

Mulayam Singh's last rites completed with full state honour

Etawah(UP), (UNI) Mortal remains of Samajwadi Party (SP) founder and former Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Mulayam Singh Yadav were consigned to flames in his native Saifai on Tuesday with full state honour as his supporters and party workers bid adieu to their 'netaji' in tears. His son and SP president Akhilesh Yadav performed the last rites and lit the pyre amid chants of "Mulayam Singh Amar Rahein" and "Dharti Putra Mulayam Singh Amar Rahein". The last rites with full state honours were held as a mammoth mob assembled at the cremation ground to catch a last glimpse and pay trib-

ute to the departed soul. The entire Yadav clan, including Shivpal Singh Yadav, Ram Gopal Yadav, Dimple Yadav, Dharmendra Yadav, Aditya Yadav, Prateek Yadav, his wife Aparna Yadav, Akshay Yadav and other family members and relatives were present on the occasion. A sea of people followed the funeral procession from the Mela Pandal up to the cremation ground. Defence Minister Rajnath Singh, Lok Sabha Speaker Om Birla, Nationalist Congress Party (NCP) president Sharad Pawar, Chief Ministers of various states along with leaders of various political parties



paid their tributes to the former defence minister ahead of his last rites.

After paying tributes to the socialist leader, Rajnath said, "I had very good relations with Mulayam Singh. He was considered to be a leader who was down and earth and connected to his roots. His

departure has caused a huge loss to the politics in India." Deputy CM Brijesh Pathak said, "The demise of former UP CM and senior leader Mulayam Singh Yadav is extremely said. Today I conveyed my deep sympathies to the family in Saifai. While offering tributes on the mortal remains

have prayed for the peace of the departed soul." Earlier, after the mortal remains of Mulayam were brought to the pandal of Saifai Mela ground in the morning there was a huge influx of people paying tribute to him.

Other than Rajnath, Om Birla and Pawar, Chhattisgarh CM Bhupesh Baghel, Rajasthan CM Ashok Gehlot, Telangana CM KC Rao, Deputy CMs of UP Keshav Prasad Maurya, Deputy CM of Bihar Tejaswi Yadav, former CM of Madhya Pradesh Chandrababu Naidu, SP's Rajya Sabha member Jaya Bachchan and her actor son

Abhishek Bachchan paid tributes to Mulayam. Among others Yoga Guru Baba Ramdev, industrialists Anil Ambani, Subrata Roy, senior SP leader and a longtime associate of Mulayam, Mohammad Azam Khan, his MLA son Abdullah Azam, Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) MP Maneka Gandhi, and her son and MP Varun Gandhi, AAP MP Sanjay Singh, Congress leader Mallikarjun Kharge, former Union Minister Praful Patel, Suheldev Bharatiya Samaj Party (SBSP) president Om Prakash Rajbhar and several other leaders paid their tributes to Mulayam

on the occasion.

Mulayam Singh passed away at the Medanta hospital in Gurugram after prolonged illness on Monday. The 82-year-old leader was admitted to the hospital for the last one and a half month. His mortal remains were brought from Gurugram to his ancestral house in Saifai village in Etawah district on Monday evening where UP CM Yogi Adityanath along with Jal Shakti Minister Swatantra Dev Singh and BJP state president Bhupendra Singh paid their tributes. The state government has announced a state mourning for three days.

Modi bows to Mahakal



Ujjain (MP), (UNI) Prime Minister Narendra Modi – who is in Madhya Pradesh for dedicating to the nation the grand Shri Mahakal Lok on the premises of the world-renowned Mahakaleshwar shrine in this ancient holy city – offered ritual worship on Tuesday within the sanctum sanctorum that houses the sole south-facing 'swayambhu' shivling known to man.

Four priests were present along with the visiting dignitary for approximately half an hour. Amidst chanting of mantras, Mr Modi performed meditation while holding a string of prayer beads and a bell leaf. He was seated for about ten minutes behind the shivling. A special rakshasutra was subsequently tied to the Prime Minister. After emerging from the sanctum sanctorum, Mr Modi sat beside Lord Mahadev's 'vehicle' Nandi for approximately five minutes. Jalabhishek is not performed there after sundown. Earlier, a special plane conveyed the Prime Minister to Madhya Pradesh's commercial capital Indore from where he arrived here by helicopter. Among those present on the temple premises were Governor Mangubhai Patel, Chief Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan and Union Civil Aviation and Steel Minister Jyotiraditya Scindia.

President Droupadi Murmu to visit IIT Guwahati



Guwahati, (UNI) President Droupadi Murmu will visit the Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) Guwahati campus on Thursday during her visit to Assam. Murmu will be on a two-day visit to the northeastern state which will be her first after assuming the highest office. The President will be accompanied by Governor Jagadish Mukhi, Chief Minister Himanta Biswa Sarma Union Minister of State for Health Bharati Pravin Pawar and Assam Health Minister Keshab Mahanta along with other dignitaries, said a state-

ment. During her visit to the campus, Murmu will inaugurate the 'PARAM KAMRUPA' Super computer facility and a high-power active and passive component laboratory of SAMEER at IIT Guwahati, it added. The event at IIT Guwahati will also include the Virtual Inauguration of the Medical College and Hospital in Dhubri, Assam, and a foundation stone laying ceremony for the Zonal Institutes of National Institute of Virology at Dibrugarh, Assam and Jabalpur, Madhya Pradesh, by Murmu.

BJP candidate Suryabanshi Suraj files nomination for Dhamnagar Assembly by-election

Bhubaneswar, (UNI) BJP candidate Suryabanshi Suraj on Tuesday filed his nomination for the by-election to Dhamnagar (SC) Assembly constituency scheduled to be held on November 3 next. The seat fell vacant following the death of BJP MLA Bishnu Sethi on September 19 last. BJP had announced the name of Suraj, the son of late BJP MLA Bishnu Sethi on Sunday last as the party candidate for the by-election to Dhamnagar Assembly seat. BJP State President Samir



Mohanty, leader of Opposition in Odisha Assembly J N Mishra, Opposition Chief Whip Mohan Majhi, senior BJP leader Man Mohan Samal and several BJP leaders were present while Suraj filed the nomi-

nation papers. The ruling BJD and Congress have not yet announced the names of their party candidates for the by-election. The last date for filing a nomination is October 14 next.

HC imposes Rs 25K fine on lawyer for submitting objectionable photographs with petition

Mumbai, (UNI) The Bombay High Court has imposed a fine of Rs 25,000 on a lawyer, who had submitted a bunch of objectionable photographs with a petition, seeking to get a rape case against a man revoked. A division bench of Justices Revati Mohite-Dere and S M Modak in an order observed that "no sense of proportion or discretion" was exercised by the petitioner's advocate while annexing the "highly objectionable" photographs with the plea.

The bench came across the photographs while hearing the petition, filed by the accused man's wife, seeking to quash the FIR (first information report) and chargesheet filed against him in a rape case. "Advocates fail to realise that these petitions are filed / placed before the Registry and get circulated through various departments, exposing the parties involved in the photographs," the court said in its order dated October 7 which was made available on Tuesday. It further noted that annexing such photographs was an invasion of privacy of the parties and directed the advocate to forthwith remove the same from the petition copy.

NHRC advisory on ocular trauma

New Delhi, (UNI) The National Human Rights Commission (NHRC) has urged authorities to prevent and minimise the impact of ocular trauma and to ensure appropriate standardized treatment and rehabilitation of its victims. Ocular trauma causes about five per cent of irreversible or permanent blindness. The Commission has observed that major contributors of eye injury are road accidents (34 per cent), sports (29 per cent) and occupations (21 per cent). However, the most reassuring fact is that eye injury is a preventable cause of blindness, a NHRC statement stated.

India delivers 13th batch of medical supplies to Afghanistan

New Delhi, (UNI) India has supplied the 13th batch of medical assistance consisting of essential medicines and medical/surgical items to Afghanistan in view of the urgent appeals made by the UN to assist the Afghan people. The medical supplies include Pediatric Stethoscope, Sphygmomanometer mobile type with pediatric BP cuff, infusion pump, drip chamber set, electro cautery, nylon sutures etc. The same were handed over to authorities of the Indira Gandhi Children Hospital, Kabul, the Ministry of External Affairs said.

UP: Army jawan dies, 7 injured as bus fell into pit

Greater Noida, (UNI) An army jawan was killed and seven others were injured when a double decker bus fell into a pit after hitting a truck in Rabupura area on Tuesday, police said here. Police said that the incident occurred in the afternoon when the double decker bus going to Ludhiana from Gorakhpur fell into a pit after hitting the loaded truck. "The bus first hit the truck from the rear side after this it slipped into a pit by breaking the crash beam barrier installed alongside the road," it said.

Police said that Lavi Kumar (28), posted in Dogra Regiment, sustained serious injuries and was taken to the hospital where he succumbed. "Seven persons, including Kumar's colleague Arun Kumar, were seriously injured in the accident. "The injured have been admitted to the hospital," police said. Reports said that several other people also sustained minor injuries as around 60 to 65 passengers were travelling in the bus at the time of the accident. "The passengers were rescued by the police by smashing window panes of the bus," sources said.

Odisha BJP Mahila Morcha demands CBI probe on Archana Nag honey trapping case

Bhubaneswar, (UNI) Odisha BJP Mahila Morcha has demanded a CBI inquiry into the 'Archana Nag honey trapping and blackmailing case. BJP Mahila Morcha President Smruti Patnaik in a press conference here on Tuesday alleged that the ruling BJD was trying to suppress the case as several party leaders and Ministers were involved in the case. She alleged that the honey trapping and blackmailing of influential people were going on with the direct patronage of the ruling party for the last several years. Police arrested Archana Nag (28) on October 6 last on the charge of blackmailing



influential people and extorting crores of rupees from them after an Odia film producer lodged an FIR against her. The Police also seized her mobile phone, laptop, pen drive and computer from her residence.

The Film Producer in his FIR alleged that Archana threatened to spoil his ca-

reer and reputation by circulating his obscene photographs with a girl if he did not pay her Rs three crore.

Several Political leaders of various political parties, influential people, and bureaucrats are alleged to have been involved in the case, the BJP leader alleged. She demanded the

government make public all information regarding the involvement of all BJD leaders, Ministers, Police, and bureaucrats retrieved from the gadgets seized by the police. Patnaik also demanded CBI inquiry into the alleged involvement of School and Mass Education Minister Samir Ranjan Das in the suicide of BJD Zilla Parishad Member Dharmendra Sahoo. Sahoo who represented the ZP Zone 11 in Gopa block of Puri district committed suicide on September 24 last. She asked Chief Minister Naveen Patnaik to hand over both the cases to CBI for an impartial inquiry.

Narendra Modi government following Path & principles of JP : Shah

Chhapra, Oct 11(UNI) Union Home Minister Amit Shah on Tuesday said that Narendra Modi government was following path and principles of great leader Jai Prakash Narayan while his disciples in Bihar deviated from the goal set by him and jumped into lap of Congress for the sake of power, a reference to Chief Minister Nitish Kumar who joined hands with Congress and RJD, to lead Grand Alliance government in the state.

Shah, also former president of BJP while addressing a function organised at Sitab Diara in Saran district of Bihar, the birth place of Jai Prakash Narayan popularly known as JP, to mark his 121st birth anniversary, said that JP had launched total revolution in mid seventies to overthrow the then dictatorial Congress government at



the Centre. Under his leadership, students' movement was launched in Gujarat in 1973 which led to ouster of corrupt Congress from there, he added. "After Gujarat, JP had launched students movement in Bihar and heavy presence of people in his rally at historic Gandhi Maidan in Patna had made restless, the then Prime Minister Indira Gandhi", Union Minister said adding that the then Congress government at the Centre

had imposed emergency and sent JP to jail.

Senior leaders like Lal Krishna Advani and Atal Bihari Vajpayee were also lodged in jail, he added. Shah said that JP's movement ultimately led to ouster of dictatorial Indira Gandhi government from the power and non Congress government was formed at the Centre for the first time. JP was a selfless leader fully committed to the cause of people who had shown

how change in regime could be made in larger public interest, he added. Union Minister said that several leaders including Chief Minister Nitish Kumar were product of JP movement.

It was painful that they had now joined hands with Congress to enjoy power, he stated while making reference to Chief Minister Kumar who walked away from NDA on August 9 and joined hands with Grand Alliance having Congress as its constituent while RJD, party of another product of JP movement Lalu Prasad having relation with Congress since long. Shah also called upon the people to judge themselves whether they would like to extend their support to BJP which was strongly committed to principles of JP or those who trampled his principles for the sake of power.

