing 80 per cent of production in Asia and 20 per cent of global production and a top exporter of millets to the world, especially in the post-COVID situation. During the forecast period of 2021-2026, it is expected that the worldwide millets market will grow at a CAGR of 4.5 per cent. Millet is now the sixth most important cereal grain in the world. The United Nations General Assembly has proclaimed 2023 to be the "International Year of Millets" on India's suggestion and with backing from more than 70 countries around the world. Millets are widely regarded as an indigenous crop to India and play a significant role in the nation's food and nutritional security. Because they contain the majority of the nutrients needed for the human body to operate normally, they are commonly referred to as "nutri-cereals." As a superfood, millets are praised for their ability to improve farmer welfare, food security, and nutrition security. A great source of iron, calcium, fibre, minerals, and protein, millets also have a low glycemic index. These nutri-cereals are recognised for having nutrient-rich compositions as well as characteristics like drought tolerance, photo-insensitivity, and resilience to climate change. Millets may also readily meet the demands of the expanding population because they do not require excellent soil to grow. It is anticipated that the "International Year of Millets" will offer a unique opportunity to increase worldwide production, ensure efficient processing and consumption, and subsequently promote enhanced crop rotations. With improvements in technology and recipe creation, let's hope that millet production will one day play a significant role in guaranteeing food security in the world.

Letters

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Kashmiri Pandit employees are protesting for over 245+ days, demanding their right to life & relocation. Their salaries are being withheld for months and their security is being compromised

MALLIKARJUN KHARGE | CONGRESS PRESIDENT

BJY MOVES TO PUNJAB

After completing the second phase in Haryana, the Bharat Jodo Yatra under the leadership of Rahul Gandhi has now moved from Ambala to Punjab. The yatra travelled 255 km, covering seven districts in eight days in Haryana



of the day quote

The Delhi model of development has been popularised across the globe and the similar model will be adopted in Punjab too

BALBIR SINGH | PUNJAB'S HEALTH MINISTER

The next 25 years is a period for collective efforts of 130 crore people of India and to see India at the top of the world and the prime minister has called this period as 'Amrit Kaal'

AMIT SHAH | UNION HOME MINISTER

The Left had ruled Tripura for several years but no development was visible during its rule. The wheels of growth started rolling with high speed when the BJP formed the government in Tripura after the 2018 Assembly elections

KIREN RIJUJI | UNION LAW MINISTER

Russian flight lands in Goa safely after bomb hoax

Panaji: Moscow-Goa Russian flight Azur Air ZF2401, which received a bomb threat, landed in Goa Tuesday at around 3 p.m. with passengers onboard, saying they were lucky to be safe. Goa-bound flight from Moscow made an emergency landing in Jamnagar airport Monday night at 9.30 p.m. following the bomb threat. It was diverted to Jamnagar after an email warning of a bomb in the flight was received. After landing at Dabolim airport in Goa, the Russian tourists said that they are lucky to be safe. "Authorities thoroughly checked all our luggage and flight, but nothing suspicious was found. We are lucky as we are safe," one of the passengers said. NSG and BDD teams at Jamnagar had thoroughly checked the plane besides the luggage and hand baggage of the travellers but no suspicious object was found. Passengers also said that they were provided all the facilities at Jamnagar after they were de-boarded there.

Govt clears ₹4kcr defence proposals

India has been bolstering its overall combat capabilities along the LAC in view of the eastern Ladakh border standoff

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

New Delhi, Jan 10: The defence ministry Tuesday approved three procurement proposals, including that of Helina anti-tank guided missiles, at a total cost of ₹4,276 crore to bolster the combat capabilities of the armed forces along the Line of Actual Control (LAC) with China. The procurement proposals were cleared by the Defence Acquisition Council (DAC) headed by Defence Minister Rajnath Singh.

The DAC, which is the defence ministry's highest decision making



Shinde faction claims to be real Shiv Sena before EC

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

New Delhi, Jan 10: The Eknath Shinde faction of the Shiv Sena Tuesday cited a 1971 Supreme Court verdict, which gave recognition to a group led by former prime minister Indira Gandhi as the original Congress, before the Election Commission (EC) as it staked claim to the outfit founded by Balasaheb Thackeray. Arguing before the entire EC, Mahesh Jethmalani, the counsel for the Shinde faction, also said the "surreptitious and unconstitutional" change to the Shiv Sena's constitution by Uddhav Thackeray in 2018 and the ideological shift in the party, which aligned with the Congress

JOSHIMATH ON THE EDGE

Preparations begin to demolish 2 hotels



SDRF personnel at the landslide affected area of Joshimath

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

Joshimath (U'Khand), Jan 10: The administration prepared Tuesday to demolish two precariously standing hotels in subsidence-hit Joshimath in Uttarakhand but met with resistance from their owners, while more families were evacuated from the danger zone as the number of affected houses rose to over 700. Hotels Malari Inn and Mount View were leaning towards each other dangerously, posing a threat to human settlements around them and the Uttarakhand government had on Monday directed the razing of unstable structures, starting with these two buildings.

State Disaster Relief Force (SDF) personnel along with JCBs and workers reached the site and announcements were made through loud hailer asking people to keep their distance from the two hotels. The area was barricaded and power lines in the area were cut off on Tuesday. However, as the administration was about to demolish Malari Inn towards evening, its owner Thakur Singh lay on the road in front of the hotel in protest. Hotel owners said they came to know about the state government's decision through newspapers and demanded a compensation.

Singh demanded an assurance in writing from the administration for a suitable one-time settlement before the start of the demolition, an official said.

Union Minister of State for Defence Ajay Bhatt visited the subsidence-hit areas of the town and met the affected people. He said the demolition exercise has been undertaken in public interest to secure

the lives of people. Secretary Disaster Management Ranjit Sinha told reporters that the Central Building Research Institute, Roorkee has been roped in by the state government for the demolition.

There are 86 houses in the area demarcated as an unsafe zone. The district administration has put red cross marks on houses in the sinking town that are unsafe for living. Uttarakhand Chief Secretary SS Sandhu had Monday said that dilapidated houses that have developed huge cracks should be razed soon so that they do not cause further damage.

"I came to know about it (demolition) through the newspapers this morning. There was no prior notice. If the government demarcated my hotel as unsafe it should have first come up with a one-time settlement plan before deciding to demolish it," said Thakur Singh, owner of Malari Inn.

Mount View owner Lalmani Semwal expressed similar sentiments. "It is like slaying a child one has reared through years of hard work in front of its parent," Semwal said.

"We put all our resources into building this hotel. We paid regular taxes to the government. It said nothing then and now all of a sudden it comes up with a drastic decision like this. Isn't it a violation of human rights?"

"If the government has decided, what can we say. But we should be offered a one-time settlement plan in compensation on the lines of Badrinath," Semwal said. Officials had Monday said the state government is working on a relief package for the people of the disaster-hit town, which will soon be sent to the Centre.

Make way for 2 degree courses, UGC tells varsities

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

New Delhi, Jan 10: The UGC has directed universities to devise mechanisms through statutory bodies to allow students to pursue two academic programmes simultaneously, according to officials.

The directive comes after the University Grants Commission (UGC) noted that students are facing difficulties as universities and higher education institutions (HEIs) insist on migration or school-leaving certificates.

"It has come to the notice of the UGC that students are facing difficulties as HEIs insist on migration certificates and school-leaving certificates. In the absence of these certificates, the students are not granted admission and that defeats the facility of pursuing two academic programmes simultaneously," UGC Secretary P K Thakur has said in a communication to universities and HEIs.

"The universities should devise facilitative mechanisms through their statutory bodies to allow the students to pursue two academic programmes simultaneously," Thakur has added.

The UGC had, in April last year, approved a proposal allowing students to pursue two full-time degrees simultaneously.

been locked in a battle for the control of the organisation since then.

"We are the real Shiv Sena. We have the numerical strength and we also have the control of the real organisation," Jethmalani told reporters after making representations before the EC.

The Thackeray faction, represented by counsel Kapil Sibal, will place its arguments before the poll panel January 17.

"We cited the Sadiq Ali judgment before the Election Commission. We have the majority and that is the real test," Jethmalani said, claiming the support of 40 of the Sena's 56 MLAs and 13 of the 18 members in the Lok Sabha.



and the Nationalist Congress Party (NCP) to form the government in Maharashtra in 2019, led to a split in the outfit. Shinde walked out of the Sena in June last year to become the chief minister of Maharashtra with support from the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP), after toppling the Uddhav Thackeray-led coalition government. The Shinde and Thackeray factions of the Sena have

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MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS
NOTIFICATION
New Delhi, the 13th December, 2022

S.O. 5945(E). - Whereas by the notification of the Government of India in the Ministry of Road Transport and Highways, published in the Gazette of India, Extraordinary, Part II, Section 3, Sub-section (ii) and issued under sub-section (1) of section 3A of the National Highway Act, 1956 (48 of 1956) (hereinafter referred to as the said Act), vide S.O. No. 2523 (E) dated 31st May 2022, the Central Government declared its intention to acquire the land specified in the Schedule annexed to the said notification for building (widening/Four/Six-laning, etc.), maintenance, management and operation of Newly Proposed Raipur Vishakhapatnam Economic Corridor on the stretch of land from Km. 123.210 to Km. 238.200 (O/o-Tahasildar, Papadahandi, Dist-Nabarangpur) in the district of NABARANGPUR in the state of ODISHA;

And whereas, the substance of the said notification has been published in "Odisha Bhaskar" and "Orissa Post" Newspaper both dated 13th August 2022 under sub-section (3) of section 3A of the said Act;

And whereas, objections have been received and the same have been considered and disallowed by the Competent Authority;

And whereas, in pursuance of sub-section (1) of section 3D of the said Act, the Competent Authority has submitted its report to the Central Government;

Now, therefore, upon receipt of the said report of the Competent Authority and in exercise of the powers conferred by sub-section (1) of section 3D of the said Act, the Central Government hereby declares that the land specified in the said Schedule should be acquired for the aforesaid purpose;

And further, in pursuance of sub-section (2) of section 3D of the said Act, the Central Government hereby declares that on publication of this notification in the Official Gazette, the land specified in the said Schedule shall vest absolutely in the Central Government, free from all encumbrances.

