

SC: Minority status to be decided state-wise



New Delhi, (UNI) The Supreme Court on Monday reiterated that religious and linguistic minority status has to be decided state-wise and made it clear that it is the law of the land since 1957. A two-judge bench headed by Justice U U Lalit and also comprising Justice S Ravindra Bhat was hearing a plea filed by Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) leader and lawyer Ashwini Kumar Upadhyay seeking to declare Hindu as minority in states where they are outnumbered by other communities.

The petition challenged a 1993 notification declaring Muslims, Sikhs, Buddhists, Parsi and Jains as minorities at the national level. The Supreme Court on Monday listed for hearing for first week of September a petition filed

by Devkinandan Thakur seeking identification of minorities at the district level instead of at the national level.

The Bench told the petitioner: "Theoretically, you may be right. Hindus may be in a minority in many states." The court has many a times said that minorities are to be identified at the state level. It will have to be done on a case-to-case basis. "You give us examples of Hindus being in minority," the Bench said. The counsel appearing for the petitioner told the Court that similar matters were pending before the Bench of Justice Sanjay Kaul.

The Bench observed that the prayer for identification of minorities at the district level is against the judgment of an 11-judge Bench of the Court and is not maintainable.

Odisha: Three drug peddlers held, Brown sugar worth over Rs 1 crore seized

Kendrapara, (UNI) Three drug peddlers were arrested on Monday and brown sugar worth over Rs 1 crore was seized from their possession by Kendrapara Town police. A police team led by SP of Kendrapara, Madkar Sandeep Sampat managed to arrest three drug peddlers and seized about 9.57 gram of brown sugar from them during a raid. The drug peddlers used to collect brown sugar from the Waleswar area of the Balasore district and later supplied it to other parts of the district. They used to target college goers in the township and used to sell brown sugar to them to earn a fast buck.

Acche Din has come to Odisha-Shah

Cuttack, (UNI) Union Home Minister Amit Shah on Monday said "achhe din" has come to Odisha as he envisaged a bright future and huge scope for development of the state with the long coastline, rich mineral deposits, rich culture and traditions and abundant human resources. "Acche Din" has come to Odisha with several Odia personalities holding key positions in the country, Shah said on Monday while addressing the 75th Foundation Day of Odia daily Prajatantra at Jawaharlal Indoor stadium here. He said Odisha's daughter Droupadi Murmu is now

in the top constitutional post of the country. All poor and tribal people of the country should feel proud of her achievements. The Union Minister said the Construction Assembly had representation from all states from all over the country, But not a single tribal woman was in the Constitutional Assembly. But this was filled up with Droupadi Murmu, who comes from the poorest of the poor of a tribal family from Odisha to become the President of India, he said.

The Union Education Minister, the Railway Minister, the Tribal Wel-



fare Minister and the RBI Governor are all from Odisha which the state has never seen such representation after independence, Shah claimed. The Union Minister said maintaining good coordi-

nation between the centre and the state, Team India can chalk out a plan for the development of the country and the state which is always the effort of Prime Minister Narendra Modi. Shah

said Lord Jaganath binds the whole country from the East to the West with a sense of devotion. Whenever "I leave the coast of West and lands in East I always bow before Lord Jaganath before setting his foot on land". A feeling of "Bhakti bhav" influences me whenever I land in Odisha, this is the land of Lord Jagannath, Shah said.

Before addressing the function he appealed to the huge gathering at the Indoor Stadium, to join him to chant "Jai Jagannath." He offered rich tribute to all freedom fighters for their contribution to the freedom

struggle. The Union Minister lauded the contribution of Herekrshna Mahtab in the freedom struggle of the country and his paper "Prajatantra" serving the society through his regular columns in the paper. He said in 1947 Sardar Patel had given a big responsibility to Harekrushna Mahatab to unite the people and the society which he did so meticulously through his works and writings in Prajatantra. The paper, he said, had played a vital role in shaping society and helping mankind. Shah unveiled the picture postcard designed to commemorate the 75th anniversary of Prajatantra.

Odisha to introduce gender equity curriculum across govt schools

Bhubaneswar, (UNI) Odisha government on Monday signed an MoU with Breakthrough and the Abdul Latif Jameel Poverty Action Lab (J-PAL) South Asia to integrate a gender equity curriculum into the syllabus for students across government schools in the state. The MoU was signed in the presence of officials of Odisha for School and Mass Education Department, Sohini Bhattacharya, CEO, Breakthrough, Shobhini Mukerji, Executive Director, J-PAL South Asia, and several other officials from the department. The curriculum, designed by the NGO Breakthrough, uses interactive classroom discussions to encourage adolescent boys and girls to reflect on culturally em-



bedded gender norms, roles, and discriminatory practices to transform their gender attitudes, aspirations, and behaviours.

Through this partnership, the curriculum will be integrated into the Social Studies syllabus for adolescent boys and girls from Grades 6 to 10 in over 18,000 elementary and 5,000 secondary schools in Odisha by August 2022. School

and Mass Education Department, Principal Secretary Bishnupada Sethi said "The inclusion of gender dimension in the school curriculum is a very notable step for Odisha. Despite the gains and progress, India has made in gender equality, some issues continue to remain unaddressed even today. The curriculum was first evaluated by J-PAL South Asia

in 314 government schools in Haryana and was found to shift the gender attitudes and behaviours of both boys and girls and lead students to enact more gender-equitable behaviours. The curriculum has since been introduced in multiple states in India, including Punjab where it is currently reaching 600,000 students annually in government schools across the state.

In Odisha, Breakthrough will work with the Department of School and Mass Education to contextualize and integrate the curriculum into the syllabus, train teachers and key departmental personnel, and conduct gender sensitization workshops with teachers across 23,000 state-run schools.

Odisha logs 652 new covid cases, one death

Bhubaneswar, (UNI) Odisha reported 652 new covid positive cases including 132 in the age group of 0 to 18 years in the past 24 hours taking the total tally in the state to 13,19,527. Official sources said the total recovery rose to 13,04,527 after 704 covid patients undergoing treatment were cured from the virus in the past 24 hours. One covid death was reported during the health audit process pushing the total fatalities in the state to 9149. The active cases further declined to 5798 while the daily Test Positivity Rate (TPR) stood at 3.63 per cent. Health and Family Welfare department sources said out of 652 new cases, 381 were recorded from the quarantine centres and 271 as local contact cases. Sundargarh registered the highest number of 137 cases followed by Khordha(70), Sambalpur(58), Bolangir (47), Bargarh (46) and Mayurbhanj (43). These six districts together contributed 61.5 per cent of the total new cases reported in the state in the past 24 hours.

Similarly, out of 5798 active cases, Sundargarh recorded a maximum of 1357 cases followed by Khordha(789), Sambalpur (432), Bargarh (412) and Mayurbhanj(337). These five districts alone accounted for 57.41 per cent of the total active cases in the state. Although the state's TPR stood at 3.63 per cent but five districts such as Sonepur, Kalaahndi, Sambalpur, Sundargarh and Bargarh, all in Western Odisha, reported the TPR above 7.5 per cent. Sonepur registered the highest TPR of 22.8 per cent followed by Kalahandi (105 per cent) and Sambalpur (10.4 per cent) Sundargarh (10 per cent). On the other hand, Bolangir, Kandhamal, Boudh and Mayurbhanj registered TPR above 5 per cent.

Maintain decency dignity and decorum, Naidu's last message to MPs

New Delhi, (UNI) As the House bid an emotional farewell to him, Rajya Sabha Chairman M. Venkaiah Naidu in his last message on Monday urged MPs to maintain decency, dignity and decorum so the "image and respect of the House is maintained." He said that since people are watching the Parliamentary proceedings, he has to take the tough decision of naming some members otherwise he has no ill-will against anybody or any party. Speaking in the end during 'Farewell to Hon'ble Chairman', Naidu said, "In a parliamentary democracy... We being the upper house have a greater responsibility. The entire world is watching India. I only appeal to the members of Rajya Sabha to maintain decency, dignity and decorum. So that the image of the House, and the respect is maintained and people remain receptive to show us, to hear us, and follow our advice."

"This is my advice to all



of you. As I told you, the students, the rural people, the ordinary people will be watching the parliamentary proceedings. That's why sometimes I have to intervene and sometimes I have to take not a very happy decision of naming some people. Otherwise there is no enjoyment in taking such extreme action. I have no ill-will against anybody or any party," Naidu added. Naidu said that people (members) always ask him not to pass the Bill in the din. But further solution is that do not create din, and do not pass the Bill in the the din, he said. "The respect is declining everywhere because the value system is declining. Keep that in mind. Try to do

your bit while committing yourself to your ideological line. But see to it that that democratic principles set by our great people are followed," he said.

"We are not enemies, we are rivals. We must work hard to outshine others, like in a competition. But not to run down others. This is my last advice to you. My wish is that Parliament functions well. There are many members very good at speaking when the opportunity comes," he added. Naidu said that people want the House to discuss the debate and decide, means three 'D', they don't want the other 'D' means disrupt, he lightly said in his trademark style. Naidu also advised to media to

give due coverage when the House functions constructively. "In media also, they don't report of you speak constructively. If you speak obstructively, do something unusual, it is getting coverage. It's a weakness of the media and media should get out of it at the earliest without trying to give some reasons here and there," he said. The Chairman also recalled the time when the Prime Minister informed him that he was being chosen for Vice President. "The day when I decided to be the Vice President of India, with a heavy heart, I announced then and there, when the Prime Minister told me that I am being selected, I was in tears. I didn't ask for this. But I was the disciplined soldier of the party, the party had given the mandate, I obliged it and I resigned from the party. There were tears not because of shirking the responsibility, but because I had to leave the party," he said. Naidu said that India is the largest parlia-

mentary democracy in the world.

"We are very fortunate that our forefathers and the constitution makers and also the great freedom fighters have given their life and their best to the country and gave us a great constitution, and this Parliamentary democratic system. Nobody has forced it on us. We have taken it ourselves," he said. Naidu said that he did his best to maintain the dignity of the House and tried to accommodate all sides in the House. I might not have given them (members) enough time that they wanted but each one of you have been given time, whether it is Zero Hour, Question Hour, Special Mention or debate and discussion on the Bills, he added. Naidu also expressed his affection for the mother tongue saying the use of mother tongue needs to be encouraged. "I am happy that the President, the Prime Minister, the Chief Justice.. all are speaking

about respecting mother tongue. Primacy should be given to mother tongue," he said. I am

thankful to the Prime Minister who has given me love and affection, the Chairman concluded while

also extending thanks to other leaders including Leader of Opposition in the Rajya Sabha.

Rajya Sabha stands adjourned 4 days ahead of schedule

New Delhi, (UNI) The Rajya Sabha was adjourned sine die on Monday four days ahead of the schedule with the House taking up 'Farewell to the Chairman Venkaiah Naidu' and passing 'The Central Universities (Amendment) Bill, 2022' on the last day of Monsoon Session. The Monsoon Session was scheduled between July 18 to August 12. Chairman Venkaiah Naidu, who is set to retire on August 10, said the House had 16 sittings during which it conducted its Business for more than 35 Hours. "However, more than 47 Hours were lost due to interruptions, which is a sad reflection on the functioning of the Upper House of Parliament," Naidu said while concluding the Ses-



sion. He said that the Session was characterized by regular and continuous disruptions, which deprived Members of the opportunity to discuss matters of urgent public importance and seek the accountability of the Executive through questions.

"Out of the 235 Starred Questions admitted, only 61 could be answered orally and Question Hour could not be taken up on 7 days. Only 25 Matters could be raised by Members with the permission of the Chair and only 60 Special Mentions could

be made, during the entire Session," he said. The House discussed the issue of rising prices of essential items in the form of a Short Duration Discussion which lasted for more than 4 hours in which 33 MPs participated in the debate. "Only 4 Government Bills were considered and passed during the Session. 27 Private Members' Bills were also introduced and only 1 Private Member's Bill regarding 'Right to Health' could be partly discussed during the entire Session," Naidu said. No Private Members' Resolutions could be taken up, he added. Earlier, the government made clear its intentions to adjourn the Parliament ahead of schedule.

