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Polling will take place in a single phase in Himachal on November 12 and the votes

will be counted on December

On Gujarat's decision to form the UCC committee, Union Minister Parshottam

Rupala said, "The committee

will be headed by a retired

High Court judge and will have

the Gujarat Congress said peo-

ple would not be misled by the

BJP Government's decision to

form a committee for the

implementation of the UCC.

Calling it a "gimmick" ahead of

Assembly elections, senior

Congress leader Arjun

Modhwadia said the State

Legislature has no power to

Uttarakhand, Himachal Pradesh and Gujarat apart,

the Chief Ministers of other BJP-ruled States like Uttar

Pradesh, Assam and Madhya

Pradesh are also mulling

implementation of the UCC in their respective States. In fact,

the UP Government is already

working on a pilot project to implement the UCC.

make such laws.

Reacting to the statement,

three to four members."

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Delhi's air quality worsens to 'severe' as AQI nears 400

CAQM stops non-essential construction. breaking work under GRAP-III

STAFF REPORTER NEW DELHI

The Commission for Air Quality Management (CAQM) on Saturday directed authorities in the Delhi/NCR to ban "with immediate effect" all construction and demolition activities — except essential projects concerning national security, Defence, Railways and Metro rail among others after the Air Quality Index (AQI) in the national Capital turned 'severe', for the first time this season

Data showed that out of 35 monitoring stations for which 24-hour average data was available, 20 stations recorded AQI in the 'severe' category, while 14 stations registered AQI in the 'very poor' category. The move comes even as the AAP and BJP continue to indulge in a blame game over Delhi's pol-



A man walks in the smog, at Kartavya Path as the city's air quality entered the 'severe' zone in New Delhi on Saturday

lution. Delhi's 24-hour average AQI stood at 397 at 4 PM, the worst since January. It was 354 Thursday, 271 on Wednesday, 302 on Tuesday

and 312 on Monday (Diwali).

Delhi Environment Minister Gopal Rai will chair a high-level meeting on Sunday to discuss measures to be

implemented under stage III of the Graded Response Action Plan (GRAP).

A layer of pungent smog enveloped Delhi-NCR on Saturday as air pollution in the region neared the "severe" zone amid adverse meteorological conditions. This prompted the Centre's air qual-

ity panel to direct authorities in the NCR to immediately implement curbs, such as a ban on construction and demolition activities, under the GRAP

The CAQM further said States might impose restric-tions on the plying of BS-III petrol and BS-IV diesel fourwheelers in the NCR considering the worsening air quali-ty. This direction is non-binding on authorities. The ban on construction activities is likely to affect housing projects in Noida, Ghaziabad, Gurugram and other areas.

At an emergency meeting on Saturday evening, the subcommittee of the Commission noted that due to unfavourable meteorological conditions and a sudden spike in incidents of farm fires, "it is considered necessary to implement Stage III of GRAP with immediate effect in the entire NCR."

Under stage III, the authorities have been asked to enforce a strict ban on construction and demolition activities in the NCR, except for essential projects and non-polluting activities such as plumbing, carpentry, interior decoration and electrical works.

Net, social media new toolkits of terrorists: India

In Delhi Declaration, **UNSC** body calls for 'zero tolerance' towards terror

PNS NEW DELHI

Terrorism is one of the "gravest threats to humanity" and the internet and social media now have emerged as an important "toolkit" of militants, External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar said here on Saturday.

Flagging these challenges, he also said the counter-terror sanction regime of the United Nations (UN) has been effective to put countries on notice that turned terrorism into a Statefunded enterprise, in an apparent reference to Pakistan. Making this assertion while addressing a special meeting of the UN Security Council (UNSC) Counter-Terrorism Committee on the growing use of technology and digitisation for terrorism purposes, Jaishankar also noted that despite several measures by the UN, the threat of terrorism

had grown in Asia and Africa.
Chief of the UN Counter Terrorism unit David Scharia said, "What we are already seeing is the United Nations Security Council's engagement



External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar addresses a special meeting of the United Nations Security Council's Counter Terrorism Committee in Delhi

at a very high level on the issue of the threat of new and emerg-ing technologies used by ter-

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Russia, West clash in UN-CTC meet

New Delhi: Russia and the West on Saturday clashed at the UN-CTC meeting over a drone attack on Russia's Black Sea Fleet in the Crimean port city of Sevastopol by Ukraine, damaging one warship. The Russian delegation said that the "Sevastopol terror attack" was "concocted by a British Civil engineer" and slammed the West for it.

Eye on Assembly polls, Guj mulling **UCC** implementation Govt to form Cabinet meeting of the Patel Government as the dates for the Gujarat Assembly elec-

panel headed tions, earlier expected to be announced together with by ex-SC/HC Himachal Pradesh, could also be made known by the Judge to get code draft ready Election Commission by next

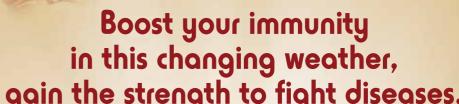
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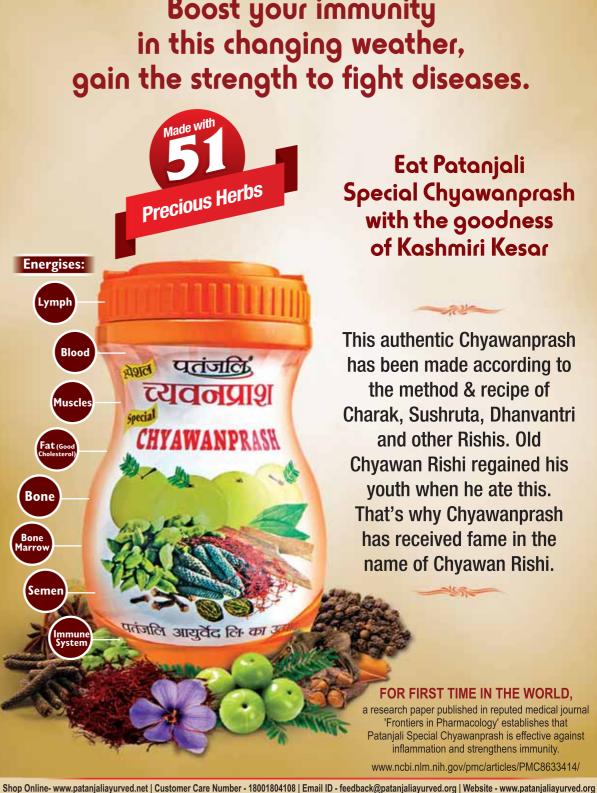
After Uttarakhand and Himachal Pradesh, another BJP-ruled State, Gujarat, on Saturday, moved towards implementing a Uniform Civil Code (UCC). The decision on the politically-sensitive UCC assumes significance ahead of the Assembly polls in the State as also the run-up to the 2024 Lok Sabha elections. The UCC is aimed at bringing uniformity in civil laws across all communities regardless of religion, gender and sexual orientation. "An important decision has

been taken today in the State Cabinet meeting to form a high-level committee under the chairmanship of a retired Supreme Court/HC judge to examine the need for a UCC and prepare a draft for this code," Gujarat Chief Minister Bhupendra Patel tweeted.

Announcing the move, Gujarat Home Minister Harsh Sanghavi said the State Cabinet cleared the proposal to constitute the committee during its meeting held during the day. This is likely to be the last

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Teen stabbed to death by juveniles for objecting to sister's harassment in Delhi

STAFF REPORTER NEW DELHI

The Delhi Police on Saturday arrested two juveniles for stabbing a 17-year-old to death in front of his house in Delhi's Patel Nagar area following an argument over one of them harassing his sister.

The victim was identified as Manoj Kumar Negi. The 9.22 PM on Friday that a man had been stabbed while trying to protect his sister from alleged harassment.

Deputy Commissioner of Police (Central) Shweta Chauhan said the victim Manoj belonged to Kumau Gali in Baljeet Nagar and was taken to Sardar Patel Hospital where he was declared dead. Both the iuvenile assailants have been apprehended and the weapon of offence recovered, the police said. A purported CCTV footage of the incident circulating on social media shows a scuffle between the teenagers. The footage showed two juvenile boys attacking Manoj with knives and stabbing him multiple times.

Seconds later, Manoj, stabbed from behind, is seen with a knife stuck near his spinal cord. After the two assailants flee, a visibly falter-

59 dead, 150 hurt

in Halloween

crowd surge in

Seoul: Officials

At least 59 people were killed and 150 more were injured after being crushed by a large

crowd pushing forward on a

narrow street during Halloween festivities in the capital Seoul, South Korean

from the National Fire Agency,

said at least 150 people were

being treated for injuries and

that the death toll could grow

in the night. Officials say it was believed that people were crushed to death after a large

crowd began pushing forward

Choi Cheon-sik, an official

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officials said.

spot in Seoul.

the injured.



ing victim is seen taking out sibly calling someone for help. He then collapses near a bike with the knife stuck in his back. The video also shows people watching the youth lying there but no one tries to help him.

Based on a statement from Manoj's father, a case under Sections 302 (murder) and 34 (common intention) of the Ìndian Penal Code has been

registered, Chauhan said. Complainant Chandan Singh Negi alleged that while he was taking his son to the hospital, Manoj revealed that the two juveniles had passed lewd comments at his sister

Manoj warned the two juveniles and he had slapped one of them a few days ago. The angry juveniles stabbed Manoj multiple times when he was returning from computer class as revenge, Chauhan said.

Sisodia seeks Shah's arrest in TRS, AAP MLAs' poaching row

Releases purported audio clip of BJP 'broker', demands probe by ED

STAFF REPORTER ■ NEW DELHI

Delhi Deputy Chief Minister Manish Sisodia on of Home Minister Amit Shah, "if he is involved", for attempting to poach Telangana Rashtra Samithi (TRS) and AAP MLAs and released an audio tape with a purported conversation of an alleged BJP "broker" discussing the party's bid to poach MLAs.

There was no immediate reaction from the BJP or Shah. In a separate press conference, AAP MP Sanjay Singh demanded derecognition of the BJP by the Election Commission saying that the saffron party has turned into a gang of kidnappers trying to overthrow Governments.

At a press conference, Sisodia played the audio clip and identified the BJP "broker" as one of the three people detained in Telangana for allegedly trying to poach the State's ruling TRS MLAs. The AAP leader claimed



that poaching attempts were made by the BJP earlier in Delhi, Punjab and eight other States and demanded a probe the Enforcement Directorate. He said that a "dirty game" played by the BJP has once again come to the fore, this time in

Telangana.
"In this audio, the BJP's dalal (broker) can be heard luring a (TRS) MLA to the BJP, saying they were also trying to poach 43 Delhi MLAs and that the money had been kept aside for this purpose. He is also saying that he has spoken with Shah and BL

Santosh," Sisodia said. If it is Home Minister Amit Shah the BJP's dalal is referring to, he should immediately be arrested and questioned," the Delhi Deputy Chief Minister demanded.

'Indian Def Min world's biggest employer with **2.92 mn staff**'

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on employers with the largest workforces worldwide in 2022. Statista is a Germany-based

private organisation that provides data and statistics about various issues worldwide. In China, the People's Liberation Army, which doesn't include civilian positions, employs around 2.5 million people, the Hamburg-based firm specialising in market and consumer

Sugar export curbs till Oct 2023 now

The Government has extended restrictions on sugar exports till October 31, 2023, in order to increase the availability of the commodity in the domestic market. Earlier, the restrictions were imposed till October 31 this year. "Restriction on export of tas

sugar (raw, refined, and white sugar) is extended beyond October 31, 2022 till October 31, 2023, or until further orders, whichever is earlier. Other conditions will remain unchanged," the Directorate General of Foreign Trade (DGFT) said in a notification dated October 28.

in a narrow alley near Hamilton Hotel, a major party However, it said these restrictions will not be applic-More than 400 emergency able on sugar being exported workers and 140 vehicles were to the EU and the US under CXL and tariff rate quota deployed to the streets to treat (TRQ) duty concession quo-



India has been the highest producer and the secondlargest exporter of sugar in the world in the current year. An exporter would require a licence or permission from the Government to export sugar, which is under the restricted

The country's sugar production is projected to be 36.5 million tonnes in the 2022-23 marketing season, an increase of 2 per cent compared to the year-ago period, industry body ISMA has said.

ndia's Ministry of Defence is **L** the world's biggest employer With 2.92 million people, it includes combined active service personnel, reservists and civilian staff, a report by Statista has said. A close second is the US Department of Defense which employs 2.91 million people, according to the report

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CM Rise School a new social revolution in the education sector

STAFF REPORTER III BHOPAL

hief Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan said that CM Rise Yojana is a new social revolution in the field of education. With this scheme, government schools are being made well-equipped and resourceful. New buildings are being built. A system of imparting quality edu-cation has been started by arranging qualified and skilled, hardworking and dedicated teachers.

All necessary facilities including smart class, library, laboratory, sports ground will be made available in CM Rise schools. Government schools will be made better than private schools. The Chief Minister said that there is no dearth of ability and talent in the teachers and children of government schools. They just need to be given oppor-

Shikshakarmi culture has been abolished in the state. Teachers are being given more respect and

Chief Minister Chouhan was performing bhoomi-pujan of new buildings of 69 CM Rise schools to be built in the state at a cost of Rs.2519 crore under CM Rise scheme to strengthen, expand and ensure the availability of quality education at a state level function in Indore today.

Chouhan interacted with the children and inspired them to study, play and move forward. He said that sports is also important along with studies. The Chief Minister said that facilities would also be provided in CM Rise Schools to progress in the field of painting, song-music and sports. Chief Minister Chouhan also made the children take a pledge

tunities and facilities. The Chief to study, play and move forward Minister said that the and soar high. He told the children to think good, do good and be a good citizen. He said that CM Rise Scheme would prove to be a milestone to achieve new

> Chief Minister Chouhan said that a plan was prepared after consultation and discussion with academicians and scholars of the country and abroad to realize the vision of CM Rise School. It was decided that the school building would not only be equipped with all facilities, but would also have all the necessary facilities like good furniture, laboratory, library, smart class, sports ground, sporting goods etc. Through smart class, students will be able to get knowledge from qualified teachers of the country and abroad.

Chouhan said that these schools would have qualified,

hardworking, dedicated teachers. He appealed to the teachers to leave no stone unturned in shaping the future of the students. This is not only a job, but it is a penance, austerity, a great mahayagya for building a new India. He also asked the parents of the children to behave in a friendly manner with the children. Chief Minister Chouhan congratulated the School Education Minister and departmental staff for realizing the

The Chief Minister said that another revolution has taken place in the state in the field of education. Now medical and engineering education has also been started in Hindi in the state. He told the students to learn all languages??but get education only in their mother tongue. Possess good qualities, be a good citizen, respect parents and teach-

vision of CM Rise School.

ers and stay away from drugs. Chouhan paid floral tributes the statue of Ahilya Mata

established in the premises of CM Rise School, Government Ahilya Ashram Higher Secondary School number-1, being developed at Polo Ground. The Chief Minister welcomed the girls present by showering flowers and visited the photo exhibition based on CM Rise School. A short film based on CM Rise Yojana was also screened. The Chief Minister welcomed the girls present by showering flowers and visited the photo exhibition based on CM Rise School.

Minister of State (Independent Charge) for School Education, Inder Singh Parmar said that the condition and direction of government schools are being changed with the CM Rise Yojana.



Madhya Pradesh Chief Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan during the laying of the foundation stone ceremony for CM Rise

47-year-old man nabbed for burglary in his house to stay with his 19-year-old girlfriend

STAFF REPORTER III BHOPAL

yodhya Nagar police A have arrested a 47-year-old husband of a Government School teacher for stealing Rs 2.5 lakh cash and jewelry of wife and daughter to stay in a live-in with his 19-yearold girlfriend.

The accused husband committed the burglary to stay with his 19-year-old girlfriend in a live-in. He stole wife and daughter's jewellery, Rs 2.5 lakh in cash. The wife started an investigation after the disappearance of the girl who had been living in the neighborhood for three days along with the husband. The teacher has lodged a complaint at Ayodhya Nagar police station.

Ayodhya Nagar police station in-charge Nilesh Awasthi

The accused husband committed the burglary to stay with his 19year-old girlfriend in a live-in

said that the government school teacher lives in Ayodhya Nagar. The teacher's husband Arun Trivedi is unemployed and has been living alone with his wife since June 3, 2022.

On June 26, the female teacher came to know that a 19year-old girl living in her neighborhood had gone missing. The next day the husband was also not seen and cupboard for some work, cash and jewellery were found missing. The teacher suspected her husband and when she called, her husband's phone was found switched off. She reached the police station and lodged a complaint of theft.

The police received a letter which was sent by the same girl whom the police were looking for and in which she mentioned that she is living in a live-inrelationship with Arun Trivedi.