SCHEDULE
Brief Description of the land to be acquired, with or without structure, falling within the Newly Proposed Raipur Vishakhapatnam Economic Corridor in the stretch of land from Km. 123.210 to Km. 238.200 in the Newly Proposed (O/o-Tahasildar, Papadahandi, Dist: Nabarangpur) in the district of NABARANGPUR in the state of ODISHA.

State: ODISHA	District: NABARANGPUR				
Sr. No.	Survey Number	Type of Land	Nature of Land	Area in Hectare	Name of the Land Owner / Interested Person Part Survey No.
1	2	3	4	5	6
Taluk : Paparahandi					
Village : Birigura					
1	120	Private	Dangara / 1	0.1032	Department of School and Public Education, Odisha, Ghodamari High School, Biriguda, Caste: Bhatra, Village: Nijgaon, 120
2	121	Private	Dangara / 1	0.0599	Department of School and Public Education, Odisha, Ghodamari High School, Biriguda, Caste: Bhatra, Village: Nijgaon, 121
3	122	Private	Dangara / 1	0.0728	Sukadas Bhatara, S/o: Kanhei Bhatara, Caste: Bhatara, Village: Birigura, 122
4	1220	Private	Dangara / 2	0.0618	Ratan Gouda, Balram Gouda, Nadai Gouda, S/o: Bhagat Gouda, Ulas Gouda, W/o: Bhagat Gouda, Caste: Gouda, Village: Birigura, 1220
5	1225	Private	Dhana / 1	0.0123	Raghunath Majhi, S/o: Bali Majhi, Caste: Bhatara, Village: Birigura, 1225
6	2083	Private	Dangara / 1	0.5439	Baisakhu Bhatra, Son of Sunadhara Bhatra, Nilabati Bhatra, Wife of Baisakhu Bhatra, 2083
7	448	Private	Dhana / 2	0.1943	Jitru Damba, Pakli Damba, Son of Damburudhara Damba, Kausalya Damba, Wife of Damburudhara Damba, 448
8	689	Private	Dangara / 1	0.0055	Sunadhar Bhatara, Gobind Bhatara, Budharam Bhatara, S/o: Baidu Bhatara, Sanmati Bhatara, W/o: Baidu Bhatara, Chakra Bhatara, S/o: Dhanurjay Bhatara, Caste: Bhatara, Village: Birigura, 689
9	715	Private	Dhana / 2	0.2362	Sambaru Disari, S/o: Bandhu Disari, Caste: Bhatara, Village: Birigura, 715
10	792	Private	Dhana / 1	0.1097	Ratan Gauda, Balaram Gauda, Nandaai Gauda, S/o: Bhagat Gauda, Ulas Gauda, W/o: Bhagat Gauda, Caste: Gauda, Village: Biriguda, 792
11	792/2695	Private	Dhana / 1	0.1081	Dhan Singh Gaud, Son of Budu Gaud, Caste: Gaud, Village: Nijgaon, 792/2695
12	797	Private	Dangara / 2	0.0103	Chaitana Bhatara, S/o: Nari Bhatara, Caste: Bhatara, Village: Biriguda guda, Chacharaguda, 797
Village : Dangara					
13	445	Private	Dangara / 2	0.0259	Aasharam Gauda, S/o: Sonaa Gauda, Caste: Gauda, Village: Dangara, 445
Village : Dengagura					
14	109	Private	Dangara / 2	0.0253	Omprakash Karamchand Das, S/o: Mitranu Das, Caste: Chamra, Village: Village / Post: Papadahandi, 109
15	147	Private	Dangara / 2	0.0945	Pusarla Shuri Narayana, S/o: Pusarla Swami, Caste: Baishya, Village: Makia, 147
16	148	Private	Dangara / 2	0.2917	Nanda Pujari, Manahar Pujari, S/o: Bhagaban Pujari, Mati Pujari, S/o: Chaitu Pujari, Caste: Bhatara, Village: Dengaguda, 148
17	445	Government	Basti	0.1746	Sarba Sadharana, 445
18	473	Private	Dhana / 2	0.0005	Samaari Majhi, S/o: Kala Majhi, Saradei Majhi, Dalimba Majhi, S/o-Patu Majhi, Jaganatha Majhi, Susila Bati Majhi, S/o: Aasman Majhi, Dhanara Majhi, Chaitu Majhi, Chitu Majhi, Damburu Majhi, Kamalu Majhi, S/o: Arjun Majhi, Caste: Bhatara, Village: Dengaguda, 473
19	479	Private	Dhana / 1	0.0013	Rabisingh Bhatara, S/o: Nadgu Bhatara, Nilaa Bhatara, W/o: Sobhasingh Bhatara, Caste: Bhatara, Village: Dengaguda, 479
20	90	Government	Jungle	0.053	Rakhita, 90
21	91	Private	Dangara / 2	0.0404	Faguna Nayak, S/o: Shukru Nayak, Caste: Gaud, Village: Dengagura, 91
22	92	Private	Dangara / 2	0.0711	Faguna Nayak, S/o: Shukru Nayak, Caste: Gaud, Village: Dengagura, 92
Village : Karki					
23	679/865	Private	Gharabari	0.0101	Shukru Harijan, S/o: Budu Harijan, Caste: Damb, Village: Karki, 679/865
24	688	Private	Dangara / 1	0.0053	Kama Dama, Laaban Dama, S/o: Baalaka Dama, Caste: Dama, Village: Karki, 688
25	92	Government	Gochara	0.0102	Rakhita, 92
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RAJESH GUPTA, Director

Akhilesh gets busy firming up 'Yadavland' base

Lucknow, Jan 10: Samajwadi Party Chief Akhilesh Yadav has been busy in taking his father's legacy forward after winning the Saifai Lok Sabha elections.

In a first, he has been completely focusing on Etawah, Mainpuri, Etah, Firozabad, Auraiya, Farrukhabad and Kannauj to strengthen 'Yadavland', which is seen as a strategy for the upcoming Lok Sabha elections. SP strategists believe that Shivpal Singh Yadav has held a good hold in these areas after Mulayam Singh, which is why Akhilesh is strengthening his strategy by connecting to the youth in the villages, after taking Shivpal in his fold.

If political experts are to be believed, Shivpal, who has accepted Akhilesh as his leader, has a ground connection in this area. The new generation of the family has also entered politics. In such a situation, Akhilesh does not want to leave any vacancy in his 'Yadavland' and has been trying to leave his



ACCORDING TO A PARTY LEADER, AKHILESH HAS BEEN MORE ACTIVE IN HIS CONSTITUENCY AFTER WINNING THE MAINPURI ELECTIONS AS HE IS BEING SEEN IN EVERY PROGRAMME, SMALL OR BIG

Mainpuri has been a major bastion of the SP as the party has won eight times from here and Mulayam Singh had won five times

impression on the new generation. At present, there is no such leader in his family who can move ahead without him.

According to a party leader, Akhilesh has been more active in

his constituency after winning the Mainpuri elections as he is being seen in every programme, small or big. Mainpuri has been a major bastion of the SP, the party has won eight times from here and

Mulayam Singh had won five times. In the recent by-elections, sympathy for Mulayam was seen such that all previous records were broken, giving the party a major win.

According to recent media reports, Akhilesh addressed party workers in Mainpuri in December and stayed with the party workers in Kishni. He visited his constituency Karhal on December 14 and addressed the workers in Jaswantnagar on December 23.

He then attended programmes in Mainpuri around Christmas. According to political experts, SP's founder Mulayam Singh had worked hard to strengthen his constituency and had a great personal connect with the people, which is why the party was strong in Etawah, Kannauj, Firozabad and Yadav dominated areas.

Party National Spokesperson Ashutosh Verma said that the party's President had been campaigning in these areas to make up for the loss that the party suffered in 2014 and 2019. Akhilesh has also been visiting Jhansi and

Jalaun to campaign. Verma added that the party was prepared to fight the BJP in the polls. Senior political analyst P.N. Dwivedi said that the saffron party has been constantly working to woo the people in the 'Yadavland' since 2014, which is why it gained a stronghold in areas like Firozabad along with Yadav-dominated Kannauj.

The BJP also won in Etawah, a stronghold district of the SP. The BJP collaborated with other leaders who had been opposing the SP after the last elections and has benefited from the same. After the death of Mulayam Singh, the BJP fielded his disciple Raghuraj Singh Shukla in Mainpuri.