US climate bill clears Senate hurdle

Washington, (UNI) Democrats got emotional throwing fists into the air after the US Senate finally approved a key legislation of President Joe Biden's on the domestic front.

The bill that took 18-months of wrangling will now be sent to the Democrats-controlled House where it could pass as soon as this week.

The Inflation Reduction Act includes \$369 billion for climate action - the largest investment in US history, is expected to reduce US carbon emissions by 40 per cent by 2030, the BBC reported.

With the US midterm polls just months away, the bill's passage into law would mark a major achievement for the White House's long-stalled domestic economic agenda.

It would also raise corporate taxes and lower healthcare costs as part



of a package surpassing \$700billion, which the White House says will pay for itself.

Democrats negotiated among themselves for months to ensure the bill received the support of every one of the party's 50 senators, which it required - alongside Vice President Kamala Harris's tie-breaking vote - to pass the Senate.

The resulting compromise is a significantly scaled-down version of a far more expansive measure that many Democrats had hoped to approve last year. Some

Republicans have said they will try to stall or block the progress of the bill, which also includes \$64 billion for healthcare.

It now needs to be approved by the House, where Democrats have a slightly larger majority and expect to pass it with ease, before it can be signed into law by Biden.

Raising his fist in the air, Democratic Senate majority leader Chuck Schumer said "after more than a year of hard work, the senate is making history". "To Americans who've lost faith that Congress can do big

things, this bill is for you," he added.

Senator Brian Schatz, a Democrat from Hawaii, reportedly cried tears of joy as he left the chamber.

"Now I can look my kid in the eye and say we're really doing something about the climate," he said according to the New York Times.

Florida's Republican Senator Marco Rubio argued the bill was out of touch as it doesn't help lower prices for working people or keep criminals in jail, the BBC reported.

Indian-led study shows low Covid-vax risk for teens

Sydney, (UNI) An alumni of a Kerala medical college and paediatric cardiologist has carried out a Covid-related study that shows vaccine-associated myocarditis risk among adolescents.

Researchers from Australia's Monash University have completed a study of vaccine-associated myocarditis risk in adolescents, showing that risks are "mild" and outweighed by the long-term risks of Covid-19.

The study, published in the Medical Journal of Australia on Monday, followed the course of 33 adolescents, between the ages of 12 and 18, who presented to Monash Children's Hospital with typical symptoms of myocarditis following receiving a Covid-19 vaccine, reports Xinhua.

Led by Suraj Varma, a paediatric cardiologist at Monash Heart and



Monash Children's Hospital, the study was the largest of its kind for a single children's hospital. Varma is from the Government Medical College, Kozhikode.

Varma and his team said all of the patients recovered after an average of just over two days.

"Covid-19 mRNA vaccine-associated myocarditis has a mild, self-resolving clinical course, in contrast to reported complications and long-term sequelae associated with Covid-19, such as multisystem inflammatory syndrome in children, and other forms of myocarditis," said the

report. Myocarditis is a viral infection that causes inflammation of the heart muscle, and is a rare side-effect of mRNA vaccines. The condition has offered fuel for the spread of vaccine misinformation and anti-vaccine rhetoric.

A separate study of the instances of Myocarditis following an mRNA vaccine published in Nature Reviews Cardiology in December estimated that less than 0.005 percent of people (5 in 100,000) who received a vaccine developed the condition. Rates in young people, under the age of 35,

were slightly higher than across all ages.

The Monash study showed that even in extremely rare cases, the disease was mild and self-resolving. According to the researchers, none of the 33 included patients presented with congestive heart failure or required intensive care treatment, inotropic support, immunoglobulin or steroid therapy.

Vaccine rates for Australians under the age of 16 have lagged behind adult levels. According to national data from the Australian Department of Health and Aged Care, as of August 7, just over half, 54.3 per cent, of Australians aged five to 15 have received two doses of a Covid vaccine.

Varma and her team hoped the new evidence would reassure parents that vaccines are safe and important for children.

China's military drills near Taiwan continue according to plan

Beijing, (UNI) The Chinese People's Liberation Army (PLA) continued on Sunday exercises off Taiwan in accordance with the army's plan, the PLA's Eastern Theater Command said.

"In accordance to the plan, the PLA's Eastern Theater Command on August 7 continued joint practical military exercises in the sea and airspace around the island of Taiwan," the command said in a statement on WeChat.

On Thursday, China launched large-scale military exercises in the eastern Taiwan Strait in response to US House Speaker Nancy Pelosi's visit to Taipei. The drills were expected to continue until 12 p.m. local time (04:00 GMT) on Sunday. The China Maritime Safety Administration (MSA) said on Saturday that the PLA would conduct military exercises with live fire in the south-

ern part of the Yellow Sea on August 6-15.

Pelosi visited Taipei on August 2-3 while on an Asia tour despite warnings from China, which considers Taiwan part of its territory and opposes any direct official foreign contacts with the island. She was the first highest-ranking US official to visit Taiwan in 25 years.

The visit triggered a new round of tension in the Taiwan Strait. In addition to the launch of military exercises this week, Beijing imposed sanctions against two Taiwanese foundations for separatist activities, suspended the export of natural sand to the island and the import of citrus fruits, as well as some types of fish products from Taiwan. The Chinese Foreign Ministry said that Washington and Taipei were yet to face all the negative consequences of the visit, which Beijing had opposed for several months.

Any attack on N-plant 'suicidal': UN chief

United Nations, (UNI) UN Secretary General Antonio Guterres on Monday said he hoped international inspectors will be allowed access to Ukraine's Zaporizhzhia nuclear power plant after both Ukraine and Russia accused each other of shelling the site, prompting grave warnings. Zaporizhzhia, in south-east Ukraine, is Europe's largest nuclear power plant and was seized by the Russians in March but kept its Ukrainian employees. "Any attack to a nuclear plant is a suicidal thing," Guterres said, as the watchdog called it "very

real risk of a nuclear disaster", the BBC reported. Russian forces currently hold the plant and surrounding areas, close to Ukrainian-held territory. It consists of six pressurised water reactors and stores radioactive waste. Over the weekend, Ukraine and Russia both accused each other of shelling the plant, prompting warnings of disaster from the International Atomic Energy Agency. The power plant is in the city of Enerhodar, in the south-east of Ukraine along the left bank of the Dnipro River.

China increases duty free access to Bangladeshi products by another 1 pc

Dhaka, (UNI) Chinese foreign minister Wang Yi expressed gratitude to the Bangladesh government for reiterating its support to the "One China" policy. He explained China's position on the Taiwan issue during a meeting with Bangladesh foreign minister AK Abdul Momen.

Md Shahriar Alam, state minister for foreign affairs, told newsmen this after a meeting of the two foreign ministers at a hotel in the capital city on Sunday morning.

He also informed the media that the meeting between the foreign ministers continued for an hour. Later, they signed four instruments and MoUs. Those are - handing over certificate of 8th Bangladesh-China Friendship Bridge in Pirojpur, renewal of five-year MoU on assistance in disaster management, renewal of MoU on cultural cooperation for 2022-2027, MoU on Marine Science between Dhaka University and China's First Institute of Oceanography.

Wang Yi arrived in Bangladesh on two-day state visit on Saturday afternoon. On the second

day of the visit on Sunday morning, foreign ministers of both the countries led respective delegations at a breakfast meeting at a city hotel. Later, he went to Gonobhaban to pay a courtesy call on prime minister Sheikh Hasina. Wang Yi will leave Dhaka after the courtesy call on.

Bangladesh's state minister for foreign affairs said China seeks collaboration in building a common future for all the countries of the world. They sought Bangladesh by them in this initiative. The China foreign minister also mentioned that there are some countries that either misunderstand China or make mistake in explaining China's intention. We talked about that, Shahriar added.

Wang Yi is visiting Bangladesh at a time when tension is prevailing between China and the US over Taiwan issue. Chinese president Xi Jinping recently announced about forums like Global Security Initiative (GSI) and Global Development Initiative (GDI). China seeks Bangladesh by them in such initiatives. In response to whether any discussion was held



on those issues, Shahriar Alam said, "This was a closed door meeting. As per the procedure it is their consideration of how much of what they said could be made public. Of course there was a detailed discussion on these issues (Taiwan, GDI and GSI). They raised the issues. But this was not a matter of discussion. We have many other things to prioritise. But they have explained their position.

He thanked us as we reiterated our position on 'One China' policy."

Pressed on, the state minister for foreign affairs further said, "We know they put emphasis on abiding by international rules over Taiwan issue. They have explained their position to us."

Shahriar Alam further said, "China has increased the scope of duty free access of Bangladeshi products to its market by another one per cent, which will be implemented from 1 September. We hope this will remove the limitations on exporting oven products from the textile and readymade garments sectors of Bangladesh. Maybe we'll get the list by afternoon. I think this is the highest benefit for us of this tour. They will provide us duty free access to another one per cent products and services."

China foreign minister agreed on starting a joint survey on probable prioritised trade agreement or prioritised duty agreement in the meeting. Shahriar Alam said, "The Chinese foreign minister

said they will help in relocating Chinese companies and sharing technologies to the special economic zone in Anwara, Chattogram. He emphasised on taking steps to begin the special economic zone's activities soon."

He also informed media that the Bangladesh foreign minister requested to increase Chinese investment in Bangladesh. "Removing trade disparity was a big issue in the discussion."

Foreign minister Abdul Momen raised the Rohingya issue and sought China's help in resolving the crisis. He said China's strong role is needed to resolve the crisis. China went forward to resolve the crisis but the matter

needs to be resolved for once and all. Shahriar Alam said, "A detailed discussion was held on the Rohingya issue. China said it has been trying to dispel the domestic challenges of that country since that has been creating problems not only for Bangladesh, but for many others. China will go on working for a political resolution of Rohingya crisis."

Responding to another question on the issue, the state minister for foreign affairs said, "We have said it clearly that many days have passed. The magnitude of our suffering has increased and that is not only for the local people. Smuggling of arms and drugs at the camps has increased. Our law enforcement agencies have been working there amid serious risk.

"We must stop the gradually declining situation there. Earlier we said we have given them shelter as they have come here. But we are facing many problems now. We've explained that. We hope he will look into the matter and take action upon return," he added.

Global war on drugs failed: Colombia

Bogota, (UNI) Colombian President Gustavo Petro has called for a fresh global strategy to combat illegal drugs trafficking.

Speaking at his inauguration on Sunday, the country's first ever left-wing leader declared the "war on drugs" a failure, a BBC report said. Hundreds of thousands of people died in Colombia's

decades-long civil war, fuelled in part by the narcotics trade.

The 62-year-old former Bogota mayor and rebel fighter was elected in June on a radical manifesto promising to fight inequality and ban new oil projects.

Petro told the crowd present that it is time for

a new global convention that "accepts the war on drugs has failed".

"It has left a million dead Latin Americans during 40 years," he said, "and it leaves 70,000 North Americans dead by overdose each year."

More than 50 years ago, US President Richard Nixon kick-started a glo-

bal anti-narcotics strategy that emphasised criminalisation and the use of police force, which became known as the "war on drugs".

Colombia's new president said the strategy has merely strengthened the power of mafia gangs and weakened Latin American states over decades.



Noida: Tyagi's property bulldozed, 'arrest next', says BJP

Noida, (UNI) The Noida Administration on Monday brought in bulldozers and demolished illegal constructions by Shrikant Tyagi, who has been absconding after he was booked for misbehaving with a woman at a Noida Society.



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Cash reward for info on Shrikant Tyagi

Noida, (UNI) After demolishing illegal structures erected by Shrikant Tyagi at a Noida society, the Gautam Buddha Nagar Commissionerate on Monday announced a cash reward of Rs 25,000 on the beleaguered self-proclaimed BJP leader even as searches were underway at multiple locations to arrest him.

The Media Cell of the Police Commissionerate said that a reward of Rs 25,000 has been announced on the arrest of accused Shrikant Tyagi in connection with the case lodged at Phase 2 police station.

Official sources said that raids were being carried out at multiple locations, including Lucknow, Meerut and Muzaffarnagar to arrest Tyagi. "His last location has been traced and the Special Task Force (STF) has been engaged in the operation," they said.