After this the police searched the girl and brought her to the police station. The girl stated that she is an adult and wants to be in a live-in with Arun. The police released the girl and arrested Arun who confessed to the crime.

He said that he was unemployed for five years. He had robbed the house to keep

Man beaten to death

Bhopal: A man was allegedly beaten to death while two others were injured by villagers over suspected black magic in Madhya Pradesh's Chhindwara district on Thursday late night, said police.

The deceased was identified as Goma, 55, a resident of Balapur, while Sheshrao Ivnati, 35 and Punnu Uike, 43, of Dholankhapa were injured in the incident.

"A panchayat was called in Nadanwadi village as five people died in suspicious circumstances in the area in the past two months on Thursday evening. The villagers said deaths were happening due to occult practices. The villagers had doubts on Goma, Sheshrao and Punnu. During the panchayat, villagers started accus-ing them and suddenly they became violent. They attacked the trio," said sub-divisional officer of police (SDOP), Rohit

Cyber crime cell nab 16 from 7 States in fake loan App case

STAFF REPORTER M BHOPAL

n a massive action Cyber Crime district Bhopal arrested 16 accused from 7 states for providing loan through Instant loan App and collecting more than double the interest by loans through by harassing and blackmailing; two accused including one foreign national are absconding, Crypto currency and bank transactions worth about Rs 200 crore were found to be linked China, Singapore, Philippines, Dubai.

The nexus while provid-ing loan would access the photos and contact list of the mobile phone of victims and used to threaten the victim and relatives by phone and message for loan recovery and when the victim was unable to pay the money, used to mentally torture by

'Samjhauta

Samadhan'(SSS), intro-

duced in November last year

by the then Commissioner of

Gwalior and Chambal divi-

sions Ashish Saxena, has got

the precious Skoch Award-

announced on Friday evening

award



blackmailing through calls and WhatsApp messages.

Cybercrime Bhopal was constantly receiving complaints about the Instant Loan App, in which money was being collected in the name of loan repayment by blackmailing the complainants using mobile data of the victims through calls and messages on whatsapp and the entire amount of the complainant.

In the investigation SIT

team was formed by the Deputy Commissioner of Police Crime, it was found that the fake loan app is available on google play store from where people could

Google and Google play store blocked 10 fake loan apps. During the investigation, it was found that more than 100 bank accounts, in which most were used outside the

borders of India in Dubai and

download them easily. The

team of cybercrime wrote to

China. The said money was converted from Indian currency to Crypto currency and the said Crypto curren-cy was sent outside India to the Crypto currency wallet of China and other countries.

More than 1000 Crypto currency wallet addresses, 56 identified wallet addresses were identified which were found to be related to different countries.

The team arrested 5 accused from Rajasthan, 1accused from Gujarat, 1 accused from Karnataka, 4 accused from Haryana, one from UP, 1 from Maharashtra and 3 from Madhya Pradesh. A total of 16 Indian accused have been arrested and search is on for 1 foreign national and other accused.

Among the arrested accused role of one was App Developers, 11 are Account Holders while 4 involved in

when the woman opened the श्री दि Madhya Pradesh Chief Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan lays foundation for the proposed construction of a six lane road after the name of Dr Shyama Prasad

Mukherjee Marg at Kolar locality in Bhopal on Saturday.

The SSS is in the silver category for the rear 2022 in which the a joint effort of Revenue Department of the adminis-

innovation

Madhya Pradesh was honoured for taking an innovation of the SSS to make villages dispute free and bring harmony in the rural people of all eight districts fall in the Gwalior and Chambal divisions of the state.

The Skoch Award is the highest and national honour

in the country and given by an independent organisation, it felicitates both government and private sectors for performing excellently in their respective

tration, police, and judiciary as a way to get rid of small dis-

putes among the villagers.

The idea of bringing harmony among the villagers of the state has recently been fetched by chief minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan. He has hailed the initiative.



SSS introduced by then Gwalior-Chambal Div gets Scoch Award

"Considering the CM's desire, we had launched this innovative idea on the basis of the Indian concept of 'Panch Parmeshwar' to make the villages dispute-free and create a harmonious atmosphere among the people of

the rural areas", Saxena who retired last month told The Pioneer.

Saxena credited to ADGs of both the ranges, all eight collectors and SPs of both divisions and especially expressed regard to the administrative judge of MP High Court Gwalior bench, Justice Rohit Arya who transferred 4022 cases to the cam-

The Gwalior bench of HC has carried forward the campaign with the help of the state legal services authority and camps are being organised in its jurisdiction.

"Bringing harmony among the villagers and becoming villages ideal are the main aims behind the initiative. Besides, it is also an effort as a measure to reduce the work pressure on administration, police and judiciary," Saxena said.

Ashoka Garden police book a man for sexually exploiting a divorced woman

STAFF REPORTER ■ BHOPAL

Garden shoka police have booked a man for sexually assaulting and exploiting a divorced woman for the past two years; police have started search for the accused.

In Ashoka Garden area, a young man raped a divorced woman on the pretext of marriage. The young man hid the fact that he is already married and when the victim came to know about it, she filed a complaint. Both victim and accused work in a renowned hotel of Bhopal.

Ashoka Garden TI the 32-year-old woman hails from Kanpur works as a packing person in the hotel. She lives in a rented room in the Ashoka Garden area. The woman got divorced in the year 2019.

She told the police at Kaushalendra Kumar Sen works as a guard with him in the hotel. During the time the two used to work and they developed closeness. The man made a rela-

She told the police that Kaushalendra **Kumar Sen** works as a guard with him in the hotel. **During the time** the two used to work and they developed closeness

on the pretext of promising her and when the girl pressed for marriage, it was found that the man was married. The Alok Srivastava told that accused could not be arrested.

In November 2020, the accused raped her. After that he continued to sexually exploit her. Recently, when the woman pressed for marriage, she came to know about the accused being married and refused to

Thereafter, the victim lodged an FIR against the accused. After the accused came to know about the registration of tionship with the victim FIR, he escaped and is

Chairperson Ghanshyam Prasad visits BHEL Bhopal STAFF REPORTER ■ BHOPAL

hairperson Ghanshyam Prasad along with high level delegation of CEA (Central Electricity

Authority) visited BHEL Bhopal the other day. The team visited Centre Excellence-Hydro Machines & UHV Lab. In a meeting with Executive Director, Vinay Nigam and senior officials of BHEL Bhopal including GM (Hydro) and GM(EM); Chairperson CEA highlighted the changing

and role of BHEL in it. Speaking on the occasion, Nigam said that all the employees of BHEL, Bhopal are technically experienced, committed and capable to meet the changing requirements of

scenario of power sources

the market.
BHEL showcased its capabilities in Hydro Power sector and preparedness about PSP. He appreciated the R&D, Engg and Manufacturing capabilities of BHEL Bhopal particularly in Hydro Power sector.

Chief Minister appears in the role of Motivational Speaker

STAFF REPORTER # BHOPAL

Minister Chouhan appeared in a different form in the programme. This was the form of a motivational speaker, in this form, he interacted with the students in a comfortable style and inspired them to move forward in life through inspirational illustrations. The Chief Minister, while interacting with the children, shared things like going to school in a government school in a small village, carrying a taatpatti in one hand and a bag in the other.

He told that when he became an MP, he used to go to government schools and used to think that if children get all the facilities to study in these schools, then they too can do wonders.

This was the reason that after becoming the Chief Minister, he resolved to open such schools where students of every class can get full opportunities for studies, sports, arts and skill development. Chief Minister Shri Chouhan asked the students to follow



Swami Vivekananda's motto 'Arise, Awake and take rest only after achieving your goal'. Read a lot and play a lot. He also made the students say Khelenge-Koodenge, Aasman ko chhoo lenge, padhenge likhenge, Aasman ko chhoo lenge.' The Chief Minister told the children that if they have talent, then no one can stop them from progressing.

The government will give them all the facilities. Shivraj Mama will also pay the fees for higher education of meritorious students. If you work hard, you can become a doctor, engineer, lawyer, chief minister, whatever you want. Man can do as he thinks.



Preparations underway on the eve of Chhath Puja festival at the banks of Upper Lake in Bhopal on Saturday. Pioneer photo

CM plants saplings with social workers of Rajgarh

STAFF REPORTER III BHOPAL

hief Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan planted saplings of Cassia, Peepal and Gulmohar in the Smart City Garden. Along with CM Chouhan, social worker of Rajgarh KP Panwar planted sapling on his birthday. Neelam Saxena, Yashwant Singh Tomar Rampratap Parmar also planted saplings.



Vivek Chaurasia of Viruni Foundation also planted a sapling on his birthday. Ruchin Sharma, Shivam Chaurasia, Aditya

Singh and Nayan Agarwal of the Foundation participated in the plantation. The foundation is working in the fields of social service, distribution of food to the needy and environment with the goal of "a resolution towards a better future". In the Hara-bhara

Madhya Pradesh campaign, tree-planting activities are carried out on the birth anniversary of great personalities.



Suryakant finally surrenders, ED gets 12 days custody

RAIPUR

APrevention of Money Laundering Act (PMLA) court here on Saturday granted custodial remand of an absconding business and multi-crore coal kingpin Suryakant Tiwari for 12 days to the Enforcement Directorate (ED) for allegedly extorting money from coal and

Chhattisgarh. Additional District and Sessions Judge Ajay Singh Rajput granted the remand till November 10, Tiwari's lawyer Faizal Rizvi said.

mining transporters



Tiwari was absconding since the agency conducted multi-city raids in the state on October 11 and he appeared in the PMLA court

to surrender.

Two days ago, a 2009 batch IAS officer, Sameer Vishnoi, coal businessman and Indermani Group head

Sunil Agrawal and Tiwari's advocate Laxmikant Tiwari were sent to 14 days judicial custody

tonne was being extorted from each tonne of coal transported in Chhattisgarh by a cartel of senior bureaucrats, businessmen, politicians and middlemen, amounting to Rs 2-3 crore a day, the ED said in a statement on October 14.

The agency said it seized unaccounted cash of Rs 4.5 crore, gold jewellery, bullion and other valuables worth Rs 2 crore during the raids.

The ED also raided the premises of two IAS officers, Raigarh Collector Ranu Sahu and her husband J.P. Maurya, Director, Mining and Geology Department in

Ensure hassle-free paddy procurement: Baghel

STAFF REPORTER

Chhattisgarh Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel on Saturday reviewed the preparations for paddy procurement at a meeting here and asked officials to ensure a hassle-free purchase from farmers.

An communication said Baghel directed the officials to ensure that the farmers should not have to face any inconvenience at committees and procurement centers.

Under the leadership of the Chief Secretary, the Secretaries and Collectors should be ready to ready all the arrangements for paddy

The Chief Minister said a meeting of farmers should be held at the committee-level

procurement, he said.



on November 1 and planning for transportation of paddy should be done in consent with the farmers.

The Chief Minister pointed out that due to unseasonal rains in many areas, paddy harvesting has

not yet begun in full swing. He also reviewed the

status of farmers' registration, gunny bag arrangements, preparations for transportation of paddy and the status of registration of mills. A total of 29.42 lakh hectares of 25.23 lakh farmers has been registered so far for paddy procurement in the Kharif year 2022-23.

'Expedite road repairs on priority'

STAFF REPORTER ■ RAIPUR

hhattisgarh Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel on Saturday exhorted Public Works Department to expedite the ongoing patchwork of roads while maintaining quality.

Expressing concern over dilapidated roads in the state, Baghel said there was no dearth of budget to do road repairs.

The meeting was told that road construction work worth nearly Rs 1,000 crore has been completed so far.

The Chief Minister said the work should be done on



Collectors to personally monitor the work. The Chhattisgarh Road (CRIDCL) has set a target of

and Infrastructure Development Corp Ltd

completing 165 road and bridge work by December

Hike Central aid for police modernization: Tamradhwaj

STAFF REPORTER RAIPUR

Chhattisgarh Home Minister Tamradhwaj Home Saturday asked Prime Minister Narendra Modi increase the central aid for police modernization in the Naxalism-affected

Sahu was speaking on the second day of a two-day Chintan Shivir called by Prime Minister for Home Ministers of all



Chhattisgarh in 2013-14 was Rs 50 crore which has now been curtailed to less than Rs 20 crore"

"Central aid for Sahu said the central aid for Chhattisgarh in 2013-14 was Rs 50 crore which has now been curtailed to less than Rs 20 crore.

> Chhattisgarh is working the direction of eliminating the Naxalite menace, he said, and added that many schools in the affected areas have been restored

Similarly, basic civic amenities were arranged in affected region including health, potable water and opening of fair price shops, he said.

Husband among three arrested for killing wife

STAFF REPORTER ■

With the arrest of three persons including the husband, police in Raipur on Saturday claimed to have solved the killing of his wife in 2018.

Raipur Senior Superintendent of Police Prashant Agrawal said Devchand Kurre, his brother Chaturvedi, all from Raipur district, have been taken into custody. Efforts are on to nab one more person, he added.

They killed Devchand Kurre's wife Anita in November 2018 and a lodged a bogus missing complaint with the police.

In April 2019, a skeleton



Keshla village was identified as the victim by her family through her jewellery. A DNA test confirmed

the victim was Anita Kurre. The police detained Chaturvedi, who confessed found near a quarry in his involvement in the crime killers in dumping the body.

and named two others. After the

Devchand Kurre told the police he along with his brother and one more person killed the woman.

Chaturvedi helped the

Nagarnar Steel Plant commissions coke oven battery

STAFF REPORTER **JAGDALPUR**

 $P_{\text{Nagarnar Steel Plant in}}^{\text{ublic sector NMDC's}}$ Chhattisgarh inched closer to its commissioning on Saturday when Director (Technical) Somnath Nandi commissioned coke battery

The event took place in the presence of K. Praveen Kumar, Executive Director in-charge of the plant, and other senior officials.

The first batch of coke was discharged in the sequential commissioning of

subsequent key units.
Nagarnar Steel Plant steel plant, several major units need to be

afternoon, paving the so that their interdepend-

ence can be established smoothly.

Battery No. 2 is due for commissioning in a few being a greenfield integrated days. The process will eventually culminate in the commissioning of the Hot commissioned sequentially Strip Mill and Thin Slab

in the coming Caster

months. Nagarnar Steel Plant aims to produce 2.89 million tonnes of high quality HR coils, plates and sheets annually, using state of the art technology and achieving the highest level of energy efficiency.

Sumit Deb, NMDC, described the development as important day in the history of Nagarnar Steel Plant".

Nandi said: "This is the first major step towards commissioning of the steel

The first batch of coke was discharged in the afternoon, paving the way for sequential commissioning of subsequent key units

plant. Today's development inspires confidence that we will soon fulfil the dream of a steel plant in Bastar."

Praveen Kumar expressed the hope that these eco-friendly coke oven batteries will produce coking coal without releasing toxic fumes.

Obesity causing health risks among women

IANS

Over the last 50 years, the human population has experienced several lifestyle changes from the advent of advanced technologies to the increasingly fast pace that the world now moves at. An epidemic that has risen rapidly over the same period is of obesity with an estimated 1.5 billion overweight adults residing in the developed world out of which 300 million are women. Furthermore, based on a statement made by WHO in 2014, it is believed that being overweight has significant ramifications not only for the obese but also for their immediate family as they may struggle to carry the burden of related medical conditions. Women may find

themselves facing respiratory issues such as sleep apnea, diabetes, high pressure, several types of cancer, heart disease, high cholesterol, stroke, and even issues with fertility and pregnancy. While all of this may sound fearsome, and it is, it is important to understand the causes of obesity in women and the way forward from there.

While there are several causes, the ones elaborated on below take pertinence:

Lack of Movement: The primary cause of obesity is the lack of balance in people's Overconsumption of fast food or home-cooked food with little to no effort made to exercise and burn fats and sugars results in an excessive amount of calories, leading

lifestyles.

The same conclusion has been supported by numerous studies that claim that reduced movement during

work hours and leisure time has led to obesity due to the adoption of sedentary lifestyles.

Lack of Moderation:

Excessive consumption of alcohol, fast food, sugary drinks, and comfort eating also leads to obesity. Due to

this it is important to eat

such foods occasionally and in moderation only. Genetics: This one is

quite self-explanatory, the children of obese parents may lean towards being obese themselves compared to those of leaner parents. Hormones: It is

imperative to understand that hormones are essential to the regulation of our and satiety hunger indicators. Often, commonly found issues such as stress and a lack of sleep at night can severely disrupt these natural indicators. When such an event takes place, one may experience cravings even if they are not genuinely hungry.

Medication: medications such as steroids, beta-blockers, anti-depressants, anti-seizure and diabetes medications can often lead to weight gain and eventually obesity if not regulated. Of course, seek guidance from your general physician before taking any drastic steps with your prescribed medication.