At the same time, the SP changed its strategy with this by-election. Letting go of the controversies, Akhilesh not only roped in his uncle Shivpal, but ended the tradition of staying away from the by-elections and did door-to-door campaigning and succeeded. Akhilesh has been working to maintain his party's dominance, to win in the 2024 Lok Sabha elections.

Battle of quotas heats up in K'taka



INDO-ASIAN NEWS SERVICE

Bangalore, Jan 10: The developments surrounding reservation demands by various communities in Karnataka are slowly leading to confrontations in the state between people.

The state Brahmin association has given a call to the community members not to sit quiet with the ruling BJP's plan of allocating the Economically Weaker Section (EWS) quota to Vokkaliga and Lingayat communities which have 16 per cent and 17 per cent of the population in the state.

On the other hand Jaya Mrutyunjaya Swamiji demanding reservation under the OBC quota for the Lingayat Panchamasali sub-sect had rejected the recent government order to accommodate the sect under the new provision in the OBC category and set a new deadline to fulfill it.

The ruling BJP is in a fix over the issue. Brahmins, Lingayats form the core vote bank of the BJP in Karnataka. The saffron party wants to win a considerable number of seats in south Karnataka which is considered as the Vokkaliga belt. At the same time, the party can't afford to lose out on the votes of the OBCs. Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai is in a predicament over the development ahead of the assembly polls which will be held in less than three months.

The Karnataka cabinet has given its consent to the enhancement of reservation for the scheduled caste and scheduled tribes in the state as per the recommendations of the Justice Nagamohan Das Committee report of October 8, 2022. A government order was also released increasing the reservation for SCs from 15 per cent to 17 per cent and 3 per cent to 7 per cent for STs in Karnataka.

Bommai stated that he felt blessed for getting the opportunity to hike reservations for SC/ST. Bharatiya Janata Party ministers Sriramulu, Govind Karajol and legislators held mega rallies and conventions in the state and battled for their party's objective for the welfare of SCs and STs.

The opposition Congress party in the state was shocked as it was preparing to launch a campaign in this regard on a large scale. The party tried to take the credit for it, slamming the BJP. Opposition leader Siddaramaiah and state Congress president D.K. Shivakumar claimed that the ruling BJP increased the quota on the recommendation of the Justice Nagmohan Das Committee, formed during the tenure of the Congress government.

The BJP, which was celebrating the move, realised that it had opened a Pandora's box regarding reservation. Other community groups also intensified their agitations and demands for it. The Panchamasali community leaders had set a deadline and had threatened the government that if reservation was not declared for them they would lay siege to the Belagavi Suvarna Soudha, when the winter session was being held in the last week of December. Vokkaliga delegations have also met Bommai and demanded that their quota should be increased and they also should be moved to the OBC category.

The BJP government has announced moving the Panchamasali Lingayat sub-sect to Category 2C from Category 3 B and Vokkaligas from Category 3 A to Category 2C. The OBC communities were assured that their quota of reservation would not be touched. However, as the elections are nearing, the issue of reservation quotas is going to impact the society and create a law and order situation in the state.

98-year-old man gets farewell from jail staff



INDO-ASIAN NEWS SERVICE

Ayodhya, Jan 10: A 98-year-old convict, Ram Surat, was released from the Ayodhya Jail in Uttar Pradesh's Ayodhya after serving a jail term in an alleged case he was incarcerated for five years, jail officials said.

A video of his release is going viral on the internet. Posted by Uttar Pradesh Director General (Prisons) on Twitter, the video shows Ayodhya Jail's District Superintendent, Shashikant Mishra Putrawat telling Surat that police would drop him at his place.

Further in the video, Mishra could be seen escorting the elderly man to the car.

According to jail officials, Surat was convicted under sections - 452, 323 and 352 of the IPC. Upon his release, the man got a farewell from the jail staffers.

Mishra Putrawat said that no one came to accompany the 98-year-old on his release.

Surat was set to get released on August 8, 2022, but on May 20, 2022, he was diagnosed with Covid-19 and was sent on parole for 90 days. The video had amassed more than 2,000 views on Twitter and several comments.

Mathura is UP's own Jamtara in cybercrime

INDO-ASIAN NEWS SERVICE

Lucknow, Jan 10: Jamtara, the city in Jharkhand that is known as the phishing capital of India, has extended its boundaries.

The maximum cybercrime cases are now being reported from Mathura in Uttar Pradesh, apart from Bharatpur in Rajasthan and Mewat in Haryana. In the past few months, this triangle of cities seem to have specialized in blackmail based on deepfakes.

The Cyber Cell of the UP Police is investigating at least 400 such cases. Superintendent of Police, Cyber Cell Triveni Singh says the fraudsters superimpose frames of their male targets on porn clips using this technology.

"After creating fake porn videos, they call up the targets and blackmail them for money, anywhere in the range of Rs 5,000 to Rs 50,000. Some of them speak fluent English to trap people from well-off families in cities like Mumbai and Kolkata," he said.

A Lucknow-based businessman was recently targeted in a "sextortion" attempt. Soon after accepting a woman's friend request on social media, he received a WhatsApp video call from her. During the 15-second call, she snared him with seductive ges-



INDO-ASIAN NEWS SERVICE

tures and words. Minutes later, the businessman received another call to cough up Rs 30 lakh or see his conversation with the woman leaked on social media. The accused were traced and arrested in Mewat.

In the past one year, nearly 300 people, including a senior PCS officer, have approached the Cyber Cell with similar sextortion complaints. There have also been cases of people being duped while making online transactions on e-commerce sites and online marketplaces, which is the most common

form of cyber fraud.

Singh said: "Fraudsters keep an eye on online marketplaces, where people sell their products. They make fake accounts as armymen and pose as buyers. While buying a product they trick the seller into making an online transaction through a QR code."

Another cyber cell officer says sextortion and fraud through e-commerce sites don't involve special skills, unlike the "Jamtara" scams that require engaging with and convincing the target over a

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longer duration. "In such cases, criminals use a mobile application to trap their target by either luring them, or through links, or video calling. If a target blocks their number, they use another SIM to contact the person. The third and final stage is to impersonate a policeman and threaten the target," he said.

The scammers do their homework by scanning online advertisements. They win the confidence of people by introducing themselves as personnel from the army or the paramilitary forces. They even give a fake badge number, battalion name, place of posting, their photograph in army uniform and identity card.

UP TO PREPARE DICTIONARY FOR DIALECTS

INDO-ASIAN NEWS SERVICE

Prayagraj, Jan 10: The Uttar Pradesh Basic Education Department has decided to release a first-of-its kind dialects dictionary which will have words in region-specific languages like Bhojpuri, Awadhi, Braj and Bundelkhandi, among others.

The move, in line with the new National Education Policy (NEP)-2020, is aimed at conserving regional dialects of the Hindi heartland and using them to better educate school children.

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Educational Research and Training (SCERT) has entrusted

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responsibility of coming out with a dictionary to Prayagraj State

Institute of Education, said officials of the state basic education department.

According to official sources, teachers from different regions posted in primary and upper primary schools spread across the state will be able to explain the topics and the subjects better to the enrolled students in their own local dialects using the dictionary.

Naval Kishore, principal of State Institute of Education, said: "This will not only encourage the conservation of these dialects but also help in removing lin-

guistic barriers. This will help teachers and students of government-run primary and upper primary schools of the UP Basic Education Council. The students would be able to better grasp the topics when teachers explain them in a language the children speak and understand better than Hindi and English."

He added that the order to develop a dictionary of regional dialects has been received. A workshop will soon be organised in which experts from across the state will be invited to suggest ways to proceed with the mission.

MAN CRUSHES DOG WITH CAR



INDO-ASIAN NEWS SERVICE

Bangalore, Jan 10: Karnataka Police have booked an FIR and launched a hunt for a man who has been accused of deliberately running his car over a dog and killing it in Bangalore, police said Tuesday.

According to police, the incident took place January 7 and came to light later after the video of the gruesome incident went viral on social media.

The video shows the street dog sleeping in the middle of the road, trying to move away after knowing the car is coming towards it. The car driver, after observing the dog moving away, increases the speed and crushes it under wheels intentionally.

The dog under the wheel died on the spot. The efforts of locals to help the dog have gone in vain. The locals said that if the car driver would have given a horn, or slowed down a bit, the dog would have moved away. The police have identified the car registration number (KA 05 MP 5836) and launched a hunt for the driver.

House converted to mosque

INDO-ASIAN NEWS SERVICE

Belagavi (Karnataka), Jan 10: BJP leaders and Hindu activists have objected to the conversion of a residential house into a mosque in Belagavi district of Karnataka.

The BJP and Hindu activists were alleging that a house in Sarathinagar of Belagavi which comes under the Belagavi Rural Assembly constituency has been turned as 'Fathima Masjid' and handed over to the Waqf Board.

The activists have held a meeting with the local residents in this regard and started a movement to vacate the masjid from the locality under the leadership of former BJP MLA Sanjay Patil. Patil demanded that the district authorities and the corporation should vacate the mosque that has come up in a residential area illegally.

Locals said that the authorities have turned a blind eye to the development. Even as they are aware of the illegalities, they have been pressured by the Congress MLA of Belagavi Rural constituency Lakshmi Hebbalkar. They main-



tained that though complaints have been raised for over one year, no action has been taken.