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NABARD celebrates 'National Handloom Day'

Bhubaneswar. NABARD, Odisha RO has celebrated National Handloom Day on 07 August 2022 at Bhubaneswar. Hon'ble Minister of Handlooms, Textiles & Handicrafts, Smt. Rita Sahu; Development Commissioner-cum-Additional Chief Secretary, Shri P K Jena; Principal Secretary - Finance Department, Shri Vishal Kumar Dev, CGM, NABARD, Shri C. Udaybhaskar; Weavers, NGOs and other stakeholders have participated in the event.

Odisha with its rich cultural heritage in art and crafts has an immense scope for improving the extent and quality of its Handloom and Textiles products.

NABARD has been taking lot of initiatives for the Off- Farm Sector which include formation of Off Farm Producer Organisations (OFPOs) and Skill Development of the Weavers. To help in the marketing of the products of the weavers, NABARD sponsors exhibitions, supports for the establishment of Rural Haat, Rural Mart for better marketing of the handloom products. Odisha has the highest number of OFPOs (10) in the country. NABARD till date has sanctioned an amount of Rs.2.33 Crore for weavers development supporting 1450 weavers, and is making efforts to organize more weavers of other clusters in to the fold of OFPOs.

Govt recommends Electricity Bill to panel

New Delhi, (UNI) The Electricity (Amendment) Bill 2022 was on Monday introduced in the Lok Sabha amid vocal opposition, and the government then announced that it will be referred to a Parliamentary Standing Committee where all concerns can be discussed.

Power Minister R K Singh accused the opposition MPs of spreading "false propaganda" against the Bill and said it was "pro-people".

As Singh moved the Bill for introduction in the Lok Sabha, several opposition members raised objections. The Minister said the Bill will be sent to a Parliamentary Standing Committee where all concerns can be discussed.

RSP's N K Premchandran called it "anti-farmer" and said it was against the fed-

eral character of the Constitution.

Congress' Manish Tewari said the object of the Electricity Act was to protect consumers and supply electricity to all areas.

"This amendment substantially weakens the power of the state to achieve this objective by providing for multiple privately owned distribution companies," he said.

Communist Party of India (Marxist) member A M Arif said detailed discussions should be held with states and also pointed out that withdrawal of the Bill was one of the key demands of farmers.

"SKM was assured it would be withdrawn," he said.

Congress leader in the House Adhir Ranjan

Development of Tripura possible with industry friendly technology: Prof. Ashish Nath

Udaipur(Tripura), Prof. Ashish Nath, Department of Economics in Tripura University, a central university has said modern technology important to adopt here in Tripura for using local resources in order to do value addition that might help for getting higher price of products.

In course of conversation in an interview here at Doordarshan Tripura in Agartala has shared his opinion that informed as like as suggestions for development of the state to authority in view to consider the developmental potentialities in the state. The state Tripura is geographically located in an area where the lots of potentialities easily available and it is also a strength for going ahead because the state Tripura has shared its' 84 per cent of its total border area

that surrounded by Bangladesh on its north, south and west and the length of its international border is 856 km.

Prof. Ashish Nath said, "In accordance with report the state Tripura imports more instead of exporting more in trade between two countries Tripura-India and Bangladesh and the products are maximum agricultural products exporting directly by the state Tripura to foreign but need to concentrate on policy for doing value addition of products because it gives comparatively higher price".

The resources like rubber, jackfruit, pineapple and tea available here but the proper technology essential because the technology plays an important role for value addition of

products and the value added products might get after establishing new industries by dint of raw materials available in the state Tripura. In accordance with the advice of Prof. Ashish Nath the technology might be imported from foreign countries also because technology's role is more important for the development.

As the state popular for bamboo and there are many industries based on this getting response for the uniqueness quality of product made by artisans here in Tripura that also popular in the abroad, the initiatives need to be taken for giving benefits to farmers as much as possible to do their production activities continuously, said Prof. Ashish Nath.

Tripura University best institution: International Scholars

Udaipur(Tripura), . As the distance is very reasonable and the institutional quality so far for doing quality research, the international scholars as well as students are giving more preference for doing post graduation and PhD degree here in Tripura University because of quality teachers maximum came from outside of the state reported as quality faculty all around for their experiences of research, said a section of international scholars doing higher education came from Bangladesh.

In course of conversation with the students come from Bangladesh, they have said that the Tripura University bearing a history because the place where the university exactly located yet, that was the place of rehabilitation camp in the year 1971 during liberation war of

Bangladesh and the quality of teachers mostly came from different states in the university have done great job in the area of research in comparison with others. The university also gives good environment for doing higher education as much as possible by the administration.

Dr. Alak Chakraborty a PhD awardees from English Department under the supervision of Prof.(Dr.) Shyamal Das on 'English Loanword Adaptation in Chittagonian Bangla: An Optimality Theoretic Analysis' in Tripura University has said that the university has been doing with highest effort and the environment all around even in research scholar hostel of the university very good for doing research where researchers from Kashmir to Kanyakumari and

Gujarat to Manipur are coming here for doing research owing to all the facilities available here in accordance with the demand of researchers in the university.

There were visited a NAAC team comprising with Prof.Dhananjayan Perumal, Prof. Shiv Datt Sharma, Prof.Sujatha Peela, Prof. Prakash Mahanwar, Prof. Amaresh Dubey and Prof Sanjiv Kumar under the Chairman of Prof. Vibhash Chandra Jha in the university last week and the members also did interaction each other in which the international scholars from Bangladesh have said their unique experiences of research here in university observed by NAAC members and feel satisfaction with the facilities provided by university for research scholars.



Chowdhury also got up to speak but was told by Rajendra Agrawal who was in the chair that his colleague Manish Tewari had already spoken, triggering protests by opposition benches.

Soon Speaker Om Birla was back on the Chair.

Trinamool Congress' Saugata Roy also mentioned the farmers' protest and said the government

had assured the Samyukt Kisan Morcha in writing that the Bill would be withdrawn. He called the Bill "anti-people".

The Speaker asked the MP not to make a speech and to oppose the introduction of the Bill from a legal perspective.

Minister Singh argued that the Bill will not impact subsidies and farmers will continue to get free elec-

tricity. The Bill was then introduced in the House, and the Minister said that the government intends to refer it to a Standing Committee.

The Bill aims to facilitate the entry of private companies in electricity distribution, which will enable power consumers to choose from multiple service providers, just like telecom services.

Mob attacks kept Punjab in the grip of terror

Two persons were injured in a bomb explosion in Dhab Khatikan today. One shop was looted in Hathi Gate and four persons were arrested. In the city itself, two bombs were thrown in Chowk Telian. One exploded, but caused no damage. Five persons were fatally stabbed in different villages in Majitha area. Seven persons are reported to have received injuries as a result of bomb explosions and stabbing in Tarn Taran. Two of the injured persons later died in the hospital. There were four cases of arson. The District Magistrate has re-imposed curfew in Tarn Taran with effect from 7 a.m. today.

Latest reports describe village Kot Said Mahmud and Majitha area as disturbed. Police and military reinforcements have been rushed to these places.

Armed attack on village in Moga

Ferozepore: Nineteen persons are reported to have been killed and nine seriously wounded as a result of an armed attack made on Friday night on residents of the village of Kokri Arayan in Moga tehsil. The assailants, who were armed with guns and other deadly weapons, opened fire a number of times. On receiving information, an armed police party was immediately rushed to the village. No arrests have been made so far. A large number of troops have been sent there, who will also patrol the surrounding villages. 13 killed in Ludhiana village

Ludhiana: Thirteen persons were killed and nine injured in village Charala, 15 miles from Ludhiana, as a result of an attack by an armed mob at midnight on Sunday last.

Soon after the receipt of information, Mr Ram Nath Luthra, District Magistrate and Mr Amin Chand, Superintendent of Police, reached the spot and took prompt measures to bring the situation under control. The situation is now well in hand.

Churchill's appeal

WOODSTOCK: Mr. Winston Churchill, Britain's wartime leader, said yesterday that he could not have believed that "on the morrow of the German and Japanese surrenders so short a period of time could bring Britain so low". He was addressing a crowd of 50,000 people in the grounds of his birthplace, Blenheim Palace, near here, on the eve of Parliament's two-day debate on the state of the nation and the British Government's expected proposals for tackling Britain's economic crisis. It was his first major political speech since last May when he had to retire temporarily from political activity because of an operation. Yesterday's crowd was attending a great Conservative garden party.

"Cabinet Ministers tell us every weekend how bad our position is and that the twelfth hour will strike before the end of the year," he said. "The main facts are obvious to every thinking man or woman. Under the capitalist system's free enterprise, we bred in Great Britain nearly 40,000,000 people, half of whose food came from beyond the seas but whose progress was constant and whose standard of living before the war was already the highest in Europe. Since then, two disasters have come upon us: The Second World War and the first Socialist Government with a majority. By supreme exertions, we surmounted the first disaster. The question which glares upon us today is: How shall we free ourselves from the second?" While Britain has "blithely cast away mighty India and Burma," the Socialist Government has "clung to tiny Little Palestine," he added. Mr Iftikhar Hussain Khan of Mamdot was unanimously elected leader of the West Punjab Muslim League Assembly Party at its meeting held at the Assembly building at

4 p.m. today. Ch. Khaliq-uz-Zaman, who had been nominated by the League High Command, presided over the meeting. Fifty-two members were present out of 57 and they included Mr Firoze Khan Noon who, though a hot contestant, withdrew this morning. Hussain Khan's election ensures his appointment as Premier of West Punjab. In a statement issued three hours before the meeting, Firoze Khan Noon said: "Pakistan being faced with difficult problems, her national interests demand unity in our ranks and a spirit of sacrifice. I have, therefore, decided not to allow my name to be proposed at today's meeting." Meanwhile, in Calcutta, Khwaja Nazim-ud-Din, former Premier of Bengal, was today elected leader of the Muslim League Assembly Party in East Bengal. He polled 75 votes to 39 cast for Mr H.S. Suhrawardy, the present Chief Minister of Bengal.

Democracy and Hindutva

India needs grassroots, representative politics, not identity politics

The foremost question in the minds of political observers on the 75th anniversary of India's Independence is about the future of its democracy. Is India on a perilous path of majoritarian rule? Is political Hinduism or Hindutva going to be the tool of authoritarianism in the days to come? Many political scientists have written off Indian democracy as some sort of an oxymoron and are busy coining terms like undeclared emergency, ethnic authoritarianism, electoral dictatorship or even outright fascist one-party rule. But a closer analysis of the Indian situation would belie such intellectual acrobatics of the ousted elite of a failed establishment.