Keeping that in mind, it is now essential to elaborate on the way forward for those who have obesity and those who can prevent it.

It is imperative for those suffering from obesity to either reduce their energy intake, increase their form of exercise, or both. Therefore, both the diet and the lifestyle must be mitigated to achieve the best results. Doing so will also help in the prevention of diabetes. Once again, please do not implement drastic decisions by yourself and always consult a general

physician or certified dietician for the same as each person's body, condition, and needs are unique and individual to their circumstances.

Ultimately, obesity is a combined product of several socioeconomic, cultural, environmental, behavioural, genetic factors. Therefore, it is time for society at large to take personal and collective responsibility for and action toward the prevention of obesity while actively supporting those suffering from it. Encouraging healthy eating habits and an effective routine full of physical movement in every aspect of life is the need of the hour and will require the support and understanding of all stakeholders involved.

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Jaishankar, Cleverly discuss FTA, Ukraine

British Foreign Secretary James attended special meeting of UN Security Council Counter Terrorism Committee

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE ■ **NEW DELHI**

India and the United Kingdom on Saturday reviewed the entire gamut of their bilateral ties and the ongoing negotiations for the proposed Free Trade Agreement (FTA) between the two countries during the talks here between External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar and his counterpart James Cleverly.

In the backdrop of the FTA facing stumbling blocks, Prime Minister Narendra Modi in his telephonic talks on Thursday had urged his counterpart Rishi Sunak for an early conclusion of the negotiations. Earlier, they were supposed to end on Diwali.

The Ukraine conflict and the situation in the Indo-Pacific figured prominently in talks with Cleverly, Jaishankar said in a tweet message later.

The British Foreign Secretary arrived in India on Friday on a two-day visit primarily to attend a special meeting of the UN Security Council Terrorism Counter Committee.

"Delighted to welcome UK Foreign Secretary @JamesCleverly on his first India visit; shortly after our meeting in New York last month," Jaishankar tweeted. It is the first visit by a top-ranking Minister from Britain after Sunak took charge as the UK's first Indian-origin prime min-

"Noted the progress in our Roadmap 2030. Also discussed the Ukraine conflict and the Indo-Pacific," he added. The FTA is part of the RoadMap 2030 as envisaged by Prime



during a meeting on the sidelines of the UNSC Special Meeting in New Delhi on

UK Prime Minister Boris Johnson in May last year. Negotiations for the FTA began in January this year.

During the visit, the British Foreign Secretary announced further collaboration between the UK and India through British International

This included 11 million Pound of UK funding invested in Kinara Capital, a womanled fintech company, according

Minister Modi and the then to the British High Commission.

> said Cleverly also announced a 22 million pounds invest-ment by the UK-backed Neev II Fund into Hygenco which will help India's green energy transition by pioneering green

China's aggression to figure in Navy conference PIONEER NEWS SERVICE ■ **NEW DELHI**

China's growing assertiveness in the Indo-Pacific and strategically important Indian Ocean will figure prominently during the Indian Navy commanders' conference here for four days commencing next Monday.

The naval top echelon will take stock of the operational readiness to deal with this emerging challenge from China and review the progress of warship building schedule.

naval commanders to discuss important maritime matters and the military-strategic level through an institutionalised forum, officials said here on Saturday.

Due to the dynamic and fast-paced developments in security imperatives in the Indian Ocean Region (IOR) as well as in other parts of the world, the Conference has its own significance and relevance. Defence Minister Rajnath Singh will address the

Amongst many issues to be discussed, the Chief of the Naval Staff, along with other Naval Commanders will review major Operational, Materiel, Logistics, Human Resource Development, Training and Administrative activities undertaken by the Indian Navy in the last few months and further deliberate upon future plans for important activities and initiatives, they said. The conference will also dwell upon the dynamics of the geostrategic situation of the region and

The Navy has focused on being a combat ready, credible and cohesive force with a future-ready outlook and continues to assiduously execute its mandate. The Indian Navy has witnessed significant growth in its operational tasking over the years in consonance with India's rising maritime interests. Indian Navy's standing as the 'Preferred Security Partner' has also grown concomitantly in recent times. Indian Navy is poised to counter all maritime

security challenges emerging due to uncertain geo-strategic situations in IOR and beyond.

Chief of Defence Staff General Anil Chauhan and Chiefs of the Indian Army and the Indian Air Force will also interact with the Naval Commanders to address the convergence of the three Services vis-à-vis the common operational environment, and avenues of augmenting Tri-Service synergy and readiness towards the defence of the nation and India's national

Intermediaries' platforms cannot be misused to upload inciteful content, says IT Minister

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE ■ NFW DFI HI

 $T^{
m he}$ Centre on Saturday justified the new Information Technology (Intermediary Guidelines and Digital Media Ethics Code) Amendment Rules, 2022 saying it is to address the gaps that existed earlier and to make internet safe for Indians.

Intermediaries' platforms cannot be misused to upload criminal, illegal, inciteful content and any misinformation, Union Minister of State for Information Technology Rajeev Chandrasekhar said.

"These Rules mark new partnership between the Government & Intermediaries in making & keeping our internet safe and trusted for all Indians," he said adding the formation of a government panel "is a signal to them (social media companies) that they need to up their game."

He, however, said India as a nation continues to favour a self-regulatory body for social media content disputes despite a lack of consensus among Big Tech companies to form a joint appeals panel.

Former Union IT Minister and Rajya Sabha MP Kapil Sibal attacked the Centre saying, "Safe for the Government

and unsafe for others, that's marks a new partnership btwn what the policy of this Government always has been. First, they captured the TV networks and now, they are going to capture social media plat-

It's the comprehensive capture of media. The only platform left for ordinary citizens was social media. When statements defamatory are made... people will be prosecuted." Sibal said, "We are moving

towards one code of conduct, one political party, one system of governance and no answerability to anyone."

While Twitter's new owner Elon Musk announced that the company will form a new committee to test on the public opinions, Chandrasekhar reiterated that India will stick to the point on adhering that social media platforms must ensure the laws in India.

Facebook, WhatsApp and other companies had adhered to Government of India's new norms for the past one year, but Twitter challenged it in the Court. At present, Twitter India is contesting the new IT Rules in Karnataka High Court.

'New amended IT rules are next step to realizing our govts duty to #DigitalNagriks of Open, Safe&Trusted, Accountable Internet . Also Govt and Intermediaries in making n keeping our Internet safe & trusted for all Indians, he had tweeted earlier citing the new notification. As per the new notification, the Government's Grievance Appellate Committee's decision will be binding on the social media companies.

"Every order passed by the Grievance Appellate Committee shall be complied with the intermediary (social media firms) and a report to that effect shall be uploaded on its website," said the notification, adding that any appeal has to be settled within 30 days.

The notification also says in serious matters like violence, crimes against women and children, issues related to security, sovereignty, public order, the social media firms have to take action in 72 hours on receiving the complaint. The new Rules also say the

social media firms through their grievance officers must acknowledge a complaint within 24 hours and resolve within a period of 15 days. If the complaint is on very

serious nature matter (listed six specific categories) the social media firms must act expeditiously and shall be resolved in 72 hours, says the notification.

Legacy of Modi Govt after 8 years — no jobs: Chidambaram

Kharge questions Centre on lowest spending on R&D

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE ■ **NEW DELHI**

The Congress on Saturday attacked the Centre over the cut down of expenses and recognitions in the field of science research and development and on the issue of everrising unemployment.

While the newly appointed Congress president M Mallikarjun Kharge questioned the Modi Government on the lowest spending on R&D, his party colleague former Finance Minister P Chidambaram said eight years of Modi-led BJP Government has failed to deliver employment.

"Modi Government has the lowest spending on R&D in the world and now they plan to scrap nearly 300 science awards. These awards are not only for recognition, but also helps funding the scien-



tific community. Why is the BJP Govt so averse to groom scientific temperament," Kharge said on Twitter.
Chidambaram attacked

the Centre over the issue of unemployment, alleging that the legacy of the Modi Government after eight years is "no jobs". The Congress has been attacking the government over alleged lack of jobs for the youth and rising unemployment."After 37 lakhs in Uttar Pradesh applying for Grade 'C' jobs, we have 35 lakh applicants for 40,000 Agniveer jobs. Is the government listening to the anguished voices of the young men: 'we are desperate, we have no choice',' Chidambaram said in a tweet. That is the legacy of the Modi government after 8 years: NO JOBS," the senior

NGT: Groundwater vests in State, extraction not allowed without consent



PTI ■ NEW DELHI

Groundwater vests in the State and its extraction is not permissible without consent, the National Green Tribunal has said while directing the closure of all establishments in Uttar Pradesh which are operating without mandatory permissions and withdrawing water illegally.

The NGT said according to the Central Ground Water Authority's report, more than 70 per cent of hotels or commercial establishments across nine districts in Uttar Pradesh were found to be extracting groundwater illegally. "Under the circumstances,

case appears to be made out for directing sealing of all establishments operating without mandatory consents to operate as per Water Act, till compliance and registering criminal cases for theft of groundwater against owners of the establishments. The groundwater vests in

the State and extraction is not permissible without consent of the State. Further, such extraction can only be on payment of laid down charges," the tribunal said. A bench headed by chair-

person Justice A K Goel said that the situation was alarming as shown by rampant violations, defeating the directions of the Supreme Court for control and regulation of groundwater extractions. 'There is a grey area of

about 25 per cent for want of information being furnished or collected," the bench said, adding, "We have no other option but to hold that there is an all-round failure of statutory authorities in complying with mandate of judgement of

water extraction were being granted mechanically, while alternatives to groundwater extraction were not being considered, resulting in a shortage of potable water for drinking purposes, the bench said. "Under the circumstances,

the case appears to be made out to direct sealing of all establishments operating without mandatory consent to operate as per the Water Act, till compliance and registering criminal cases for theft of groundwater against owners of the establishments," the green panel said. Determining the amount of interim compensation, the bench said it was Rs 50 lakh per establishment having more than 100 rooms, Rs 25 lakh per establishment having 50-100 rooms and Rs 10 lakh per establishment having up to 50 rooms. "We direct interim compensation at the above rate be deposited by all the establishments identified as extracting groundwater without permission as well those not having consent to operate under the Water Act," the NGT said.

The deposit has to be made within one month with the respective District Magistrates, failing which theft cases would be registered against the establishments concerned and borewells sealed, the NGT said. The already constituted joint committee of the Central Ground Water Authority (CGWA) had to assess final compensation after giving an opportunity to establishments concerned, within three

months, it said. The committee also had to verify compliance for non-verified establishments within one month, the NGT said.

British International Investment is designed to strengthen trade ties with the UK's partners and generate economic growth.

The High Commission

Kejriwal symbol of anarchy, says Min Anurag

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE

Union Minister Anurag Thakur on Saturday lashed out at Delhi Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal, calling him "a symbol of anarchy". He was responding to a query during his Press conference regarding Kejriwal's appeal to incorporate and Lord Ganesha on curren-



cy notes. "Arvind Kejriwal who used to oppose (construction of a grand) Ram temple is a symbol of anarchy. He does fake talking. He does new propaganda to divert attention of the people from his fakeness," said

The Union Minister further asked AAP supremo Kejriwal that will his Government also

and church priests on the pattern of maulvis in Delhi. 'Regarding "chargesheet" of Congress against Jai Ram Thakur-led BJP government in poll-bound Himachal Pradesh, Thakur said "Those whose national leadership is on bail have no moral right to issue

"chargesheet" against others. He further said that the the all-round development of Himachal Pradesh and it is necessary for the BJP government to come to power again to carry forward the pace of development. Thakur said that power of double engine government is visible in every sector.

To the questions on Congress party's "chargesheet" against against Jai Ram

Thakur on Saturday said, "those whose national leadership is on bail have no moral right to issue chargesheet against others."

Thakur added that the "double engine Government" has taken all necessary steps for the all-round development of Himachal Pradesh and it is necessary for the BJP Government priests, gurudwara granthis has taken all necessary steps for poll-bound Himachal Pradesh, forward pace of development.

Cong seeks probe into cash gifts to scribes on Diwali in Karnataka

Bommai said he was unaware that cash was given to scribes: CMO

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE ■ NEW DELHI/BENGALURU

The Congress on Saturday demanded a judicial inquiry into allegations that some journalists were given "cash gifts" along with sweet boxes on Diwali.

"The #40PercentSarkar seeks to bribe the journalists with ?1 Lakh cash! Will Mr. Bommai answer- 1. Isn't it "bribe" being offered by CM? 2. What is the source of

?1,00,000? Has it come from Public Exchequer or from CM himself? 3. Will ED/IT take note?", Congress general secretary incharge of Karnataka Randeep Singh Surjewala tweeted. The Karnataka Pradesh Congress Committee demanded a judicial inquiry into what it called "Chief Minister's Office (CMO) 'sweet box bribe' to journalists".

"The people of the State should know how much money was given as bribe, how much was received, how much was returned," it said. Sources in the CMO said Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai has said he was unaware that "cash" was

Vande Bharat rams into cattle in Guj, 3rd since Sep 30 PIONEER NEWS SERVICE ■

> ccidents involving Vande ABharat trains and cattle continue. On Saturday, the Mumbai-Gandhinagar Vande Bharat Superfast Express rammed into cattle near Atul railway station in Gujarat, damaging its front panel. This was the third such incident since the Vande Bharat train service started on this route from September 30.

> "The train halted for 15 minutes after hitting a bull that had strayed on the track around 8.20 am but all the passengers were safe, "said Sumit Thakur, chief public relations officer of Western Railway.

> The train's front panel was damaged and the underbelly equipment of its first coach was also dented. "There is no damage to the train, except to the Nose Cone Cover of the front

The train is running smoothly," Thakur added. The damaged panel will be replaced once the train reaches Mumbai, he said. On October 6, the train, which has a maximum speed of 130 kmph, ran over four buffaloes between Vatva and Maninagar stations in Gujarat on its way to Gandhinagar from Mumbai. Its nose panel had to be replaced overnight.

The next day (October 7), the train hit a cow near Anand in Gujarat while on its way to Mumbai. The indigenously designed and manufactured semi-high speed train, a third under the Vande Bharat series, was flagged off by Prime Minister Narendra Modi on September 30. Similarly the Varanasi Vande Bharat train has also met with similar fate few occasions with damages to

the indigenous super fast train.

SC-URBM can stop major damage to buildings from quakes vertical reinforced concrete

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE ■

Buildings that are technically called unreinforced masonry (URM) are much more likely to experience damage or collapse during an earth-quake. URM buildings have traditionally been widely adopted worldwide due to inexpensive and locally available construction materials.

Researchers have now found a solution for retrofitting old non-earthquakeresistant buildings with a technology namely semi-confined unreinforced brick masonry (SC-URBM) that can prevent major damage to such structures from earthquakes without compromising on their



strength. The results have been published in the ASCE Journal of Structural Engineering. The SC-URBM can resolve the problem of spread of settlements in earthquake-prone areas with constructions that

have been built without fol- Infrastructure (FIST) prolowing earthquake-preventive building codes.

"Just like in most developing countries located in earthquake-prone regions, unreinforced brick masonry (URBM) has been a common practice in urban, semi-urban, and rural areas of India.

Considering that major parts of India are under seismic zone III or above and most of the URBM buildings are old and structurally deficient, strengthening of URBM buildings located in earthquakeprone areas is extremely important," said an official from the Department of Science and Technology (DST).

The project was under the Fund for Improvement of S&T first, and the concrete columns

gramme of the DST. Researchers have explored the extent to which retrofitting old buildings with SC-URBM

They found that SC-URBM can significantly enhance the energy dissipation capacity and ductility of the retrofitted building without compromising its strength. Hence such buildings would have superior performance in comparison to URBM build-

technology can solve the prob-

ings during earthquakes.
The idea of the technology emerged from confined masonry, an earthquake-resistant construction system where the masonry walls are built and beams are poured in afterward to enclose (confine) the SC-URBM technology has

a similar concept but does not need to be implemented at the construction stage. It involves embedding of reinforced con-crete (RC) bands through the partial thickness of the wall and can be implemented or retrofitted in old buildings, said the official.