Sri Ram Sena Founder Pramod Muthalik stated that he has no objection to building a mosque according to law. But, he can't agree with the conversion of a residential house into a mosque. He had given one week deadline for the mosque. Locals said that the original owner had gifted the property to Moulana Abdul Kalam Educational and Charitable Society. Later it was converted into a mosque.

The corporation has issued a notice regarding the building license violation and carrying out religious activities in the property meant for residence. The Muslim leaders maintained that it was a property of the Waqf board.

Lucknow's famous 'paan' bows out

INDO-ASIAN NEWS SERVICE

Lucknow, Jan 10: Yet another tradition, deeply rooted in the culture of the City of Nawabs-Lucknow, is on the deathbed.

The tradition of chewing 'paan' after every meal, and even in between, is petering out. "I am the fourth generation in my family selling paan but the market trend has changed drastically now. People prefer paan masala over paan. My sales have gone down and I am selling more of paan masala than paan," says Alok Chaurasia, who owns a famous paan shop in the Chowk area.

He says that even his old customers now prefer the paan masala pouches over the meticulously prepared paan. "The reason for this is that it takes about three minutes to prepare a paan and a few seconds to buy a paan masala sachet. People are now running behind time and have no patience," he says. His father Kishori Chaurasia



(82) says, "We knew exactly the kind of paan that our customers wanted. We knew which customers wanted less of lime ('Chuna') and who wanted 'Gulkand' and grated coconut. People came and relished their paan and many even got some packed for home. Today, the market has changed and everyone has the same paan masala." That paan masala has become a

Medical experts claim that the consumption of paan has gone down since the first wave of Covid, because of increased health consciousness

huge market is evident from the fact that Bollywood stars are endorsing these brands through surrogate advertising. Medical experts claim that the consumption of paan has gone down since the first wave of Covid, because of increased health consciousness. Paan sellers, however, argue that paan masala is more harmful than fresh paan, which is seen as a digestive since years. "The main reason is that con-

sumers want a quick fix for everything like junk food. They prefer to carry sachets in dozens instead of spending a few minutes getting their Paan prepared," says Ashfaq (75), who now has more paan masala sachets in his shop than fresh paan.

Recalling the glorious days of the past, he explains, "People in Lucknow usually have non-vegetarian meals and they would chew paan to help in digesting the food, now the same people prefer paan masala which is much cheaper than paan."

Explaining further, he says, "Selling a Paan amid soaring prices has become a less profitable proposition, as the cost of adding all the ingredients and then customising it according to customer's choices, such as adding more Kathha, Chuna, cardamom and clove has become much costlier and therefore the cost of a good paan has gone up from Rs 2 to 20. A paan masala sachet is available for just Rs 10."

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of the day quote

The Mahaga thbandhan government is trying to set up at least one medical college and hospital in every district and working tirelessly to augment health infrastructure so that people do not have to go outside the state for better treatment

NITISH KUMAR | BIHAR CM

All vehicles will have a tracking system and police will be able to monitor the speed of the vehicle, or if any crime is being committed inside a moving vehicle

MAMATA BANERJEE | WEST BENGAL CM

Jammu, once considered as the economic hub of the erstwhile state, is the worst victim of BJP's political gimmick. People in Kashmir always suspected the intentions of BJP but Jammu gave a huge mandate to the party (in 2014 assembly polls) on the assurances of political and economic empowerment

MEHBOOBA MUFTI | PDP PRESIDENT

SHORT TAKES

10 Naxalites surrender

Dantewada: At least 10 Naxalites, among them eight carrying cash rewards, surrendered before the police in Chhattisgarh's insurgency-hit Dantewada district Tuesday, an official said.

9 hurt as bus hits pavement dwellers

New Delhi: Nine people, including a 6-year-old boy, were injured Tuesday after a cluster bus rammed into a taxi and hit pavement dwellers on Rohtak road in central Delhi, police said.

WB: Snake found in mid-day meal

Kolkata: Several school children were hospitalised in West Bengal's Birbhum district after consuming food in which a snake was allegedly found, officials said.

Cold wave conditions persist in north India

The mercury rose a few notches in Delhi, bringing its residents some respite from the cold. In Jammu and Kashmir, Srinagar recorded a low of 1.8 degrees Celsius Monday night, up from 0.9 degrees the night before

AGENCIES

New Delhi, Jan 10: Large parts of north India reeled under numbing cold Tuesday with the mercury remaining below the freezing point at most places in Jammu and Kashmir, while dense fog in the early hours of the morning hit road and rail traffic movement. Qazigund, the gateway to the Valley, registered a minimum temperature of minus 0.8 degrees Celsius, while Kokernag in south Kashmir recorded a low of minus 3.6 degrees, they said.



REPRESENTATIONAL IMAGE

Kalan', the 40-day harshest winter period when the chances of snow-fall are the maximum. 'Chillai Kalan' begins December 21 and ends January 30. The cold wave continues even after that with a 20-day 'Chillai Khurd' (small cold) and a 10-day 'Chillai Bachha' (baby cold) following it. The Safdarjung observatory, Delhi's primary weather station, recorded a minimum temperature of 6.4 degrees Celsius as against 3.8 degrees Celsius Monday. The weather stations at Lodhi Road and Palam logged a minimum temperature of 6.4 degrees Celsius and 7.5 degrees Celsius.

Chilly weather in Delhi since the start of January strained power grids and posed challenges to homeless people. It also prompted the Delhi government to extend winter vacations in schools till January 15. Amritsar recorded a low of 9.2 degrees Celsius and Ludhiana 8.2 degrees Celsius, according to a meteorological department report. The minimum temperature settled at 7.9 degrees Celsius in Patiala, 10.4 degrees Celsius in Pathankot, 6 degrees Celsius in Faridkot and 6.5 degrees Celsius in Gurdaspur.

'GetOutRavi' posters crop up in TN



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Chennai, Jan 10: Amid the tussle between the ruling DMK and Tamil Nadu Governor R N Ravi over the state Assembly episode, "#GetOutRavi" posters, prominently featuring Chief Minister M K Stalin surfaced in some parts of the city, while another row broke out over the absence of TN government's emblem in a Raj Bhavan Pongal event invitation.

Udhayanidhi hailed what happened in the Assembly Monday and said it was an "unprecedented event" in the history of the House. "Normally our leader (Stalin) makes the opposition run with his replies (in the assembly) but this time he made the governor run," he quipped at an event, in an apparent reference to Ravi staging a walkout from the Assembly Monday.

A senior TN BJP functionary filed a police complaint against some MLAs of the ruling DMK. In a tweet, A Ashvatham, State Secretary, said he has filed the complaint under Section 124 of the Indian Penal Code, which deals with "assaulting President, Governor, etc., with intent to compel or restrain the exercise of any lawful power."

Delhi most polluted city in 2022: Report

The top four cities with the highest PM2.5 are Delhi and NCR cities and the top nine are from across the Indo-Gangetic plains, the data showed

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

New Delhi, Jan 10: Delhi was the most polluted city in India in 2022 with PM 2.5 levels more than double the safe limit and the third highest average PM10 concentration, according to an analysis of Central Pollution Control Board data. PM2.5 pollution in the national capital has reduced by over 7 per cent in four years, from 108 micrograms per cubic metre in 2019 to 99.71 micrograms per cubic metre in 2022, the report by NCAP Tracker said.



based start-up 'Respirer Living Sciences' and is designed to track India's progress in achieving clean air targets. The Centre launched NCAP January 10, 2019 to reduce PM2.5 and PM10 levels in 102 cities by 20 per cent to 30 per cent by 2024 (with 2017 being the base year). Some more cities were added to the list, while some were dropped subsequently. Now there are 131 cities which are called non-attainment cities, as they did not meet the national ambient air quality standards (NAAQS) for the period of 2011-15 under the National Air Quality Monitoring Programme.

in particulate matter concentration by 2026. The top four cities with the highest PM2.5 are Delhi and NCR cities and the top nine are from across the Indo-Gangetic plains, the data showed. Among the most polluted cities with respect to PM2.5 levels, Delhi (99.71 micrograms per cubic metre) ranked first, Haryana's Faridabad (95.64 micrograms per cubic metre) ranked second and Uttar Pradesh's Ghaziabad (91.25 micrograms per cubic metre) third, according to the analysis of CPCB data. PM2.5 is tiny particulate matter that is less than 2.5 microns in diameter and can enter the lungs and bloodstream. Ghaziabad (217.57 micrograms per cubic metre) was the most polluted non-attainment city in the country in terms of PM10 levels, while Faridabad (215.39 micrograms per cubic metre) ranked second and Delhi (213.23 micrograms per cubic metre) stood third.

Tripura was earlier known for killings, murders and rapes but now peace is prevailing. Don't let those days of bloodshed return to the state

HIMANTA BISWA SARMA | ASSAM CHIEF MINISTER

DELHI COURT EXTENDS POONAWALA'S CUSTODY

A court here Tuesday extended for 14 days the judicial custody of Aaftab Amin Poonawala, accused of killing his live-in partner Shraddha Walkar and dismembering her body. Poonawala was produced before Metropolitan Magistrate Aviral Shukla in the court lockup



Delhi L-G clears action against activist Shehla Rashid over Tweets

PRSES TRUST OF INDIA

New Delhi, Jan 10: Delhi Lieutenant Governor V K Saxena has granted sanction to prosecute former JNUSU vice president Shehla Rashid Shora for her tweets on the Indian Army officials said Tuesday. According to officials at the L-G office, the sanction is related to a 2019 FIR registered against her under IPC section 153A at Special Cell police station here on the basis of a complaint by an advocate Alakh Alok Srivastava.