Even the Hindi heartland would dump Hindutva if a credible alternative offers hope and change. In the North, J&K cannot be ruled by Hindutva simply because of the lack of a Hindu majority. In Punjab, despite over 40 per cent Hindu population, the BJP won just two seats out of 117 and a measly 6.6 per cent votes. The AAP's dazzling foray into Punjab was backed by its delivery, packaged in the Tricolour, in Delhi, where BJP's Hindutva had failed again. 'From Kashmir to Kanyakumari' is how generalisations are dished out for everything, from pickles to politics. Interestingly, the BJP's situation in Tamil Nadu is worse than it is in J&K: In 2021, it won just four seats despite partnering with the ruling party. Many in the AIADMK believe that their party was reduced to 66 seats only because of the BJP. Many in North India do not realise that Tamil Nadu is the repository of ancient Hindu temples and practices — so, staunch believers with religious markings on their forehead have voted in the DMK. But for Karnataka, there is not a single BJP government in South India. It drew a blank in the 2021 Kerala Assembly poll; the Vijayan government is surviving primarily because of the reasonable attitude of the Enforcement Directorate, which refuses to question the CM or his family in the gold smuggling case. The saffron party could not win a seat in the Andhra Pradesh Assembly election in 2019 and won just one in the Telangana Assembly poll in 2018, when Majlis-e-Ittehadul Muslimeen, the party of political Islam, won seven seats. In the West, the ugly saga of a mandate first being stolen from the single largest party and then stolen right back by the single largest party with a new Maratha satrap riding the Trojan horse has only proven that Indian democracy is alive and frolicking in all its filthy love for the lucre. In the East, Mamata Banerjee's Trinamool Congress won 213 seats out of 292 last year, making mincemeat of the BJP's Didi-o-Didi campaign. Even when political Hinduism is pitted against political Islam — as in certain constituencies of Telangana or Kerala — or where another religious ideology is at play, as during Punjab's latest bypoll (won by a religious secessionist), Hindutva is often not even a factor. Our political pundits



have been more cynical than our electorate, which wants change and is chasing the mirage of political idealism. And that is the only reason the BJP is not even in the reckoning in the states where it cannot offer change or a credible alternative. Its Hindutva cannot compete with a vibrant rival. That is the only reason it becomes a marginal player in most southern states. Even where it has gobbled up the Opposition space from the Congress, like in Odisha, the BJP has not been able to shake the people's faith in a performing CM. Even the much-derided dynastic politics is not a deterrent, as is proven in Tamil Nadu, Andhra Pradesh or even Odisha, where Naveen Patnaik's astute administrative mechanism is wrapped around his father Biju Patnaik's legacy. Hindutva works only where the opponents are weak, self-serving and greedy beyond political goals. And, it works against the Congress as it is drifting in search of an identity. It is politically fashionable to hail Rahul Gandhi as the only Opposition leader who has taken on the RSS and Hindutva. But has he? He had to abandon his family's pocket borough and its electoral legacy to seek refuge in a hilly constituency dominated by Muslim and Christian voters. So, if he is identifying himself with Muslim and Christian voters and representing them in Parliament, how is he taking on an organisation that represents Hindus? Identity politics cuts both ways and is proving to be more helpful to larger communal identities than smaller groups. Rahul is only politically and ideologically legitimising religious

identity politics and thereby validating the RSS, the most successful practitioner of this brand of politics, by banking on Muslim and Christian voters of Wayanad.

The elitism and condescension of the Congress leadership, coupled with its one-trick poll pony — identity politics — were rejected in Punjab, with even Dalit voters voting out a Dalit CM. The Congress leadership still has no answer for the envy and aspiration of the middle and working-class voters, who find only elite opportunism in the politics of upper-class liberals, including that of Rahul. The problem with the present-day Congress leadership is not even the first family remaining out of touch with the party's leaders and cadre — the problem is lack of representation of the masses. The Gandhis still have not answered the question of representation. Who do they represent in terms of the identity politics they always practise? The minorities? The Muslims and the Christians have their own parties and do not need the Gandhis. Rahul needs Muslim League and Kerala Congress (a Christian party not to be confused with INC) voters more than the latter needing his endorsement. The Congress ought to be representing larger groups and hence should have a peasant caste or an OBC president — an Ashok Gehlot or a Bhupinder Hooda, someone who is a fulltime politician. Indian democracy badly needs a strong dose of grassroots, representative politics, as against identity politics. Even the Hindi heartland would dump Hindutva if a credible alternative offers hope and change.

Let J&K vote

EC should frame guidelines on pre-poll promises



Jammu AND kashmir has been without an Assembly since November 2018, when the House was unexpectedly dissolved just months after the state was brought under Governor's rule as the BJP pulled out of the Mehbooba Mufti-led government. Three years after the abrogation of Article 370, elections in the newly created Union Territory are still not on the horizon. The Delimitation Commission report was cited as a precursor to the resumption of the long-stalled political process. The panel completed its two-year-long exercise to redraw the electoral map this May, notifying six additional constituencies for the Jammu region and one for Kashmir. The criticism by the regional political parties that the changes give an unfair advantage to the BJP notwithstanding, the delay in the announcement of Assembly polls is inexplicable.

Much has been made of the record tourist footfall and several other gains on the development front since the

revocation of the special status, but the real test lies in restoring the electoral process. The tough stance to contain the separatist sentiment has meant sustained detentions, dismissals from service, attachment of properties and frequent crackdowns. It would be hugely

erroneous, though, to hide behind the iron-hand policy to justify depriving people of their constitutional right to choose representatives, and not letting them have their say.

Incidents related to law and order as well as terrorism have come down since 2019 and more than 690 terrorists have been killed in Jammu and Kashmir during the period, but recruitment and targeted killings remain a cause for concern for the security apparatus. Half of the fresh recruits are said to be uncategorised, posing a new challenge when the youth, who otherwise lead normal lives, indulge in acts of terror when directed to do so, before resuming their routine work. The Election Commission has started work on the revised voter list and while

restoration of statehood is a demand that may not find immediate resonance, holding elections would require no such predicament. August 5 cannot be remembered as a day of disempowerment.

Rebuild agriculture to make it future-ready

With Green Revolution having outlived its utility, it's time to move to the next stage. The 75th anniversary of Independence provides an excellent opportunity to rethink and redesign the road map. This will call for moving away from the economic thought that has always relied on sacrificing agriculture for the sake of industry. The focus has to be on making the village the hub of hopes & aspirations.

GIVEN the spectacular role Indian farmers have played in pulling the country out of the 'ship-to-mouth' existence and turning it into a food-surplus nation, agriculture has emerged as the brightest star of the Indian economy. Whether we would like to publicly acknowledge it or not, a vibrant agriculture had laid out a strong foundation for economic growth.

As India celebrates 75 years of Independence, it is time to recognise that the pathway to attain a glorious future in the next 25 years passes through agriculture. With the right kind of policy mix and a renewed cycle of public sector investments, aimed more at farmers' welfare and protecting the environment, agriculture alone has the potential to reboot the economy, sustain millions of livelihoods, and in the process emerge as a powerhouse of economic growth. More so, at a time when the Inter-governmental Panel on Climate Change has begun to question the GDP-based growth model, rebuilding sustainable agriculture will hold the key to India's development story. From the time when Jawaharlal Nehru, speaking from the ramparts of the Red Fort on August 15, 1955, had said, "It is very humiliating for any country to import food. So everything else can wait, but

not agriculture," India has come a long way by attaining food self-sufficiency and leaving the painful history of repeated famines and starvations in the past. Subsequently, Nehru's successor, Lal Bahadur Shastri, faced the humiliation that comes along with food imports. Calling the American war in Vietnam as 'an act of aggression' Shastri had annoyed the then US President Lyndon Johnson. Food imports into India under the PL-480 scheme were thereby reduced to a trickle, necessitating the Prime Minister to urge fellow Indians to fast once a week.

During that period, the Paddock brothers' book Famine 1975! had written off India and predicted that millions would starve to death in the years to come. That was the period when India earned the epitaph 'ship-to-mouth' existence when food would come directly from the ship to the hungry mouths. Anyway, what the authors, popularly referred to as the prophets of doom, had failed to visualise was the potential of India to rebound on the food front, and usher in food self-sufficiency in the next few years. When the then PM Indira Gandhi allowed the import of 18,000 tonnes of miracle dwarf wheat varieties in 1966, the seeds of the Green Revolution were effectively sown. With the scientific research and development infrastructure already laid out by Nehru when he had set up the first agricultural university at Pantnagar, followed by Punjab Agricultural University at Ludhiana, which along with the Indian Agricultural Research Institute, New Delhi, eventually helped adapt the dwarf wheat varieties to the Indian conditions. The seeds were distributed to farmers in 5-kg packs; and the over-enthusiastic Punjab farmers turned the tables, achieving a record harvest in the first year.

The success in wheat was followed in rice, and subsequently production jumped in crops like cotton, sugarcane, and fruits and vegetables. India now produces



close to 315 million tonnes of foodgrains and 325 million tonnes of fruits and vegetables. From standing with a begging bowl, the long strides India had taken to first move to food self-sufficiency and finally emerging as a net agricultural exporter is a saga of valour, scientific acumen and the right kind of public policies. This included the two planks of a 'famine-avoidance' strategy — providing farmers with the Minimum Support Price (MSP) to act as an incentive, and setting up of the Food Corporation of India (FCI) to mop up the huge market arrivals, and distribute the grain surplus in the deficit areas through a network of public distribution outlets. Prior to the advent of the Green Revolution (a term coined later by William Gaud), Shastri had laid the foundation of a milk revolution when he launched the cooperative movement to increase the production of supply of milk. Called popularly as the White Revolution, it is considered to be the world's most successful rural development programme. The dairy cooperatives have turned India into the world's largest producer of milk,

with production crossing 204 million tonnes. The combination of the White Revolution with the achievements of the Green Revolution transformed the face of India's villages; dairy farming has come to be regarded as the saviour of the farming community reeling under acute distress.

Farmers have been producing a record harvest every year, but year after year, their incomes remain frozen or are on the decline. Although the latest report of the Situation Assessment Survey for Agricultural Households, 2019 (pertains to a period before the lockdown) points to an average farm income of

Rs 10,286 (including income from non-farm activities) per month, the massive reverse migration that India witnessed after the lockdown was imposed clearly shows that the immediate need is to make agriculture

more profitable and economically viable. At a time when the world is faced with jobless growth, with increased pace of automation taking away jobs at a fast pace, reviving agriculture remains the only option to absorb the large workforce. This will drastically reduce the employment pressure on the cities. With the Green Revolution having outlived its utility, it is time to move to the next stage. The 75th anniversary of Independence provides an excellent opportunity to rethink and redesign the future road map. This will call for a radical shift in the dominant economic thinking, moving away from the economic thought that has always relied on sacrificing agriculture for the sake of industry. It hasn't worked, leading to massive inequality. The focus now has to revert back to rebuilding agriculture, making village the hub of hopes and aspirations of the future. Providing guaranteed income to farmers and shifting to climate-resilient agriculture calls for a transformation of the food systems that goes beyond the usual.

"SYNAPSE 2022"

KIIT INTERNATIONALSCHOOL & RAVENSHAW HIGHER SECONDARY SCHOOL BECAME CHAMPION

Cuttack, (TNB): Team Quizzard hosted the 6thedition of their annual flagship quiz event Synapse-The Junction of Qriosity. Going beyond convention of conducting one English quiz for all students, this year Synapse also consisted of an exclusive Odia Quiz alongside the regular English version, open to students from grade 7-12 from across the state. With one of the first Odia Quizzes of this scale, Synapse sought to eliminate linguistic barriers and make quizzing accessible for potential quizmasters from Vernacu-

lar schools. There were special audience rounds and awards for lucky winners during the finals of both Odia and English Quiz. To promote participation from the schools away from quizzing circuit and to encourage participation of more girls, the event had the provision of two awards namely the best participating school and the best girls'team in each of the English and Odia Quiz. Lipika Sulagna and Anshita Mishra of St. Joseph's Girls' High School, and Aliva Patra and Adya Anindita



Moharana won the Best Girls' team Prize in English and Odia Quiz respectively. For English Quiz, St. Xavier's High School, Barabati (Senior Secondary) got the best participating school whereas Secondary Board High School got it in Odia Quiz. The English Quiz was won by Anubhav Samantaray and Sivam

Das of KIIT International School followed by Tathagat Mandol and Adidev Dash of DPS Kalinga, and Satyam Pattnaik and Arnab Mohapatra of Stewart School finished at 2nd and 3rd position respectively. Similarly, in the Odia Quiz Prasamit Kanungo and Sacchidananda Pati of Ravenshaw Higher Sec-

ondary School were crowned as the Champions.Rest two positions were taken by Rudra Madhab Sahoo and Lagnajeet Mohapatra of SSVM Sector-6 ,and Chiranjeevi Samal and Om Sahoo of Secondary Board High School. Commemorating six years of Synapse, team Quizzard firmly resolved to organise

this year's quiz with unprecedented pomp and splendour.A two phased event with a preliminary round and a finale for each language comprising audio-visual rounds, grid rounds, theme rounds and buzzer rounds, this promised to be a top-notch adrenaline pumping tournament of minds. With a combined participation of 850 participants from 80schools; Saheed Bhawan of Cuttack was bound to witness amongst the most illustrious battle of brains, carrying forward a legacy of accessibility and excellence of quality.