SL heading for humanitarian disaster

Colombo, (UNI) Since Sri Lanka announced in April that it will default on its foreign debt, its 22 million residents have lost access to most medicine and medical supplies, setting them on course for a humanitarian disaster, a report published on Tuesday said. The report by ReliefWeb, a humanitarian information project of the UN Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs, was quoted as saying by The Island newspaper that unlike Russia's invasion of Ukraine, Sri Lanka's crisis grew slowly and has garnered few international headlines. But Sri Lankans are suffering amid the harshest economic crisis the country has confronted since gaining independence in 1948, it said. With the country's foreign reserves depleted, the nationalized healthcare system cannot afford to import medicine and medical supplies in sufficient quantities, it



said. Sri Lanka relies on imports for about 85 per cent of its pharmaceutical needs and about 80 per cent of its medical supplies. The country imported \$815 million in medicine in 2021, but by May had only about \$25 million in foreign reserves to pay for imports of any kind. Last week in Sri Lanka, Direct Relief staff participated in an extensive series of meetings with Prime Minister Dinesh Gunawardena and much of the country's healthcare leadership while overseeing the ar-

rival of what may be the largest donation of medicine to the country since the crisis began. "For the next six months, they're (Sri Lanka) expecting a catastrophic number of deaths," said Chris Alleway, Direct Relief's manager of emergency response and new initiatives, who led the Sri Lanka meetings. The 3,500-bed National Hospital of Sri Lanka in Colombo, which usually has 1,300 medicines in stock, is now down to requesting only the 60 most essential medicines, the newspaper reported. With anesthesia in short

supply, most general surgeries in the country have ceased, including kidney transplants. Cancer patients have lost access to medications needed to fight the deadly disease. Diabetes patients must secure and bring their own glucose meters for blood sugar check-ups. Many hospitals are stocked out of basic items like bandages and cotton balls. The stockouts are forcing rural clinics to close their doors and refer patients to larger facilities in urban areas, which also are overwhelmed by the flow of patients.

Due to a severe fuel shortage, the country's fishing fleets cannot go far out to sea, slashing the supply of fish that is a significant source of protein in the country, including at its largest children's hospital, it said. Sri Lanka is also losing out on other opportunities, while its medical colleges see the number of applicants for medical education decline sharply. Responding to the crisis spurred by Sri Lanka's default in June of this year, Direct Relief has delivered eight humanitarian shipments totaling 27 tonnes and 16 million defined daily doses of donated medicine. The largest shipment from Direct Relief to Sri Lanka -- 18 tonnes of medicine and medical supplies requested explicitly by Sri Lanka's government -- arrived in recent weeks.

Russia's forces exhausted, says Brit official

London, (UNI) Ukraine is turning the tide against "exhausted" Russian forces, the head of Britain's GCHQ intelligence agency will say in a speech on Tuesday. Despite the missile attacks on targets across Ukraine on Monday, Sir Jeremy Fleming will claim Moscow is running out of ammunition, BBC reported. He will say that President Vladimir Putin's decision-making has proved "flawed". The intelligence chief will also assert that the UK and its allies are at a defining moment when it comes to China, the BBC reported. The director of the intelligence, cyber and security agency will say the costs to Russia of the war in Ukraine -- in terms of both people and equipment -- are "staggering" as early gains are now reversed. "We know -- and Russian commanders on the ground know -- that their supplies and munitions are running out," Sir Jer-

emy will say in his speech at the annual Royal United Services Institute security lecture. He will argue that the mobilisation of prisoners and inexperienced men "speaks of a desperate situation" -- and will also directly criticise President Putin as isolated and making mistakes, the report said. "With little effective internal challenge, his decision-making has proved flawed. It's a high stakes strategy that is leading to strategic errors in judgement." Sir Jeremy Fleming will also warn against buying in Chinese technology with "hidden costs". The bulk of his lecture on Tuesday focuses on China. He will describe the UK as being at a "sliding doors moment" in which different paths taken will define the future. He argues the Chinese Communist Party is aiming to manipulate the technology that underpins people's lives to embed its influence at home

and abroad and provide opportunities for surveillance, the BBC reported. He will also warn that China is seeking to create "client economies and governments" by exporting technology to countries around the world, saying these countries risk "mortgaging the future" by buying in Chinese technology with "hidden costs". He will say this includes areas like: new standards for the internet which could provide tracking methods and greater government control; Chinese digital currencies - which could be used to monitor the transactions of users and try to evade the type of sanctions imposed on Russia; and plans for a Chinese satellite system, citing fears it could be used to track individuals, it said. Chinese control of these areas is not inevitable, he will say, adding: "Our future strategic technology advantage rests on what we as a community do next."

New Zealand proposes to reduce agricultural emissions

Wellington, (UNI) The New Zealand government has released for consultation a proposal to reduce agricultural emissions, helping give the country "a competitive advantage in green conscious global marketplace", Prime Minister Jacinda Ardern said on Tuesday.

The proposal will also put New Zealand on track to meet Zero Carbon Act 2030 methane reduction target.

The government has included many of the recommendations of the agriculture sector groups for farm-level emissions pricing, and proposed modifications in the consultation document based on advice from the Climate Change Commission.

"This is an important step forward in New Zealand's transition to a low emissions future and delivers on our promise to price agriculture emissions from 2025," Ardern said. The proposal aims to

give New Zealand farmers control over their farming system, providing the ability to reduce costs through revenue raised from the system being recycled back to farmers, which will fund further research, tools and technology and incentives to reduce emissions, said the prime minister.

"New Zealand is taking on the challenge of becoming one of the first nations in the world to price agricultural greenhouse gas emissions," said Honorary Professor Troy Baisden of the University of Auckland School of Environment.

Robyn Dynes, a senior scientist at AgResearch, said this approach will provide clear incentives to reduce emissions, with some of the revenue generated from the pricing system directed back into research to identify and develop greenhouse gas mitigation.

Officer fired after shooting teen

Washington, (UNI) A US police officer in San Antonio, Texas, has been fired after shooting a teenager in a McDonald's car park.

Police say that officer James Brennand arrived at the fast food joint after receiving a call about a possible disturbance, BBC reported. The officer believed the car a boy was in was a vehicle that had escaped him the night before.

The 17-year-old was eating a burger with a friend



when the officer opened his door. The boy backed up the car, and struck the officer with the door, BBC said. The officer then shot at him multiple times. The boy was wounded and is in hospital, his lawyer says.

3 US economists win 2022 Nobel Prize in Economics



Stockholm, (UNI) The Royal Swedish Academy of Sciences announced Monday that three US-based economists won the 2022 Nobel Memorial Prize in Economic Sciences "for research on banks and financial crises".

The winners are Ben Bernanke, former head of the US Federal Reserve and currently with the Brookings Institution in Washington DC, Douglas Diamond of the University of Chicago and Philip

Dybvig of Washington University in St. Louis, Missouri. The winners share a prize of about \$900,000.

The nobelprize.org put out a release saying: "Their discoveries improved how society deals with financial crises

"This year's laureates in the Economic Sciences, Ben Bernanke, Douglas Diamond and Philip Dybvig, have significantly improved our understanding of the role of banks in

the economy, particularly during financial crises. An important finding in their research is why avoiding bank collapses is vital.

"Modern banking research clarifies why we have banks, how to make them less vulnerable in crises and how bank collapses exacerbate financial crises. The foundations of this research were laid by Ben Bernanke, Douglas Diamond and Philip Dybvig in the early 1980s. Their analyses have been of great practical impor-

tance in regulating financial markets and dealing with financial crises.

"For the economy to function, savings must be channelled to investments. However, there is a conflict here: savers want instant access to their money in case of unexpected outlays, while businesses and homeowners need to know they will not be forced to repay their loans prematurely. In their theory, Diamond and Dybvig show how banks offer an optimal solution to this problem. By acting as intermediaries that accept deposits from many savers, banks can allow depositors to access their money when they wish, while also offering long-term loans to borrowers.

"However, their analysis also showed how the combination of these two activities makes banks vulnerable to rumours about their imminent collapse. If

a large number of savers simultaneously run to the bank to withdraw their money, the rumour may become a self-fulfilling prophecy -- a bank run occurs and the bank collapses. These dangerous dynamics can be prevented through the government providing deposit insurance and acting as a lender of last resort to banks.

"Diamond demonstrated how banks perform another societally important function. As intermediaries between many savers and borrowers, banks are better suited to assessing borrowers' creditworthiness and ensuring that loans are used for good investments.

"Ben Bernanke analysed the Great Depression of the 1930s, the worst economic crisis in modern history. Among other things, he showed how bank runs were a decisive factor in the crisis becoming so deep and prolonged.

When the banks collapsed, valuable information about borrowers was lost and could not be recreated quickly. Society's ability to channel savings to productive investments was thus severely diminished.

"The laureates' insights have improved our ability to avoid both serious crises and expensive bail-outs," says Tore Ellingsen, Chair of the Committee for the Prize in Economic Sciences.

The Nobel Memorial Prize in Economic Sciences was not included in Alfred Nobel's will, voanews.com reported.

It was established by the Swedish central bank in 1968 -- and is officially the "Sveriges Riksbank Prize in Economic Sciences in memory of Alfred Nobel" to mark the bank's 300th anniversary. It was first awarded in 1969 and has been funded by the bank since then.

India pledges to help revive SL tourism

Colombo, (UNI) Travel and tour operators in India have pledged support to help Sri Lanka's tourism industry to move towards the positive growth trajectory.

The Travel Agents Association of India (TAAI) said it would by no means back out from selling destination Sri Lanka in India, the Daily FT newspaper reported on Tuesday. Speaking to Mirror Business, TAAI President Jyoti Mayal said the Indian travel and tour agents were of the view that Sri Lanka must and should be supported as it attempts to brave through the series of challenges it has faced in the recent months. "Sri Lanka, I feel,

deserves to be supported as it is a country worth visiting. Not only value for money but it is a country that relates to our Indian culture, history, religion and has the most wonderful forms of entertainment," she said.

"Every crisis brings multiple opportunities and surely, Sri Lanka with the TAAI's support will revive quickly and more effectively," she said. Asked about the possibility of moving to another host country to facilitate the 60th TAAI convention, Mayal said the association was keen and determined to bring its convention to Sri Lanka as planned, the daily reported. Industry sources shared

that following the decision to postpone the event that was to be held in November this year, it is likely for the convention to take place within the first quarter of 2023. The dates are yet to be confirmed.

India is currently the largest tourist traffic generator for Sri Lanka and authorities are increasing its focus on the neighbouring country to increase tourist arrivals to the country, the report said.

Arrivals from India are expected to improve in the coming months as India's Spicejet will resume services to Colombo from November 15. Plans are afoot to also introduce a cruise from Pondicherry.

Australians held over alleged SL bribes

Canberra, (UNI) Two Australian men have been charged with bribing Sri Lankan officials to secure infrastructure contracts worth millions of dollars. Australian police arrested the pair last month after a decade-long investigation spanning several countries, BBC reported. The men, aged 67 and 71, worked for a company which has been accused of misconduct in South Asian countries, it said. They are yet to respond to the charges and will face court. The Australian Federal Police (AFP) say the men arranged bribes of more than A\$304,000 (\$190,000) to government officials between 2009 and 2016. The bribes were allegedly made in the pursuit of two Sri Lankan projects -- which police did not name -- worth A\$14m. The charges follow an investigation into SMEC International Pty Ltd, an Australian-based engineering firm, which involved authorities from the US, Canada, India and elsewhere, the BBC reported. More arrests and charges are possible, the AFP said. "Corruption undermines fair competition and can have disastrous consequences for developing economies, global anti-poverty and development efforts," Detective Supt Helen Schneider said. Originally known as the Snowy Mountains Engineering Corp, SMEC was formed in 1949 to build an iconic Australian infrastructure project. It has since grown to employ 5,400 staff in many countries. In 2017, the World Bank temporarily barred SMEC and four subsidiaries in India, Bangladesh and Sri Lanka from bidding for any of its contracts, the report said. The World Bank said it had discovered evidence linking the company to suspected "inappropriate payments" in Sri Lanka and Bangladesh. At the time, a spokesperson for SMEC said the allegations did not relate to any Australian projects, and that the company would continue to strengthen its corporate integrity compliance programmes.

Amitabh Bachchan turns 80, PM wishes

New Delhi, (UNI) Bollywood's star of the millennium Amitabh Bachchan on Tuesday turned 80, and the social media is flooded with heartwarming wishes for the 'Shahenshah', including from Prime Minister Narendra Modi.



Often referred to as 'Sadi ka Mahanayak', 'Big B' or 'Angry Young Man', Bachchan has stayed relevant to cinematic art for five decades as he embraced changes and worked across platforms and regions both domestic and international.

Born in 1942, in Allahabad to Hindi poet Harivansh Rai Bachchan, his baritone, his height, his sense of humour and connection with audience across generation has endeared him more with every passing year.

His film career started in 1969 as a voice narrator in Mrinal Sen's film 'Bhuvan Shome'. His first acting role was as one of the seven protagonists in the film 'Saat Hindustani', directed by Khwaja Ahmad Abbas.

He first gained popularity in the early 1970s for

films such as Zanjeer, Deewaar and Sholay.

Big B has since appeared in over 200 Indian films in a career spanning more than five decades. He has won numerous accolades in his career, including four National Film Awards as Best Actor, Dadasaheb Phalke Award as lifetime achievement award.

He has been also honoured with the Padma Shri in 1984, the Padma Bhushan in 2001 and the Padma Vibhushan in 2015 for his contributions to the arts.

The Government of France honoured him with its highest civilian honour, Knight of the Legion of Honour in 2007 for his exceptional career in the world of cinema and beyond. Extending his

warm wishes, Prime Minister Narendra Modi said in a tweet, "A very happy 80th birthday to Amitabh Bachchan Ji. He is one of India's most remarkable film personalities who has enthralled and entertained audiences across generations. May he lead a long and healthy life."

Union Minister for I&B, Anurag Thakur said, "Wishing legendary actor Sh @SrBachchan ji a very happy 80th birthday. He has captivated audiences with his performance for decades; leaving cinema lovers across spellbound! May you have a long, happy & healthy life."