The former Jawaharlal Nehru University Students' Union (JNUSU) leader is accused of promoting enmity between different groups and indulging in acts prejudicial to maintenance of harmony through her tweets, officials said. The tweets by Shora, dated August 18, 2019, had accused the Army of entering houses and "torturing" locals in Kashmir. The allegations were rejected by the Army as baseless.



B'LORE AIRPORT INCIDENT

Go First gets notice after 55 passengers left on bus

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

Mumbai/ New Delhi, Jan 10: Aviation regulator DGCA Tuesday issued a show cause notice to Go First for "multiple mistakes" that led to 55 Delhi flight passengers being left behind in a coach at Bangalore airport Monday and the budget airline has apologised for the incident, saying it happened due to inadvertent oversight in reconciliation.

The airline has been given two weeks time to respond to the show cause notice and based on the response, further action will be initiated. Go First has derostered the staff involved in the incident pending an inquiry. The airline has issued a show cause notice to the ground handling agency concerned at the Bangalore airport for the lapse. After perusal of the incident report submitted by Go First Tuesday, the watchdog said that prima-facie it emerges that the airline failed to comply with various norms.

"In the instant case, multiple mistakes such as lack of proper communication, co-ordination, reconciliation and confirmation have resulted in a highly avoidable situation," DGCA said. It has issued a show cause notice to Accountable

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RECEP TAYYIP ERDOGAN | TURKISH PRESIDENT

VACCINE ACCEPTANCE RISING

Acceptance of Covid-19 vaccines increased globally, from 75.2 per cent in 2021 to 79.1 per cent in 2022, according to a survey in 23 countries that represents more than 60 per cent of the world's population



of the day quote

South Asia is the hotspot of the climate crisis with the people there most prone to die from its impact



ANTONIO GUTERRES | UN SECRETARY-GENERAL

I am deeply concerned about the recent violence that erupted in Brasilia. Sri Lanka not so long ago also experienced similar attempts by groups to overthrow democratic structures through unconstitutional means. Such hostilities are condemned, and we stand in solidarity with the President, government and people of Brazil in this hour of confrontation



RANIL WICKREMESINGHE | SRI LANKA PRESIDENT

We received a clear mandate from the public, to carry out what we promised in the elections. That's what we will do



BENJAMIN NETANYAHU | ISRAEL PM

BRAZILIAN PROTESTS DEMAND JAIL FOR RIOTERS

ASSOCIATED PRESS

Rio de Janeiro, Jan 10: "No amnesty! No amnesty! No amnesty!" The chant reverberated off the walls of the jam-packed hall at the University of Sao Paulo's law college on Monday afternoon.

Hours later, it was the rallying cry for thousands of Brazilians who streamed into the streets of Rio de Janeiro and Sao Paulo, penned on protest posters and banners.

The words are a demand for retribution against supporters of former President Jair Bolsonaro who stormed Brazil's capital Sunday, and those who enabled the rampage. "These people need to be punished, the people who ordered it need to be punished, those who gave money for it need to be punished," Bety Amin, a 61-year-old therapist, said on Sao Paulo's main boulevard. The word "DEMOCRACY" stretched across the back of her shirt. "They don't represent Brazil. We represent Brazil."

Protesters' push for accountability evokes memories of an amnesty law that for decades has protected military members accused of



People walk near damaged furniture, after the supporters of Brazil's former President Jair Bolsonaro anti-democratic riot at Planalto Palace, in Brasilia, Brazil

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truth commission report sparked debate over how Brazil has grappled

with the regime's legacy.

Declining to mete out punishment "can avoid tensions at the moment, but perpetuates instability," Luis Felipe Miguel, a professor of political science at the University of Brasilia, wrote in a column entitled "No Amnesty" published Monday evening. "That is the lesson we should have learned from the end of the military dictatorship, when Brazil opted not to punish the regime's killers and torturers."

Brazilian police on Monday had already rounded up roughly 1,500 rioters, with some caught in the act of trashing Brazil's Congress, the Supreme Court and the presidential palace, while the majority were detained the following morning at an encampment in Brasilia. Many were held in a gymnasium throughout the day, and video shared on pro-Bolsonaro social media channels showed some complaining about poor treatment in the crowded space.

The Federal Police's press office said the force plans to indict at least 1,000 people, and has begun transferring them to the

nearby Papuda prison. The administration of President Luiz Inacio Lula da Silva says that is only the start.

Justice minister Flavio Dino vowed to prosecute those who acted behind the scenes to summon supporters on social media and finance their transport for crimes including organized crime, staging a coup, and violent abolition of the democratic rule of law. He also said authorities would investigate allegations that local security personnel allowed the destruction to proceed unabated.

"We cannot and will not compromise in fulfilling our legal duties," Dino said. "This fulfillment is essential so such events do not repeat themselves." Lula signed a decree ordering the federal government to assume control of security in the capital Sunday. It was approved by Congress' Lower House on Monday night, and now proceeds to the Senate. The riot in Brasilia was a reminder of the threat to democracy posed by far-right elements that refuse to accept Bolsonaro's electoral defeat.

Russia intensifies Bakhmut attack

ASSOCIATED PRESS

Kyiv, Jan 10: Russian forces are escalating their onslaught against Ukrainian positions around the wrecked city of Bakhmut, Ukrainian officials said, bringing new levels of death and devastation in the grinding, months long battle for control of eastern Ukraine that is part of Moscow's wider war.

"Everything is completely destroyed. There is almost no life left," Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy said late on Monday of the scene around Bakhmut and the nearby Donetsk province city of Soledar. "The whole land near Soledar is covered with the corpses of the occupiers and scars from the strikes," Zelenskyy said. "This is what madness looks like."

The Kremlin, whose invasion of its neighbour 10 1/2 months ago has suffered numerous reversals, is hungry for any victories. Russia illegally annexed Donetsk and three other Ukrainian provinces in September, but its troops have struggled to advance.

Prachanda wins vote of trust

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

Kathmandu, Jan 10: Nepal's newly-appointed Prime Minister Pushpa Kamal Dahal 'Prachanda' on Tuesday comfortably secured a vote of confidence in the House of Representatives, with almost unanimous support from both his alliance of seven parties and the opposition.

'Prachanda' received the support of 268 of the 270 lawmakers who were present in parliament - the highest number of votes a prime minister has ever received in a vote of confidence in parliament.

He needed only 138 votes in the 275-member parliament to continue his term as the prime minister.

Pashupati Shamsher JB Rana, the senior-most member of the House who chaired the session, said that the House of Representatives passed the vote of confidence proposal moved by Prachanda. Rana, who chaired the meeting, did not vote, while four other lawmakers were absent.

Two lawmakers voted against Prachanda.

All political parties except People's Front Nepal (PFN) and Nepal Workers and Peasants Party (NWPP) voted in Prachanda's support.

The 68-year-old CPN-Maoist Centre leader was sworn in as

the Prime Minister for the third time on December 26 last year after he dramatically walked out of the pre-poll alliance led by the Nepali Congress and joined hands with opposition leader K P Sharma Oli.

In his speech at the lower house earlier, Prachanda said that he wanted to take forward politics of consensus, cooperation and mutual trust rather than the politics of negation, disrespect and vengeance as the Prime Minister.

The Prime Minister said that he as the head of the government wished to give the world a message of national unity in Nepal and pledged to remain dedicated to his duties and responsibilities and give something new to the people.

Classified files found at Biden's former office

REUTERS

Washington, Jan 10: Classified documents from Joe Biden's vice-presidential days were discovered in November by the U.S. president's personal attorneys at a Washington think tank, a White House lawyer said Monday.

Nearly 10 documents were found at Biden's office at the Penn Biden Center for Diplomacy and Global Engagement, CBS News reported earlier, adding that U.S. Attorney General Merrick Garland had asked the U.S. attorney in Chicago to review the classified documents



which were handed over to the National Archives.

The classified material was identified by personal attorneys for Biden on Nov. 2, days before the midterm elections, Richard Sauber, special counsel to the president, said in a statement Monday.

The Penn Biden Center is name for Biden, who periodically used the office space from mid-2017 until the start of his 2020 presidential campaign. The White House Counsel's Office notified the National Archives on the day of the discovery of those documents, Sauber said, adding the National Archives took possession of the material on the following morning.

Sauber also said the documents were not the subject of any previous request or inquiry by the National Archives.



A drone view of a tree that fell during a winter storm with high winds in Sacramento, California

Britain's satellite hopes undimmed by mission failure

REUTERS

Newquay, England, Jan 10: Britain's hopes of becoming a prime launch site for small satellites remain intact despite the failure of what would have been the first launch into orbit from western Europe, business minister Grant Shapps said Tuesday.

Hours after the groundbreaking mission to launch nine satellites ended when a Virgin Orbit rocket launched from a jumbo jet suffered an anomaly that prevented it from reaching orbit, Shapps said another attempt would follow.

"Space is difficult," he told Sky News. "It didn't work. No doubt they'll pick themselves up, dust themselves off and they'll go again." Virgin Orbit chief executive Dan Hart said in a statement that the



Spectators gather around a replica rocket at Cornwall Airport Newquay to watch the first ever UK launch of Virgin Orbit's LauncherOne rocket from Spaceport Cornwall in Newquay, Britain

group hoped to resume missions as soon as a full investigation had been completed and evaluated.