Researchers, Lakshmi Latha, Samit Ray-Chaudhuri, Suparno Mukhopadhyay, and Kunwar Bajpai, had conducted experiments on two identical full-scale single-story brick masonry buildings — a completely unreinforced (URBM), and the other retrofitted with semiconfining horizontal and

(RC) elements (SC-URBM). The two buildings were

subjected to a test called reverse slow-cyclic quasi-static loading protocol to quantify the improved seismic performance of the SC-URBM building compared to the URBM build-

A Pseudo Dynamic Testing Facility (PDTF) for affordable experimental evaluation of earthquake resistance of full prototype structural systems was developed with the guidance of Professor Durgesh C Rai They proved that the technology provides better integral action of the confining elements and load-bearing walls to achieve enhanced seismic

sunday pioneer

Trump loses ground, Biden closes gap ahead of midterms

November 8 midterm polls in the US, former President Donald Trump has gone from bad to worse in approval ratings, while incumbent President Lee Biden shows only man bent President Joe Biden shows only marginal improvement as voters are divided on important issues like inflation and abortion rights, while swing ballots hold the key in at least eight battleground

In the upcoming election, all 435 seats in the House of Representatives and 35 of the 100 seats in the Senate will be

Thirty-nine state and territorial gubernatorial elections, as well as numerous other state and local elections, will

The results will determine the 118th Pennsylvania, and Wisconsin.

In the Senate, the Democrats and Republicans split 50:50 with Vice President Kamala Harris holding the edge for the Democrats with her tie breaking

In the House, Democrats have a wafer-thin majority of 220 seats and Republicans 212, with three seats vacant.

The two parties want to retain their numbers and the Republicans appear set to increase it.

Using the average of race ratings from the Cook Political Report, the American encyclopedia of politics, Ballotpedia identified 13 battleground states of Florida, Iowa, North Carolina, Ohio, Texas, Arizona, Georgia, Michigan, Minnesota, Nevada, New Hampshire,



These are the states on which an electoral victory hinged in the 2020 elections and the scenario remains much the same

Previously, Trump had in Florida, Iowa, North Carolina, Ohio and Texas, while Biden emerged victorious inArizona, Georgia, Michigan, Minnesota, Nevada, New Hampshire, Pennsylvania and Wisconsin.

Biden is no exception to the rule that an incumbent President has lost the midterms referendum as he battles a powerful rhetoric from Republicans led by Trump who are constantly harping on 'Bidenomics' going bad causing inflation to peak to the highest level in 40 years, job losses and unemployment peaking. But all of this is not really true.

Actually, Biden has inherited a legaof bad economic management from Trump who refused to close down establishments and work spaces during the Covid-19 pandemic causing loss of lives and livelihood.

A BBC investigation showed that Biden succeeded in increasing the employment situation by adding 60,000 jobs a month in 2021 against both former President Bill Clinton and Trump, both of whom added only 30,000 jobs a month during their presidency, economic analysts say.

Biden is very strong on restoration of women's abortion rights overturned by the Supreme Court some months ago as it scrapped the 1973 Roe vs Wade judgement that upheld abortion rights of women for a good 39 years.

oppose the Supreme Court decision and conservative Republican states decision to implement the same.

Biden signed an executive order allowing Americans to travel overseas and within states to get abortion done to terminate pregnancies borne out of incest, rape and deformities of foetus. And corporates such as Microsoft, Netflix, and Amazon offered their employees cash benefits for out of state abortions.

Women voters are solidly behind Biden on this but the string of progres-sive legislations like the inflation reduction act with a spend of \$750 billion, capping the price of prescription drugs (\$35 for insulin dosage) and bringing health care costs through insurers more affordable, waiving of education loans for family incomes below \$10,000, the CHIPS legislation to make semiconductors within US reducing dependence on China that would create thousands of jobs are yet to strike a chord with voters who are swayed by the republican propaganda of grocery and gas prices making life difficult for Americans.

GDP numbers have dipped in three successive quarters but economists believe that's no indication of an impending recession as a full year's numbers are needed to make that forecast. But republicans have been fanning fears of recession among voters.

That Trump has been able to have a strong hold on the Republican Party as the strongman is remarkable even as friends turn foes and funders shy away as his legal baggage is increasing day by

Russians said to be clearing Ukrainian region's hospitals

 R^{ussian} troops moved large numbers of sick and wounded comrades from hospitals in southern Ukraine's Kherson region, Ukrainian military officials reported on Saturday as their forces fought to retake a province overrun by invading soldiers early in the war.

Kremlin-installed authorities in the mostly Russian-occupied region previously urged civilians to leave the city of Kherson, the region's capital.

The Moscow-appointed authorities in Kherson also were reported this week to have joined tens of thousands of residents who fled to other Russiaheld areas ahead of an expected Ukrainian advance.

"The so-called evacuation of invaders from the temporarily occupied territory of the Kherson region, including from medical institutions, continues," the General Staff of the Armed Forces of Ukraine said in a morning update.

"All equipment and medicines are being removed from Kherson hospitals.'

The military's claims could not be independently verified. Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy said in a nightly video address Friday that the Russians were "dismantling the entire health care system" in Kherson and other occupied

"The occupiers have decided to close medical institutions



in the cities, take away equipment, ambulances. Just every-

thing," Zelenskyy said.
"They put pressure on the doctors who still remained in the

occupied areas for them to

move to the territory of Russia.' Kherson is one of four regions of Ukraine that Russian President Vladimir Putin illegally annexed last month and where he subsequently declared martial law. The others are Donetsk, Luhansk and Zaporizhzhia.

Elsewhere on Saturday, at least two Russian ships suffered damage in a major port in Crimea, the Ukrainian peninsula annexed by Moscow in

Ukraine and Russia offered different versions of what happened and who was to blame.

The Russian Defence Ministry said two ships received 'minor damage" during an

alleged Ukrainian drone attack

on navy and civilian vessels

docked in Sevastopol at 4.20 am. The city, Crimea's largest, hosts the headquarters of Russia's Black Sea Fleet.

The ministry said 16 drones vere used in the attack and that Russian forces had "repelled"

Earlier Saturday, the Kremlin-installed governor of Sevastopol reported an "ongoing" drone attack.

An adviser to Ukraine's Interior Ministry gave a conflicting account, claiming that that "careless handling of explosives" had caused blasts on four warships in Russia's Black Sea

Anton Gerashchenko wrote on Telegram that the vessels included a frigate, a landing ship and a ship that carried cruise missiles used in a deadly July attack on a western Ukrainian

Neither side's claim could be immediately verified.

Brazil's Bolsonaro, Lula face | 6 kids killed in apparent off in last debate before vote

AP ■ SAO PAULO (BRAZIL)

 $B^{\text{razilian President Jair Bolsonaro and former President}}$ Luiz Inácio Lula da Silva faced off in a final debate before their runoff election on Sunday, focusing mainly on economic

It is an issue that could sway some of the few undecided voters in the tight race between the far-right incumbent and the leftist challenger who clashed Friday night in a broadcast on the nation's biggest TV network. Da Silva, who leads in opin-

ion polls as he seeks to return to the job he held from 2003 to 2010, once more pledged to boost spending on the poor, though he did not outline a clear plan on how he would achieve that. He also highlighted that Bolsonaro's government hasn't yet provided an increase to the шпит wage above infla-"This man governed for



per cent of a real increase," da Silva said at the TV Globo debate in Rio de Janeiro, which lasted 21/2 hours. He said the minimum wage is now worth less than when Bolsonaro was inaugurated.

Bolsonaro quickly promised to lift the minimum wage from USD 229 a month to USD 265 next year, though that wasn't included in his 2023 budget proposal sent to Congress. He said the economic downturn that four years and there was not 1 firming economic activity.

"We did better than you would have done," the president said to da Silva. "We are ready to take off. We have one of the world's best economies now"

Mario Sérgio Lima, a senior Brazil analyst for Medley Global Advisors, said the final debate probably would not sway many voters to cast their votes for either candidate.

"Bolsonaro needed to score a big win ... He didn't do very well among focus groups of pandemic prevented a mini- mentions," Lima said, referring mum wage boost, but pointed to to surveys published online in

murder-suicide in US



IANS ■ WASHINGTON

Six children aged one to 13 were killed in an apparent murder-suicide in the US state of Oklahoma, police said.

The bodies were recovered from a residence in Broken Arrow, a suburban city about 15 miles southeast of downtown Tulsa, reports Xinhua news agency.

Two adult suspects were also found deceased in the Chief Brandon Berryhill said at a news conference on Friday, adding that guns have also been recovered. "At this time we do not

believe that any of the victims died from the fire, however the final determination for the cause of death will be made by the medical examiner," Broken Arrow Fire Chief Jeremy Moore said.

A blaze erupted on Thursday afternoon in the rear of the home, and fire crews responded within minutes and found the bodies inside, said Moore.

identified and a probe is underway to determine the exact

Pelosi attack highlights rising threats to lawmakers

AP ■ WASHINGTON

 $\mathbf{I}^{t's}$ something that goes along with being a member of Congress, no matter your party or your status: constant threats to your life, and the unshakeable feeling that they're only getting worse. In the almost two years

since the Capitol insurrection, in which supporters of former President Donald Trump broke into the Capitol and hunted House Speaker Nancy Pelosi and members of Congress, threats to lawmakers and their families have increased sharply.

Early Friday, an assailant looking for Pelosi broke into her San Francisco home and used a hammer to attack her husband Paul, who suffered blunt-force injuries and was hospitalised.

t is, in fact, getting worse: The U.S. Capitol Police invesmembers last year, more than twice the number from four



vulnerable and the risks are increasing," says Illinois Rep. Mike Quigley, a Chicago-area Democrat. "If someone wants to harm you, they know where you live, they know where you work."

Lawmakers have pressured congressional leaders and the Capitol Police for better security, especially for their families and their homes outside of Washington. They have made some progress, with security officials promising to pay for systems and an increased Capitol Police presence outside



'scores' dead **AP** ■ MOGADISHU

wo car bombs exploded ■ Saturday at a busy junction in Somalia's capital near key government offices, leaving "scores told state media. The attack came five years after a massive

blast at the same location. The Somalia National News Agency cited national police spokesman Sadiq Dodisĥe on the toll. The attack in Mogadishu occurred on a day when the president, prime minister and other senior officials were meeting to discuss combating violent extremism, especially by the al-Qaida-affiliated al-Shabab group

that often targets the capital. There was no immediate claim of responsibility.

An Associated Press journalist at the scene saw "many" bodies and said they appeared to be civilians traveling on public transport. He said the second blast occurred in front of a busy restaurant. Images from the scene showed crushed tuk-tuks and other vehicles.

The director of the Aamin ambulance service told the AP they had collected many wounded or killed. One of the ambulances responding to the attack was destroyed by the second blast, Abdulkadir Adan added in

The attack occurred at Zobe junction, which was the scene of a huge al-Shabab truck bomb-

ing in 2017 that killed more than 500 people.
Al-Shabab often targets high-profile locations. Saturday's

blast occurred near the education ministry, which the extremists stormed in 2015, and the foreign ministry. Somalia's government has been engaged in a high-profile

new offensive against the extremist group that the United States has described as one of al-Qaida's deadliest organizations. Somalia's president has described it as "total war" against the extremists, who control large parts of central and southern Somalia and have been the target of scores of U.S. Airstrikes in

recent years. The extremists have responded by killing prominent clan leaders in an apparent effort to dissuade support for that government offensive.

Gunman who attacked Iran shrine dies; guard warns protesters

The gunman who killed 15 **■** people at a major Shiite holy site in southern Iran earlier this week has died, Iranian media said on Saturday.

Tehran's paramilitary Revolutionary Guard issued a new warning to Iranians joining the protests that have roiled the country since last month. Iranian authorities have

not disclosed details about the

assailant, who died in a hospi-

tal in the southern city of

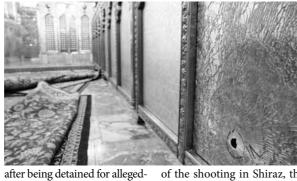
Shiraz from injuries sustained

The report came as

during his arrest, according to Iran's semiofficial Fars and Tasnim news agencies.

Wednesday's attack on Shah Cheragh in Shiraz, Iran's second-holiest Shiite shrine, was claimed by the militant Islamic State group. Iran's government has sought to blame the attack on the largely peaceful protests engulfing the country, without offering evidence.

The unrest — sparked by the September 16 death of Mahsa Amini in the custody of the country's morality police has rocked the Islamic Republic for over a month. Amini died



ly violating the country's strict Islamic dress code for women. At the funeral for victims

of the shooting in Shiraz, the chief of the Revolutionary Guard, Gen. Hossein Salami, called on Iranians to stop

AP ■ ISLAMABAD

Islamabad said.

the Guard and other security forces have violently cracked down on demonstrations with live ammunition, anti-riot pellets and tear gas. 'Today is the end of the

riots. Do not go to the streets anymore!" Salami said on Saturday. "We are telling our youth, the minority of you who have been deceived, stop the evil acts?

He added in the same harsh tone: "This ominous sedition will bring no happy ending to you. Do not ruin your future!

The Iranian government has repeatedly alleged that foreign powers have orchestrated the protests, without providing evidence. The protests have become one of the most serious threats to Iran's ruling clerics since the 1979 Islamic Revolution.

The protests first focused on the state-mandated hijab, or headscarf, for women but quickly grew into calls for the downfall of Iran's theocracy itself. At least 270 people have been killed and 14,000 have been arrested in the protests that have swept over 125

Oldest prisoner freed from

Guantanamo, back home

group Human Rights Activists in Iran. On Friday, Iranian securi-

ty forces opened fire on demonstrators in the southeastern city of Zahedan, killing two people, according to activists. Zahedan, in Iran's long-

restive Sistan and Baluchestan province, has seen the deadliest violence in protests so far. Activists estimate that in Zahedan alone, nearly 100 people have been killed since a September 30 rally set off a violent police response.

Canada confirms 21,810 new Covid cases in a week

IANS OTTAWA

anada confirmed 21,810 Cnew Covid-19 cases in the week ending October 22, according to health authorities.

The Public Health Agency of Canada (PHAC) said on Friday that the number of total cases and deaths in the country now stood at 4,336,860 and 46,389, respectively, reports Xinhua news agency

According to the PHAC, the cumulative people who had received at least one dose of a Covid-19 vaccine was 83 per cent as of October 9.

However, those who had in the last six months completed the primary series or received a booster dose with a vaccine was only 17.2 per cent as of



public health officer Theresa Tam said last week the PHAC was keeping a careful eve on the evolution of Omicron variants, which are the most common sub-variants in the country.

Health Canada said previously vaccination continued to be one of the most effective tools to protect against Covid-19 and that getting booster doses as recommended will help protect individuals against serious illness and other complications from

Sunak overtakes Labour's Starmer in latest popularity poll

IANS ■ LONDON

Tn a poll conducted on the UK's new Prime Minister Rishi Sunak's first two days in office, 39 per cent of respondents picked the Indian-origin leader over Keir Starmer, chief of the opposition Labour Party.

The poll, conducted by Redfield and Wilton, asked 1,500 people who they thought would be a better Prime Minister. Some 39 per cent of respondents picked Sunak, up 6 per cent from the start of September, and 38 per cent said they would prefer Starmer, down 4 per cent, the Daily Express reported.

Another weekly tracker poll by Techne UK showed Labour's lead over the Conservatives was down from 31 to 24 points.

cation did not provide detailed reasoning for the decision and 74-year-old from Pakistan Awho was the oldest prisoner at the Guantanamo Bay detention centre was released and returned to Pakistan on Saturday, the foreign ministry in

reunited with his family after more than 17 years in custody in the US base in Cuba, the ministry added. Paracha had been held on

Saifullah Paracha was

suspicion of ties to al-Qaida since 2003, but was never charged with a crime. Last year in May, he was

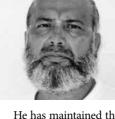
notified that he had been been approved for release. He was cleared by the prisoner review board, along with two other men in November 2020.

As is customary, the notifi-

concluded only that Paracha is "not a continuing threat" to the United States, according to Shelby Sullivan-Bennis, who represented him at his hearing at the time. In Pakistan, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, said it had completed an extensive inter-agency process to facilitate Paracha's repatriation.
"We are glad that a Pakistani

citizen detained abroad is finally reunited with his family," the ministry said. Paracha, who lived in the

United States and owned property in New York City, was a wealthy businessman in Pakistan. Authorities alleged he was an al-Qaida "facilitator" who helped two of the conspirators in the September 11 plot with a financial transaction.



didn't know they were al-Qaida terrorism.

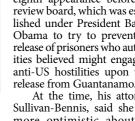
Thailand in 2003 and held him at Guantanamo since September 2004. Washington has long asserted that it can hold detainees indefinitely without charge under the international

In November 2020, Paracha, who suffers from a number of ailments, including diabetes and



and denied any involvement in The US captured Paracha in

laws of war.



prospects because of President oe Biden's election, Paracha's ill health and developments in a legal case involving his son, Uzair Paracha. The son was convicted in 2005 in federal court in New

eighth appearance before the review board, which was established under President Barack Obama to try to prevent the release of prisoners who authorities believed might engage in anti-US hostilities upon their release from Guantanamo. At the time, his attorney, Sullivan-Bennis, said she was more optimistic about his

a heart condition, made his

York of providing support to terrorism, based in part on testimony from the same witnesses held at Guantanamo whom the US relied on to justify holding

104 L MT paddy procured in 'Indian housing market will continue to remain buoyant' Punjab, 52 L MT in Haryana

ore than 105 lakh metric tonnes (MT) paddy Larrived in marketing yards in Punjab, out of which 104 lakh MT paddy was pro-cured till Saturday. In neighbouring Haryana,

a record 52 lakh MT paddy has been procured and Rs 10,000 crore paid to farmers. Punjab Food Civil Supplies

Minister Lal Chand Kataruchak said timely purchase, payment and lifting is going on smoothly in each 'mandi'. All arrangements of 'bardana', labour and transportation have been made.