Big B was last seen in Ayan Mukerji's 'Brahmastra'. He will be next seen in 'Project K' alongside Deepika Padukone and Prabhas.

PM Modi addresses UNWGC



Hyderabad, (UNI) Prime Minister Narendra Modi addressed the United Nations World Geospatial International Congress being held at HICC here on Tuesday via video message.

Welcoming International Delegates, the Prime Minister said, "the people of India are happy to host you on this historic occasion as we build our future together." Expressing his happiness at the conference happening in Hyderabad, the Prime Minister said that the city is known for its culture and cuisine, its hospitality and hi-tech vision.

The Prime Minister pointed out that the theme of the conference, 'Geo-enabling the Global Village: No one should be left behind' can be seen in the steps India has taken over the last few years. "We have been working on a vision of

Antyodaya which means empowering the last person at the last mile, in a mission mode," he said.

450 million unbanked people, a population greater than that of USA, were brought under banking net and 135 million people, about twice the population of France, were given insurance, the Prime Minister elaborated. Sanitation facilities were taken to 110 million families and tap water connections to over 60 million families, he added, underlining that "India is ensuring no one is left behind."

Technology and talent are the two pillars that are key to India's development journey. Technology brings transformation, the Prime Minister said, citing the example of JAM trinity which has delivered welfare benefits to 800 million people seamlessly and of the

tech platform that powered the world's largest vaccination drive. "In India, technology is not an agent of exclusion. It is an agent of inclusion," Modi said.

The Prime Minister highlighted the role of geospatial technology in driving inclusion and progress. The role of technology in schemes like SVAMITVA and housing, and the outcomes in terms of property ownership and women empowerment, have a direct impact on the UN's Sustainable Development Goals on poverty and gender equality, the Prime Minister emphasized.

The PM GatiShakti Master Plan is being powered by geo-spatial technology, as is the Digital Ocean platform, he added.

India has already set an example in sharing the

benefits of geo-spatial technology, the Prime Minister stated, citing the example of the South Asia Satellite for facilitating communication in India's neighbourhood.

"India is a young nation with great innovative spirit," the Prime Minister said, highlighting the role of talent as the second pillar in India's journey. India is one of the top startup hubs in the world, he added, with the number of unicorn startups having almost doubled since 2021- a testimony to India's young talent.

One of the most important freedoms is the freedom to innovate, the Prime Minister said, and this has been ensured for the geospatial sector.

Collection, generation and digitization of geospatial data have now been democratized, he added. Such reforms have been accompanied with a boost to the drone sector and opening up of the space sector for private participation, along with 5G taking off in India.

According to Prime Minister Modi, the Covid-19 pandemic should have been a wake-up call for the call in taking everyone along. There is a need for an institutional approach by the interna-

tional community to help each other during a crisis, he emphasized.

"Global organisations like the United Nations can lead the way in taking resources to the last mile in every region," he highlighted. Hand-holding and technology transfer are also crucial in fighting climate change, the Prime Minister added, suggesting that best practices may be shared for saving our planet.

The Prime Minister underscored the endless possibilities that geo-spatial technology offers. These include sustainable urban development, managing and mitigating disasters, tracking the impact of climate change, forest management, water management, stopping desertification and food security. He expressed his wish that this conference becomes a platform to discuss developments in such important areas.

In conclusion, the Prime Minister expressed his optimism at the occasion. "With the stakeholders of the global geo-spatial industry coming together, with the policy makers and academic world interacting with each other, I am confident that this conference will help steer the global village into a new future," he added.

2020 Palghar lynching: Maha govt ready for CBI probe

New Delhi, (UNI) In an U-turn, the Eknath Shinde-led Maharashtra government in an affidavit filed before the Supreme Court said it is willing to hand over the investigation into the 2020 April Palghar mob lynching to the CBI.

After more than two years six months of the brutal incident the decision by Shinde's government is expected to give an impetus in solving the case.

Earlier the Uddhav Thackeray government

had transferred the case to the State CB Criminal Investigation Department (CID), but it refused to hand over the case to the CBI, citing that it has taken action against the accused persons and chargesheeted them also in the case.

"It is ready and willing to hand over the investigation in the Palghar mob lynching case to the CBI for an impartial and independent investigation into the matter. It would have no objection to the same," Maharashtra Government told the Supreme Court,

in an affidavit filed before it. On April 16, 2020, two Sadhus of Juna Akhara, Chikne Maharaj Kalpavrukshagiri (70), and Sushilgiri Maharaj (35) were lynched along with their 30-year old driver by a mob.

The incident took place at Gadchinchale village in Palghar district. The sadhus were on their way to Surat, Gujarat.

The police were present at the scene, but they allegedly did not try to stop the mob or did anything to save the sadhus.

Tripura records highest narcotic seizure in Northeast: CM



Agartala, (UNI) While battling for setting up of a unit of Narcotics Control Bureau (NCB) to deal with drug trafficking incidents in Tripura, Chief Minister Dr Manik Saha on Tuesday said that the state has recorded the highest seizure of drugs and narcotics in four years in Northeast region.

He informed the Union Home Minister during the meeting with CMs of Northeast in Guwahati two days ago and made it clear that India would not compromise to the slightest extent to illicit drug trafficking to and from the country.

The intelligence report revealed that Tripura is being used as the corridor of drug trafficking in the region, which the state government would handle with an iron hand, the Chief Minister stated adding that from 2018 to

August 2022 as many as 2,701 persons have been arrested in connection with 1,776 drug and narcotics-related cases.

Over 1.92 kgs of cannabis, 8.88 lakh bottles of banned cough syrup, 45.63 lakh tranquilizing tablets, and 18,073 grams of Heroin were seized in different parts of Tripura during the period. The police have been working in a coordinated manner against the drug rackets operating in the state.

"Illicit drugs are being sourced from Myanmar via Tripura and transported to Bangladesh. Over the years, this nexus has grown stronger, and to mitigate the crisis we have to put in concerted efforts. We have already taken a slew of steps to tackle the drug menace on our own and also requested the center to help us in this

fight," Dr Saha said.

He mentioned that Tripura shares the porous international border with Bangladesh which is why the state is prone to drug trafficking. More than consumption, Tripura is being largely used as a corridor for drug smuggling. The Union Home Minister has been requested to speed up the barbed wire fencing of the Indo-Bangladesh border and help Tripura to introduce advanced technologies like drones and satellite imaging to keep a tab on the unfenced patches.

"I have said that life and the livelihood of a sizable number of farmers are associated with cannabis cultivation in Tripura. In reply, Shah asserted efforts to replace cannabis with relatively profitable crops," the CM pointed out.

Thackeray and Shinde factions' Sena names trending

Mumbai, (UNI) The two factions of the erstwhile 'Shiv Sena' which split into Chief Minister Eknath Shinde Group and former Chief Minister Uddhav Thackeray Group have been allotted new names, which have been trending ever since.

The Election Commission has identified Thackeray Group as "Shiv Sena (Uddhav Balasaheb Thackeray)" while the breakaway Shinde Group was allotted "Balasahebanchi Shiv Sena" name.

The developments came two days after the EC 'froze' the name 'Shiv Sena' and its iconic 'bow-and-arrow' symbol ahead of the upcoming bye-elections to the Andheri East seat and allotted a

new symbol of 'Flaming Torch' to Thackeray's group.

The Shinde faction has not been allotted a symbol and on Tuesday they submitted a list of symbol they desire.

Shiv Sena (UBT) deputy leader Sushma Andhere has welcomed the EC's decision and said nobody needs an introduction to Balasaheb Thackeray's Shiv Sena now led by Uddhav Balasaheb Thackeray.

Balasahebanchi Shiv Sena Spokesperson Sheetal Mhatre said that these are stop-gap arrangements till the Assembly elections and the Shinde Group will get the original name and symbol later.

NIA carries searches across J&K

Srinagar, (UNI) The National Investigation Agency on Tuesday conducted searches at multiple locations in Jammu and Kashmir in a case relating to the suspicious activities of Al Huda Educational Trust, Rajouri, officials said.

The raids are being conducted in the districts of Rajouri, Poonch, Jammu, Srinagar, Pulwama, Budgam, Shopian and Bandipora.

"The case was registered suo-moto by NIA about the funding pattern and activities of Al Huda Educational Trust, which is functioning as a frontal entity for Jamaat-e-Islami J&K, which was declared as an 'unlawful association' under UA(P)A in 2019," the officials said.

Temple city of Tripura all set to welcome nation's President at Tripureswari Temple

Udaipur(Tripura), . Droupadi Murmu the fifteenth and current President of India to worship Goddess Tripureswari at Udaipur in Gomati District of Tripura on her two days visit of the state from 12 to 13th October owing to her visit the necessary security arrangement and the preparatory works are done by the Gomati District administration and security personnel.

The official source of Gomati District Administration is informed that the schedule with time already made and all necessary direction given to the relevant authority in order to complete the necessary works in accordance with the instructions given by the authority in view of upcoming visit of the President of India here at Tripureswari Temple to worship Goddess Tripureswari.

According to information shared by the source of high officials under Gomati District administration, the President to be arrived here in Udaipur by chopper and the BSF and other high official likely to be felicitated after coming to Udaipur and to go with car for doing worship Goddess Tripureswari at Matabari.

The Secretary of Tourism, Govt. of Tripura to do the briefing of the project Under the Pilgrimage Rejuvenation and Spirituality Augmentation Drive (PRASAD) scheme of the ministry of tourism, the Centre sanctioned of Rs 37.8 crores for the 'Development of Mata Tripurasundari Temple' in Tripura.

It is first visit of Droupadi Murmu at Tripureswari temple established by Maharaja Dhanya Manikya in the year 1501, he carried the idol of Mata Tripurasundari which is made up of Kasti stone from Chittagong of Bangladesh and installed it in the temple. It is considered to be one of the 51 Shakti Peethas. According to Hindu Mythology, Peethasthanas are those places where the body parts of Devi Sati have fallen. As per "Pithamala Grantha", Sati's right foot fell here during Lord Siva's Tandava Dance.

My relationship with food is complex but beautiful

I READ a lot about food, but rarely write about it. Today, I want to change that. My food stories are strange, hilarious, and somewhat tragic. I'm being dramatic, but, yes, sometimes tears are involved.

My complex and beautiful relationship with food is the book I won't be writing. That will heal things, and probably be useful for others too. I do not intend to do the hard work. I will prioritise fun things. I will learn to eat instead.

Thankfully, I married a man who feeds me. He is charmed by my enthusiasm for the small range of tastes and textures that I do crave. He understands my food sensitivities. Once I am fed, I become capable of feeding others. This includes our dogs and the community cats who rely on our home for their nutrition and safe spaces.

I ate my first biryani in my late 20s. Around the same time, I discovered the soft comfort of melt-in-the-mouth gur sandesh available in select sweetshops of Chittaranjan Park in south Delhi. In Dilli Haat, I tasted appam paired with fish in coconut curry. At the Jammu and Kashmir stall, I relished gushtaba with rice. Foodgasm is a neologism which comes out from the combination of the words food and orgasm. I endorse this word.

I remember the taste of mutton curry, with floating half potatoes, that my youngest uncle, Kuckoo Mamu, cooked when I was a child. It was also the first time I had seen a grown man enjoying cooking what he loved to eat. He served portions lovingly to the extended family. The mixed taste of potatoes coated in mutton curry has stayed with me. What seems like the memory of food soon becomes an evocation of a lost time, of relationships that outlive the people in them.

Why do Punjabi Hindus, who relish fried pomfret and tandoori chicken, not cook biryani at home? It is a mystery I am keen to unravel. I love watching the step-by-step process of biryani being prepared and served in my sister-in-law's home. The delicate art of arranging mutton and rice into layers, both ingredients caressing each other to become one dish.

I dreamt of red tomatoes and green cucumbers in Khodamba, the village where I lived in the year drought struck the tribal belt in Jhabua. "I have never known what hunger feels like before this," I wrote in my diary. I was a miserable, inept volunteer teacher in the village. I was 20 years old. I remember the exquisite texture of thick wheat and jowar rotis, slow-cooked on a firewood-fuelled mitti ka chulha. Little children would run around with stiff biscuit-like portions of roti, nibbling away as they played. When jamun season came around, I joined them in celebration as we picked up fruit from the ground under the trees and polished it gently before popping it in our mouth. It nourished our souls.

As an adult and a parent, I am privileged enough to always have enough food wherever I am. My body and mind, though, are often not on talking terms with each other. Mind is the vagabond in the equation, forever ignoring messages from the body. Like, "Don't embarrass me. I'll feed you later. We can go to the toilet at the next destination." We can spend a full day immersed in extraordinary activities, without eating or excreting some times. The body runs on adrenalin till we are all exhausted and need to be revived.

This sounds like a behaviour that needs to be unlearned. It also feels like a superpower. Clearly, it is something that demands moderation from me. As I parent my children, I also re-parent my own inner child. We sometimes stop to buy fresh sugarcane juice from a roadside stall on a summer afternoon on our way back from school. I keep a stock of instant noodles that our teenagers can cook by themselves as they settle down to watch a film together when their schedules match with each other. I dip biscuits in my chai and admire the morning light as it illuminates a new day around me. As I repair my relationship with food and allow it to comfort me, I know I am learning to slow down and savour moments. The anxieties of everyday life are only too happy to be distracted by the flavour and aroma of small pleasures.