Today's morning session was inaugurated by Dr. Sarat Ku Sahoo, MD,Ruchi Foodline .Chief Guest Pandit Matruprasad Mishra unveiled the trophies before the quiz.In the closing ceremony Mr. M.Akhaya, EX-DG,Fire Services, Home Guard & Civil defence was the chief Guest,Mr. Prabodh Routray,Secretary ,Odisha Sahitya Academy,Dr. GS Pattnaik,CMD of St.Xavier's Group of Schools,Dr. Prabhu Ch Mohanty, Director of St.Xavier's Group of Schools,Mrs. Sangita Sahoo & Mrs. Rashmi

Sahoo,Directors of Ruchi Foodline were the guests of honour during the closing ceremony. The members of team Quizzard - Pritiman Mishra, Manasweta Mishra, Shantanu K. Nanda, Siddharth Rout, Ayanshu Debabrata and Abhishek Kaushik were the lynchpins behind this event .Mr. Ullash Ch. Behura along with other members of Team White Canvas showed great support to make this quiz a grand success. The event was presented by "Dambaru -learning made fun" and powered by "FaarmB".

Tasar Silk Intervention in Keonjhar, *became a livelihood for local Tribes*

Naresh Ch. Pattanayak Keonjhar : Tasar Sericulture in the District of Keonjhar became a promising livelihood option for the poor tribal people mostly of mining affected areas. With the support from District Mineral Foundation (DMF), Keonjhar, this cultivation has been initiated to provide livelihood to the tribal people. Sources said that Tasar hosts tree plantation, construction of a mega nursery and Basic Seeds Production Unit (BSPU) has been initiated

in the District. Around 6600 farmers have been getting the benefit of such a comprehensive intervention in Tasar Silk promotion in the District. Plantation of Tasar host trees like Asan and Arjun has been done in 600 hectares area with the support of local Tasar rearing families. As Tasar is a silk variety primarily used for clothing, furnishings, and interiors, it has high demands in the National and International market. “The initiative has been taken up through District Min-



eral Foundation (DMF) funds in convergence with the Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme (MGNREGS). Two numbers of Mega Nurseries are coming up in Banspal and

Harichandanpur to help the tasar rearing farmers in getting healthy Asan and Arjun saplings. Apart from this two numbers of BSPU constructions have been started in these two blocks to provide Disease Free

Layouts (DFLs) in the locality” said Project Director District Rural Development Agency, Keonjhar B.P. Acharya.

The major objectives of Tasar Silk promotion in the District are to promote sustainable, participatory livelihood development in the mining-affected areas of Keonjhar through plantation of Tasar host trees, to improve the standard of living of beneficiaries families by enhancing access to natural resources leading to reduction in pov-

erty, sources said. Beside that it will increase plantation cover in the district by utilising revenue wasteland, rejuvenate the local natural environment in an integrated and comprehensive manner. Besides that farmers could also raise intercrops with improved cultivation practices by building capacity of farmers through training, exposure visits, introduction of new technologies etc. Tasar Vikash Samiti (TVS) and TRCS have been formed to promote and strengthen community level institutions.

State level Om Prakash Jindal football tournament started

Susil Ku. Aich Angul: State-level Om Prakash Jindal Football Tournament has started. The match was inaugurated in the presence of the Chief Guest, Additional District Magistrate Satish Kumar Pradhan and other distinguished guests. The match will continue for the next 7 days. In the opening match, the Nalco junior team won after losing to Pallahada football team.

This state level tournament is organized every year by the district sports department on the birth anniversary of Om Prakash Jindal, industrialist and



founder of Jindal Group in Angull stadiumr, this opening match was very interesting from the start, both teams scored one goal before the first half. However, in the second half, the Nalco team scored another goal and won the match 2-1. A large number of people gathered at Angul Stadium to watch the match.

Crowd of Devotees did Jalabhishek at Bed Vyas Dham

Rajesh Dahima Rajgangpur, On the last Monday of the month of Sawan, a crowd of devotees, including a group of kanwariyas who performed Jalabhishek in the Ved Vyas Dham and Ghoghad Dham pagodas, along with the city, was seen thronging from Saturday and Sunday itself. In this episode, a crowd of devotees was seen gathering to perform Jalabhishek in other pagodas including Ved Vyas Dham, Ghoghar Dham, Mahadev Shawl. On the other hand, on the way from Ved Vyas Dham to Ghoghar Dham, various selfless service organiza-



tions made arrangements for breakfast, food and drink, along with bhajan evening was also organized.

Police forces were deployed at various places to maintain peace and order in the local police administration on the spot. At the same time, proper arrangements were made by the temple committee to attend the Maha Aarti, the makeup of Bholenath.

LONG HUMAN CHAIN FORMED TO RAISE AWARENESS AGAINST SINGLE-USE PLASTIC

Bhubaneswar, (TNB): In its commitment to shoulder social responsibility and save the Mother Earth, Waltair Division of East Coast Railway has been organizing various mass campaigns on ban of single use plastic. Today (06.08.2022) under the guidance of Divisional Railway Manager Shri Anup Satpathy, the Bharat Scouts & Guides cadets of Waltair District lead by Shri Rajeev Kumar, District Commissioner & Dy. Chief Engineer (Construction) in association with School Children from Kendriya Vidyalaya, Government High School, Vidyodaya School formed a long hu-



man chain for 4kms at Railway Station Road, Visakhapatnam to raise awareness on ban of single use plastic.

More than 1000 school students formed human chain to spread awareness against single-use plastic and to encourage people to give up the

use of polythene bags from their daily lives. ADRM (Operations) Shri Manoj Kumar Sahoo monitored the arrangements of the campaign with the assistance of District Secretary of Scouts & Guides Shri KR Jagannath.

Speaking on the occasion, DRM Shri Anup

Satpathy said that the initiative is to spread awareness against the single-use plastic usage and encourage people to follow the plastic ban enforced by Railways and the GVMC. Our aim is to minimise and gradually eradicate single-use plastic and encourage cloth bags to make the city and then country free from Plastic, the human chain event is also a part of this drive, he added. He admired that the school children would inculcate and carry the message of ill effects of plastic usage on environment to educate the society and the public.

Shri S.S. Raja , Principal Kendriya Vidyalaya, Thatichetla Palem, Additional District Commissioner, Bharat Scouts & Guides, Waltair District Shri DC Jena, Visakhapatnam city traffic police and Civil Defense of Waltair Division extended support for successful conduction of the campaign.

Computer Training Center opened at Sambalpur University with the aid from JSW BPSL CSR Fund

Sambalpur, (TNB): The new “Computer Training Centre” of Department of Computer Science & Applications, Sambalpur University was inaugurated by Honourable Vice Chancellor, Sambalpur University on 29th July 2022. The new Computer Laboratory set up has been possible due to the Department of Corporate Social Responsibility, JSW BPSL to impart IT knowledge to student’s community. Shri. Dhananjay Kumar



Sinha, Vice President, Administration, JSW BPSL was the Chief Guest for the function. Shri. Ashish Das, Associate Vice President, JSW BPSL, Shri. Vishal Raj, Head, Corporate Social Responsibility, JSW BPSL, Dr. Shyamkant Tanuji Gaidhane, General

Manager, JSW BPSL were the guests of honour.

On this occasion Chairperson Post Graduate Council Prof. (Dr.) Sanjukta Das and Dr. Chandra Sekhar Panda, Head, Department of Computer Science & Applications, faculties, staffs and students were present. Officials of JSW BPSL impressed upon the students to take maximum advantage of their new computer laboratory and gain advanced knowledge.

Employees of Sinter Plant-2 Department of RSP awarded under Utkarsh Award Scheme

Rourkela, (TNB): A group of 8 employees including executives of Sinter plant-2 Department of SAIL, RSP were awarded under Utkarsh award scheme for their commendable performance. Mr. Biswa ranjan Palai, CGM (Sinter Plant) along with Mr. S.K Padhi, GM (SP-2) and Unit Head, presented the awards to them at a function held recently. Present on the occasion were other Senior Officers and employees of the Department. The team was awarded for the successful implementation of the project “Establishing a testing deck for Hot Screen testing.” for ensuring reliability of the Plant. Speaking on the occasion Mr. Palai commended the team for the enterprising job which has helped in effective maintenance thereby improving production and performance.

Unfortunately Vivranshu die on friendship day celebrating with friends

Rudra Mohan Sahu Banarpal, An unfortunate incident took place while celebrating Friendship Day on Sunday. Four friends are enjoying friendship day by swimming in Derjang Dam while one friend drowns. While his deadbody has not been found yet, this sad news has shocked everyone. When asked about

this, Saroj Samal, officer of Jharpada police station, says that after being informed by his family, the fire department was informed.

They came and searched. But Mr. Samal said that Vivranshu's address was not found until 9:30 pm. It is reported that Vivranshu was working from home in a private

company after completing his MBA. His mother is the HOD of Mathematics Department in DPS School and Bivranshu Hota (28)'s father Trinath Shankar Hota, a retired HRD employee of Nalco, along with four friends, reached Derjang Dam in the afternoon to celebrate Friendship Day. According to the information received from

friends, while everyone was on the dam embankment enjoying the friendship day, Vivranshu suddenly went to the water and sat for a while, while I was washing myself, said. On his way back, he drowned after coming some way. No one could rescue him as the other companions did not know how to swim. When asked

about this, Jarpada Police Station Officer Saroj Samal says that the fire team was informed after being informed by his family. They came and searched. Mr. Samal informed that Vivranshu's address was not found till 9:30 in the night. His address was not found till noon today and the odraft team was reportedly awaited.

Uncaring attitude of Gudari NAC road turned into grazing ground

Simanchal Sahu Gudari, Gudari N.A.C. royal road has become a grazing ground for cows. A cow is a domesticated animal that we worship as a cow, but it is very sad that those who keep cows at home keep them in their cages without feeding them and leave them on the street. Despite repeated information from the Gudari council, the cowherds lose their awareness and lose their humanity and leave cows and buffaloes on the road. Due to herds, herds, cows and bulls sitting on the road, it has been seen that accidents have happened to drivers many times. The shopkeepers are suffering due to the fact that the shopkeepers are eating the goods on the road. N.A. C. In all the main roads of the country, you will see empty cowherds with their pastures covered. I am afraid to walk on the road. Among them, N. A. C. The authorities re-



fused to release Gyabashari from August 1. No action has been taken even after ten days have been announced. Due to the uncaring attitude of the executive officer, Sabha Bhushan Shabar Gudari, no development work can be done. The district administration is requested to take action against it.

AFFIDAVIT

By virtue of an affidavit sworn before Executive Magistrate, Barbil. I declare that my name is Sankar Lal Keshari, S/o- Lilaram Keshri, residing at Kalyani Avenue, Sundra Basti, Ward No.15, Barbil, Keonjhar, Odisha. From today onwards my daughter's actual and good name will be treated as Subhalaxmi Keshari, name of father- Sankar Lal Keshari, name of mother- Mamata Keshari for all purposes.

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As the borrower failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the borrower and the public in general that the undersigned has taken Symbolic possession of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him/ her under Section 13(4) of the said Act read with Rule 8 of the said rules on the below-mentioned dates. The borrower in particular and the public in general is hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of ICICI Bank Limited.

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Place: Balasore

Authorized Officer
ICICI Bank Limited

Gold price : Gold rates drop; yellow metal stands at Rs 51,870

New Delhi.the price of gold in India for both 22 and 24 carat weights fell. As of Sunday, the price of 10 grams of 24 carat gold in India is Rs 51,870, while 10 grams of 22 carat gold cost Rs 47,550.

Over the past 24 hours, variations in gold prices have been seen in several major Indian cities. The current price of gold in Chennai is Rs 52,850 for 10 kilos of 24 carat gold and Rs 48,450 for 10 grams of 22 carat gold. In the nation's capital, Delhi, the price of 10 grams of 24 carat gold is Rs 52,036 and 10 grams of 22 carat gold is Rs 47,700. In Kolkata, the price of gold is Rs 51,870 for 10 kilos of 24 carat, compared to Rs



47,550 for 10 grams of 22 carat. While 22 carat gold (10 grams) costs Rs 47,550 in Mumbai, 24 carat gold (10 grams) costs Rs 51,870. On Sunday, the price of 10 kilos of 24 carat gold was Rs 51,870 and 10 grams of 22 carat gold was Rs 47,550, same to Bhubaneswar. For the past day, the prices of 24 carat (10 grams) and 22 carat (10 grams) gold have fallen by Rs 110 and Rs 100, respectively.