The rocket was successfully released over the Atlantic from a Boeing 747 that took off from

- China's foreign ministry threatened countermeasures last week against countries that had announced new virus testing requirements for travellers from China
- It wasn't clear why South Korea and Japan were targeted, and whether the suspensions would be expanded to other countries that have imposed virus testing on passengers from China

sengers from China. China's embassy in Tokyo said only that visa issuance had been suspended.

The announcements appeared to apply only to new applicants, with nothing about people currently holding visas.

South Korea's Foreign Ministry said in a statement that "our government's step to strengthen anti-virus measures on passengers arriving from China is based on scientific and objective evidence. We have provided information to the international community in a transparent manner and we have communicated with the Chinese side in advance."

SHORT TAKES

Arrest warrant against Imran

Islamabad: Pakistan's top election body Tuesday issued bailable arrest warrants for former Prime Minister Imran Khan and other top leaders of his party in a contempt case. The case is based on statements issued by top Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf leaders against the Election Commission of Pakistan (ECP) and Chief Election Commissioner Sikander Sultan Raja. A four-member ECP bench headed by Nisar Durrani issued warrants against Khan and his close aides - Fawad Chaudhry and Asad Umar.

Quake jolts Indonesia

Jakarta: A powerful deep-sea earthquake damaged village buildings in a lightly populated island chain in eastern Indonesia early on Tuesday and was widely felt in northern Australia. Two school buildings and 124 houses were damaged in Indonesia's Tanimbar islands and Southwest Maluku districts, the National Disaster Mitigation Agency said. Only one injury was reported. "Local residents felt strong tremors for three to five seconds. There was panic when the quake shook so the residents left their houses," agency spokesperson Abdul Muhari said in a statement.

Pakistan secures over \$10.5 bn

Islamabad: Pakistan has managed to secure over \$10.5 billion in flood pledges which would be materialised in three phases -- short-term for up to one year, medium-term for up to three years and long-term for up to five to seven years period -- for the reconstruction of flood-affected areas, The News reported. The cash-strapped nation clinched the pledges at the one-day International Conference on Climate Resilient Pakistan in Geneva after Pak Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif launched an \$8 billion flood aid appeal, aimed at helping the country overcome the devastation caused due to the cataclysmic floods.

SL says treasury running dry

Colombo: Sri Lanka's treasury is running out of funds as the island nation's worst-ever economic crisis since its independence in 1948 continues, Cabinet spokesman Bandula Gunawardena said Tuesday. Gunawardena told reporters that funds collected through taxes have seen a decline, reports Xinhua news agency. As a result, the treasury is running short of funds to make payments, he said.

Indian-American named NASA's chief technologist

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Washington, Jan 10: An Indian-American aerospace industry expert has been appointed as NASA's new chief technologist to serve as principal advisor to Administrator Bill Nelson on technology policy and programmes at the space agency's headquarters here.

A.C. Charania joined the space agency in his new role on January 3. He replaces another Indian-American scientist Bhavya Lal, who served as acting chief technologist prior to the former's appointment.



In his position, Charania will align NASA's agencywide technology investments with mission needs across six mission directorates and oversee technology collaboration with other federal agencies, the private sector, and external stakeholders, NASA said in a statement on Monday.

The position works within NASA's Office for Technology, Policy, and Strategy. "Technology plays a vital role in every NASA mission. Making sure that we're pursuing the best policy objectives allows this agency to continue to serve as a global leader in innovation," Bhavya Lal, NASA associate administrator for technology, policy, and strategy, was quoted as saying in the statement.

"Charania is an experienced leader in managing large, rapidly shifting technology portfolios. I am eager for him to apply his knowledge and enthusiasm at NASA," Lal said. "The rate of advancement we seek in the 21st century is dependent upon selecting and maturing a portfolio of technologies into systems to execute our missions," Charania said.

Newquay in southwest England, in what is known as a horizontal launch. Named LauncherOne, the rocket reached 11,000 miles per hour (17,700 km/h) before its system failed. The rocket would have broken up after the failure, experts said.

It was the latest in a series of setbacks for European space missions. An Italian-built Vega-C rocket failed after lift-off from French Guiana last month, and the rockets have since been grounded, while the European Space Agency's Ariane 6 launcher for big satellites has been delayed.

Britain invested about 20 million pounds (\$24 million) in the spaceport and the launch, science minister George Freeman said on Monday, while the mission itself was largely funded by Virgin Orbit.

Commercial customers including Oman, the British start-up Space Forge and others are thought to have paid \$10-12 million for Virgin Orbit to launch their satellites, and will be covered by its insurance, according to Matt Archer, the UK Space Agency's commercial space director.

Virgin Orbit's (VORB.O) shares fell 20% to \$1.48 in pre-market trading. Shapps said he remained hopeful for the Newquay site as well as other potential spaceports in Britain, including one in Scotland's Shetland Isles, which is being designed for vertical rocket launches.

"There's another six locations in the UK, including a couple in Scotland, in Wales, so there's a big chunk of money and export and jobs to be had from international space," he said.



India has been able to navigate through the most formidable energy crisis the world has seen since the 1973 oil crisis
HARDEEP SINGH PURI | OIL MINISTER

STEEL PRICES AT 3-MONTH HIGH

Steel prices increased by 5 per cent to hit a three-month high of ₹56,900 per tonne in January, according to SteelMint. In its latest report, the research firm attributed the rise to 'export duty removal and rise in raw material prices'.



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WB WARNING Global economy at risk of recession

Rising interest rates in developed economies like the US and Europe will attract investment capital from poorer countries, thereby depriving them of crucial domestic investment

ASSOCIATED PRESS

Washington, Jan 10: The global economy will come "perilously close" to a recession this year, led by weaker growth in all the world's top economies — the United States, Europe and China — the World Bank warned Tuesday.

In an annual report, the World Bank, which lends money to poorer countries for development projects, said it had slashed its forecast for global growth this year by nearly half, to just 1.7 per cent, from its previous projection of 3 per cent.

If that forecast proves accurate, it would be the third-weakest annual expansion in three decades, behind only the deep recessions that resulted from the 2008 global financial crisis and the pandemic in 2020.

Though the United States might avoid a recession this year — the World Bank predicts the US economy will eke out growth of 0.5 per cent — global weakness will likely pose another headwind for America's businesses and consumers, on top of high prices and more expensive borrowing rates. The United States also remains vulnerable to further supply chain disruptions if COVID keeps surging or the war in Ukraine worsens.

And Europe, long a major exporter to China, will likely suffer from a weaker Chinese economy.

The World Bank report also noted that rising interest rates in developed economies like the United States and Europe will attract investment capital from poorer countries, thereby depriving them of crucial domestic investment.

At the same time, the report said, those high interest rates will slow growth in developed countries at a time when Russia's invasion of Ukraine has kept world food prices high.

The impact of a global downturn would fall particularly hard on poorer countries in such areas as Saharan Africa, where the World Bank predicts per capita income will grow just 1.2 per cent in 2023 and 2024. That is such a tepid pace that poverty rates could rise.

"Weakness in growth and business investment will compound the already devastating reversals in education, health, poverty, and infrastructure and the increasing demands from climate change," said David Malpass, president of the World Bank.

The report follows a similarly gloomy forecast a week earlier from Kristina Georgieva, the head of the International Monetary Fund, the global lending agency.



Georgieva estimated on CBS' "Face the Nation" that one-third of the world will fall into recession this year.

"For most of the world economy, this is going to be a tough year, tougher than the year we leave behind," Georgieva said. "Why? Because the three big economies — US, EU, China — are all slowing down simultaneously."

The World Bank projects that the European Union's economy won't grow at all next year after having expanded 3.3 per cent in 2022. It foresees China growing 4.3 per cent, nearly a percentage point lower than it had previously forecast, and about half the pace that Beijing posted in 2021.

The bank expects developing countries to fare better, growing 3.4 per cent this year, the same as

in 2022, though still only about half the pace of 2021. It forecasts Brazil's growth slowing to 0.8 per cent in 2023, down from 3 per cent last year.

In Pakistan, it expects the economy to expand just 2 per cent this year, one-third of last year's pace.

Other economists have also issued bleak outlooks, though most of them not quite as dire. Economists at JPMorgan are predicting slow growth this year for advanced economies and the world as a whole, but they don't expect a global recession.

Last month, the bank predicted that slowing inflation will bolster consumers' ability to spend and power growth in the United States and elsewhere.

"The global expansion will turn into 2023 bent but not broken," the JPMorgan report said.

Housing sales in 2022 hit 9-year high: Knight Frank

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

New Delhi, Jan 10: With the opening up of the economy post the COVID pandemic, Knight Frank Tuesday said housing sales rose 34 per cent to a 9-year high and gross office leasing grew 36 per cent during 2022 across eight major cities.

While housing sales rose 34 per cent to 3,12,666 units in 2022 across eight major cities, the gross leasing of office space increased 36 per cent to 51.6 million square feet.

In a virtual press conference, real estate consultant Knight Frank India released the 18th edition of a half-yearly report that tracks property markets of top eight cities.

Knight Frank India CMD Shishir Bajjal said housing sales have registered a growth in 2022, despite rise in prices and also an increase in interest rates on home loans.