Debates and legislatures

We want debates on issues, we want to see consensus building on national issues. The only way to break this logjam, this silence is through talking, debating, listening at all levels, especially in Parliament and Vidhan Sabhas. Silence breeds poison in the mind and heart; talking, listening and debating are the antidotes to this poison. All of us want to hear the voice of Parliament, the final arbiter in a democracy

I WAS in middle school in Pune when I first watched debating contests taking place, both inter and intra-school. It was a learning experience and one went on to take part in declamation and debating contests. It was hard work preparing for a debate, finding the facts, marshalling the arguments and anticipating the positions of the antagonists... it was the cut and thrust, the parry, the instant repartee which won you the day. Whether you won or lost, it was really an experience to be on stage and to match your wits with your peers. The experience was repeated in college on a greater scale based on more experience, grasp of facts and the art of delivering quick jabs before you landed the knockout punch line. One read of the debating clubs in Oxford and Cambridge and how these debaters (quite a few of them) went on to become very able parliamentarians, ministers and Prime Ministers. Their debating skills continue undiminished and we can watch the proceedings of the House of Commons on TV. Coming to our own experience, we had giants in the freedom movement some of whom moved into Parliament and Vidhan Sabhas later on. The commitment to Parliament, its procedures, protocols and debates was very strong. We owe this democracy and freedom of speech to these early luminaries who given their initial mandate and popularity (especially Nehru) could have moved to a single-party system and a more dictatorial form of government. Although some brilliant speakers are still there, but the commitment to Parliament and its procedures is not the same. The adherence to norms, the respect for opponents, the dignity and solemnity of Parliament have gone down. The sanctity of debate, procedures, parliamentary committees, consensus building is not the same today. We have gradually arrived at a position where sloganeering prevails, where rushing to the well of the House is a daily occurrence. Walkouts are common and Bills are passed without referring to committees and without debating them. Whenever peace prevails, we have members talking at each other and not to each other. Interruptions are common and the Speaker's favourite instrument is adjournment after adjournment. Socrates famously said, "When the debate is lost, slander becomes the tool of the loser." We see no attempt to build consensus or have meetings of parties to build one. Parliamentary panels have become almost non-functional. Reading extracts on Aristotle's writings, it is seen that he postulates that democracy presupposes that people can consider views other than their own. He thought awareness of differences in perceptions and ideas takes place mostly in cities to begin with (more a reflection of the population ratio of cities to villages at the time). He hoped that when a person



became accustomed to a diverse complex milieu, he will not react violently to differences in views or actions but will be more favourable to discussions of different views or competing interests. In today's world, where ideologies have become more rigid, this view does not necessarily hold good. In his time, people congregated in amphitheatres in thousands and spoke from platforms and interacted with the audience. In India also, debating practices were encouraged by kings and rulers between sages. A paper in the Stanford Encyclopedia of Philosophy interestingly mentions that whereas the Greeks were primarily interested in moral and political issues, the Indians were more interested in religious and spiritual issues, the purpose of life and the distinction between the soul and body. These debates were between sages and scholars, but ordinary citizens were not involved in them. Guru Nanak also used debates to interact with Brahmin, Sufi and Muslim scholars on subjects of religion and spiritualism. He frequently used debates to dispel notions of superstition, ritualism and misplaced religious dogma. A debate has been defined by the Cambridge Dictionary as 'a serious discussion of a subject in which many people take part'. It is on a particular topic and normally includes a moderator and an audience. Debates have occurred in public spaces, in meetings, in academic institutions and in legislative Assemblies. In legislative debates, the government or Opposition parties debate proposals regarding legislations before voting on them. Although the British invented the parliamentary system, over a long period of time now other countries, including India, have adopted it. The US and some other countries have adopted the presidential form of government which, however, includes directly elected Assemblies: the Senate and Congress. In these forums also, debates take place before legislation becomes law. Debate is the essence of democracy which presupposes the ability to listen to other

points of view and take them into consideration while making the final decision. This is what makes people a part of the process because it is the people's representatives who are debating on their behalf. Hitler's Germany, Mussolini's Italy, the Emperor's Japan and Stalin's Soviet Union are all examples of nations gone wrong when the free voice of the people was muffled, when debates were no longer a way of reaching consensus and framing legislation. History is witness to the downfall of these nations, it is witness to the pain and suffering of the people who underwent that subjugation. Today, the space for debate and dialogue is narrowing down and people are no longer sharing thoughts and ideas to the extent that they did earlier. There is a greater rigidity and inflexibility in political and quasi-religious bodies which is also creeping into Parliament and Vidhan Sabhas. What are we witnessing today? Budgets (at the Centre and the states) are approved without much debate and the data provided is not fully reliable. Policies and freebies mentioned in party manifestos or announced at public meetings (not in Parliament) are not normally implemented and since they do not form part of parliamentary proceedings, nobody can be called to account. We have got used to skipping parliamentary news and instead one has started watching the activities of various agencies. It appears that most of the political parties have leaders/workers who are engaged in Ponzi schemes or other criminal activities, even anti-national activities. It would be a very educative exercise if these activities are brought up in Parliament and discussed and debated there. We would come to know the facts instead of the leaks by various agencies and press conferences by low-level minions. Ultimately, Parliament and government are answerable to the people who have voted for them and it is their right to know about issues that affect the whole nation, be it internal or external security, budget, prices, unemployment, poverty, roads, climate change, etc. Parliament should be vocal on these issues. We have so many experts on TV channels and an NGO on every subject under the sun, but we want to hear the truth from Parliament and government, we do not wish to hear slogans, or witness walkouts. We want to see and hear Parliament function and it is up to all parties and all MPs to ensure this. We want debates on issues, we want to see consensus building on national issues. The only way to break this logjam, this silence is through talking, debating, listening at all levels, especially in Parliament and Vidhan Sabhas. Silence breeds poison in the mind and heart; talking, listening and debating are the antidotes to this poison. All of us want to hear the voice of Parliament, the final arbiter in a democracy.

Hushing up rape case

Delhi schoolgirl deserves quick justice

EVEN as an 11-year-old schoolgirl's gangrape by two senior boys in the school — a Kendriya Vidyalaya in New Delhi — is horrific enough, making the matter infinitely worse is the fact that the school authorities chose to hush up the incident rather than immediately root for justice for the poor little victim. But for the police investigation and the Delhi Commission for Women (DCW) that have now brought to the fore the crime committed in July, the rapists had been virtually let off and more injustice heaped upon the minor girl who was left to deal with the deep physical and mental scars on her own.

Surveys conducted over the years point to gross under-reporting of sex offences as the social mindset is still conditioned by misogynist and patriarchal beliefs that criminalise the victims instead of the monstrous offenders. Stemming from the baseless conviction that the life of the victim would be ruined if the crime is made public and legal recourse taken to, the parties concerned tend to sweep rape cases under the carpet.



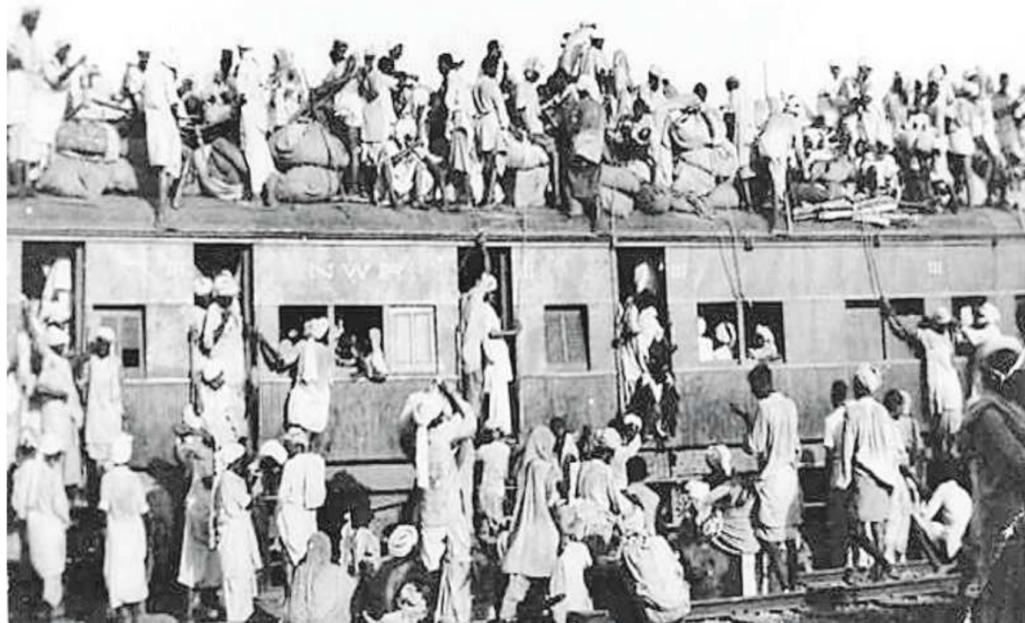
The resultant impunity enjoyed by the male perpetrators has only rendered the breaking of the vicious cycle more difficult. As this particular case sadly shows, even the educated, more aware and urbanised class has not yet

snapped out of the grip of this cruel treatment. The places from where sensitivity among boys and men towards the issue must be repeatedly engendered are homes, schools and colleges. It is instrumental for the dislodging of this deep-rooted social prejudice and saving the girls from a doomed setup. Despite stringent rules laid down to deal with gender crimes and fast-track courts, yawning gaps remain in their implementation. While high-profile rape-murder cases in the past few years, like Nirbhaya, Unnao and Kathua ones, did spur public outcry, lots of ground still remains to be covered. The repeated occurrences of sexual violence are a poor reflection of justice delivery that remains tardy and cumbersome. Quick justice to the KV girl through the accountability of the school authorities and punishment to the culprits is called for. It would be a small, but crucial, step forward.

No going back to the village in Pak

MY grandfather, Dargah Singh, was a patwari in Lahore district before Partition. The family stayed in Sadpar, a Labana village located along the Ravi, 8 km from Lahore. Most of the Labanas used to serve in the army or government departments. My father, Maj Jagat Singh, did his BA from SD College, Lahore, and completed his final year after Partition from SD College, Ambala Cantt. He used to go on foot from Sadpar to Lahore everyday crossing Jhugian Khasrian village, made famous by Shaheed-e-Azam Bhagat Singh, whose father, Kishan Singh Sandhu, had shifted here from Lyallpur in 1916. Bhagat Singh was admitted in fifth class at DAV High School, Lahore.

Sadpar was located east of the Ravi. The Labanas were mostly traders and were financially well-off. In 1947, Muslim groups coming from the Lahore side were attacking Sikh and Hindu villages. Anticipating an attack, my grandfather organised a few boats and urged the villagers to cross over to Dhamke, a Labana village located west of the Ravi. As sufficient boats were not available, he stayed back to organise the evacuation. He held a firm view, being a popular patwari, that no one will harm him. When 60-70 per cent of the people had crossed over, including my father, a Mohajir group attacked Sadpar and killed all those present. Among the dead were my grandfather, my father's Nanaji (Hav Bhag Singh) and a few other relatives. Some of them jumped into the river. About 30 people were burnt alive while hiding in a room near the boat point. Unaware of the tragedy, on my father's request, a British army officer along with a few soldiers took him to the village for evacuating my grandfather and other villagers. He cried once he reached and saw the carnage. The bodies were either burnt or



dismembered. It was a terrible experience. Like our family, people from Lahore and various Labana villages which were located east of the Ravi were expecting merger with India, therefore they migrated at the last moment. On the personal intervention of my maternal grandfather, Capt Sher Singh, who served in

the British army, the families of Sadpar were evacuated to Mian Mir Cantonment, Lahore, where the Punjab Regiment was made responsible for their welfare, security and migration to Amritsar. It was a difficult task to shift the families as most of the convoys were being ambushed. A convoy of military

vehicles was organised on the pretext of shifting Guru Granth Sahib from the unit gurdwara at Mian Mir to Amritsar.

On arrival at Amritsar, all families were shifted to Khalsa College for a few days, and later to Hide Market in small, dingy rooms smelling of rotting carcasses and animal bones.

My father was lucky as his brother-in-law, Dr Pritam Singh, was a professor in Glancy Medical College, Amritsar (renamed as Government Medical College). He hired a house. Most of the refugees later moved to Kurukshetra and Karnal camps by train.

The Labanas from various villages of Gujarat district migrated to J&K. Some were later shifted by train to the Karnal and Ambala camps. Some settled down around Begowal as Sant Prem Singh, a highly respected religious leader of the Labanas, was allotted a house as well as land there. On his request, some of the Labanas who had settled in Ambala, Karnal and Kurukshetra shifted to Begowal and surrounding areas in Kapurthala and Hoshiarpur.

After reaching the refugee camp at Kurukshetra, my father did community service for three months to get a certificate which was mandatory for seeking admission in BA final. He took a loan of Rs 450 from the SD College management for the fee and books. He would work in the evening on a monthly salary to run his household as well as return the loan. My father was commissioned in the Army Education Corps in 1961 and retired as a Major. He visited Pakistan with jathas a number of times but never went back to his village. He had seen the holocaust at the age of 19. The horrid scenes stay with him.