Eight of top-10 firms add Rs 98,235 cr in m-cap; Infosys, TCS lead gainers

New Delhi:Eight of the 10 most valued firms together added Rs 98,234.82 crore in market valuation last week, with IT majors Infosys and TCS emerging as the biggest gainers amid a positive momentum in equities.

Last week, the BSE benchmark Sensex advanced 817.68 points or 1.42 per cent. From the top-10 pack, HDFC twins were the only laggards. The market valuation of Infosys jumped Rs 28,170.02 crore to reach Rs 6,80,182.93 crore. Tata Consultancy Services (TCS) added Rs 23,582.58 crore, taking its valuation to Rs 12,31,362.26 crore. The market valuation of Reliance Industries Limited climbed Rs 17,048.21 crore to stand at Rs 17,14,256.39 crore and that of ICICI Bank advanced Rs 13,861.32 crore to Rs 5,83,261.75 crore.

The market capitalisation (m-cap) of Life Insurance Corporation of India (LIC) went higher by Rs 6,008.75 crore to Rs 4,34,748.72 crore and that of Bajaj Finance increased Rs 5,709.2 crore to Rs 4,42,157.08 crore.

State Bank of India's valuation went up by Rs 2,186.53 crore to Rs 4,73,584.52 crore and that of Hindustan Unilever Limited (HUL) advanced by Rs 1,668.21 crore to Rs 6,21,220.18 crore. On the other hand, the m-cap of HDFC declined by Rs 4,599.68 crore to Rs 4,27,079.97 crore. HDFC Bank's valuation dipped Rs 4,390.3 crore to Rs 7,92,860.45 crore. In the ranking of top-10 firms, Reliance Industries retained the title of the most valued domestic company, followed by TCS, HDFC Bank, Infosys, HUL, ICICI Bank, SBI, Bajaj Finance, LIC and HDFC.

FPIs buy shares worth Rs 14,000 cr in a week amid softening dollar index



New Delhi: After turning net buyers last month, foreign investors continued their positive stance on Indian equities and invested over Rs 14,000 crore in the first week of August amid softening of the dollar index.

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

FPIs had turned buyers in July after nine straight months of heavy net outflows, which started from October last year. Between October 2021 and June 2022, they sold a massive Rs 2.46 lakh crore in the Indian equity markets.

Hitesh Jain, Lead Analyst - Institutional Equities, Yes Securities, said FPI flows are expected to remain positive during August as the worst for the rupee seems to be over and crude oil price seems to be confined in a range.

"Also, earnings story still remains strong where sturdy revenue growth is offsetting contraction in profit margins," he added. According to data with depositories, FPIs infused a net amount of Rs 14,175 crore in Indian equities in the first week of August. The change in FPI strategy has imparted strength to the recent market rally.

"The decline in the dollar index from the high of above 109 last month to below 106 now is the principal reason for FPI inflows. This trend may continue," said V K Vijayakumar, Chief Investment Strategist at Geojit Financial Services.

Also, comments from Fed Chair Jerome Powell that currently the US is not in a recession has helped improve sentiment and risk appetite globally, said Himanshu Srivastava, Associate Director - Manager Research, Morningstar India. The recent correction in the Indian equity markets have also provided a good buying opportunity, and FPIs have been taking advantage of the same by hand-picking high quality companies, he added.

FPIs have turned buyers in sectors like capital goods, FMCG, construction and power. In addition, FPIs poured a net amount of Rs 230 crore in the debt market during the month under review.

According to Srivastava, the flows have been largely driven by short-term trends.

Further, the China and Taiwan equation is another watching point and rising tensions between the two could disturb and enhance geopolitical risks in the region. This could adversely impact the flows, he said.

India's auto industry expects high sales on back of new launches, improved production | Details

The festive season, which usually witnesses a spike in automobile sales, begins this year on August 11 with Rakshabandhan stretching up to Diwali on October 25.

New Delhi.The auto industry expects car sales to be on the fast lane this festive season on the back of new launches and improved production but is cautiously optimistic on the road ahead once the festivities peter out.

"We expect the festive season this year to be the best in terms of passenger vehicle sales on the back of new launches and improved production activity. The industry has been rolling out over 3 lakh units on an average in the past 4-5 months which is helping in retails," automobile dealer's body President Vinkesh Gulati told PTI in an interaction. He listed erratic monsoon in some parts of the country, inflationary pressures and the looming threat of a China-Taiwan war as some of the challenges to watch out for in the days ahead. FADA represents over 15,000 automobile dealers across the country. Kia India Vice President and Head of Sales & Marketing Hardeep Singh Brar said that supply chain issues are now showing signs of easing off, and market sentiments remain bullish. "We are optimistic that a good festive season is ahead of us in terms of sales," he added.

Tata Motors President Passenger Vehicle and Electric Vehicles Shailesh Chandra



said the company does not see a concern regarding the customer demand until the end of the festive season. In an analyst call, he said that the automaker expects the vehicle supply to improve with better semiconductor availability in the second quarter. "Going forward the challenges we see is that the high inflation and interest

rate may start impacting the auto demand while there's no stress as far as the second quarter is concerned," he stated. As far as Tata Motors is concerned, the company remains focused on demand generation activities, Chandra noted. Maruti Suzuki India Senior Executive Director (Marketing and Sales) Shashank

Srivastava said the demand seems to be steady at the moment. "We have to watch out for the retails, currently we are digging conclusions based on wholesales and on the pending bookings...retail sales have been less than wholesales for the last few months...we also need to see how the economy performs overall and how the inflation and interest rates move," he noted.

Customer sentiment can witness change on account of these factors, he said. Elaborating on the overall performance of the industry, he stated that in the April-July period this fiscal the passenger vehicle industry has witnessed a growth of 33 per cent over the same period last financial year. The PV sector has sold 12.53 lakh units this year as compared with 9.41 lakh units last year, Srivastava said. He noted that at the beginning of April the industry stock was estimated to be around 1.20 units which has now gone up to about 2.12 lakh units because the wholesale has been exceeding the retails. "Therefore we need to be careful going forward as to how it reflects in the future market scenario. At the moment, because of the high pending payments, whatever is being produced is being pushed into the market," he said.

Anand Mahindra compares 'out of stock' Taj Mahal with White House Lego sets, says 'Brand Values'

New Delhi: Anand Mahindra, one of India's largest business tycoons, is highly active on social media, and his tweets continue to catch people's attention. The Mahindra Group Chair's recent tweet on LEGO selling Taj Mahal sets is becoming more popular.

Anand Mahindra shared a photo from the Manhattan, New York, LEGO store where the White House boxes were still intact but the Taj Mahal sets appeared to be out of stock.

"Lego store in Manhattan, New York. Interesting that the Taj Mahal flies off the shelf faster and is out of stock but the White House is plentiful...Maybe there should be some kind of Lego Group Index of relative brand values!" the billionaire tweeted. His tweet has received over 1,900 likes, over 130 retweets, and numerous responses from his followers in the comments section. Read More:

There is no denying that the Taj Mahal is a magnificent sight and that it promotes Indian tourism. A user who shared the same opinion remarked, "Must be happening. Good for us. A wonder of the world (architectural marvel) rightly getting more appreciation than at home. Taj as the



pride of India will stand tall forever. Rich tributes to our culture and history. Wish more orders come from Lego Store. Jai Hind." There are at least two Taj Mahal Lego sets that can be seen on the internet, though, as other people also noted. They provided some alternative options for the banner that said "out of stock. With all due respect, maybe the out-of-stock message banner is generic and not particular to the Taj Mahal Lego set. In the picture it looks like there are at least 2 Lego sets

of Taj Mahal on the shelf," read a comment. Additionally, it was noted that the Taj Mahal sets cost a little more than the White House ones. The price of the former was \$119.99 (about Rs 9,000), while the price of the latter was \$99.99. (around Rs 7,000).

A company that creates and manufactures toys is called LEGO. Their headquarters are in Denmark, and they normally offer a variety of gears and accessories along with interlocking plastic blocks.

28 companies secure Sebi's clearance to float IPOs worth Rs 45,000 crore

New Delhi: Inflation can eat away at your retirement savings like termites. Receiving a monthly income in your bank account to supplement your retirement funds is always more convenient. The government-backed equity-linked, National Pension Scheme (NPS) is one of the safest and most suitable for the aforementioned objectives. It is a pension-cumulative-investment system developed by the government to provide citizens with

old-age security. Through safe and regulated market-based returns, NPS provides an appealing long-term saving channel for efficiently planning your retirement. The PFRDA-established National Pension System Trust (NPST) is the registered owner of all NPS assets. Read More: Gold price today, August 6: Gold, silver marginally higher; yellow metal stands at Rs 51,980 NPS is a voluntary contribution programme in which

members can choose a higher equity-to-debt ratio, which increases returns due to the long-term nature of continuous investments. Investors must purchase an annuity worth 40% of the maturity value, with a maximum withdrawal of 60% allowed at maturity, providing the benefit of creating a lump sum as well as the comfort of a regular monthly income. Read More: Applying for ration cards gets easier.



amid pressure from the government regulators. According to a report in Wall Street Journal, the move is aimed at part of the fintech giant's effort to move away from affiliate Alibaba Group Holding that is under immense scrutiny from the government. Since last year, Chinese regulatory authorities have been cracking down harder on domestic tech giants like Alibaba and Ant Group to end their dominance in the internet sector. According to the report, Ma could relinquish his control by transferring some of his voting power to other Ant officials, including Chief Executive Eric Jing.

7th Pay Commission: Govt may hike DA in second half of 2022; Know when it will be implemented

New Delhi: The Reserve Bank of India maintained its inflation prediction for the current fiscal year 2022-23 at 6.7%. According to the monetary policy statement, "the inflation projection is maintained at 6.7 percent in 2022-23, with Q2 at 7.1%, Q3 at 6.4%, and Q4 at 5.8 percent, with risks evenly balanced." CPI inflation is expected to be 5.0 percent in Q1:2023-24." With inflation rates remaining unchanged, central government employees should anticipate a DA increase in the following months. According to reports, the government may raise DA and DR by up to 4%. Retail inflation is used to modify DA and DR.

The AICPI was 125.1 in January and February, and 125 in March, before rising to 126 in March. The April AICPI jumped to 127.7 due to rising inflation. AICPI increased significantly to 129 in May. If the AICPI maintains at that level, a 4% increase in DA is probable. In April, CPI-based inflation reached an eight-year high of 7.79%. However, it fell to 7.01 percent in June. Currently, government employees receive a 34% DA on their basic wage. If the 4% DA increase is enacted, they will

receive a 38% dearness allowance on top of their base wage. Dearness allowance (DA) is paid to government employees, whilst dearness relief (DR) is paid to retirees. In March of this year, the government updated the DA, which then increased by 3% to 34% of an employee's basic wage. This was done in response to rising costs, and the central government increased DA by 3% to compensate for the inflation rate. The April AICPI has fueled speculation that the government may adopt a 4% DA increase in 2015. Read More: SBI net profit dips 7% to Rs 6,068 crore in Q1 According to the department of expenditure's announcement, if an employee's basic pay is Rs 18,000, he or she will receive a Dearness Allowance of Rs 6,120 following the April raise. Previously, the employee received Rs 5,580 in DA at a rate of 31%. This means that the last DA hike resulted in a Rs 540 increase. If the DA is increased by another 5%, the DA will be Rs 7,020 if the employee receives 39% DA on a basic salary of Rs 18,000. This means that if the 5% DA increase is applied, the salary will rise by Rs 900.



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NEWS BOX

Commonwealth Games 2022: Harmanpreet Kaur and co. eye gold medal as India take on Australia in cricket final

New Delhi In a rematch of the T20 World Cup 2020 final, India and Australia will clash for the gold medal at the 2022 Commonwealth Games on Sunday (August 7). While the Down Under side is considered favourite in the tournament, the Women in Blue have all the luck on their side to cause an upset.

Although there is a visible gap between Australia and the rest of the world in women's cricket, India came close enough to stun Meg Lanning's team in the opening match at the Commonwealth Games. It was pacer Renuka Singh who rattled the top order and reduced Australia to 49/5 before Ash Gardner stood tall and reaffirmed the depth in the Australian lineup.