As per the data, Mumbai led residential sales in 2022 with 85,169 units, up 35 per cent from the previous year. Delhi-NCR saw a 67 per cent growth in sales to 58,460 units, while Bengaluru witnessed a 40 per cent rise to 53,363 units. Housing sales in Pune increased 17 per cent to 43,410 units. Sales of residential properties in Hyderabad went up 28 per cent to 31,046 units last year. Chennai saw a 19 per cent growth in sales to 14,248 units, while Ahmedabad witnessed an increase of 58 per cent to 14,062 units.

Kolkata was the only city that saw a decline of 10 per cent to 12,909 units.



Knight Frank India said the office sector in India saw a strong recovery in demand despite geopolitical challenges. In terms of the office space demand, Bengaluru led with 14.5 million square feet followed by NCR with 8.9 million square feet leased during the year 2022.

"For the first time in over a decade we have seen simultaneous growth in all major real estate segments," Bajjal said.

Office, residential, warehousing and retail, all registered significant increase in activities in 2022, he added.

"Factors like change in attitude towards home ownership, return to work and increased hiring and proliferation of e-commerce etc. Backed by economic stability, allowed India's real estate sector to benefit last year," Bajjal said.

He expressed confidence that this pace of growth is expected to largely remain in the new year owing to continued domestic economic growth.

SHORT TAKES

Gems and jewellery exports fall 11.25%

Mumbai: The overall gem and jewellery exports in December declined 11.25 per cent to ₹19,432.88 crores (USD 2,356.70 million) due to rising prices, affecting the cost of living and talks of a downturn in the US, the Gem and Jewellery Export Promotion Council (GJEPC) said Tuesday. During December 2021, the overall gems and jewellery exports stood at ₹21,896.46 crores (USD 2,905.79 million), GJEPC said in a statement. Meanwhile, the total exports during April-December 2022 witnessed a growth of 6.28 per cent to ₹2,27,534.50 crore compared to ₹2,14,087.94 crore in the corresponding period of the preceding year. However, in terms of the US dollar, there was a marginal decline of 0.73 per cent during April-December to USD 28,608.22 million compared to USD 28,819.88 million a year ago.

Adani-led group buys Israeli port

Jerusalem: A consortium led by Adani Group has completed the purchase of Haifa Port in northern Israel for 4 billion shekels (\$1.15 billion), Israel's Finance Ministry said Tuesday. The sale of one Israel's main seaports has taken five years and marks the culmination of a nearly two-decade reform of an underperforming sector plagued for years by labour strikes. The country has been selling its state-owned ports and building new private docks in an effort to bring down costs and cut above-average waiting times for vessels to unload.

Carlyle acquires stake in VLCC

New Delhi: Global investment firm Carlyle Tuesday said it has acquired a majority stake in homegrown skincare and beauty firm VLCC for an undisclosed amount. Founded in 1989 by Vandana and Mukesh Luthra, VLCC operates in the skincare, beauty and wellness market with an integrated offering of branded skincare products and specialised beauty and wellness services. Though the "terms of the transaction were not disclosed", a joint statement said VLCC's founders "will continue to hold a significant stake in the company". However, reports pegged the deal to be valued at around USD 300 million (Rs 2,453 crore). "The investment underscores Carlyle's overall conviction in India's long-term economic and domestic consumption growth, which the team believes is characterised by product premiumisation and a shift in preference amongst the rising middle-class towards established brands," said a joint statement.

BIZ BUZZ

SBI Bhubaneswar Circle achieves new milestone



Bhubaneswar: State Bank of India (SBI) Bhubaneswar Circle has achieved a milestone by surpassing ₹2 trillion business in the third quarter of the financial year as on 31st December 2022. On this achievement, Circle CGM Chandershekhar Sharma has thanked customers of SBI and the people of Odisha for their trust in SBI that enabled SBI Bhubaneswar Circle surpass the ₹2 trillion business level for the first time in its history. The event was celebrated at SBI local head office Bhubaneswar by a cake-cutting ceremony in the presence of Circle Management Committee along with staff members. All zones, regions and branches of Bhubaneswar Circle joined the celebration through video conference.

UCO Bank Balasore celebrates Foundation Day

Balasore: UCO Bank has celebrated its 80th Foundation Day January 6, 2023. On its Foundation Day, the Bank opened two new branches under Zonal Office, Balasore — one at Baisinga, Mayurbhanj district and another at Hajipur, Jagatsinghpur district. Zonal Head, Balasore, Debabrata Mohanty reiterated on better customer service and usage of more digital banking in coming days. He also stressed that the Bank is focusing on increase of lending in retail, SHG finance and MSME sector. He also interacted with customers and expressed his gratitude for their long association with UCO Bank. The Bank also organised health checkup, blood donation camp and also engaged in philanthropic activities in centres/branches.



Sensex, Nifty end 1 pc lower

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Mumbai, Jan 10: Equity benchmarks Sensex and Nifty ended 1 per cent lower Tuesday, dragged down by Reliance Industries and banking stocks along with a weak trend in European markets.

Unabated foreign fund outflows also negatively impacted the domestic equity market.

The 30-share BSE Sensex tanked 631.83 points or 1.04 per cent to settle at 60,115.48. During the day it tumbled 808.93 points or 1.33 per cent to 59,938.38. The broader NSE Nifty declined 187.05 points or 1.03 per cent to end at 17,914.15.

"Local investors have been following global cues, and weakness in European and US markets triggered a downfall in domestic equities, which saw Nifty end below the crucial 18,000-mark. Trading sentiment has been very weak and most of the sluggish external factors are prompting investors to book profit at regular intervals," said Shrikant Chouhan, Head of Equity Research (Retail), Kotak Securities Ltd.

'India's target of raising natural gas' energy share risky'

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

New Delhi, Jan 10: Price volatility and infrastructure constraints will challenge India's target of increasing the share of natural gas in its primary energy to 15 per cent by 2030 from 6 per cent in 2017, Fitch Ratings said in a new report Tuesday.

"Progress on the target has been minimal - 6 per cent share in 2021 - as natural gas growth has not managed to outpace total energy

growth," it said. This is despite resilient demand from city gas distribution (CGD) networks and rising domestic production.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi had in 2017 set a target of raising the share of natural gas in the primary energy consumption basket with a view to cutting down emissions. However, the demand for the fuel is rising at a slower rate, with current growth rates only around 53 per cent of levels re-

quired for the country to meet a 15 per cent gas use target. Gas demand by 2030 will only reach 326 million standard cubic meters per day at current 4.5 per cent growth rates, much lower than the 611 mmscmd of consumption needed to meet the 15 per cent energy mix goal.

"We believe that natural gas demand from price-sensitive industrial and power sectors may be limited in times of rising prices, as they switch to cheaper alternate

fuels in the absence of robust emission norms," it said. "Gas adoption for mobility and household fuel may also slow when its price benefit against alternate fuels decreases."

It saw inadequate gas pipeline network and expectation of execution delays in some under-construction projects may limit natural gas demand growth to lower than its intrinsic levels, even in times of low prices.

Mutual fund industry AUM rises 5.7% in 2022: Amfi

This was way lower than a surge of nearly 22 per cent or an increase of close to ₹7 lakh crore in the asset base to ₹37.72 lakh crore in 2021

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

New Delhi, Jan 10: The mutual fund industry added ₹2.2 lakh crore to its asset base in 2022, driven by consistent monthly increase in SIP (Systematic Investment Plan) flows.

The Assets Under Management (AUM) of the mutual fund industry rose by 5.7 per cent or ₹2.2 lakh crore to a total ₹39.88 lakh crore in 2022, data from the Association of Mutual Fund Industry (Amfi) showed Tuesday.

This was way lower than a surge of nearly 22 per cent or an increase of close to ₹7 lakh crore in the asset base to ₹37.72 lakh crore in 2021.

"The industry grew at a slower pace in 2022 due to uncertainty in stock markets, and changing in-

terest rate scenarios affecting the business environment at large. Understandably, investors have been in step with these changes by reallocating their investments between equity debt and hybrid schemes," Gopal Kavalireddi, Head of Research at Fyers, said.

The growth of 42-player mutual fund space in 2021 was mainly braced by a rally in the stock markets. The increase in asset base in 2022 is mostly the result of advanced SIP flows, which touched ₹13,000-crore for the second time in a row in November. Besides, industry body Amfi has played an important role in driving awareness towards mutual funds among retail investors, Akhil Chaturvedi, Chief Business Officer of Motilal Oswal AMC, said.



During the calendar year, SIP inflows averaged more than ₹12,500 crore per month, helping investors to stay in the stock market and benefit from Rupee cost averaging. The steady inflow suggests resilience in domestic inflows, which

have been strong counterbalance to FPIs (Foreign Portfolio Investors) selling.

Further, the current run rate of inflows is expected to continue in 2023 with monthly SIPs touching around ₹14,000 crore on an av-

erage, Chaturvedi said.

In 2022, the total net flows into all mutual funds stood at ₹71,443 crore, with positive inflows into equity schemes (Rs 1.61 lakh crore), index funds and ETFs (Rs 1.65 lakh crore) and negative inflows into debt schemes (Rs 2.5 lakh crore).

The investor count is estimated to have expanded by 2 crore during the year to 14.11 crore. In 2021, a total of 2.6 crore folios were added.