36th Executive Council Meeting of Mo School Proposals worth 69.70 Crores approved

Bhubaneswar , (TNB): Instituted with the noble aim of transforming govt. and govt. aided schools of the state, Mo School Abhiyan, incepted by the Govt of Odisha on 14th Nov 2017, will celebrate the fifth year of its foundation on 14th November this year. In this regard, decisions have been taken in the 36th Executive Council of Mo School to organise various events at the state and district level to commemorate the event. Held under the Chairpersonship of Ms. Aswathy S., Commissioner cum Secretary, S&ME Dept., on Tuesday, the council decided to lay emphasis on promoting service volunteering at

the school level with the aim to connect a greater number of alumni under Mo School Abhiyan. The alumni members will pose as the source of inspiration and guide the young generation through their skills, expertise and interest. The former will facilitate a healthy and conducive environment to interact with the latter to help them build a better future. The District Collectors and Mo School district level committees will roll out the alumni engagement campaign. To make the 5-year celebration even more joyous, Mo School will organize programmes in the state level children festival 'Surabhi' wherein students will avail the op-



portunity to interact with eminent personalities from different walks of life through 'Meet The Personality' session. Proposals worth ₹769.70 crores from 29 districts have been approved in the

Executive Council. Within the past two months, 20,370 alumni have joined hands with Mo School Abhiyan and have contributed ₹11.48 crores for the development of their alma mater.

Mo School Abhiyan has received grants worth ₹248.25 crore from various CSR funds. Coupled with the donors' contribution, CSR funds and a 2X matching grant from the state govt., the Executive

Council has approved projects worth ₹769.70 crores which will be availed in the development of the 3465 primary, upper primary and high schools across the state. The alumni have contributed ₹5.48 crores in Balasore, ₹1.38 crores in Jagatsingpur, ₹67 lakhs in Cuttack, ₹39.79 lakhs in Bhadrak, ₹33.30 lakhs in Mayurbhanj and ₹24 lakhs in Kendrapara districts respectively. Till date, 7.05 lakh alumni have been connected with Mo School Abhiyan. 'Infrastructure Stabilisation Programme', a 90-day special drive has been initiated to make function of all facilities provide to the schools transformed in the

first and second phase of High School Transformation Programme. Schools have been instructed to submit the progress report by 10th November 2022. Complying to the previous decision, SHGs have been entrusted with the cleaning and security of high school campuses, which were transformed the 5T initiative. As per the decision of 36th Executive Council, Self Help Groups will be trained as service providers for regular maintenance of the assets created under High School Transformation programme. Under the pilot 'Aspirational Programme' for 300 high schools, emphasis will be laid on coding, 21st cen-

tury skills, project-based learning and school excellence programmes to bring innovations in school ecosystem. Trainings on conducting science practical will also be imparted to the teachers of the transformed schools by DIETs in collaboration with Odisha Vigyan Academy. Other members present in the meeting were State Project Director- OSEPA and Member Secretary- Mo School, Additional Secretary, S&ME Dept., Financial Advisor, S&ME Dept., Director, Secondary Education, Director, Elementary Education, Director, TE & SCERT, COO, Mo School and OSD, Mo School.

NH Plantation scam Inquiry Demanded



Keonjhar, (TNB): Lack of supervision and proper care of plantation in the median and both sides of National Highway 49 going near Keonjhar town while spending huge funds have been destroyed. Different species of plants have been planted both side and median of the highway to preserve the environment. But after a few years, many of the plants have been destroyed, which smell massive corruption. Beside that due to lack of plants in the median, at night drivers are facing difficulties to drive as glare light of vehicles coming from opposite sides falling directly on eyes, sources said. "Neither the forest department nor the NHAI

authorities are taking steps to repair the damage. Even no plantation in the gap has been done after passing a long rainy day. Even they have not planted the same species as prescribed by the NHAI in the highway side and median" said Pradip Mohanty, a plant lover. Sources alleged that the contractors have misappropriated huge amounts of money without undertaking plantations in some parts of the highway, hand in glove with some corrupt officials. "There is a big scam that smells in preparation of nursery and plantations mostly in roadside plantations which need a special inquiry" said Suraj Mohapatra, an advocate of Keonjhar.

GITEX Global '2022 kicked off

Bhubaneswar , (TNB): The world's premier tech and startup event, Gitex Global 2022 kicked off on 10th October 2022, at the Dubai World Trade Centre, with the participation of 5,000 exhibitors showcasing a new world full of promise and opportunity. The 42nd edition of Gitex Global 2022 will see the convergence of most advanced companies and minds to dive deep into

the depth of new age technology from the transcendent power of 6G to the vast virtual business ecosystems of the Metaverse. Startup Odisha, Government of Odisha is a participating partner at this Global Event. A delegation of 20 tech startups from Odisha led by Executive Chairman Dr. Omkar Rai arrived in Dubai to showcase and connect with global tech market at the

event. The startups from Odisha from sectors such as Edtech, NFT, Enterprise Tech, IoT (Internet of Things), Health Tech, Ecommerce, Electric Vehicles, Fintech, Robotics, AI/ML and Consumer Tech are there to attend the focused event 'North Star 2022' which is a part of GITEX Global 2022. The delegation will also attend the 'India Startups Confluence 2022' to be

held at Opera Ball Room, Hotel Taj Dubai, Business Day UAE on 12th October. The Confluence gives an opportunity for Startups from Odisha to connect with startups from the UAE and the Middle East-based larger ecosystem stakeholders. The delegation will also visit Sharjah Research Innovation and Technology Park (SRITP). Executive Chairman, Startup Odisha, Dr Omkar

Rai stressed that Gitex Global 2022 has emerged as the largest tech event in the world bringing various stakeholders under one platform. The growing recognition of Odisha at such forums is a matter of pride for Odisha and a testament to the achievements of the state under the able leadership of the Chief Minister Shri Naveen Patnaik. GITEX Global 2022, will provide a

golden opportunity for Startups from Odisha to explore business and investment opportunities by showcasing innovative products, technology skills and sustainable ideas during the four-day event. He concluded by stating 'such global events gives us a platform to highlight the potential and opportunities that Odisha provides to audiences across the world'.

NEED FOR MENTAL EQUILIBRIUM STRESSED AT WORLD MENTAL HEALTH DAY

Bhubaneswar, (TNB): The need for mental equilibrium, a state of balance between a person's mental framework and the environment, was stressed at a program conducted at the Institute of Medical Sciences and SUM Hospital here on the occasion of World Mental Health Day observed on Monday. Focussing on the theme for the day this year 'Make Mental Health and Well-being for all a Global Priority', speakers said that any disturbance in the mental balance

needed to be addressed medically in the challenging situation humankind had been facing in recent times. The Dean of IMS and SUM Hospital, Prof. (Dr.) Sanghamitra Mishra attended the program, conducted by the department of Psychiatry, as the chief speaker while the Medical Superintendent Prof. (Dr.) Pusparaj Samantasinha was the honorary speaker. Eminent film and TV actor, music director and stand-up comedian, Tattwa Prakash Satpathy, better known by his stage name



Papu Pom Pom, who was the chief guest, regaled the audience with his views on the subject laced with humour.

A large number of medical students, faculty members, doctors and others attended the program where prizes were

given to students who had excelled in essay, poetry and painting competitions held earlier. Prof. (Dr.) Surjeet Sahoo, head of the department of Psychiatry and Prof. (Dr.) Suvendu Narayan Mishra, professor in the department, also spoke. Dr. Jitendriya Biswal, Dr. Rakesh Mohanty, Dr. Snehanu Dey, Dr. Amiya Sahu, Dr. Hiranmoy Mohapatra, Dr. Lagnajit Dash and Dr. Soumya Ranjan Dash conducted the proceedings while Dr. Kirti Anurag proposed the vote of thanks.

MOU between Startup Odisha & TIE



Bhubaneswar, (TNB): Startup Odisha on boarded TIE Bhubaneswar as Institutional Partner for Make in Odisha Conclave 2022 by signing a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with TIE Bhubaneswar. The primary objective of the MoU is to forge strong and meaningful alliance, to support Startup Odisha during Make in Odisha Conclave 2022.

The MoU envisages smooth exchange of information, knowledge and an action plan to leverage mutual strengths. Startup Odisha will look to leveraging TIE Bhubaneswar's network to open a gateway for global best practices and its vast global network of industry leaders and investors from across the globe during the Plenary Session of Make in Odisha Conclave '2022.

Further TIE Bhubaneswar is going to facilitate Industry Associations, Investors to join hands with Startup Odisha ahead of the Make in Odisha Conclave. Startup Odisha and TIE Bhubaneswar will jointly organise Investor Pitching, Mentor Clinic, B2B meetings during Make in Odisha Conclave 2022. Fifty shortlisted startups will exhibit in the innovation zone of Make in Odisha Conclave. Speaking on the occasion Executive Chairman Dr. Omkar Rai said it heralds a new chapter of collaboration between organisations with shared objectives.

PARICHAY FOUNDATION'S celebrated the 8th EDITION OF PARAMPARA AWARDS

Bhubaneswar, (TNB): Parichay Foundation team has organised a Fund-raising Cultural event the 8th edition of PARAMPARA AWARDS at Constitution Club New Delhi on 9th of October. Many Eminent personalities lighted the lamp as our Chief Guest Shri Bindeshwar Pathak, Founder of Sulabh International & special guests Dr. P. K. Patasani (Former MP), Padmashri Shovana Narayan (Kathak Exponent), Guru Sharon Lowen (Odissi Exponent), Shri Priyadarshi Mishra (Former MLA), Mr. Amarendra Khatua, Retd. IAS, Shri Mukul Verma Senior Advocate, Supreme High Court, Mr. Abhay Rustum Sapori (Santoor Maestro) & Shri Manish Chaudhury

(Founder, Respect India) graced the occasion. Chinese Consul General H.E. Mr. Zha Liyou & Dr. Nisha Kohli from Singapore joined as the Guest Speakers for the event. Mesmerizing performance by Sri Saswat Joshi on "Paika Rebellions" Vidroha (Tribute to Paika Warrior, our freedom fighter) a historical event happened in Odisha for the Independence of the Country. Saswat Joshi an internationally acclaimed odissi dancer and choreographer, He learned the Odissi under the able guidance of Padmashree Kumkum Mohanty and Padmashree Ileana Citaristi, at Odissi research center and at art vision. He is the founder



of Lasyakala Dance vision and opened 17 branch in Odisha, and opened branches in London, Budapest and Paris too, he has travelled 62 countries and spread the awareness of Indian classical dance and folk treasures of Odisha which is in a diminishing art form now. PARAMPARA AWARDS ceremony happened after Performance by Saswat Joshi and his Lasyakala Team. In the

last beautiful Kumar Purnima Celebration by Parineeti Team presented a theme ethnic walk show to promote the rich culture of Odisha Handloom & textile. Parampara Awardees Mr. Krishan Kumar Gupta, Mr. A.N. Verma, Dr. Pravas Chandra Acharya, Ms. Gargi Seth, Mr. Abhay Rustum Sopori, Dr. Urvi Agarwal, Dr. Subhash Yashwant Dalvi, Girija Pattanaik, Mr. Debasish

Mukherjee, Dr. Nisha Kohli, Ms. Sunada Rao, Mr. Snehasis Das, Dr. Bhusan Balasaheb Jadhav, Mr. Gaurav Gupta, Mr. Inder Kumar Goel, Ms. Anantinee Mishra Parichay Foundation Founder Dr. Rosalin Patasani Mishra informed about Parichay Foundation social projects which had helped several women in getting economic and social upliftment. Also she briefed about the Paika Rebellion event and role of Odisha freedom fighter for Indian Independence. Dr. Rosalin an eminent philanthropist and Gandhian said that it's very important to recognise people who are working for the society tirelessly for which she felicitate such noble people to appreciate and honour them.

Bhajan Sandhya and prasad seban during Gajalakshmi Puja

Buguda (TNB): Bhajan Sandhya was held on 11th October during Gajalakshmi Puja held at Manitra village under Buguda block. Bhajan Sandhya program was inaugurated by senior educationist and journalist Anil Kumar Maharana by lighting the lamp. A large number of devotees visited Maa Gajalakshmi and participated in the program.



Thousands of devotees visited Maa and took Prasad. Puja committee president Kalu Charan Pradhan said that the mother will be sent away tomorrow i.e. Wednesday, while the puja work, bhajan evening and prasad Seban were held with peaceful order. President Shri Pradhan thanked all the traders, youth society and villagers for their cooperation.

'Prayas' programme organised for Contract workers of SAIL, RSP

Rourkela, (TNB): A session of 'Prayas', an awareness programme for contract workmen, was organized on 29th September at HRD Centre of SAIL, Rourkela Steel Plant (RSP). In all 23 contract labour working in the Plant attended the programme. Mr. Avinash, Senior Manager (Personnel) facilitated the interaction session where he clarified various doubts of the contract labour pertaining to benefits, statutory provisions like ESI & Provident Fund etc. Special emphasis was laid on Safety. In a session on Behavioural Based Safety he highlighted the importance of safe working practices and the roles and responsibilities related to safety at the work spot. Mr. Bharat Mohanto, Assistant Manager (Personnel-Projects) briefed the participants on rights, benefits, responsibilities and issues such as wage structure, bank payment, pay slip, ESI & PF coverage, Medical Benefits etc.