As of now, the marketing yards are witnessing an arrival of nearly 7.5 lakh MT in a day, and almost all paddy is purchased by the end of the day.

About the minimum support price (MSP) payment, Kataruchak said nearly Rs 15,400 crore has been released directly into the accounts of farmers and another Rs 2,000



would be released on Monday. Haryana Deputy Chief

Minister Dushyant Chautala said the government had set a target of making payment to the

Chairing a review meeting here, Chautala directed the officers to submit a report regarding the compensation of the crops damaged by the

Twitter's new owner billionaire Elon Musk has said the

social media company will form

a "content moderation council"

and any major content decisions

or account reinstatements will

happen after such a body has

day after he completed the USD

44 billion acquisition of the

content moderation council

with widely diverse view-

points. No major content deci-

sions or account reinstate-

ments will happen before that

council convenes," Musk, 51,

tweeted on Friday. "To be

super clear, we have not yet

made any changes to Twitter's

content moderation policies,"

details about how his content

moderation council will work.

legal executive Vijaya Gadde, Chief Financial Officer Ned

Segal and General Counsel Sean

Edgett were ousted as Musk's

the reins at Twitter, the Tesla

CEO posted a series of tweets.

'The bird is freed", "Spoiler

Alert. Let the good times roll",

"Living the Dream. Comedy is

buy the company in April, Musk

spent months attempting to get

out of the deal, first citing con-

cerns about the number of bots

on the platform and later alle-

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Musk has not yet offered

Twitter CEO Parag Agrawal,

social media giant.

he added

Musk's comments came a

"Twitter will be forming a

farmers could get their compensation at the earliest.

He said 46 lakh MT paddy was procured till this date last year, whereas this time 52,47,111 MT paddy has been procured, which is 13 per cent

In Kurukshetra, Karnal and Kaithal districts, there has been more procurement than normal, he said.

Regarding procurement of bajra, Chautala said 81,313 MT has been procured by HAFED at the MSP. The highest purchase of 22,223 MT was done in Bhiwani. Similarly, 15,710.45 MT has been procured in Jhajjar and 14,757 MT in Maĥendragarh.

The procurement of groundnut will start on November 1. For this, seven marketing yards have been set up in Fatehabad, Hisar and Sirsa districts. The groundnut would be procured at Rs 5,850 per quintal.

Twitter will form content

moderation council: Musk

Agrawal, 38, was appointed

As the Twitter account of

Twitter CEO in November last

year after the social media site's

co-founder Jack Dorsey had

former US President Donald

Trump was permanently sus-

pended in January last year,

Hyderabad-born Gadde was at

the forefront of this dramatic

decision undertaken within days

of the attempted insurrection by

pro-Trump supporters at the US

Stone thanked Agrawal, Segal

and Gadde for their "massive

@vijaya, and @nedsegal for the

collective contribution to

Twitter. Massive talents, all, and

beautiful humans each!" Stone

pany's headquarters in San

Francisco on Wednesday and

had been meeting with engi-

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Musk arrived at the com-

contribution" to the business.

Twitter co-founder Biz

"Thank you to @paraga,

stepped down.



PTI ■ CHENNAI

The housing market would continue to remain buoyant in the second half of the year on the back of end-user demand, a top official of Sundaram Home Finance Ltd said on Saturday.

The city-based company has drawn up plans to expand into tier II and III cities in the south with the opening of 10 new branches by March 2023 to disburse business loans to small entrepreneurs, managing direc-Lakshminarayanan Duraiswamy said.

Sundaram Home Finance recorded a 26.7 per cent rise in

neers and advertising executives. Musk also updated his Twitter description to "Chief Twit."

transform Twitter by loosening

the service's content moderation

rules, making its algorithm more

transparent and nurturing sub-

scription businesses, as well as

Musk's proposal to buy the

social media service and take it

sowing doubt about his inten-

tions to follow through with the

agreement, alleging that the

company failed to adequately

disclose the number of spam

and fake accounts on the service.

minating the deal, Twitter sued

the billionaire, alleging he "refus-

es to honour his obligations to

Twitter and its stockholders because the deal he signed no

longer serves his personal inter-

When Musk said he was ter-

In April, Twitter accepted

However, Musk soon began

laying off employees.

Musk has promised to

its net profits for the quarter ending September 30, 2022 at Rs 50.3 crore as compared to Rs 39.7 crore registered same period last year.

Disbursements during the quarter under review went up to Rs 940 crore from Rs 797 crore registered in the corresponding period last year.

The Assets Under Management (AUM) grew to Rs 10,176 crore breaching Rs 10,000 crore from Rs 9,134 crore registered corresponding quarter previous year.

'We registered record disbursements in the first half of over Rs 1,700 crore driven by

III towns and the strong appetite for home ownership," he said. The continued momentum from the previous quarters helped sustain disbursements at higher levels this quarter."

Sundaram Home Finance has forayed into small business loan segment where it plans to disburse loans of up to Rs 20 lakh to small shop owners in Tier III and IV towns to help small entrepreneurs expand their business.

Three exclusive small business loan branches were opened in Madurai, Tenkasi and also in

Theni recently.
On the outlook for the year,
Duraiswamy said, "we believe that the housing market will continue to remain buoyant in the second half primarily on the back of end-user demand."

"There is potential to expand in Tier II and III towns in the South and we plan to open 10 new branches by March 2023. We will also be hiring about 75 people in the second half to strengthen our strong customer presence," he said.



Global tablet market down 16%, Apple maintains lead

IANS NEW DELHI

Despite the global tablet market declining by 16 per cent (year-on-year) in the third quarter this year, Apple marinated the lead with 39 per cent market share and shipped 14.7 million units.

According to Strategy Analytics, Apple shipments fell by 14 per cent (on-year) but still gained market share as its higher tier portfolio benefits from wealthier customers shrugging off inflation.

While the overall market fell, Samsung (19 per cent market share) and Amazon (10 per cent market share) led top vendors with low single-digit declines credited to their unique strategies in the market.

Samsung got the closest to positive territory this quarter thanks to its diversified Android portfolio spanning the premium tier with the Galaxy Tab S8 series down to lower tiers with the Galaxy Tab A series," said Eric Smith, Connected Computing.

Samsung shipments were better than expected at 7.2 million units, falling only 4 per cent year-on-year, while Amazon's shipments fell 5 per cent at 3.7 million units.

This was a tough comparison quarter for Apple because many new products were launched in September 2021. Unlike the Mac results, there was minimal carry-over damand from last quarter's demand from last quarter's supply disruption in iPad.

Apple's diverse portfolio stretching all the way to iPad Pros and iPad Airs running on M1 processors has boosted Apple's ASP to \$483 as users tablets, including work, school,

Despite 33 per cent yearon-year shipment decline, Huawei maintained its top 5

position in the tablet market Lenovo shipments fell 37 per cent as it faced fierce com-

Upset over poor returns,

IOC reports first-ever back-to-back quarterly loss despite booking LPG subsidy received in October

State-owned Indian Oil Corporation (IOC) on Saturday reported a net loss of Rs 272.35 crore for July-September despite booking over Rs 10,800 crore of LPG subsidy it received from the government after the quarter ended.

The net loss of Rs 272.35 crore compares to a profit of Rs 6,360.05 crore in July-September 2021, according to a company's filing with the stock exchanges.

The decline comes on the back of a Rs 1,992.53 crore loss incurred in the previous April-June quarter. This is the first time that IOC has booked losses in two straight quarters - all because it sold petrol, diesel and cooking gas (LPG) at rates below cost.

The loss in the second quarter of the current fiscal was despite accounting for Rs 10,801 crore of one-time grant that the government had announced on October 12.

The government on Earlier in October, Musk said he wanted to pursue his October 12 extended a one-time grant of Rs 22,000 crore to acquisition of Twitter at the three state-owned fuel retailers original price of USD 54.20 a to cover the losses they incurred on selling domestic cooking gas LPG below cost in two years

the Tesla CEO's "proposal is an invitation to further mischief and delay?

Court judge eventually ruled that Musk had until October 28 to cement the Twitter deal or head to trial. On Thursday, Musk wrote a message to reassure advertisers that social messaging services wouldn't devolve into "a free-for-all hellscape, where anything can be said with no consequences!"

Steel manufacturer Sumangala Steel Pvt Ltd is looking

to garner revenue of Rs 1,000

crore during the current finan-

cial year, a senior company offi-

enue of Rs 679 crore in the last

financial year, the steel firm's

chairman and managing direc-

tor Rajendran Sabanayagam

Sabanayagam said the compa-

ny spearheaded the use of large

induction furnaces in 1994 to

produce steel belts and it has

been the only supplier of steel

billets in south India between

into the production of high-

quality TMT bars, he said and

added that the company

installed a 30 tonne induction

furnace in 2019 to increase

capacity to about two lakh

600 employees and manufac-

tures different grades of TMT

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The company reported rev-

cial said here on Saturday.



eries, the Government of India has recently approved a onetime grant of Rs 10,801.00 crore. This grant has been recorded under revenue from operations in financial results for the period April- September 2022," IOC said in the filing.

IOC, as well as other state-

owned fuel retailers, had booked heavy losses in the first quarter of the current fiscal and did not revise petrol, diesel and cooking gas LPG prices in line with the cost to help the government contain runaway inflation. The three firms, who are

supposed to revise petrol and diesel prices daily in line with the cost, haven't changed rates for over six-and-half-months now the longest freeze in rates since fuel pricing was deregulated. In April-June (the first quar-

booked a net loss of Rs 1,992.53 For the first half of the cur-

rent fiscal, the company has now accumulated a Rs 2,264.88 crore net loss against a profit of Rs 12,301.42 crore in the year-ago period. This was despite a record

refining margin of USD 25.49 per barrel during April-September compared to USD 6.57 a barrel in the same period last year.

and play," explained Chirag Upadhyay, industry analyst.

petition in EMEA and North America and demand in the Windows segment is slowing post-pandemic, the report mentioned.

Date of SIP investment doesn't matter: Study



There is nothing called a L beneficial date for investors in the case of systematic investment plan (ŚIP) of mutual funds, said WhiteOak Capital AMC on Saturday. According to a study made

by the company, the date of

investment does not make any

difference as regards returns.

"The study of the last 26 years' index data reveals no meaningful difference between the average return of different dates' 10 years SIPs," WhiteOak AMC said In the long term it hardly

matters if the investor invests via Daily, Weekly, or Monthly SIP Frequency, as per the com-All three frequencies end

up generating somewhat similar returns. What is important is to focus on investing a small amount regularly for the long

According to the fund house, the mid-cap segment is a good investment option for investors seeking to invest via the long-term SIP route.

It added that small and midcap (SMID) segments may offer many opportunities for potential higher growth.



Office of the Executive Engineer (Civil), UJVN Ltd., Lohiahead Khatima invites sealed tenders from interested parties. Brief summary of tender is

Tender No.: 08/EE(Civil)/Lohiahead/Khatima/2022-23.

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Date of availability of bid Document on website: From 17:00 hrs of

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3.	Special repair & Maintenance of Administrative Building in apparel park (P-2) at I.A. Trans Delhi Signature City, Ghaziabad.	पूर्ण कालीन	39.29
4	Repair & Maintenance of Administrative Building at LA. Trans	पर्ण कालीन	23.92

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Hue and Cry Notice Rule No. 712/191

SHO P/S Bagh-e-Bahu intimated that accused namely Mohd Asgar @ Ashu S/O Manzoor Ahmed R/O Chak Rakhwala Udhampur is evading his arrest in case FIR No. 84/2022 U/S 457/380 IPC, of P/S Bagh-e-Bahu, Jammusince the

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share if the social messaging service dropped its litigation. An official explained that though the subsidy was provided by the government after the A Delaware Chancery quarter had ended but it was for the period up to September 2022 and so it was considered following the principle of 'accru-

al-based accounting. "The company had suffered under-recoveries from the sale of domestic LPG in the financial year 2021-22 and in six months ended on September 20, 2022. To compensate for under-recov-

'Sumangala Steel

eyes ₹1,000 crore

revenue this fiscal

32 mm, he said.

On future plans, the company's president Ashwin abanayagam said Sumangala Steel is aiming to enter the readymade steel segment with imported equipment from Italy and is also in the process to set up a modern scrap shredder to process end-of-life vehicles and white goods Towards this goal, an

investment of about Rs 50 crore has been planned to enable the company report higher profitability, higher EBITDA (earnings before interest, taxes, depreciation, and amortisation) and achieve sales of Rs 1,500 crore over the next 24 months, he added.

Guj farmers distribute garlic for free

IANS GANDHINAGAR

Upset over a sharp fall in gar-lic prices in the open market as well as in the Agriculture Producer Market Committee (APMC), the farmers are distributing their produce for free among the poor. On Saturday, Gujarat Kisan

Sangathan will distribute 4000 kilogram of garlic in Gandhinagar. Gujarat Kisan Sangathan state president Gajendrasinh Zala told IANS that per acre garlic production cost comes to Rs 37,100 and the acre of land.

state and central government announce MSP for horticulture crops too, also have fallen on deaf ears. Sadly, even when the market prices are crashing, the governments are not stepping in to

If in this season, the farmers

don't fetch good prices, the cultivation in December will be comparatively less, this will lead

Horticulture Director's official data in the year 2021-22, farmers had cultivated garlic on 26,013 hectares of land and the production was 2,02,828 Metric ton. Reacting to the crisis, Agriculture Minister Raghavji Patel told mediapersons in Raikot that as it is a central government's subject, he will take up

Expressing shock over the protest, Gujarat State Cooperative Marketing Federation (GujCOMasol) chairman Dilip Sanghani assured the farmers of finding out a solution by producing value added products and manufacturing it so that the farmers don't have to sell their produce at a throw away price.

per acre garlic yield is 3000 kilogram. Today, the market rate of garlic has crashed with 20 kilogram costing just Rs 150. So, the farmer is hardly earning Rs 22.50 for crops harvested on one His grievances are that farmthe matter with the Centre to fix ers are making a net loss of Rs MSP for garlic. 14,600 per acre. The farmers long-pending demand that the

to shortage in next year, creating other problems, he said. According to the State

Stern Proteas test

top-order in Perth

awaits India's

PHILLIPS, BOULT POWER NEW ZEALAND TO BIG WIN OVER SRI LANKA

lenn Phillips rode his luck to smash a special hundred as New Zealand put their poor start behind to register a crucial 65-run win over Sri Lanka in the T20 World Cup, here on Saturday.

New Zealand found themselves tot-

tering at 15 for three inside the powerplay before Phillips (104 off 64) shared an 84-run stand with Daryl Mitchell (22 off 24) to stabilise the

The 25-year-old, who was dropped twice including early on in his innings, played some sensational strokes en route to his second T20 hundred. His knock comprised four sixes and 10 boundaries.

Sri Lanka too lost early wickets but, unlike New Zealand, could not recover from there to end at 102 all out in

Trent Boult caused the maximum damage with the new ball and ended up with career-best figures of four for 13 in four overs.

It was New Zealand's second win in three games, with their previous game against Afghanistan being a total washout. The semifinal passage gets a lot tougher for Asia Cup champions Sri Lanka, who suffered their second loss in three games.

The game was as good as over with Sri Lanka slipping to 24 for five in the seventh over.

and Tim Southee ran through Sri Lanka's top-order with the former picking up three wickets in his opening spell. Left-arm spinner Mitchell



Santer (2/21) and Ish Sodhi (2/21) also chipped in with couple of wickets.

Barring Bhanuka Rajapaksa's breezy 34 off 22 balls, none of the Sri Lankan batters could get going against a formidable Kiwi attack.

Skipper Dasun Shanaka (35 off 32), The veteran pace of duo of Boult who has bailed his team out of tough situations, could not do so on Saturday.

> It was New Zealand's first game since their win over Australia a week

ago but it did not take long for them to operate at their optimal best.

Earlier, Phillips flat batted forehand shots off both the spinners and pacers stood out in his memorable innings. His first six off Chamika Karunaratne, a pick up shot that went flying over long leg, gave him the confidence to go ballistic and lift the team from a precari-

Phillips reached the three figure mark with a pull off mystery spinner

Maheesh Theekshana, prompting roaring celebrations from the belligerent

Theekshana, who impressed with the new ball, was too short in the death overs and Phillips took full advantage of that. The New Zealander smashed him for two successive sixes in the 18th over that went for 16.