India bounced back in the group stage, while Australia maintained their perfect run to reach the semi-finals, where India edged past the hosts England and Australia defeated New Zealand. India met England in a repeat of the 2018 and 2020 T20 World Cup semifinals, but their approach this time around was aggressive as Smriti Mandhana gave India a dream start. India couldn't build on the perfect start in the middle over, but Jemimah Rodrigues lifted the side, which turned out to be the difference as England fell short by four runs. Come the final, India will need to go big in order to keep Australia on the backfoot. Australia, on the other hand, are looking to complete a treble on the golden Sunday, having won the 2020 T20 World Cup and the 2022 ODI World Cup. The Australian bowlers, led by Megan Schutt, restricted New Zealand to a moderate total. Barring Sophie Devine and Amelia Kerr, no Kiwi player could manage to tackle the mighty Australians. Although Australia opener Alyssa Healy hasn't fired yet, she cannot be underestimated. She is a big game player and was the one who setup the 2020 final for Australia against India.

4th T20I: Axar Patel's all-round heroics help India hammer West Indies, take 3-1 unbeatable series lead

New Delhi Axar Patel hogged the limelight with a starring all-round performance as India hammered West Indies by 119 runs in the fourth T20I to take a 3-1 unbeatable lead in the five-match series in Lauderhill on Saturday. After being invited to bat, India rode on Rishabh Pant and skipper Rohit Sharma's useful enough contributions to post a competitive total of 191 for 5 in the fourth T20I against West Indies on Saturday. The visitors then returned to dismiss West Indies for 132 in 19.1 overs with Arshdeep Singh picking up a career-best three-wicket haul and Avesh Khan, Axar, and Ravi Bishnoi returning with two-wicket hauls.

West Indies vs India, 4th T20I: Highlights
Rohit (33) and Pant (44) were the main contributors, while Axar Patel struck some meaty blows towards the end to finish unbeaten on 20 off 8 balls. West Indies left-arm pacer Obed McCoy was smoked for 66 runs off his 4 overs only a week after taking a career-best six-wicket haul in the second ODI. It was the most expensive spell by a West Indies bowler in T20Is.

McCoy went for three sixes and 25 runs in an over. In those three, Rohit had a couple -- a pullover deep mid-wicket and a flat one over long-off. Rohit then slog-swept six off Akeal Hosein (1/28 in 4 overs), but the very next delivery, which was a tad slower and the length slightly shorter, brought about his downfall. But Rohit's 33 in a stand of 53 in less than five overs set the tone and gave other batters time and confidence to go after the bowling. The cushion of the strike rate gave Pant and Deepak Hooda (21 off 19 balls) close to six overs to produce a 47-run stand, which was the launch pad for the final flourish from Axar.

CWG 2022: Bhavinaben Patel wins historic gold, Sonalben finishes with bronze in Para Table Tennis

Birmingham. Paralympic Silver medalist Bhavinaben Hasmukhbhai Patel became the first Para TT player to win a gold medal at the Commonwealth Games after she defeated Nigeria's Ifechukwude Ikpeoyi by 12-10, 11-2, 11-9 in the women's single class 3-5 final in Birmingham on Saturday.

Bhavinaben had a good start in the final against World No. 41 Ifechukwude Ikpeoyi of Nigeria. She took the opening game 12-10 in a close contest. She held her nerves to take the opening game. Bhavinaben was in tears after she realized the enormity of the achievement. She was trailing 2-9 in the third game but Bhavinaben produced a superb effort to win 8 straight points and the Gold medal. She became only the second para-athlete to win Gold after weightlifter Sudhir.

Bhavinaben reached the world No. 2 ranking by winning the silver medal in the individual category at the 2011 PTT Thailand Open.

Besides, she also won a silver medal in the women's singles class 4 at the Asian Para Table Tennis Championships in Beijing in 2013.

In 2017, Bhavinaben bagged a bronze in the Asian Para Table Tennis Championships in Beijing. Sonalben Manubhai Patel also gave India a medal, claiming a bronze in women's singles class 3-5. However, Raj Aravindan Alagar lost to Nigeria's Isau Ogunkunle 0-3 in the men's singles classes 3-5 bronze medal play-off. Para powerlifter Sudhir had also won a gold medal after scripting a Commonwealth Games record in the men's heavyweight.

West Indies vs India, 5th T20I Predicted Playing Xls: India may give chance to Ishan Kishan as series now secured

India comfortably sealed the T20I series 3-1 with a 59-run victory in the fourth game against West Indies on Saturday. The Indian think tank could possibly give a game to Ishan Kishan and Kuldeep Yadav.

New Delhi India will take on West Indies in the fifth T20I and final match of their tour at Lauderhill, Florida on Sunday (August 7). The match begins at 8 pm IST.

Rohit Sharma's men comfortably sealed the series 3-1 with a 59-run victory in the fourth game on Saturday. Having now pocketed the T20I leg, the Indian think tank could possibly give a game to opener Ishan Kishan.

So far in the series, Suryakumar Yadav opened the innings with captain Rohit Sharma. The plan gave India decent starts, but Suryakumar could not convert his score into a big one. India may play him at number three or four to accommodate Ishan at the top with his Mumbai Indians opening partner Rohit.

Another possibility, or rather a question, would be will Kuldeep Yadav get a game? The left-arm wrist spinner, who last played against Sri Lanka in February 2022, travelled to the Caribbean for the T20I leg



but has been warming the bench.

West Indies, on the other hand, don't have an answer against India's all-round performances in this series. In every match, a new man stands up and performs for India. The West Indies need to seriously reconsider

their combination or work out on better execution of their plans to pose a threat to India. Rohit Sharma (c), Ishan Kishan, Suryakumar Yadav, Deepak Hooda, Rishabh Pant, Hardik Pandya, Ravindra Jadeja, Axar Patel, Arshdeep Singh,

Kuldeep Yadav, Bhuvneshwar Kumar, Kyle Mayers, Brandon King, Nicholas Pooran (c), Shimron Hetmyer, Rovman Powell, Devon Thomas (wk), Jason Holder, Akeal Hosein, Dominic Drakes, Alzarri Joseph, Obed McCoy.

CWG 2022 | Your medal calls for celebrations, not an apology: PM Modi tells bronze medallist Pooja Gehlot

New Delhi Prime Minister Narendra Modi urged wrestler Pooja Gehlot that her bronze medal finish at the 2022 Commonwealth Games "calls for celebrations" instead of an apology. Pooja Gehlot broke down after winning bronze medal in the women's freestyle 50kg category event in Birmingham. The wrestler went onto apologise to her countrymen that the national anthem could not be played at the event. "I reached the semi-final and lost. I want to apologise to my countrymen... my wish was that the National Anthem is played here... but..." Pooja said as she broke down in front of the camera. "I will learn from my mistakes and will work on them," she added.

However, the Prime Minister, in a tweet, said: "Pooja, your medal calls for celebrations, not an apology. Your life journey motivates us, your success gladdens us. You are destined for great things aheadkeep shining!" For the former world junior silver medallist Pooja, the podium finish at the 2022 Commonwealth Games was the first major senior international medal. Pooja made a great start with a technical superiority win over Christelle Lemofack



Letchidjio of Scotland before getting a walkover from Rebecca Ndolo Muambo of Cameroon to advance into the semi-final. Pooja Gehlot, however, went down against Canada's Madison Bianca Parks in the semi-final clash 6-9.

The Indian then won the bronze medal play-off against Scotland's Letchidjio 12-2. As only 6 wrestlers competed in the category, it was played in the Nordic style where all wrestlers competed once against each other.

CWG 2022: Will try to continue my good performance, says Vinesh Phogat after clinching gold



BIRMINGHAM: After winning the gold medal in the Commonwealth Games 2022, Vinesh Phogat said that she will try to perform better in the upcoming

competitions. Indian grappler Vinesh Phogat won the gold medal in the Women's Freestyle 53 kg Nordic category in the Commonwealth Games 2022.

Vinesh defeated Chamodya Keshani Maduravalage Don of Sri Lanka at the Coventry Arena Wrestling Mat B on Saturday.

"It was a good feeling when people were supporting us (inside the stadium). Today I was able to execute what I learned during my training & will try to continue my good performance in upcoming competitions," Vinesh won the gold medal match by 4-0 via Victory by fall. She took two minutes and 24 seconds to win India's second gold of the day at the CWG.

Vinesh was extremely dominant in the first period and did not let her opponent score. The Indian grappler took a 4-0 lead in the first period by pinning and rolling her opponent out of the ring. She was in good form in this match. In the final three minutes, she managed to hold her ground and kept her opponent at bay to walk away with the gold medal. The Sri Lankan wrestler was no match for the Indian.

West Indies vs India, 5th T20I Weather Forecast: Bright Lauderhill to host teams for final match

New Delhi. India will take on West Indies in the fifth and final T20I match at Lauderhill, Florida on Sunday (August 7). Having won the series 3-1, India would be aiming to finish off their tour of West Indies on a high. The match begins at 8 pm IST.

The Rohit Sharma-led side comfortably sealed the series with a 59-run victory in the fourth game at the same venue. The Central Broward Regional Park Stadium Turf Ground had a delayed start on Saturday due to bad weather and on-and-off rain, but come Sunday things look bright. There will be 66 percent of humidity with 70 percent of cloud cover. As the match will progress, humidity will vary but cloud cover is expected to remain the same. India had a decent start with Rohit Sharma and Suryakumar Yadav at the top. After their dismissals, Rishabh Pant, Sanju Samson and Axar Patel hammered the West Indies bowlers, especially Obed McCoy who returned

with the figures of 2/66. The quickfire knocks by the trio helped India post 191 for the loss of five wickets. West Indies had no reply to the imposing target as they kept on losing wickets in quick succession. West Indies folded for 132, with Arshdeep Singh taking 3/12, Avesh Khan 2/17, Ravi Bishnoi 2/27 and Axar Patel 2/48.

SQUADS (FROM):

India: Rohit Sharma (c), Ishan Kishan, Sanju Samson, Suryakumar Yadav, Deepak Hooda, Shreyas Iyer, Dinesh Karthik, Rishabh Pant, Hardik Pandya, Ravindra Jadeja, Axar Patel, R Ashwin, Ravi Bishnoi, Kuldeep Yadav, Bhuvneshwar Kumar, Avesh Khan, Harshal Patel, Arshdeep Singh.

West Indies: Kyle Mayers, Brandon King, Nicholas Pooran (c), Shimron Hetmyer, Rovman Powell, Devon Thomas (wk), Jason Holder, Akeal Hosein, Dominic Drakes, Alzarri Joseph, Obed McCoy, Shamarh Brooks, Keemo Paul, Romario Shepherd, Odean Smith, Hayden Walsh.



State level National Handloom Day celebrated

Primary Weavers Cooperative Societies felicitated

Bhubaneswar, (TNB): The State level 8th National Handloom Day is being celebrated through out the State covering a week long period i.e. from 7th to 15th August 2022 and this is an opportunity for each and every citizen for respecting out age old weaving culture and tradition and supporting the weaver artisans, who have carried the profession from generation to generation with their exceptional skill and creative ability. Handloom products of our State represent an inseparable art of our rich culture and tradition and act as a source of livelihood for millions of weavers en-



gaged in this activity.

The 7th August has been chosen for its special significance in India's freedom struggle. On this day of 1905, the Swadeshi Movement was formally launched at a massive meeting in the Calcutta Town Hall. To commemo-

rate the beginning of Swadeshi Movement in 1905 on 7th August, the day is celebrated as National Handloom Day all over the country with the objective to generate awareness on the importance of Handloom Industry and its contribution to

the socio-economic development of the country in general.