NEW DIVISIONAL RAILWAY MANAGER OF SAMBALPUR DIVISION



Sambalpur, (TNB): Shri Vineet Singh has taken over as Divisional Railway Manager, East Coast Railway, Sambalpur on 11th October 2022. Prior to his joining as DRM, he was Execu-

tive Director, Railtel Corporation of India Ltd at New Delhi. He is an officer of Indian Railways Service of Mechanical Engineers of 1990 Batch. Shri Vineet

Singh joined Indian Railway Service of Mechanical Engineers in Feb. 1992. He has a degree in Mechanical Engineering and PGDBM from MDI, Gurugram. He has worked in various ca-

pacities in Railways as Director, Carriage/RDSO, Sr. DME/Power/Delhi, Group GM/IRCTC at New Delhi. He has also worked as ADRM, Jhansi Railway Division, North Central Railway.

Gold and Silver price on Oct 10: Precious metals record dip on MCX | Check city-wise rates here

New Delhi Gold and silver are retailing on the lower side of the Multi Commodity Exchange (MCX) today. With a dip of Rs 541 or 1.04 per cent, gold futures, maturing on December 5, 2022, stood at Rs 51,685 per 10 grams on the domestic market.

Meanwhile, silver futures, maturing on December 5, 2022, were trading at Rs 60,000, with a dip of Rs 1,435 or 2.36 per cent. When the market closed, gold was trading at Rs 51,960 on Friday, whereas silver stood at Rs 60,785 per kg. The gold and silver prices in India depend on several factors, such as the value of the rupee against the dollar, and global demand plays a key role in determining the trends observed in the rate of precious metals.

Adani Group In Talks With Investors To Raise \$10 Billion: Report



BENGALURU: Billionaire Gautam Adani and his family are in early discussions with investors, including Singapore investment firms Temasek and GIC, to raise at least \$10 billion to fund its expansion into clean energy, ports and cement businesses, Mint newspaper reported on Monday.

Adani Group will invest more than \$100 billion over the next decade, most of it in the energy transition business, its Chairman Adani said last month, as the ports-to-energy conglomerate accelerates an already aggressive expansion plan. Adani family members and top group executives held talks with several potential investors, the report said, citing two people with direct knowledge of Adani Group and the Adani family's plans.

Group promoters and top management were in Singapore last week after meeting West Asian and American investors, one of the people was cited as saying. Citing the second person, the report also said that the capital will be raised via multiple tranches and likely through the sale of stakes in group firms or promoter group-associated entities.

Singapore's sovereign wealth fund GIC and Adani Group did not immediately respond to requests for comment from Reuters. Temasek said it does not comment on market speculation and rumors.

Zomato boss Deepinder Goyal himself delivers orders to customers at least once a quarter, reveals Naukri.com owner Sanjeev Bikhchandani

New Delhi: Knock Knock! Who's there? Zomato founder and CEO Deepinder Goyal. Well, the funny knock-knock joke might really not be funny sometime. Naukri.com owner Sanjeev Bikhchandani has revealed that Deepinder Goyal and his team delivers orders to customers once in a while. However, the interesting aspect is that no one has recognised Goyal so far.

"Just met Deepinder Goyal and the Zomato team. Delighted to learn that all senior managers including Deepinder don a red Zomato tee, get onto a motorcycle and spend a day delivering orders themselves at least once a quarter. Deepinder tells me that this far nobody has recognised him," Bikhchandani tweeted. The Online food recently launched its inter-city food delivery service that will allow customers to order dishes and delicacies from famous outlets and restaurants in other cities. The company is currently running this service in the Delhi-NCR region and has just started in Bengaluru. Currently, the list of cities to order from are Kolkata, Hyderabad, Lucknow, Jaipur, Bengaluru, Mathura, Chennai, Agra, and Bhubaneswar.

The users will only be able to order certain iconic dishes from a few select restaurants.

Bank of Baroda opens Four Mid-Corporate Cluster Offices across the country

Mumbai, (TNB): Bank of Baroda (Bank), one of India's leading public sector banks, today announced that it has opened four zones - in Mumbai, New Delhi, Chennai and Kolkata. In line with the Bank's strategy to sharpen its focus on this segment, each Mid-Corporate Cluster Office will oversee a set of specialised branches in each zone catering exclusively to mid-sized corporates. In a strategic move, the Bank recently reorganised its corporate banking model. The corporate banking vertical has been divided into two units - large corporates and mid-corporates - to effectively serve both customer segments. The mid-corporate vertical caters to companies seeking credit facilities of up to Rs 250 crore, while the large corporate vertical handles business above that.

Shri Debadatta Chand, Executive Director, Bank of Baroda said, "As economic activity picks up along with an acceleration in credit growth, we believe that the mid-corporate segment is where a significant opportunity lies. There is an increase in demand for credit by mid-sized companies; at the same time this segment is largely untapped. Our focus is on building a quality mid-corporate loan book in a calibrated and sustainable manner. The aim is to grow our mid-corporate portfolio in double digits in FY2023." The Bank will strengthen its operating model and branch network to tap mid-sized corporates and plans to open dedicated branches across the country.

7th Pay Commission allowances for Central government employees in Kashmir to discontinue? Modi government responds

► **Central government employees posted in Kashmir get special allowances**

► **Some reports claimed that the DoPT was planning to discontinue these allowances**

► **Centre said that they had already given an extension of three years for these incentives**

New Delhi For the past few weeks, there have been rumours that the Department of Personnel & Training (DoPT) under the Ministry of Personnel, Public Grievances & Pensions was in the process of discontinuing the special incentives/concessions available to the Central Government employees working in Kashmir valley. The reports caused concerns among the employees and to allay the misgivings and misinformation, the Modi government has come out with a

clarification. "The special incentives/concessions to Central Government employees posted in Kashmir valley will continue and the Department of Personnel & Training (DoPT) has already issued orders for the extension of these benefits for a further period of three years," said Jitendra Singh, MoS Personnel, Public Grievances, Pensions, Atomic Energy and Space as well as Minister Incharge DoPT. He said, the package of incentives is uniformly applicable to all the Ministries/Departments and PSUs under the Government of India and they have been instructed to ensure strict adherence to implement the same. The special incentives for the employees posted in Kashmir valley include that these employees have an option to move their families to a selected place of their choice in India at government expense and the Travelling Allowance for the family is allowed as admissible in permanent transfer inclusive of the Composite Transfer Grant at the rate of 80% of the last month's basic pay. In case of those employees who do not wish to move their family to a selected place of residence, they will be paid an allowance of Rs 113 per day for each day of attendance to



compensate for any additional expenses in transportation from to and fro office etc., which is at par with the reimbursement of travel charges for travel within the city. The Central government employees posted in Kashmir valley are also allowed to draw House Rent Allowance at the rate of Class "Y" city, if department arrangement is not made for the stay. Singh said that if a central government employee is posted in Kashmir valley on temporary duty for a

period of up to six months, he will be paid an incentive known as the Kashmir Valley Special Incentive at rates depending upon the level of Post along with food charges as per 7th Pay commission norms, apart from the departmental arrangement, for stay, security and transportation.

"The Messing Allowances for these employees are at par with the rates of Ration Money given to Central Armed Police Force (CAPF) personnel at the rate of Rs 97.85 per day," said the DoPT.

Chinese tech shares tumble after US publishes new export rules

The US administration published a sweeping set of export controls on Friday, including a measure to cut China off from certain semiconductor chips



Shanghai Shares in Chinese tech giants Alibaba Group and Tencent as well as in chipmakers slumped on Monday, following the latest US crackdown on China's chipmaking industry to slow Beijing's technological and military advances. The Joe Biden administration published a sweeping set of export controls on Friday, including a measure to cut China off from certain semiconductor chips made anywhere in the world with US equipment.

The rules include blocking shipments of a broad array of chips for use in

Chinese supercomputing systems that nations around the world rely on to develop nuclear weapons and other military technologies. Some industry experts say the ban could also hit commercial data centers at Chinese tech giants. Shares in Alibaba and Tencent dropped 3.3% and 1.7%, respectively, by 0258 GMT on Monday. An index measuring China's semiconductor firms tumbled nearly 6%, and Shanghai's tech-focused board STAR Market declined 3.6%.

The raft of measures could amount to the

biggest shift in U.S. policy toward shipping technology to China since the 1990s. If effective, they could hobble China's chip manufacturing industry by forcing American and foreign companies that use U.S. technology to cut off support for some of China's leading factories and chip designers.

China's Semiconductor Manufacturing International Corp (SMIC) dropped 3.8%, NAURA Technology Group Cosank 10% by the daily limit, and Hua Hong Semiconductor Ltd plunged 9.5%. Citi analysts said in a note that the U.S. restrictions could make development of China's advanced chip technologies even more challenging.

"(But) they should increase Chinese semiconductor companies propensity to purchase domestic equipment, especially for mature technology nodes, due to supply-chain security," the note said.

Check Bounce Rule: Govt may bring new rules regarding check bounce cases, THESE big changes could be made

New Delhi: The finance ministry is mulling several steps like dipping into other accounts of a cheque issuer and prohibition of opening of new accounts of offenders to effectively deal with cheque bounce cases which are clogging the legal system.

Many suggestions were made at a high-level meeting recently called by the ministry to deal with the high incidence of cheque bounce cases.

Some of the steps suggested before taking legal recourse included debiting another accounts of the cheque issuer if his or her account is short of funds to honour the instrument, sources said. The other suggestions were treating cheque bounce as default of loan and thus reporting it to credit information companies for necessary downgrade of score, the sources said, adding a proper legal view would be taken before these suggestions are accepted. If these suggestions are implemented, it



would help enforce cheque honouring by the payer without the matter going to court and also compel him/her to make payment by creating a deterrent through technology. These measures would help promote ease of doing business and dissuade people from wilfully indulging in issuance of cheques even though their accounts have insufficient funds. Proposed steps could be implemented through the integration of data across the banks, sources said. Standard Operating Procedure (SOP) for auto debit and

other suggestions would be required. Section 138 of the Negotiable Instruments Act, 1881 deals with dishonour of cheque due to insufficiency of funds in the account. A complaint for dishonour of cheque under Section 138 of the Act can be filed in the court situated at a place where the bank of the payee is located. It is a punishable offence with a fine which can extend to twice the amount of the cheque or imprisonment for a term not more than two years or both. When an issuer presents a cheque to the bank for payment, and it is returned unpaid by the bank due to insufficient funds, the cheque is said to have bounced. Peeved at the large number of pending cases of cheque bounce, the Supreme Court had constituted a committee with a mandate to suggest steps to be taken for early disposal of about 35 lakh pending cases across the country.



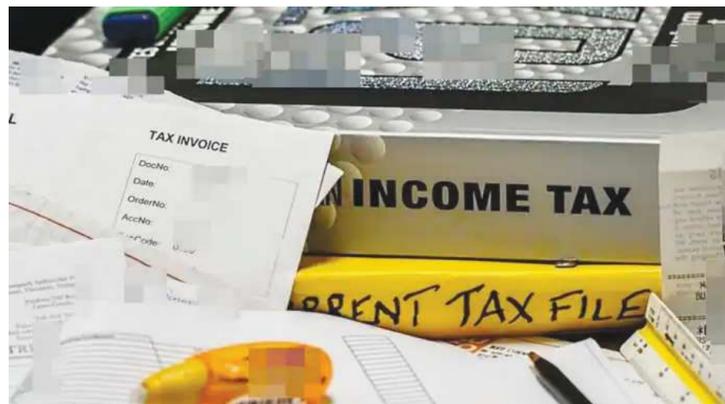
UIDAI website or your nearby Aadhaar Enrollment Centre. Step 2: On the day of your appointment, you will have to meet the official executive at the Aadhaar Enrollment Centre. Step 3: You will have to submit Aadhaar Enrollment Form to the executive. Step 4: The executive will verify your details via biometric information. Step 5: The executive will change the phone number details. Step 6: You will have to pay a fee towards the Aadhaar update service. Step 7: You will receive an acknowledgement slip from the official. The slip will have an update request number (URN). You can use the URN to track the status of your Aadhaar Card request. Once your phone number is updated, you will be able to download the Aadhaar card from the official UIDAI website. You can also order a PVC print of the Aadhaar card by paying a small fee.

ATTENTION Income Taxpayers! This bank offers 7 per cent interest on RISK-FREE tax-saving plan; check details

Income taxpayers often invest in certain instruments to reduce their taxable income and these instruments include Life Insurance Policy, SIP, ULIP, NPS, ELSS, PPF, NSC among others.

New Delhi In India, there are around 5.83 crore income taxpayers. The government has given income taxpayers two options - one is the old tax regime and the new tax regime. While the new tax regime has a lower tax slab, it doesn't offer deductions while the tax rates are higher in the old tax regime but one can claim deductions under various sections, thus reducing their tax burden.

Income taxpayers often invest in certain



instruments to reduce their taxable income. These instruments include Life Insurance Policy, Systematic Investment Plans, ULIP, New Pension Scheme, Equity-linked Tax Saving Scheme, Public Provident Fund, and National Saving Certificates etc. All of these instruments come with different interest rates and

some even come with risks as well.

One of these tax-saving instruments is Canara Bank's Tax Saver Scheme. Canara Bank Tax Saver scheme is a term deposit scheme under the Fixed Deposit stream and is best suited for salaried class, businessmen, and professionals. The bank is offering an interest rate of 7 per cent on

this risk-free fund that comes with a lock-in period of five years. Senior Citizens are eligible for 0.5% and Employees/Ex-employees/Ex-employees Senior Citizens are eligible for a 1% additional rate of interest over and above the applicable interest rate under the Canara Tax Saver Deposit scheme.