The last five overs yielded 67 runs for New Zealand. Sri Lanka's catching and ground fielding on the day left a lot

to be desired.

The only positive for Sri Lanka was their performance in the first six overs in which they removed the dangerous Finn Allen, Devon Conway and New Zealand skipper Kane Williamson.

Theekshana removed Finn with an inswinger, pretty unusual for a spinner, that was too close to cut. Willamson was caught behind as he tried to drive wide ball off pacer Kasun Rajitha on the up.

Kagiso Rabada and Anrich Nortje are expected to spit fire on a track that will offer steep bounce as India's toporder gears up for its toughest

The match in all likelihood will decide the Group 2 topper and India's probable semi-final a good enough indication to

The WACA has been the traditional venue for many The last series between the decades but now the newly-

built concrete jungle called two sides was played on low Optus Stadium hosts the interbounce Indian belters, on national games.
While it looks like any other modern cricket stadium devoid of WACA's old world charm, what is similar to both

bowling combination is concerned, it will not be surprising if they drop left-arm wrist spinner Tabraiz Shamsi and include an extra seamer in either Marco Jansen or Lungi

The Indian team has played Shamsi comfortably in the past and two spinners at the Optus could be a luxury unless they are looking to speed up

While Rabada will bowl full and get the bowl to seam and swing at 145 clicks, expect Nortje to mix it up with either back of length or the hard lengths at 150 plus speed.

grounds is spicy nature of its

track and the good bounce on offer that could make life dif-

and Nortje, two of world's

most fearsome speed mer-

chants are expected to pose

some tough questions for Rohit

Sharma, KL Rahul, Virat Kohli

and Suryakumar Yadav.

In this backdrop, Rabada

ficult for batters.

test in adverse conditions

against a top-notch South African side in T20 World

Cup on Sunday.

Both Rohit and Virat are fabulous horizontal bat players and the Powerplay overs will be all about how well the hand-eye co-ordination of the top-order

The extra pace off the track will give batters that split second less time to react and it will be interesting to see what will be the approach of the Indian

Will they start to attack from the word 'go' or like it has been a trend in this T20 World Cup, play the first 10 overs cautiously and take the attack back to the opposition during the back-10.

While left-handed Rishabh

play would have been a good foil for Rohit at the top of the order, it is understood that head coach Rahul Dravid for the time being does not want to look beyond an out-of-form

The other alternative to

include Pant is to drop Dinesh Karthik, whose keeping in the two matches has been below The Netherlands game isn't

provide how well Indian team ready for the Proteas Test.

which, hitting through the line and plonking one's front-foot was meat and drink for batters. As far as South Africa's

over-rate. Tinkering with the winning combination isn't advisable but with three in-form lefthanders in Quinton de Kock, Rilee Rossouw and David Miller in South Africa's top six, Axar Patel's recent match-ups

discussing the team combina-Axar's economy rate while bowling to left-handers in close to 9 runs per over and with Ravichandran Ashwin in the

will certainly be in focus while

playing XI, it will be a cover for the Gujarat left-arm spinner.

that case might bowl his full quota unless India think of playing Yuzvendra Chahal instead of Axar. But in that case, they will

have to somehow get a lefthander Pant in the side in place

Bowler should be credited: Chappell calls for review of dead ball rule

ustralian great Greg Chappell has Acalled for a review of the laws of cricket, saying if the ball beats the bat and hits the stumps during a free-hit it should be declared dead to credit the bowlers as the game is already tilted in the favour of batters. An over-the-waist no ball and three

byes off the subsequent free hit in the final over had helped India claim a memorable victory against Pakistan in the ongoing T20 World Cup last week. However, there has been a lot of dis-

cussion around why the free-hit ball was not called dead immediately after it hit the stumps.

Former cricketers have objected that a batter bowled off a free-hit would result in a dead ball that prevents further scoring from the same delivery.

"I would review that rule to give the bowler credit for the dead ball if he is good enough to beat the bat and hit the stumps," Chappell wrote in his column

With India needing 13 off three balls, Virat Kohli hit a six off a waist-high full toss which was adjudged a no ball.

"There is no doubt that the umpires ot their calls right in the glare of the spotlight, but one must ask: is a ball that is hit for six really a no-ball?

PTI ■ MELBOURNE

washout against Ashes rival

Australia and a DLS defeat

to Ireland may have made their

knockout qualification tougher

but England captain Jos Buttler

said they are not worried unless

it goes "completely out of con-

have just one win against min-

nows Afghanistan in the Super

12 stage, now face two tough

must win contests against New

Zealand (Tuesday) and Sri

have relatively easier tasks fac-

ing Ireland (Monday) and

Afghanistan (Friday) in their

remaining Group 1 fixtures.

Top two teams qualify for the

completely out of our control, we

won't worry about that. We know we've got two games left to play. We want to win those

two games, give ourselves the

best chance to get through to the

next round," Buttler said after

their match against Australia

was abandoned due to persistent

showers at the MCG here on

As of now, all the six teams

"Listen, until something's

Australia, on the other hand,

Lanka (Saturday).

semi-finals.

Friday.

The 2010 champions, who

trol" in the T20 World Cup.

The height of a delivery is monitored at The Oval in 2019.)," he wrote

Buttler confident of making

semis despite rain woes



closely, especially in late overs, because it was often been used as a run saving delivery. But it can't be argued on this occasion that that was the outcome.'

The next ball was a wide. Kohli was then bowled off the free-hit but as the ball ricocheted off the stumps towards the third-man fielder Kohli and Dinesh Karthik collected three bye runs.

"As for the three byes off the stumps, one must ask: is that really what the tour conditions are trying to achieve? In a game where the balance is already well bowler meant to do? "If a bowler is good enough to bowl the perfect yorker, as Nawaz did, why does he need to be punished any further? (It is much like NZ being punished for accidental overthrows from the opponents bat which cost them the 50-over World Cup Final

KOHLI'S INNINGS AGAINST PAK WAS 'SONG OF GOD', LEGITIMISED T20 CRICKET AS ART: GREG CHAPPELL

Virat Kohli's innings against Pakistan was close to being a 'song of god', the literal translation of 'Bhagvad Gita', and has legitimised T20 cricket as an "art form", feels Australian legend Greg Chappell.

Kohli's knock floored Pakistan in India's

T20 World Cup opener and Chappell had no hesitation in avowing that the former skipper is the "most complete Indian batsman" of his time. "The Bhagavad Gita is the holy book which is the synthesis of Hinduism. Literally translated, it means "the song by God". Kohli played an innings that was as close to a 'song by god' as has ever been played in T20 cricket," Chappell wrote in his column for the orning Herald'

The 74-year-old pointed out that Kohli's aggressive knock took the art of batting to another level and has actually legitimised the T20 cricket as an art form.

The purists love Test cricket while the T20 format is considered and promoted as the slam-bang style of the game where the batters throw their willow at every ball.

CAN'T DROP RAHUL ON BASIS OF TWO BAD INNINGS: BATTING COACH RATHOUR

 $K^{L\, Rahul\, might\, have\, failed\, in}_{a\, couple\, of\, games\, but\, that's}$ not a big enough "sample size" to drop him and include Rishabh Pant at the top of the order, batting coach Vikram Rathour said on eve of the T20 World Cup match against South Africa on Sunday.

Rahul scored 1 off 4 balls against Pakistan while a touch and go leg before decision saw him get dismissed for 9 off 12 balls against the Netherlands.

While Pant has shown a lot of intent as Rohit Sharma's opening partner in the brief chances that he has got, Rathour made it clear that the talented Rourkee man will have to wait

"No. We aren't really not thinking about that," Rathour inclusion for the time being.

"I don't think that's a good enough sample size anyway. He's been batting really well and also batted well in practice games. So we aren't changing anything," he was categorical in



While Pant is an absolute match winner, it is difficult to fit in both Dinesh Karthik and him in same playing XI. Also with team roping in Karthik for a specific role, there is no chance that the 37 year old will be kept out of the playing XI.

"Only 11 can play unfortustand Rishabh is a fantastic player and we know he can be destructive against any opposition," said Rathour.

While Rathour wanted to soften the blow but it was clear they are not even thinking about

Pooran vows to bounce back strongly, use T20WC debacle as motivation

PTI ■ PORT OF SPAIN (TRINIDAD & TOBAGO)

West Indies white-ball cap-tain Nicholas Pooran is in no mood to guit in the aftermath of their T20 World Cup debacle, and vowed to bounce back strongly by taking the first round ouster as "motivation".

Two-time champions West Indies were eliminated in the qualifiers for the first time in the history of the ongoing show-

West Indies, the most successful T20 World Cup team, failed to qualify for the Super 12 stage, following which head coach Phil Simmons has decided to step down, with the twoTest series in Australia, starting November 30 in Perth set to be his last assignment.

"Playing cricket is my dream and obviously I have had my test in life as well and this is another test for me," Pooran said ahead of leading defending champions Trinidad and Tobago in the Super50 Cup, a regional List A tournament.

embraces challenges and this was just another one for me. It is not going to stop me. I am going to continue to learn from my experiences and again, I am happy I can wake up in the morning and see that I have an opportunity to play cricket



Pooran was forced into captaincy after Kieron Pollard's surprise retirement in May this year and his next big challenge would be the ODI World Cup in India next year.

As of now, the West Indies

have no international whiteball assignment till the tour of South Africa in February-March next vear. "Obviously, we don't know what the future holds but we will

a learning experience for all of us and this is our journey and our story," Pooran said. "Time will tell what will happen but for now it is just

take it day by day. Again, it was

about focusing on ourselves and how we can get better as individuals. "Rest is the ultimate (way to

heal) and every player needs that but inside it is still hurting as well. I want to use that hurt as motivation and obviously come

Bumrah can't play all formats for too long: Thomson bowl 15 overs in a day. You can Thomson, who took 200 Tests

PTI ■ PERTH

Tasprit Bumrah can't afford to play all three formats if he has to prolong his career since burdening the body with too much cricket will keep him injury prone, says Jeff Thomson, one of the greatest fast bowlers the world cricket has seen.

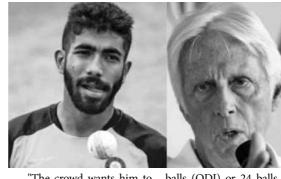
Bumrah, easily one of world's premier fast bowlers in contemporary cricket, missed the T20 World Cup due to a stress fracture on his back. It might keep him away for

Thomson, who himself

hurled 95mph thunderbolts with an awkward slinging action in the '70s and '80s, wants Bumrah to decide which of the three formats he would like to let go.
"Bumrah puts too much

weight on his body and because he plays all formats, he is bound to get injured. It is now upon him to decide what he wants to do," Thomson told PTI during an interaction. Call it being politically cor-

rect, no player worth his salt would ever say that he wouldn't play Test cricket and opt for



"The crowd wants him to play white ball cricket and comes to the stadium to see him bowl in white ball cricket. It is just 60

balls (ODI) or 24 balls (T20)

'In Test cricket, he needs to

well understand which formats he needs to play to prolong his career. And with World Cups every year, white ball formats are no less important," he explained.

But with one ICC tournament pencilled in the FTP for the next seven years, the pace ace wants Bumrah to weigh in all practical possibilities.

"In a player's career, it is only a decade that you can bowl at the top. So more than emotion, it is about what works for you. What makes your career work better

"It is about what the crowd wants and what he wants. If people love to see him bowl for India in white ball cricket and he can help India win World Cups, why should he give up on white ball

wickets in 51 games.

But does that mean that

Bumrah has to opt for white ball formats because that is more popularity in today's time and

mats is evident to everyone because of the number of times

of Group 1 are in the fray for a semifinal berth. New Zealand, England, Ireland and Australia have three points each. Sri Lanka and Afghanistan have two apiece with the former having a match

"Yeah, we'd do well to live up



to that one, wouldn't it? For us, we knew, having lost the game against Ireland with three -- the way the format is anyway, every game is pretty much a must win," Buttler said.

"Look, we know we need to turn up and play our best cricket, give ourselves the best chance to win the games and give ourselves the best chance to go through to the next round."

Melbourne is witnessing the wettest October since 1975 forcing cancellation of T20 World Cup matches, but Buttler had no complaints about the situation they find themselves

"I don't really have any frustrations. We all want to play full games of crickets. We all do. Naturally, we play a sport that's in the open air, and the elements are a huge part of our game. They affect surfaces we play on. They affect conditions. They're an intriguing bit of what makes the sport really unique," he said.

Vengsarkar, Kulkarni elected ICA representatives on BCCI council the BCCI with their tenure last-

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

 $F^{\text{ormer India captains Dilip}}_{\text{Vengsarkar and Shubhangi}}$ Kulkarni were on Saturday elected to represent Indian Cricketers' Association (ICA)

on the BCCI Apex Council. While Kulkarni was elected unopposed as the female ICA representative on the BCCI Apex Council, Vengsarkar defeated outgoing ICA president and former India cricketer Ashok Malhotra. In e-voting held over three days, Vengsarkar received 402 votes compared to Malhotra's 230.

Anshuman Gaekwad and Shantha Rangaswamy were the first ever ICA representatives in

ing from October 2019 to October 2022. The Lodha reforms led to the inclusion of ICA representatives on the BCCI Apex Council. Former India spinner

Pragyan Ojha retained his place on the IPL Governing Council. He beat Vijay Mohan Raj by 396 to 234 votes. Vengsarkar, 66, has administrative experience as he has served as the director of the National Cricket Academy and was also a chief

selector of the national team. "The role is not very different to what I have done before (in sports administration). I want thank to all the former cricketers who voted for me,"Vengsarkar told PTI.

depending on which format he

and what helps you serve your country for longer," said

for other formats?

'That he can't play all forhe is getting injured."

INDIA BEAT AUSTRALIA 5-4 IN SHOOTOUT, **CLAIM 3RD SULTAN OF JOHAR CUP CROWN**

(MALAYSIA)

¬wo-time champions India defeated Australia 5-4 in a nail-biting penalty shootout to reclaim the Sultan of Johor Cup crown, breaking their five-year-old

title jinx here on Saturday.

The teams were level at 11 after regulation time in the title encounter.

In the shootout, both teams ended with 3-3 scoreline, forcing the match into sudden

As many as nine penalty shots were needed to decide the winner and it was Australia who had the first crack with Cooper Burns but India goalkeeper Mohith Shashikumar

India started off with Vishnukant Singh, who calmly lifted it over the keeper and

first goal in the shootout, after which Sudeep shot wide, and the tie-breaker was locked at 1-1 after the first two shots.

Mohith foiled Jayden Atkinson's attempt, before captain Uttam Singh won a penalty stroke, which Sharda Nand Tiwari promptly put away, giving India a 2-1 lead.

Up next for Australia was Joshua Brooks and he made it 2-2, but Boby Singh Dhami could not put India ahead. Australia won a penalty stroke off the next attempt as Brodee Foster was checked by the keeper and Joshua scored without much ado.

Ankit Pal then walked up to the spot for India, and he equalised, to make it 3-3, taking the game into sudden

sudden Vishnukant stepped up for



post. Uttam then gave India a 4-3 lead with the next attempt,

the two teams remained tied at and Burns made it 4-4. 4-4 in what was turning out to Boby cut a disappointed

and made it 5-4, while Joshua missed as Indian players ran amok in celebration.

Earlier, both sides looked to play at a high tempo, with Mohith Shashikumar pulling off a fine save early on.

Australia controlled proceedings in the early exchanges, while Uttam and Boby tried to push India forward. The efforts paid off as India broke the deadlock through Sudeep (14') and went into the first break leading 1-0, much to the joy of fans at the stadium.

Looking to build on the lead in the second quarter, India began on the front foot, with most of the contest being played in Australia's half.

As the quarter progressed, Australia's hunt for the equaliser intensified, and even though India were absorbing the pressure well, Jack Holland (29')

with the score reading 1-1.

Both sides looked cautious in the second half and midway through the quarter, India almost edged ahead with Sudeep but neither side were able to outsmart the other, as the quarter ended with the score at 1-1.

In the final quarter, both India and Australia turned up the heat by a few notches but as the final six minutes began, the score still read 1-1. Both sides gave it their all, but weren't able to find the winner in regulation time, as the final went into a penalty shootout.

The Indians have won the age group tournament twice -2013 and 2014 — and finished second best four times in 2012, 2015, 2018 and the last edition of the event in 2019.

The tournament was not held in 2020 and 2021 because of the COVID-19 pandemic.