The Handlooms, Textiles and Handicrafts Department celebrated the State level National Handloom Day at Jayadev Bhawan, Bhubaneswar today. Smt. Rita Sahu, Minister, Handlooms, Textiles and Handicrafts has graced the function as Chief Guest and inaugurated the celebration in presence of Sri Ananta Narayan Jena, MLA, Bhubaneswar (Central), Sri Susanta Kumar Dash, Director, Textiles and Handlooms, Sri Shyamabhakta Mishra, MD, Boyanika. Three

Primary Weavers Cooperative Societies have been awarded with memento and awarded with cash prize of Rs. 1 Lakh each. They are Padmanavapur WCS Ltd. Berhampur, Ganjam, Sadarthana WCS Ltd. Khorda and Khordha WCS Ltd. Khordha. Similarly 3 Primary Weavers Cooperative Societies have also been awarded for highest sales in last 3 years. Gamilo WCS Ltd., Athagarh, Cuttack has received Rs. 3 Lakh as first prize, Jalpalu WCS Ltd., Baragarh Rs. 2 Lakh as 2nd prize and Lurupali WCS Ltd. Baragarh Rs. 1 Lakh as third prize.

Odisha to construct 300 check dams at a cost of Rs 413.81 crore

Bhubaneswar, (UNI) Odisha Chief Secretary S C Mohapatra on Monday directed the Works and the Rural Development departments to complete around 300 bridge cum check dams during the current financial year. It was estimated that around Rs 413.81 crore would be invested in the construction of these bridges cum check dams. At a review meeting, the Chief Secretary said Bridge cum check-dams, while raising the surface water level in the river beds will significantly help in groundwater re-



charge and rejuvenation of eco-system".

He directed the departments of water resources and horticulture to motivate and advise the farmers having land on both sides of the river/creek (where such constructions were completed) for raising vegetables and cash crops. So far 45 such check dams were completed within two

months under different bridges in various districts. Out of these 31 check dams were completed by the works department and 14 were completed by the department of rural development. Besides, 480 bridges were identified by both the departments where one 1.5-meter height check dams could yield around 1000 cubic meters.

Model Police nabbed two drug peddlers in Paradip

Paradip, (TNB): Two youths has been arrested by Paradip Model Police on the charges of selling brown sugar on Friday. The accused were Lalatendu Mohanty (27) of Marichipur under Balikuda police station of Jagatsinghpur district and Santosh Gochayat (23) of Panchapada village under Malangpur PS limits of Jajpur district. Police nabbed the accused persons while trying to selling the drugs. In the presence of Magistrate, 6.6 grams of

brown sugar and cash Rs 1,070 were seized from the possession. Both were sent to the Kujang court, informed Subhalaxmi Pujari, IIC, Paradip Model Police Station.

Notably, the Port city of Paradip is seeing increasingly the drug peddlers caught during the raids. It is believed that youth drug users in Paradip have now started peddling drugs to earn money for their habits and to fulfill their desires and are targeting youths and students.

Sarpanch Arpita assured people to solve problems of Katabahal GP

Asutosh Ratha Bargarh, Bargarh District Gaisilet Block, Katabahal Gram Panchayat Sarpanch Arpita Panda, has always been in the limelight by serving the society, is no longer sitting quietly after becoming Sarpanch. Always trying to do something. Yesterday she reached the primary school of Kuliari village accompanied by her associate ward members Rita Mallik and Minketan Bhainsal. After seeing the dilapidated rooms in the school, she discussed with the teachers about the various problems of the school. Supervised the mid-day meal.

After discussing the school infrastructure with the teachers, it was found that 91 students from 1st to 8th are study-

ing here while 5 teachers are employed. Students of multiple classes are studying in one classroom, for which students are suffering a lot. It is not possible for both boys and girls students to use the toilet as there is only toilet in the school. There is an urgent need for 2 more classrooms and one more toilet in the school. Similarly, in the old kitchen, due to lack of sufficient space, the work of cooking is hampered, said the cook. After spending some time with the children at school, Sarpanch also gave some tips to the students for making bright future. Soon, Sarpanch Arpita Panda assured to solve all the problems of the school and Anganwadi Center after talking with the concern BDO.

Brushav Foundation Trust organised blood donation camp

Paradip, (TNB): On occasion of World Friendship Day, a blood donation camp was organised on Sunday at Port Club by Brushav Foundation Trust, Paradip in association with Redcross, Cuttack. Dr. Prahallad Chandra Panda, Chief Medical Officer of Paradip Port Hospital as Chief Guest, Dr. Sasmita Satapathy, Principal, Paradip College and Basanta Biswal, Chairman as honoured guests inaugurated the camp.



organised among students for the friendship day. Students of Paradip College, Orissa Maritime Academy, members of Awahan Combines, employees of CISF and others voluntarily donated blood in this camp. The secretary of the Trust, Prashant Moharana was honoured for donating blood for 25 times on various occasion. The camp was conducted by the members of the Trust.

Man travel 15 kms with snake in Ambulance to Hospital and survive

Naresh Ch. Pattanayak

Keonjhar, Sanjay Munda, one 19 year old youth of village Gobardhan under Sadar block survived but under treatment in District Head Quarter Hospital at critical state after a venomous snake bit him. After the snake bit him, he went to the hospital about 15 kms from here with the snake around his neck in an ambulance. He was admitted to Keonjhar district hospital in critical condition on Saturday evening.

Sources said that the poisonous viper snake bit Sanjay, while he was asleep in his house. He sustained an injury in his sleep and felt sick after venom spread all over his body. However he manages to catch the snake with courage despite it biting him several times and moves in the village road. Despite several appeals by the villagers, family members and forest officials he could not leave the snake. Later he went to hospital with the snake in an ambulance. He was admitted to the hospital in a subconscious state, after a snake helpline member snatched out the snake from him in the hospital, sources added.

Gandhi Shilpa Bazar at Ekamra Haat Inaugurated

Bhubaneswar, (TNB): The Odisha State Co-operative Handicrafts Corporation Ltd. a State Govt. Organization with the brand name of "UTKALIKA" working under the administrative control of Handlooms, Textiles and Handicrafts Deptt. Govt. of Odisha. Utkalika is organizing a national level Handicraft Exhibition "Gandhi Shilpa Bazar" from 05.08.22 to 14.08.22 at Ekamra Haat Bhubaneswar. The event is sponsored by Development Commissioner (Handicrafts), Ministry of Textiles, Govt. of India and Co-Sponsored by Govt. of Odisha. Handicraft arti-



sans from Odisha, Bihar, West Bengal and Jharkhand, Punjab, Rajasthan, Chattisgarh, Uttar Pradesh, Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra, Sikkim, Haryana, Delhi, Jammu & Kashmir, Telengana, Uttarakhand have participated in the Gandhi Shilpa Bazaar to

display and sale their exclusive products. Handicrafts items such as Stone Carving, Wood Carving, Pattachitra, Tassar Painting, Silver Filigree, Applique, Terracotta, Dhokra Casting, Golden Grass, Brass and Bell Metal, Paddy Craft, Lacquer Toys, Soft Toy, Horn

Crafts, Seashell, Paper Machie, Wooden Toy, Embroidery, Palm Leaf Engraving, Tribal Jewellery, Bamboo, Shitalpatti Craft, Jute Craft, Sikki Craft, Wooden Ware, Natural Fiber, Hand Printed Textiles, Zari Goods, Tie & Dye, Kalam Kari, Rajasthani painting, Madhubani Painting, Madur Kathi, Carpet, Iron Craft, Phulakari, Leather item, Zari & Zari goods painting are the major attraction of the Bazaar.

The objective of Gandhi Shilpa Bazar is to provide marketing platform for the artisans and to display the richness and varieties of Handicrafts and

Handloom items. With participation of 100 artisans, the event is expected to draw 40,000 visitors and customers. It is expected to generate a business of 50 lakhs for the artisans. Smt. Rita Sahu, Minister, HT & T Deptt. Govt. of Odisha inaugurated the Gandhi Silpa Bazaar-2022 today in presence of Sri Saroj Kumar Patel, Special Secretary, HT & H Dept.-cum-MD, Utkalika, Sri Shyambhakta Mishra, Director, Handicrafts-cum-MD, Boyanika, Sri Ashok Kumar Hota, Assistant Director, O/o Development Commissioner (Handicrafts) and other dignitaries.

Odisha Library Academy celebrates National Librarian's Day and 7th Annual Day

Bhubaneswar, (TNB): Odisha Library Academy in collaboration with Siksha 'O' Anusandhan (Deemed to be University) Bhubaneswar celebrated National Librarian's Day and 7th Annual Day of Odisha Library Academy. On this occasion a seminar followed by a panel discussion conducted on the theme "User Engagement in New Normal". Prof. (Dr.) Ashok Kumar Mohapatra, Vice Chancellor, SOA (Deemed to be University) was the chief guest on this occasion. Prof. Mahapatra elaborated the role of Library in the value of education in the society as well as for the mental growth of hu-

man beings. Guest of honour of this programme Dr. Sanghamitra Pati, Director, ICMR-RMRC, Bhubaneswar appreciated Odisha Library Academy (OLA) and stated that OLA is vibrant like other associations of the country. Dr. Pati has viewed that the significance of reading books can never replace by digital technology. Professor (Dr.) P.K. Nanda, Pro-Vice Chancellor, SOA (Deemed to be University) was also the guest of honour. He opined that Library is a knowledge hub where information is shared and disseminated. Dr. Bijay Kumar Choudhury, retired Professor of Department



of Library and Information Science, Sambalpur University and Mr. Gangadhar Kar, retired Librarian of Harekrushna Mahatab State Library were felicitated by Odisha Library Academy this year. Dr. Ashok Krish, Sub-ISU Head, TCS, Chennai presented during the technical session of the seminar and termed Library as a knowledge preserver. He

mentioned four transforming ways of user engagement. Dr. Kishore Chandra Satapathy, Chief Librarian, ISI, Kolkata explains the four transforming ways of user engagement such as agility, collaboration, learning space, virtualisation and remarks the librarians should think out of the box. A panel discussion on "User Engagement in New Normal" was

conducted. This discussion was moderated by Sri Bijoy Ketan Panda, TCS Bhubaneswar. The topic discussed and deliberated by the following panellists Dr. Satyajit Rath, Principal Scientist, CSIR-IMMT, Bhubaneswar; Dr. Srikanta Kanungo, Senior Scientist, ICMR-RMRC; Dr. Pranay Swain, Associate Prof. & Dean, NISER, Bhubaneswar and Dr. Soobhankar Pati, Assistant Prof., IIT Bhubaneswar.

More than 150 participants from different parts of the country participated and contributed to the knowledge economy for the society. Dr. Prangya Das,

organising secretary started the programme with the welcome address followed by the presidential speech by Dr. Banambar Sahoo, President of Odisha Library Academy and Smt. Nirupama Mishra coordinated this event. During the valedictory function Dr. P.K. Sahoo, Dean, ITER was the Chief Guest. OLA Vice-President Dr. Kamal Lochan Jena and Organising Secretary Dr. Prangya Das were also graced this function. Seminar Rapporteurs Dr. Manoj Mishra and Dr. Sambhunath Sahoo summarised this programme.

Seminar "Winning Habits" organised by SVM Autonomous College

Paradip, (TNB): A seminar titled 'Winning Habits' was organised today on 06.08.2022 at 11 am in the Biju Pattnaik Auditorium of SVM Autonomous College, Jagatsinghpur. The motivational talk was delivered by honourable speaker

Dr. Abhaya Kumar Naik, Registrar of NISER and a member of the Governing Body of the college. Dr. Kamala Prasad Mahapatra graced the seminar as the Chief Guest and spoke against ragging practices as part of the anti-ragging

awareness programme. He spoke to the media on anti-ragging measures that the college has placed to stop ragging practices within the college campus as well. Principal of the College Dr. Niranjana Biswal not only introduced the Speaker but

he also deserves the credit to facilitate the favourable academic ambience. Dr. Sujata Mund of Department of Education, as an inspirational speaker utilised the occasion to speak and encourage the students. Meanwhile, the coordinator

of Mo College Abhijan Mr. Prasanta Kumar Behera received donations of Rs. 1,00,000 each from Dr. Abhaya Kumar Naik and Gagan Charan Das towards Mo College Abhijan. While both were felicitated by the Chief

Guest & Chief Speaker, Dr. Bijay Kumar Biswal concluded the session with thanking the honourable speaker, Chief Guest, Principal, the media personnel, teaching and non-teaching staff and students.