Equity schemes have got inflow to the tune of ₹1.61 lakh crore last year as against ₹96,700 crore in 2021. In December, equity schemes saw a net inflow of ₹7,303 crore, much higher than ₹2,258 crore in the preceding month.

The schemes have been witnessing incessant net inflow since

March 2021 and before this, the equity schemes had witnessed outflows for eight straight months on account of the Covid pandemic.

Higher awareness about equities and their ability to create wealth over a longer term is what has led to this increase in flows in equity-oriented schemes in 2022.

"Maturing of the retail investor is the reason for the consistent inflow in equities. 2022 has been a volatile year. People have used opportunities of corrections to average down and continue to add money," Radhika Gupta, MD and EO of Edelweiss AMC, said.

Going ahead, experts believe that growth in the asset base in 2023 would be driven by economic growth and retail participation from young investors.

VIRAT TON LIFTS INDIA

Vaibhav helps Himachal take control vs Odisha

Hopefully, we can finish on top, says PR Sreejesh

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

Guwahati, Jan 10: An authoritative Virat Kohli headlined India's utterly dominant performance with his 45th ODI hundred as the hosts pummeled Sri Lanka by 67 runs in the first of the three-match series here Tuesday.

Asked to bat first, India rode former skipper Kohli's 87-ball 113 (12x4, 1x6) and fluent half centuries from his successor Rohit Sharma (83, 67b, 9x4, 3x6) and Shubman Gill (70, 60b, 11x4) to rake up an imposing 373 for seven in their allotted quota of overs on a batting-friendly strip.

In reply, the Sri Lankans were never in the hunt and ended at 306/8 in 50 overs to hand the hosts a 1-0 lead in the rubber.

After opener Pathum Nissanka fell for 72 (80b, 11x4), visiting captain Dasun Shanaka (108 n o, 88b, 12x4, 3x6) waged a lone battle and produced a counterattacking century, even as the others failed to put up any resistance. Young speed merchants Umran Malik (3/57) and Mohammed Siraj (2/30) then put the icing on the cake in a lop-sided game.

Continuing his blazing form into the New Year, Kohli slammed his 73rd international hundred overall and made the Lankans pay for two dropped catches.

The exuberant Siraj once again bowled splendidly with the new ball and reduced the Islanders to



23/2 inside six overs to set the tone. He first dismissed Avishka Fernando and then rattled Kusal Mendis' timber.

But Nissanka held on and stood in two crucial partnerships with Dhananjaya de Silva (47, 40b, 9x4) and Charith Asalanka (23). Amid heavy dew, Malik came to bowl in the middle overs and struck thrice, dismissing Asalanka, Nissanka and Dunith Wellalage to reduce Lanka to 179/7 in 33.2 overs. From there though, Shanaka held the fort en route to his second ODI century.

Kohli, who scored 113 against Bangladesh in Chattogram in India's last ODI, continued from where he left. He was dropped twice – on 52 and 81 – on his way to his 45th ODI century, four shy of maestro Sachin Tendulkar's all-time record of 49 hundreds in the 50-over format.

Rohit responded to the criticism of benching the in-form duo of Ishan Kishan and Suryakumar Yadav by giving India a solid start in the company of Gill.

The underfire KL Rahul (39, 29b, 4x4, 1x6) also could not make it big and was bowled around the legs after being deceived by a slower one from Kasun Rajitha (3/88).

BRIEF SCORES: India 373/7 (Virat Kohli 113, Rohit Sharma 83, Shubman Gill 70; Kasun Rajitha 3/88) beat Sri Lanka 306/8 (Dasun Shanaka 108 n o, Pathum Nissanka 72; Umran Malik 3/57, Mohammed Siraj 2/30) by 67 runs.

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

Nadaun, Jan 10: Himachal Pradesh pace bowler Vaibhav Arora grabbed his third five-wicket haul (5/51) in first-class cricket to restrict Odisha to 191 in their Ranji Trophy Elite Group A match, even as the other two quicks – Rishi Dhawan (2/44) and Abhinay (2/59) – too played a vital role in demolishing the visitors Tuesday.

At stumps on day one at the Atal Bihari Vajpayee Stadium, Himachal were placed comfortably at 91/2 with dependable opener Prashant Chopra batting at 61 (89b, 9x4) and the hosts exactly 100 runs away from taking the first-innings lead.

Vaibhav, the 25-year-old quick, struck in the ninth over to get rid of opener Anurag Sarangi for six runs and was on target again in the 16th over as he sent back Anshy Rath for three.

With Himachal bowlers striking at regular intervals, Odisha were in dire straits at 85/5 but a fighting half century from Shantanu Mishra (52, 107b, 6x4) helped them to 160/8 before the last two wickets fell in quick succession.

Himachal were all out for 49 in the first innings of their Ranji game against Uttarakhand. But since then, the team has atoned for their batting lapses, which was quite visible in the fourth-round match against Baroda that ended in a draw after Himachal put up a 500-plus total in the first innings.

Earlier, Odisha being restricted to a sub-200 score was owing to the efforts of the three Himachal quicks. While Vaibhav was the wrecker-in-chief, Kanwar Abhinay and Dhawan too had two wickets apiece as they helped the hosts take the honours on the opening day.

BRIEF SCORES

Odisha 191 (Shantanu Mishra 52, Prayash Singh 39; Vaibhav Arora 5/51, Rishi Dhawan 2/44, Kanwar Abhinay 2/39); Himachal Pradesh 91/2 (Prashant Chopra 61 batting). Match to continue.

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

Rourkela, Jan 10: All set to play in his fourth FIH men's hockey World Cup and the third on home soil, veteran India goalkeeper PR Sreejesh feels his team can do better than the quarterfinal exit in the last edition, and even finish on top of the podium this time. The showpiece begins here Friday.

India topped their pool after winning two matches and drawing one, but lost to eventual runners-up Netherlands 2-1 in the quarterfinals of the 2018 edition, which was played at Kalinga Stadium in Bhubaneswar, one of the two venues this time.

"It is a great honour for me to play my fourth World Cup for our country and the special part is, this is my third World Cup on home soil. I don't think any player has had this privilege of playing three World Cups at home," Sreejesh said ahead of India's first Pool D match on Friday against Spain.

"In 2018, we couldn't go into semis. Now, we have one more opportunity to change our fortunes at this

mega event. Hopefully we can improve our previous performance and finish on top," he said.

India has not finished on the podium in 48 years since winning the gold in 1975 edition in Kuala Lumpur under the captaincy of Ajit Pal Singh.

The 34-year-old experienced goalkeeper, the second most capped Indian player in the team after Manpreet Singh, said results matter more than the number of times a player turns up for a marquee event like the World Cup.

"I've always felt it's not about how many times you have played a tournament but whether you have won it or not is what matters the most. This time too, it's important for me to give my 100 per cent and get the desired result from the tournament," said Sreejesh, who played a major role in India's historic bronze-winning feat in the Tokyo Olympics.

Sreejesh, who was named the FIH Goalkeeper of the Year, remembered his first outing at the World Cup when the head coach asked him to pad up to



guard India's post against nemesis Pakistan. This was during the New Delhi edition in 2010.

SAINA, SRIKANTH BOW OUT OF MALAYSIA OPEN

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

Kuala Lumpur, Jan 10: Ace Indian shuttlers Saina Nehwal and Kidambi Srikanth's woeful run continued as they suffered first-round exits from the season-opening Malaysia Open here Tuesday.

London Olympics medallist Saina, who endured a tough 2022 battling multiple injuries and a lack of form, went down 12-21, 21-17, 12-21

to Han Yue of China in the USD 1,250,000 Super 1000 tournament.

Gayatri Gopichand and Treesa Jolly in women's doubles, were the only Indian badminton players to win on the first day of the tournament. The Indian duo, who won a bronze medal at the 2022 Commonwealth Games, beat Hong Kong's Yeung Nga Ting and Yeung Pui Lam 21-14, 21-19 to enter the round of 16.

Former World No.1 Srikanth's

surrender was tamer. The world championship silver medallist, who has also been struggling for form recently, was stunned by the unseeded Kenta Nishimoto of Japan 19-21, 14-21 in 42 minutes.

It was also curtains for Akarshi Kashyap who was outplayed 10-21, 8-21 by Wen Chi Hsu of Chinese Taipei in her women's singles opener.

The men's doubles pair of Krishna Garaga and

Vishnuvardhan Panjala lost their match to South Korea's Kang Min Hyuk and Seo Seung Jae 21-10, 21-18 in the first round.

PV Sindhu will take on Carolina Marin in her first match while Lakshya Sen and HS Prannoy will fight it out for a place in the round of 16. In men's doubles, Chirag Shetty and Satwiksairaj Rankireddy will play against South Korea's Choi Sol Gyu and Kim Won Ho.







SISIR SARAS 2023

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13th -29th January, 2023 | Biju Patnaik Play Ground, Baramunda, Bhubaneswar

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JAJPUR	20 th - 22 nd JAN 2023	CHANDAMA GROUND, BYASANAGAR	RAYAGADA	18 th - 22 nd JAN 2023	GCD HIGH SCHOOL PLAY GROUND
JHARSUGUDA	14 th - 18 th JAN 2023	SARBAHAL HIGH SCHOOL GROUND	SAMBALPUR	11 th - 16 th JAN 2023	PHD FIELD
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