Satwik-Chirag duo enters French Open doubles final



ommonwealth Games **∪**champion Satwiksairaj Rankireddy and Chirag Shetty progressed to the men's doubles final of the French Open Super 750 badminton tournament with a commanding straightgame win over Korean pair of Choi Sol Gyu and Kim Won Ho, here on Saturday.

The world number 8 Indian pair dished out an attacking game and also controlled the net well to outwit the Korean combination, ranked 18th, 21-18 21-14 in the semifinals that lasted 45 minutes.

The Indian pair, seeded seventh, thus reached its second final of a BWF world tour event in 2022, having won the India Open Super 500 tournament in January earlier this year.

Satwik and Chirag, who had won a bronze medal at the World Championships in August, will play the winner of the other semifinal between England's Ben Lane and Sean Vendy and Chinese Taipei's Lu Ching Yao and Yang Po Han.

Up against opponents whom they have never played before, Chirag was relentless at the front court, while Satwik unleashed his booming smashes from the back as the Indians put up a clinical show at Stade Pierre de Coubertin.

Satwik and Chirag, the 2019 edition's runner-up pair, never looked in trouble as they kept things in their grip right from

The Indians came up with an all-out attack and were up 2-0 early on and despite the Korean's managing to claw back at 7-7, Satwik and Chirag ensured they were four points ahead at the mid game interval.

After the break, the Koreans

briefly tried to dictate the pace of the rallies with their returns getting steeper. Soon they were 16-13 up, but an alert Chirag produced a precise return to

keep moving ahead. With the Indians hitting the net and out of the court on a number of occasions, the Koreans brought the equation down to 18-19 but Choi then committed an unforced error to hand two game points to their

Chirag then sealed the opening game with a precise smash. The Indian combination continued with their aggressive game plan in the second game which saw some good rallies early on. After 3-3, Satwik and Chirag moved to a 7-4 lead.

The Koreans, however, rallied their way back to 9-10 after a slew of exchanges but Chirag unleashed a smash to give themselves a two-point cushion at the

Haaland out of Man City's game

at Leicester with

ankle knock

Sankar Muthusamy seals final spot at BWF World Junior Championships

PTI ■ SANTANDER (SPAIN)

India's Sankar Muthusamy on Saturday booked his place in the men's U-19 singles final with a clinical straight-game Thailand's Panitchaphon Teeraratsakul at the BWF World Junior Championships here. Seeded fourth in the tour-

nament, Muthusamy showed great athleticism and tactical acumen to outwit Teeraratsakul 21-13 21-15 in a 40-minute He will take on the winner

of the other semifinal between Chinese Taipei's Kuo Kuan Lin and Korea's Byung Jae Kim in the summit clash on Sunday.

In the tournament history, India has so far won a gold, 3 silver and five bronze medals

PTI ■ CHONBURI (THAILAND)

Indian golfers Krishnav Nikhil Chopraa, Aryan

Roopa Anand and Shaurya

the toughest day at the 13th

Championship as but man-

aged to stay inside the top 50.

ed 2-over 74 each while

Shaurya Bhattacharya shot 75.

and was Tied 39th, while Aryan

was 2-over 218 and tied 44th.

hand, was 3-over 219 and tied

year-old Australian Ĥarrison

Crowe, a first timer at the Asia

other favoured stars, including

overnight leader Bo Jin (71)

and the second placed duo of

Ratchanon 'TK' Chantananu-

Pacific Amateurs.

Chopraa and Aryan card-

Krishnav remains the topranked Indian at 1-over 217

Shaurya, on the other

The field was led by the 21-

He shot a bogey free 5under 67 even as some of the

Amateur

Pacific



with Lakshya Sen bagging the last medal, a bronze, in 2018.

London Olympics bronze medallist Saina Nehwal is the only Indian to win the junior world championship title in 2008. She had also reached the finals in 2006 but settled for sil-

Tough day for Indian trio at Asia Pacific,

Australian Crowe takes lead by two

Siril Verma also came close to claiming the title in 2015 but lost the final against Chinese Taipei's Chia Hung Lu, while Aparna Popat (1996) is another Indian to reach the world junior finals in the past.

AAC, which gives the winner

a passage to the Masters and

had three bogeys and a double in his first 10 holes. He is tied

holes is Chantananuwat, who had the biggest fall to tied 19th

as he had two bogeys and two

Cho, tied second last night,

Also tied second after 36

the Open.

seventh.

Marin beats Yamaguchi to reach women's singles French Open final

Rio 2016 Olympic gold medallist Carolina Marin defeated reigning two-time world champion Akane Yamaguchi 21-14, 21-18 to reach the women's singles final at the French Open 2022 badminton tournament, here on Saturday Marin, who needed 47

figure on missing his attempt,

before Brodee put it wide, and

minutes to defeat Japan's Yamaguchi in the semifinal, will face the winner between China's He Bing Jiao and Chinese Taipei's Tai Tzu Ying, in the final. After recovering from an ACL injury that prevented her

from defending her Olympic title in Tokyo, the Spaniard won the European Championships crown in April. On Sunday, she will seek title number 35 of her

doubles in his last seven holes. Krishnav had a rough start

from the 10th, as he bogeyed the 11th, 13th, 15th and 18th

holes against one birdie on the

had two birdies and a bogey on

10th, was 4-over after first

seven holes, but recovered

slightly with three birdies and

one bogey in the remaining 11

but tried to recover as much as

I could on the second stretch,

said Aryan, the two-time All

bogeyed 14th and 15tn and

then on the second nine, he

parred only the first and ninth.

În between he had three

birdies, three bogeys and a

double bogey.

Crowe with two birdies on

the front nine and three more

on the back nine was 3-under

and leader by two.

Shaurya birdied 11th,

India Amateur Champion.

"I just got off to a bad start,

Aryan, also starting from

It will be for the first time in two years that the 29-year-



Tour Super 750 tournament. The last time she played a final of a BWF World Tour Super 750 tournament was in Odense, Denmark, in October 2020.

In her best victory since returning to the circuit, Marin dominated throughout, varying

toward an increasingly exhausted opponent.

Yamaguchi had halted Marin's progress to the podium at recent tournaments, including August's World Cup in Tokyo, but this time she beat the circuit's form player.

Three Challenger events for Indian tennis players early next year

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

The cities of Chennai, host back-to-back ATP 100 Challenger events early next year, the AITA announced on Saturday. The All India Tennis Association (AITA) did not specify the dates but it is understood that all the tournaments will be held in February after the Indian team's Davis Cup World Group Play-off tie.

The dates have not been sanctioned as yet by the ATP to us. We will know soon. This time, UP also wanted a Challenger in Lucknow but mutually we decided that Bengaluru hosts one of the events," AITA Secretary General Anil Dhupar said.

"UP will now host three ITF Futures, one USD 25,000 and two USD 15,000 level events," he added. It has been learnt that Chennai will host the first event



and the second tournament will be held in Bengaluru and finally Pune, which has hosted

ATP50 events in the past. The fourth Challenger, an ATP 50 event, is being contemplated in Nagpur, provided ATP gives a green signal.

"Pune will be back on Challenger calender after a gap of three years. We are also making efforts to put a challenger in Nagpur but the venue needs to be approved by ATP. However we are hopeful that this will happen," said Sunder Iyer, who is

MSLTA Secretary. The AITA will organise a total of 21 men's and women's ITF and ATP Challenger events, worth Rs 5 crore prize money,

and 11 ITF Juniors international events between November 2022 and March 2023.

men's events, four ATP Challengers and nine ITF Women's

"We are sure that Indian players will be tremendously benefitted from these events and our players will make maximum use of the opportunities that AITA has created for play-

"The two years of Covid took its toll on the tournaments in India, but the record events will help our players bounce back, improve their international rankings, and prove their mettle," said Dhupar.

The Tata Open Maharshtra, country's premier and lone ATP 250 event, will be held from December 31 as it returned to its original start-of-the-season slot when it was known as Chennai

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Ctriker Erling Haaland was left **S**out of Manchester City's squad for Saturday's Premier League game at Leicester after picking up an ankle problem.

Haaland has started every game this season following his off-season move, scoring 22 goals in all competitions, but was taken off at halftime of City's midweek Champions League game against Borussia Dortmund and was seen limping the day after the match.

Iulian Alvarez came in for his second league start of the season at Leicester to replace the Norwegian forward.

Upbeat India look to continue winning momentum against Spain in Pro League

wat (76) and Wooyoung Cho (74), dropped a lot of shots.

Bo, trying to emulate his brother who won this title in

2015, slipped to tied second.

Ding, the reigning US Junior

Amateur champion, took a

strong step towards getting two Major berths as he put

himself in contention for the

China's 17-year-old Wenyi

PTI BHUBANESWAR

n upbeat Indian men's Ahockey team will aim for a disciplined effort and avoid unnecessary cards when it takes on Spain in the FIH Pro League here on Sunday.

The Indians produced a great fightback in the opener against New Zealand on Friday, rallying from 1-3 deficit to eke out a close 4-3 win at the Kalinga Stadium. The hosts will be eager to carry forward the momentum.

Down 1-3, skipper Harmanpreet Singh (42nd) and Mandeep Singh (52nd, 57th) found the net to hand India a morale-boosting win. Mandeep Mor (14th) was the other goal scorer for the hosts.

But it won't be easy against Spain as in the previous season, India lost 3-5 to the same opponents in the second match of the double-leg tie after registering a 5-4 victory in the



The Indians will have to be little disciplined at the back and avoid conceding penalty corners and foul inside the circle, resulting in cards — the way Sumit received on Friday forcing the hosts to play the last seven minutes of the match with 10 men

India's chief coach Graham Reid knows the potential of the Spanish players and said his team can't afford a drop in momentum in the entire 60 minutes of the match

has the ability to bounce back from any situation. It's important for us to keep up the tempo in all quarters and not drop the momentum at any point in the match," Reid said.

"I like how we finished the game (against New Zealand) and the team's self-belief coming to the fore. It's never easy to bounce back from a situation that we were in against New Zealand but it shows the team's



Palmeiras beat Boca Juniors to win women's Copa Libertadores

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 $B^{\hbox{\scriptsize razil's Palmeiras won its first}}_{\hbox{\scriptsize women's Copa Libertadores}}$ title after beating Argentina's Boca Juniors 4-1 in the decider at the Casa Blanca Stadium in Quito, Ecuadro.

Ary Borges opened the scoring for the Brazilians in the fifth minute on Friday but Brisa Priori levelled eight minutes later. Palmeiras controlled the match after the break and scored with Byanca (48th), Poliana (57th) and Bia Zaneratto (88th

Palmeiras won all its six matches in the tournament. The team from Sao Paulo scored 19 goals and conceded only three. Brazilian teams have won 11

out of 14 editions of the women's Copa Libertadores. Corinthians and Sao Jose have won it three times each and Ferroviaria and Santos twice each. Two Brazilian teams will play on Saturday for the men's Copa Libertadores title, also in Ecuador. Flamengo and underdogs Athletico will take part in the third consecutive all-Brazilian decider of the

FIFA REPORT SHOWS GROWTH IN WOMEN'S SOCCER

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Women's soccer is seeing growing revenues globally from sponsorships, broadcast deals and merchandising, while also seeing greater interest from fans, according to a new survey by the game's governing body.

FIFA released its second benchmarking report on women's soccer on Friday as the sport gains momentum ahead of next summer's Women's World Cup in Australia and New Zealand

The organisation surveyed 30 of the top leagues and 294 clubs, building on the first benchmarking report released

While COVID-19 impacted club revenue in the prior report, the latest survey found growth across the board from matchday, broadcast, commercial and prize money sources. Clubs reported year-on-year commercial revenue growth of 33 per cent — indicating growing interest from sponsors. It



had a title sponsor, up from 11 per cent in 2021. Year-on-vear broadcast rev-

enue grew 22 per cent. Ten leagues reported broadcast revenue compared to nine in the previous survey.

But there's also room for growth. The report found that just 7 per cent of clubs globally reported more than \$1 million in revenue from matches, broadcast, commercial and prize

Sarai Bareman, FIFA's chief

report underscores women's soccer is a wise investment. "The changes are clear in the second edition of the report. We

know it, we feel it," she said. "And for me, it's just getting those people that are involved,

particularly in the highest levels of our game all around the world, to see and understand the opportunity that sits in front of them. It's facts and data that are often the things that appeal to those people. ... It's not anecdotal anymore. It's here on paper."

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Why do stray dogs bite humans? It is important to find out in the light of several recent reports of their attacking humans.

Three foremost questions arise at the beginning: Are dogs by nature aggressive and hostile to humans? Is the aggression they sometimes show a response to human oppression and provocation? How does one reduce the incidence of stray dog bites?

Konrad Lorenz (1903-1989), the author of the best-selling book *On Aggression*, wrote in *Man Meets Dog*, "The whole charm of the dog lies in the depth of the friendship and the strength of the spiritual ties with which he has bound himself to man." Lorenz should know. An Austrian zoologist, ethnologist and ornithologist, and recipient of the 1973 Nobel Prize in Physiology of Medicine along with Nikolaas Tinbergen and Karl Von Frisch, he is regarded as one of the founders of modern ethnology as well as the study of animal behaviour.

To find the reasons for stray dogs biting humans, one must delve into the history and nature of human-dog relationship from the earliest times. According to Lorenz in *Man Meets Dog*, dogs had already become domesticated at the beginning of the later Stone Age when humans seem to have established their first settlements. The later Stone Age, also known as the Neolithic age, began around 10,000 BCE, which is 12,000 years ago. The period since then has witnessed the evolution of a relationship which has led dogs to be called "man's best friend" and the expression, "dog-like devotion."

DEVOTION AND LOYALTY

Epics, mythology and history offer many examples of dogs' deep devotion and loyalty to humans. In Homer's Odyssey, Argus, Odysseus' dog, was the only one who instantly recognized him as he returned home in disguise after 19 years of warfare and travel. Even his wife, Penelope, son Telemachus, and loyal servant Eamaeus, could not do that.

The fact that in the *Mahabharata*, Dharma assumed the form of a little brown dog while following the Pandavas in their final journey, is not without significance. Krittibas Ojha's Bengali translation of the Ramayana, relates how Ram, ruling in Ayodhya following his return from his victory over Ravana, punished, on the complaint of a street dog, a *sanyasin* for hitting it on the head with a stick. More, the punishment was what the dog had wanted.

In comparatively recent history, Shivaji's dog, Waghya, who was by his side in every battle he fought, jumped on to his funeral pyre as he was being cremated following his death. Two memorials stand next to each other in Raigad fort—the larger one for Shivaji and the smaller for Waghya.

Dogs are often prepared to die for humans they love. JN Gupta, a member of the Indian Civil Service, was commissioner of Burdwan division in Bengal in the early 1920s. His official residence was at a place called Chinsurah on the Ganges, in which he bathed every day. One evening, a crocodile moved to attack him. While the others watched in horror from the shore, a stray dog, whom he fed occasionally, jumped on the head of the crocodile. This disoriented the latter so much that Gupta could wade ashore, where the stray dog joined him with a leap. Thenceforward, he became a much-loved member of the Gupta family.

In Drawing the Line: Science and the Case for Animal Rights, Steven M Wise, founder and president of the United States-based Nonhuman Rights Project, and one of the world's foremost scholar of jurisprudence pertaining to animal issues, cited the instance of the primatologist, Roger Fout's dog, Brownie, diving under the family's backing pick-up truck which was about to hit his nine-year-old brother Ed. He quotes Fout, who was then four years old, as writing subsequently that not a family member "doubted for a while that Brownie had sacrificed her own life to save my brother."

PROTECTING CHILDREN

Protecting children and babies is an instinct with dogs. On 25 May, 1996, the Bengali daily, *Aajkaal*, published from Kolkata, carried on its front page a report, by Pinaki Majumdar, along with a photograph by Tapan Mukherjee, of three stray dogs guarding an abandoned new-born baby—a girl--near a dustbin in a Kolkata street. They remained there from May 23 night to May 24 morning when they followed her to a local police station to which she was taken by some local people, returning to their own turf only after the baby was taken to a home by car. They had not even gone to look for food in the interim.

In Tumkur, Karnataka, three dogs saved the life of a new-born baby abandoned by its mother in Devarayanadurga reserved forest. According to a report in the Bangalore edition of The New Indian Express of March 10, 2007, a forest department employee had refused to marry the mother, a young girl, whom he had made pregnant. Fearing social ostracization, the mother, accompanied by a person whom the report described as a "caretaker", went into the forest and delivered the baby. She and the "caretaker," came away but three dogs from the village, who had accompanied them into the forest, stayed back guarding the baby. Next morning, their barks attracted the attention of a man who had gone to the forest to gather tamarind. He brought the baby back to the village and

returned it to the mother after finding her.

The episode had a happy ending. The villagers patted the dogs profusely for saving the baby's life and resolved to get the woman married to the man who had made her

WHY DO STRAY DOGS BITE?