The maximum investment under this scheme is Rs 1.5 lakh and deductions can be claimed under Section 80C of the Income Tax Act 1961. The account cannot be closed prematurely so if you have invested in this scheme, you will have to forget it for five years. Suppose you have invested Rs 1.5 lakh in the Canara Bank Tax Saver scheme, then you will earn an interest of Rs 62,217 at the rate of 7% and will get Rs 2,12,217 at maturity. This fund can be a good option for those who

don't wish to take risk of equity investments.

In the case of senior citizens, the return will be Rs 67,492 at the rate of 7.5 per cent and in the case of ex-employees, the return on the investment would be Rs 72,892 at the rate of 8 per cent.

NEWS BOX

Iga Swiatek on losing to Barbora Krejickova in Ostrava Open: So great that you are back

New Delhi World number one Iga Swiatek heaped praise on Czech Republic's Barbora Krejickova after losing to her in the final of Ostrava Open. "Too emotional and too tired right now to express how challenging and unique today has been. I am so grateful...and I just want to say congrats to Barbora Krejickova. What a battle, what a performance. So great that you are back," Swiatek tweeted. Krejickova came from behind to upset Swiatek 5-7, 7-6(4), 6-3 in a thrilling final on Sunday. The Czech handed the top seed only her second career defeat in a 12-tour level singles final and first in three years. The Czech trailed 5-1 in the opening set but made a solid comeback in the second and went on to win the decider convincingly in three hours and 16 minutes.

"It was a big match, I think, for both sides," Krejickova said after the match. "We played amazingly. We gave an amazing show to the fans, so I'm really happy with that and with the way I have performed. It's always great to be a winner in your home country." On facing Swiatek, Krejickova said she tried to stay calm. "I was just telling myself to keep going. She's a great champion. She's a great player, so I was expecting that she's not going to give it to me easy." So, I was just like, 'OK, keeooing. It's going to be fine. You're going to you're going to get your chance. You're going to make it,' so that was my inner voice."

The Ostrava Open final equalled Angelique Kerber's victory over Kaja Juvan in Strasbourg in May as the longest championship match this year so far.

Liverpool manager Jurgen Klopp after loss to Arsenal: We are not in the title race

New Delhi Liverpool's manager Jurgen Klopp has said they're not in the title race after his side suffered a 3-2 loss against Arsenal at the Emirates. With this win, the Gunners go back on top of the Premier League table, one point ahead of Manchester City.

Speaking after the match, Klopp said his side were not in the title race but he was happy they gave the league leaders massive problems. "Not in the title race. Imagine if I would sit here and think we are nearly there, wait. Look, we saw a lot of things. So we have problems in the moment but we caused the team in form, the leader of the table, massive problems today, I think. Even in a really bad situation for us with early changes and stuff like this, we caused them real problems, so that's the truth as well," said Klopp.

The Liverpool boss went on to say that they need to get their confidence back up despite facing the likes of Arsenal and Manchester City. "We have to continue. So, of course, in a situation like ours, we play Arsenal, now we play Rangers obviously and then we play Man City. Is that the perfect opponent for finding confidence back? Probably not. But we will go out there and fight and that's what we have to do and that's what we will do," Klopp added. Arsenal had a dream start to the game as Gabriel Martinelli scored after just 58 seconds to hand the Gunners a lead. But Liverpool came back in the game and equalized through a Darwin Nunez goal in the 34th minute. Saka restored Arsenal's lead just five minutes into the second half, tapping in from close range to make it 2-1. But substitute Roberto Firmino, continued his scoring form against the Gunners and found the back of the net in the 53rd minute to make it 2-2. But Thiago gave a penalty away after a challenge on Arsenal striker Gabriel Jesus. Saka stepped up to the spot to give Arsenal the win. Arsenal moved back to the top of the table with 24 points from nine games. Meanwhile, the loss leaves Jurgen Klopp's side 10th in the table and 14 points behind leaders Arsenal.

Erik ten Hag believes Cristiano Ronaldo can build on his 700th club goal: More goals will come

New Delhi Manchester United manager Erik ten Hag said that veteran forward Cristiano Ronaldo could build on his 700th club goal during the team's victory over Everton on Sunday.

Ronaldo came off the bench to hand Manchester United a 2-1 win over Everton in a Premier League match at Goodison Park. The Portuguese entered after Anthony Martial picked up a back injury and took only 14 minutes to net his first Premier League goal of the season. Along the way, he took his goal tally for United to 144 across two spells.

"That is really impressive when you score 700 goals, it is a huge performance," Erik ten Hag said. "I am really happy for him, and congratulations to him. He had to wait for it but I am sure more goals will come." Every player needs the goals. I have worked with goalscorers, they need goals every season to have that feeling. Once they have some goals, they have the flow. Games go easier. That will happen with him as well."

Manchester United found themselves behind early on after Alex Iwobi handed an early lead to Everton just five minutes into the match. United soon levelled things as Antony slotted home. Marcus Rashford then thought he had added a late goal for United but his effort was ruled out after a VAR review for handball against him.

With the fifth victory in six league matches, United have moved to fifth in the table. Ten Hag expressed his delight after his team suffered a 3-6 drubbing by Manchester City last week. Criticism is normal after a defeat in a big game, a derby, but you have to deal with that and learn the lessons and that is what we did," he said.

"We responded well on Thursday (in the Europa League) and today.

Indian bowlers didn't give us any freebies: South Africa batter Aiden Markram on Ranchi defeat

- ➔ **Ishan Kishan and Shreyas Iyer played excellent knocks: Aiden Markram**
- ➔ **Aiden Markram further said Indian bowlers didn't give them any freebies**
- ➔ **India defeated South Africa by 7 wickets to keep the series alive**



Ranchi RanchSouth Africa batter Aiden Markram opened up on the seven-wicket defeat at the hands of India in the Ranchi ODI, saying the Indian bowlers bowled well and did not give them any freebies on a touch track.

Electing to bat first, South Africa rode on fine knocks by Reeza Hendricks (74) and Markram (79) to post 278 for 7 in the first innings. Chasing 279 for victory, India secured a series-leveling seven-wicket victory after Shreyas Iyer smashed an unbeaten 113 and forged a 161-run stand with Ishan Kishan in the second ODI.

"They (India) bowled well, they did not give

us any freebies. Whenever a team goes bang-bang, the fielding team all of a sudden gets that momentum in their corner. Myself getting out at that time of the innings was, maybe, where we left that 15-20 runs short," Markram said after India leveled the three-match series. "I would have liked to take it 10 overs deeper and be there in the last five overs and try and cash in, maybe that's where we fell short." David Miller, who has been in imperious form on the tour with

unbeaten knocks of 106 and 75 in the Guwahati T20I and Lucknow ODI respectively, too found the going tough in the death overs. "You have got David Miller in the form of his life and if he's struggling to hit it out of the park it tells you something about two things -- they bowled really well and the conditions were really tough," Markram said. The partnership was doing well and it's nice to have spent time in the middle. A lot of credit goes to Rezza for

being able to keep the runs flowing from the other end. "The wicket was slightly drier but we managed to put up a decent score," he said. "If we look at the conditions we thought we were happy at 280 and it would have been defendable," Markram said. The dew also played a role in the later part of the match, but the 28-year-old defended the Proteas' decision to bat first. The ball was quite wet and we definitely saw the impact of dew. Maybe in hindsight, we can say we got it (toss) wrong. "But from the initial look, it looked really dry so that's the reason we were batting first. I don't think we bowled badly at all. They hit some good balls to boundaries and it makes things quite tough to slow down," Markram said. Ishan (Kishan) and Shreyas (Iyer) played excellent knocks. A lot of credit goes to them for having such a big partnership, and pretty much killing the game and getting their team over the line," Markram said. Markram said: "Bavuma was feeling slightly unwell and didn't want to risk ahead of the T20 World Cup. Obviously, we missed him. He is our leader. "There are two sides to it. We get to play cricket and guys get to find form, that's the positive you can take. "Obviously, the two formats are slightly different but we look at everything that we take from it.

Shubman Gill lauds Ishan Kishan's knock in 2nd ODI in Vikram Vedha style

India vs South Africa: Shubman Gill heaped praise on teammate Ishan Kishan for his match-winning performance in the second ODI against South Africa on Sunday.



New Delhi India opener Shubman Gill heaped praise on wicketkeeper-batter Ishan Kishan for his match-winning performance in the second ODI against South Africa.

India defeated South Africa by seven wickets in Ranchi on Sunday to keep the three-match series alive. Gill shared an Instagram reel to shower praise on Kishan, who missed out on a maiden ODI hundred by just seven runs.

"Well played my Shatak," Gill said, drawing inspiration from Bollywood movie Vikram Vedha. The reel also had the background score of the movie. In the movie, the

character 'Shatak' is the younger brother of the gangster 'Vedha'. Ishan Kishan left laughing emoticons in the comment section. India pacer Avesh Khan, too, jumped in and poked fun at Ishan for missing out on his century. "He is Ardh Shatak (half-century)," Avesh replied.

Ishan Kishan, alongside Shreyas Iyer, rebuilt the innings after an early collapse. Ishan hit 93 off 84 before departing off the bowling of Bjorn Fortuin. Ishan holed out to deep

runs. midwicket where Reeza Hendricks comfortably caught him. However, Iyer carried on to take India home. Along the way, Iyer registered his second ODI hundred and remained unbeaten on 113. Kishan rued missing out on a century, saying: "Unfortunately that I missed on the hundred but happy that my team won the game. It was not easy for a new batsman to score the

other team also, that we are ready to put away if they missed their mark. I was looking to pull whenever the ball was near my chest but didn't premeditate."

Iyer added: "When I went in to bat, I spoke to Ishan and he was in the mindset to take on the bowlers. So we decided to play the ball on merit and see how it goes

Ishan Kishan delivers a special fan note to Shardul Thakur after India beat South Africa in 2nd ODI

New Delhi India wicketkeeper-batter Ishan Kishan handed a heartwarming note from a fan to pacer Shardul Thakur after India secured a seven-wicket win over South Africa in the second ODI on Sunday.

Ishan, who missed his maiden ODI hundred by just seven runs, interacted with fans in Ranchi. One fan gave the cricketer a note which he took to Shardul. The note read Shardul's name with his jersey number 54 and a heart symbol. India bounced back in the second ODI to level the three-match series 1-1 against South Africa. The Proteas posted a challenging total of 278/7 after brilliant knocks from Aiden Markram (79) and Reeza Hendricks (74). In reply, India once again lost openers Shubman Gill and Shikhar Dhawan early on. However, Ishan Kishan and Shreyas Iyer played match-winning knocks to keep the series alive. Along the way, Iyer smashed his second

Marcus Stoinis on Matthew Wade obstruction incident: You don't know where ball is when you are hit in head

➔ **Marcus Stoinis came in defence of Matthew Wade obstructing the field during the first T20I against England. Stoinis said that one doesn't know where the ball is when one is hit in the head.**



New Delhi Australia all-rounder Marcus Stoinis came in defence of Matthew Wade obstructing the field during the first T20I against England, saying one doesn't know where the ball is when one is hit in the head.

In the three-match series opener, Wade topped a short delivery from fast bowler Wood into his helmet that then ballooned into the air. Wood ran towards the striker's

end in an attempt to take a return catch but was blocked by Wade, who seemed to pull out his hand to stop Wood from taking the catch.

When the England captain Jos Buttler was asked by the on-field umpires whether he wanted to appeal, he declined and Wade survived in the 17th over as Australia needed only 39 off 23 balls. Wade eventually holed out in the final over and Australia fell short by eight runs while

chasing the 209-run target. When you've been hit in the head and you're running around and don't know where the ball is... it's chaos," Australia allrounder Stoinis said in the press conference.

Meanwhile, Buttler said "maybe" when he was asked by the reporters. "They asked if I wanted to appeal and I said 'no'. I've only just got to Australia so I thought just carry on with the

game." The England captain further said that he "didn't really see what happened" because he was watching the ball closely. "It was hard because I didn't know what I was appealing for," he said. "I could have asked some of the other boys to see if they had a better view but thought I would get on with the game. Maybe I should have asked a few of the lads."



ODI hundred and remained unbeaten on 113 to take India home inside 46 overs. India captain Shikhar Dhawan heaped praise on Ishan and Iyer's partnership, saying: "I must say that Ishan and Shreyas, the way they created that partnership was great to watch. The ball was coming on nicely but it was keeping low. So our plan was to take on the bowlers in the first ten overs." Iyer, who was named Player of the Match, said: "When I went in to bat, I spoke to Ishan and he was in the mindset to take on the bowlers. So we decided to play the ball on merit and see how it goes." Motivated for that (3rd ODI), let's see what's in store for me and the team. I am not someone who changes according to the bowler. I am someone who changes on the instinct. It's not something I try in nets first, I change it in the match itself."

Cristiano Ronaldo scores 700th club goal in Manchester United's win over Everton: Another step in right direction

New Delhi Cristiano Ronaldo achieved another landmark in his illustrious career as he scored his 700th club goal during Manchester United's win over Everton in a Premier League match on Sunday.

The Portuguese forward came off the bench to hand United a 2-1 victory over Everton. Ronaldo entered unexpectedly after Anthony Martial picked up a back injury and took only 14 minutes to net his first Premier League goal of the season. Along the way, he took his goal tally for Manchester United to 144 across two spells. Manchester United found themselves behind early on after Alex Iwobi handed an early lead to Everton just 5 minutes into the match. United soon levelled things as Antony slotted home. Marcus Rashford then thought he had added a late goal for United but

his effort was ruled out after a VAR review for handball against him. Great win guys! Another step in the right direction!" Ronaldo tweeted, whose remaining goals came for Sporting (5), Real Madrid (450) and Juventus (101). Manchester United held on to the lead to move up to the fifth position with 15 points, nine behind table-toppers Arsenal. Meanwhile, Everton's first defeat in seven league matches leave them in 12th spot with 10 points.

"It is tough still counting goals for Ronaldo because every week seems like a new record," fellow Portugal international Bruno Fernandes told BT Sport. "I am really happy because he has been working hard to get this goal. Today he got the goal and the win and that is the most important for him, that the team won."



Naveen dedicates Brundabati Bhawan for Devotees observing month-long Kartik brata

Puri, (UNI) A seven-storied building complex "Brundabati Bhawan", spread over four acres of land in this pilgrim town and built at a cost of Rs 39 crore was dedicated for the devotees observing Kartik brata by Chief Minister Naveen Patnaik on Monday. As soon as Naveen Patnaik appeared on the screen he was greeted with "Huluhuli" while some blessed him for his service to devotees. The chief minister while addressing Habisyalis (devotees observing month-long Kartik brata) said the government has made arrangements for your brata. This evoked a magical response from the devotees and the entire complex reverberated with the sound of Huluhuli. Patnaik also announced to

present every "Habisyali" with Shawls. The month-long Kartik brat commenced from Monday. Every year scores of devotees who observe the Kartik brata use to stay in government accommodation.

As per the direction of the chief minister the government will bear all their expenses in connection with the observance of brata for the devotees. These include their tiffin, Mahaprasad meal, priests deputed for reciting Kartik mahatmya, transportation from their place of stay to Sri Jagannath temple and back, health care, comfortable beds with blankets, mosquito nets and guides to escort them. Earlier Habisyalis were put in tent houses. Their stay was discontinued for two consecutive years due to covid pandemic. This year a large number of devotees have approached the administration to admit them into the scheme. While the number of devotees was two thousand two hundred before the pandemic this year it increased by thirty per cent, official sources said.



The district administration was in a tight spot as hundreds of aged mostly ladies arrived at Brundabati bhawan to stay

and observe the month-long brata. Since they had no prior registration officials refused to admit them. The women devotees challenged the officials saying that Naveen Patnaik had made arrangements for them and forced their way into the building. When asked about registration they said "we do not know about online registration. Neither our area has any such facility nor do we have any person to do the registration

for us, they stated. Later collector Samarth Verma admitted over six hundred Habisyalis into the scheme. They were now placed in the basement hall of the building.

The Health workers and doctors have a tough time examining them and preparing their health cards. Scores of health workers, Asha workers, SHG volunteers, teachers and district officers are deployed to discharge round-the-clock service. This apart electricians, PHD staff, lift operators, fire services personnel, police personnel and sanitation staff are posted to cater to the needs. This year the Habisyalis are housed in pucca buildings like Brundabati Bhawan, Bagala Dharamshala, Akshyaya patra building, Bagaria

Dharamshala and at municipality Kalyan Mandap. Over three thousand five hundred Habisyalis are included in the scheme. Earlier the devotees intending to get into the scheme were advised to get their name registered with the tourist officers of their respective districts by furnishing their Adhar card, complete vaccination certificate with full address with phone number or mail ID. In the formal inaugural function Culture minister Aswin Patra, minister for school and mass education Samir Dash, minister for sports Tusarkanti Behera and local MLA Jayant Kumar Sarangi besides all district officials were present. Kartik brata which began on October 10 will conclude on November 8 next.

1000 gamblers apprehended And 40 lakhs seized



Berhampur, (TNB): Report by Rajani Mohapatra In Ganjam and Berhampur police have apprehended 1000 of gamblers and 40 lakhs of rupees have been snatched during last 10 days. According to the police sources during Dasher and kumar purnima these type of gambling cases are generally seen throughout the district, the district residents have thought that the playing cards is a traditional practice during Dasher and kumar purnima period. To stop the illegal traditional practice Ganjam and Berhampur police have intensified massive raids to different gambling dens and numbers of gamblers have taken in to custody.

Berhampur, from 27 gambling dens and other places of the city 197 persons were taken in to custody and nearly about 12.36 lakh used in the traditional gambling practice have been snatched. Similarly in Ganjam police district the police have conducted raids on 162 places across the district which resulted 882 persons involved in this particular playing card practice have been taken in to custody and 27, 29,000 of money have been seized. This illegal traditional practice came to light after the relaxation of lock down. All the convicted in the above case may have a one month jail according to the prevention of gambling practice.

A minor kidnapped a minor

Kantabanji, (TNB): Such an incident has happened in Halanbhata village of Turekela police station in Balangir district. The accused minor has been arrested by the police and sent to Bal Sudhar Home. According to the police sources, a written complaint was filed by the family in Turekela police station regarding the kidnapping of a minor from Halanbhata village on the 7th. Based on the complaint, the police started an investigation.

After finding out that a minor of Gurjibhata village was involved in this case, Sub-Inspector Deepak Dungdung rescued the abducted minor from Phulbaripara, Bagbehera police station, Chhattisgarh on the morning of 8th. The minor's health was examined. The victim was remanded in judicial custody before the Hon'ble Judicial Magistrate, Kantabanji. The abducted minor was detained on the basis of his statement and produced in the court of PMJJB Balangir. The court sent the juvenile accused to the Kisore Sudhar Gruha in Rourkela.

In the third phase, 107 schools of Ganjam district under 5 T will be transformed

Berhampur, (TNB): 5 T secretary V.k pandiyan revealed to the district collector along with other official that the chief minister of Odisha Naveen Patnaik is implementing many favourable schemes to transform educational institutions. He said that the government is planning to transform 107 schools of Ganjam district under 5 T very soon. Efforts are being made to bridge the gap between rural and urban areas and build urban infrastructure in all rural areas. All government schools will be converted and provided with all facilities of education system. This transformation will not be

achieved by an individual, but only through collective efforts. Therefore, sharing with everyone is essential.

In the first and second phase, all the schools which have been converted have been properly maintained and managed. He told to give importance to all the schools to be connected with electricity connection, internet connection, beautiful playgrounds, good classrooms, beautification of the school. According to the instructions of the Chief Minister, 5-T Secretary Mr. Pandian revealed that he is directly talking to 4890 schools. Ganjam District Collector Divya



Jyoti Parida welcomed everyone in his speech and said that the government officials are continuing the efforts to improve the efforts of the Chief Minister to make all the schools universal and to ensure that the students can develop mentally, physically and intellectually.

He said that In Ganjam district, 133 public high schools under 5-T have been converted

attracted and are choosing to study in government schools and are enrolling in it. Everyone expressed their happiness for the transformation of the school and expressed their gratitude for the efforts of the Hon'ble Chief Minister and also thanked the 5T secretary. In particular, Secretary Mr. Pandian spoke to the students and asked them how they want their school to be transformed, and asked what the students would do in the future. Secretary Mr. Pandian was of the opinion that the transformation will fulfil the dreams of the students.

IRRC implemented "South Asia Food Grain Improvement Plan" at Buguda Block

Buguda, (TNB): International Rice Research Center (IRRI) has celebrated Field Day on October 10th at Makrapalli village in Manitra Gram Panchayat of Buguda block in Ganjam district. This initiative has been taken as part of the South Asia Food Grain Improvement Plan by IRRI. As part of this

project, Odisha government's Row Weaving Paddy Cultivation System Scheme and Bayer Crop Science have jointly work out the scheme in 52 acres of land in Manitra Gram Panchayat.

In this manner, Field Day was celebrated in the bada bill of Gautam Raut of Makrapalli village. Dr.

Ashok Kumar Yadav, DSR, Government of Odisha, Dr. Bimal Kumar Pandey from Bayer Crop Science, Dr. Satyabrata Mangaraj, Agronomist of Bhanjanagar KVK, Manitra VSW Upendra Shatapathi, Field Technician Ashok Kumar Pradhan, Santosh Kumar Raut and Madhusudan Swain were present in this

program and explained to the farmers that the cultivation of paddy in the row system would lead to more production at a lower cost. In this program, 130 farmers including Sarpanch of Manitra Panchayat and Samiti member participated and visited the fields cultivated in row system.

Strike in front of ARCS Office Padmapur by Khatikhiya Organisation

Bargarh, (TNB): The Khatikhiya organization has given a 17-day strike from 23/08/2022 to 08/09/2022 in protest against widespread corruption in various departments in Jharbandh block of Bargarh district. After repeated requests from BDO, ARCS Padmapur, watershed PD and finally a written promise in presence of MP Bargarh, the protest was suspended. ARCS Padmapur till date has not taken any investigation or action against the secretary concerned. Rather, they are conspiring to protect the secretary. Khatikhiya organization has been demanding action by investigating the fact that secretary and bank manager have



been embezzling lakh of rupees, especially in Dava Primary Cooperative Society (PACS).

The complaint of the Khatikhiya organization is that the farmer who has been given the loan, how much land actually has, if there is a collective lease, how much is his share and how much the loan has been taken, the organization has demanded to check it. The part of the sharer in the lease and the farmer who owes the loan is not con-

sidered here, only a lie is written and a land is repeatedly financed in the name of father, son, wife, etc. and looted. Some brokers are engaged in this work and the debtor farmers are fed half and half by bank manager, secretary and brokers. The names and details of some farmers have been given to ARCS Padmapur in written form to help in the investigation. Hundreds of scams have happened here in Dava PACS. No incident has

been investigated till date, so until the necessary action is taken, Khatikhiya organization will be on indefinite relay strike in front of the office of ARCS from 10/10/2022. What invisible forces are working behind the lack of any kind of investigation has become a topic of discussion in the intellectual circles.

Khatikhiya organization today sat in front of ARCS Padmapur office demanding investigation and action on corruption in Dava PACS. The organization said, "We will continue our relay strike and protest at the office of ARCS Padmapur until concrete action is taken against the secretary, bank employees

who are involved in the mega scam in Dava PACS and the masterminds." President Bhojraj Bag, Chotanki Samiti members Satyam Pradhan, Nathuram Siddar, Dusti Keunt, Maha Singh Siddar, Rathiram Siddar, Tikelal Tandi, Surendra Bhoi, Pradeep Barik, Shambhu Charan Rana, Ram Prasad Siddar, Binod Kolet, Dillip Siddar, Bimbadhar Kolet, Dhaniram Mahanand, Manranjan Mahanand, Maniram Siddar, Karam Singh Siddar, Fagular Siddar, Santaram Siddar, Bodhram Kaibarta, Rupesh Nayak, Pradeep Kumar Nayak, Ripon Deep, Manoj Sahu, Gangaram are in the strike.

Mandakinee Kar Appointed OSCPCR Chairperson



Bhubaneswar, (TNB): The Odisha Government on Tuesday appointed Mandakinee Kar as the Chairperson of the Odisha State Commission for Protection of Child Rights (OSCPCR). The State Information & Public Relations Department, in a tweet, informed Kar's appointment as OSCPCR Chairperson. Mandakinee Kar, a former member of the OSCPCR, happens to be the State Secretary of the Biju Janata Dal (BJD).

A highly educated girl quits job to make sanitary napkin

JAJPUR, (TNB): Baisakhi Jena, a highly-educated girl, has returned to her village after leaving a good job and a glamorous lifestyle. She is making sanitary napkins for women living in rural areas. Women are starting to overcome the stigma around menstruation. They are raising awareness about the benefits of using sanitary napkins.

Baisakhi Jena, a girl from Chandikhol area, is the only daughter of sports teacher Basudev Jena and Vijayalakshmi Jena. After completing her schooling in the village school, she left for Bengal. There she passed his MSc in Biotech from Vellore University. Later she was working in a



company in Bangalore. But she was not interested in the job and was constantly thinking about how she could become self-reliant. And then Baisakhi returned home. While staying at home, she thought a lot about the future. After much deliberation, she decided to start a sanitary napkin business.

Baisakhi founded the company 'Flora' to provide low-cost sanitary napkins to women living in rural areas. Besides, she is creating awareness among

women about the use of sanitary napkins and its benefits. Baisakhi said, "I worked for three years. But I was not satisfied with my job. That's why I came back to the village and started a new sanitary napkin company 'Flora'. Women don't talk much about menstruation. They feel bad talking about it. Women should know that menstruation is a regular process in their body," Baisakhi inspiration for other women, said social worker Rachita Mishra.

Baby boy dies in Paralakhemundi hospital, medical negligence alleged

Paralakhemundi, (TNB): The death of a two-year-old boy at Paralakhemundi hospital due to alleged medical negligence sparked outrage on Tuesday. According to the

sources, a two-year-old boy from Gurandi village on Tuesday was admitted to the hospital after he developed high fever. However, he died the moments after intake of medicine at the hospital.

The deceased's family members alleged that the baby boy died due to medical negligence. On being informed, the police reached the spot and pacified the deceased's family.