These are just a few examples from the long narrative of warm human-dog ties. Why then do stray dogs bite? The search for an answer takes one to human settlements—cities, towns, villages—in which humans and stray dogs interact and where human and animal psyches evolve. While many stray dogs have referral homes in these that feed and care for them or have animal welfare organisations doing the same, the large—if not overwhelming—majority have to fend for themselves. The search for food takes them to

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restaurants, roadside vendors of food, shops, homes, and dustbins for left-overs thrown in the latter. They are shooed off, hit or threatened with sticks, or have stones thrown at them at most places. They are left hungry and resentful. Besides, when bitches have puppies, these are often killed or taken away and abandoned somewhere else by people who don't want them around. Stray dogs react to such acts, sometimes in the form of biting. More, as victims of such aggression they become aggressive not only against the perpetrators but humans as a species. Hence, attacks on people who have in no way harmed them but are humans. It is, as in the case of most other animals, reactive

AGGRESSIVE HUMANS

and not instinctive aggression.

On the other hand, attacks on stray dogs reflect the intense aggressiveness inherent in the human psyche. Erich Fromm, one of the most significant social philosophers and psychologists of our time, says in his *The Anatomy of Human Destructiveness*, "Man is the only mammal who is a large-scale killer and sadist." He says elsewhere in the same

"If human aggression were more or less at the same level as that of other mammals—particularly that of our nearest relative, the chimpanzee—human society would be rather peaceful and non-violent. But that is not so. Man's history is a record of extraordinary destructiveness and cruelty and human aggression, it seems, far surpasses that of man's animal ancestors and man is, in

contrast to most animals, a real killer." According to Fromm, indulgence in destruction and cruelty can always cause "intense satisfaction" to men, masses of whom can suddenly be "seized by the lust for blood. Individuals and groups may have a character structure that makes them eagerly wait for-or create-situations that permit the expression of destructiveness." Anyone who knows about the behaviour patterns of German Nazis and Italian Fascists or any communally or racially charged mob, would agree. Animals, on the other hand, says Fromm, "....do not enjoy inflicting pain or suffering on other animals, nor do they kill for nothing." No dog has committed genocide, which humans done repeatedly in

If dogs bite humans, infinitely more numerous humans strike and hurt other humans, not to speak of the innumerable cases when they hit and/or kill dogs. Choruses of alarm go up in the rarest of rare cases in which a dog-bite causes a person's death. No call for killing all humans is heard when a person kills another. Murder is treated as an aberrant act by an individual and not caused by a human proneness. This is because humans have created the moral and juridical order prevailing in the world. Dogs and other animals may have a very different

Let that be. One way of reducing the incidence of stray dog bites will be for most humans to cease treating stray dogs savagely. Simultaneously, their population should be reduced to minimise the scope of their interaction with humans.

The answer lies in implementing the sterilization and vaccination programme as laid down by the Animal Birth Control (Dog) Rules. It provides for the removal of stray dogs for sterilization and vaccination against rabies and their return to the places from which they had been taken. The latter is important. Dogs being territorial, neutered and vaccinated dogs keep un-neutered and unvaccinated dogs away from the area and those carrying out the programme can forget about it and carry on with neutering and vaccinating stray dogs at other areas.

THE ONLY EFFECTIVE AND HUMANE WAY

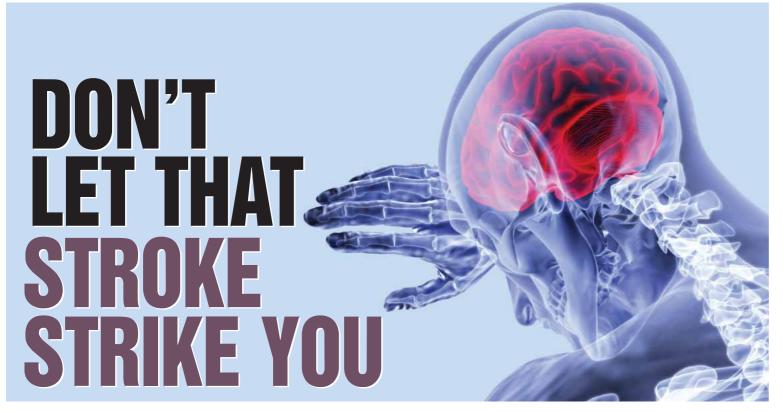
The ABC programme constitutes the only effective and humane method of controlling stray dog populations. In its report, *Technical Report Series 931*, the World Health Organisation's Expert Consultation on Rabies, which met in Geneva from October 5 to 8, 2004, states: "Since the 1960s, ABC programmes coupled with rabies vaccination have been advocated as a method to control urban street male and female dog populations

and ultimately human rabies in Asia. The killing of stray dogs serves no purpose. Dr K.Bogel, Chief Veterinary, Public Health, Division of Communicable diseases, WHO, and John Hoyt, then President, World Society for the Protection of Animals (WSPA), as well as the Humane Society of the United States (HSUS), made this clear in their joint preface to the Guidelines for Dog Population Management released by the WHO and WSPA in May 1990. They stated, "All too often, authorities confronted by problems caused by these [stray] dogs have turned to mass destruction in the hope of finding a quick solution, only to find that the destruction had to continue, year after year, with no end in sight."

The birth control programme for stray dogs has not taken off in India because municipal and government authorities have done little to implement it.

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Work-related stress, low physical activity, and long working hours are taking toll on our youth, leaving them more at the risk of stroke than heart attack. The HEALTH PIONEER shares findings from a study published in the journal JAMA on the 'World Stroke Day 2022' on October 29.

team of researchers has found a sharp increase in the incidence of stroke in young adults, especially among the working professionals. Among young people who had a stroke, there was a significant increase in the proportion who were in more skilled occupations, particularly for professional or managerial jobs.

The findings analysed the rate of new stroke cases in Oxfordshire in the UK over the last 20 years, reflect emerging evidence that young stroke is a growing problem in high-income

"Establishing the importance of known risk factors in young stroke will help to raise general awareness of the need for better control. We also need better ways of identifying young people at high risk of stroke, as current risk models are based on predictors of stroke in older people," said Medical Research Foundation Fellow, Dr Linxin Li, from the University of Oxford.

Stroke is a major health problem that can have devastating consequences. It happens when the blood supply to the brain is cut off, causing the death of brain cells and dysfunction in one or more parts of the brain.

The restricted blood supply can be the result of an artery supplying blood to brain becoming blocked, a blood vessel rupturing causing a bleed inside the brain, or a brief reduction in the blood supply to the brain.

The traditional view is that vascular risk factors, such as high blood pressure, diabetes and obesity, play a minor



"Stroke is the second most common cause of death and the third-leading cause of death and disability combined in the world. Typically, stroke is considered to be a disease of the elderly. However, recent data suggest that stroke is occurring commonly in the younger population as well.

"Other than traditional risk factors like hypertension, diabetes mellitus, and hyperlipidemia, some other risk factors are said to be unique to the young Indian population, according to reports. Cardioembolic stroke secondary to rheumatic heart disease is the most common cause of stroke in young in India.'

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role in young stroke, but recent studies have begun to contradict this view.

Dr Li's research focuses on multiple types of stroke, such as ischaemic



"This is to be expected given the changing lifestyle worsen by low physical activity and consuming junk food. Cases of stroke have grown four times in the past 30 years. So, if a person adopts a healthy lifestyle, they will reduce the chances of such health complications. Besides, habits such as consuming good food and taking adequate rest also result in a healthier body and a healthier brain, thereby reducing the risk of stroke."

DR RAJINDER K DHAMIJA Neurologist and Director of Institute of Human Behaviour and Allied Sciences, Delhi

A stroke, also known as a brain attack, occurs when the blood supply to the brain gets blocked or a blood vessel in the brain bursts. According to doctors, strokes lead to damage or death of parts of the brain and this condition can cause lasting brain damage, long-term disability, or even death.

a stroke is a serious medical condition that requires emergency care. The CDC also stresses that when the flow of blood to the brain gets blocked, due to the absence of oxygen the brain cells start to die within minutes.

According to the Centre for

Disease Control and Prevention (CDC),

strokes, caused by a blockage of arteries, 'mini-strokes' (transient ischaemic attacks) and bleeding in the brain (intracerebral haemorrhage and subarachnoid haemorrhage). The researchers found that between

2002-2010 and 2010-2018, there was a 67 per cent increase in stroke incidence among younger adults (under 55 years), and a 15 per cent decrease among older adults (55 years or older).

A similar divergence in incidence was not found for other vascular events, such as heart attacks. "Historically,

we've thought of stroke as only affecting older adults, but studies like this suggest a growing problem in young adults," said Dr Angela Hind, Chief Executive of the Medical Research Foundation.

"Stroke in young adults can have a huge impact, often occurring when they are starting a family or already have young children to look after, and have sequences can be devastating," Hind

Feeling Chirpy: Being Around Birds is Linked to Lasting Mental Health Benefits



New research from King's College London has found that seeing or hearing birds is associated with an improvement in mental wellbeing that can last up to eight hours.

This improvement was also evident in people with a diagnosis of depression – the most common mental illness worldwide – indi-cating the potential role of birdlife in helping those with mental health condi-

Published in Scientific Reports, the study used smartphone application Urban Mind to collect people's real-time reports of mental wellbeing alongside their reports of seeing or hearing birdsong.

Lead author Ryan Hammoud, Research Assistant at the Institute of Psychiatry, Psychology and Neuroscience (IoPPN), King's College London, said: 'There is growing evidence on the mental health benefits of being around nature and we intuitively think that the presence of birdsong and birds would help lift our mood. However, there is little research that has actually investigated the impact of birds on mental health in real-time and in a real envi-ronment. By using the Urban Mind app we have for the first time shown the direct link between seeing or hearing birds and positive mood. We hope this evi-dence can demonstrate the Senior author, Andrea Mechelli, Professor of Early hearing birds and positive

importance of protecting and providing environments to encourage birds, not only for biodiversity but for our mental health."

The study took place between April 2018 and October 2021, with 1,292 participants completing 26,856 assessments using the Urban Mind app, developed by King's College London, landscape architects J&L Gibbons and arts foundation Nomad Projects.

Participants were recruited worldwide, with the majority being based in the United Kingdom, the European Union and United States of America.

The app asked participants three times a day whether they could see or hear birds, followed by questions on mental wellbeing to enable researchers to establish an association between the two and to estimate how long this association lasted.

The study also collected information on existing diagnoses of mental health conditions and found hearing or seeing birdlife was associated with improvements in mental wellbeing in both healthy people and those with depression. Researchers showed that the links between birds and mental wellbeing were not explained by co-occurring environmental factors such the presence of trees, plants,

Intervention in Menta Health at IoPPN, King's College London said: "The term ecosystem services is often used to describe the benefits of certain aspects of the natural environment on our physical and mental health. However, it can be difficult to prove these ben-efits scientifically. Our study provides an evidence base for creating and supporting bio-diverse spaces that har-bor birdlife, since this is strongly linked with our mental health. In addition, the findings support the implementation of measures to increase opportunities for people to come across birdlife, particularly for those living with mental health conditions such as depression."

Research partner & Landscape Architect Jo Gibbons, of J & L Gibbons said: "Who hasn't tuned into the melodic complexities of the dawn chorus early on a spring morning? A multisensory experience that seems to enrich everyday life, whatever our mood or whereabouts. This exciting research underpins just how much the sight and sound of birdsong lifts the spirits. It captures intriguing evidence that a biodiverse environment is restorative in terms of mental wellbeing. That the sensual stimulation of birdsong, part of those daily 'doses' of nature, is precious and time-lasting."

Secret Tips for Flawless Skin

Anybody can have great skin. Just like anybody can have bad skin. And anybody can have bad skin days, just like bad hair days. Only, bad skin days last longer. Sometimes for weeks, which seem with no ending?

A few problems are related to the weather. Let's understand them and deal accord-

It is an inflammatory condition of the skin partially caused by increased sebum production and an abnormality of the bacteria found normally on the skin. The result can be red and enlarged patches on the skin, whiteheads or blackheads in monsoon. The oily activity on skin is more and can produce rash and pimples. Use some homemade facepacks to remove excessive oils from the surface and keep face glowing and smooth: fuller earth based packs with curd shall be best for oily and combinations skin types. Also, applying antibacterial creams like Benzoyl Peroxide 2.5%-5%, Nadifloxacin etc shall also help. But avoidg the condition with a few tips like washing the face 4-5 times a day with a gentle soap free cleanser, drinking 3-4 Liters of water during monsoons will definitely help. Also, switch to a non comedogenic, gel-based sunscreen during this season to maintain your flawless beauty. A mild face wash is good for the face. You can also opt for some home remedy like a mixture of gram flour, rose water and milk. Apply evenly on the face and wash off after 15 -20 minutes. Always follow your cleansing, toning and moisturizing routine to keep your skin youth-

ful and bright. Cleansing

should be followed by toning



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using an alcohol-free toner. This is helpful since increased humidity could open up your

HAIR CARE

Never let your hair get wet in the rain. Pollution, suspended particles in the air especially few dangerous acids which are suspected to be there in the rain now at certain times can settle on your scalp. Hence, the itchy feeling, after getting wet in the rain. Always cover your hair with cheerful and colourful umbrellas or raincoats. Combined effect of sun heats and humidity can damage your hair. Keep your hairstyles simple and easy. Elaborate hairstyles are more difficult to manage. Using bangs and layered hairstyles are best. Using an Anti Dandruff shampoo once a week will also help. Do not comb wet hair. Also do not tie your hair tightly as it may lead to breakage.

FUNGAL INFECTIONS

A fungus thrives in humidity wet skin folds rubbing against each other get macerated easily, providing easy entry to fungi and yeast. As a result, you develop itchy, circular, reddish, flaking patches on the body, especially in skin folds at the groin (Jock

Itch), underarms and around the breast in women.

Fungal infections can also affect your feet, especially if closed shoes are worn all day. Staying dry is the best way to avoid them. Carry a set of dry clothes and footwear to the office and change immediately if you've gotten drenched on your way.

Once you are at your desk, take your shoes and socks off to allow air circulation around your feet. Wear sandals or floaters as far as possible. Use plenty of dusting talc to prevent accumulation of sweat and moisture in skin folds. Those prone to repeated fungal infections can use medicated powders like Absorb, Tyza, Mycoderm C, Candid, etc.

Athlete's Foot is a combined bacterial and fungal infection. Starting from the toes, the skin turns whitish or greenish itches terribly and here may even be a foulsmelling discharge or pus seeing the state of our city with exposure to a lot of grime and muck Athlete's foot is quite common. Prevent this by keeping feet as dry as possible. If the water is dirty, it's advisable to soak your feet for a few minutes in a tub of warm water with three or four cupsfull of betadine solution in it. Also a visit to a dermatologist is required as an antibiotic is needed.

THERE'S MORE

- From hot cup in the morning, switch to a cool, mint based green-tea.
- Flavor your food with green herbs and tomatoes instead of garlic, onions and red chilli
- Switch to loads of salads and greens in your diet. Drink lots of water even in

yet to reach the peak of their careers. The economic, social and personal con-

NTDs: High R&D Investment Need of the Hour

Neglected Tropical Diseases (NTDs) like Lymphatic Filariasis, Dengue and Malaria affect one in five people in the world. Globally, the number stands at a staggering 1.7 billion, mostly from the poorest communities. Given the severity of the problem, experts from world over converged at the five-day 20th International Congress for Tropical Medicine and Malaria (ICTMM), 2020, in Bangkok to discuss threadbare the issue at hand. ARCHANA JYOTI, who covered the event, reports.

 $T^{\text{he ICTMM event (October}}_{24\text{-}28) \text{ saw the attendance of}}$ around 1000 participants from 60 countries, an indicator of their commitment towards helping end the NTDs scourge. The underlining call was for higher investment in Research and Development (R&D) to bring in new vaccines and drugs in the sector.

The event provided the key players in the sector an opportunity to discuss and debate tropical medicine and Malaria including communicable and non- communicable diseases neglected tropical diseases emerging and re-emerging diseases, Covid 19, Smallpox, drug resistance, parasitology, zoonosis, food-borne and water-borne diseases, travel medicine and

other public health issues. Hosted by the Parasitology and Tropical Medicine Association and Faculty of Tropical Medicine, Mahidol University, Thailand, the mega event at the Bangkok International Trade & Exhibition Centre (BITEC) was declared opened by Dr Yuthawong, Yongyuth Thailand's Deputy Prime Minister and the former Minister of Science and Technology. It was themed 'Stamping out Tropical Diseases: The Countdown Begins.'

The participants also focused on opportunities in the post-Covid-19 scenario and the need for more investment in the R&D arena to tackle the neglected diseases caused by vectors like mosquitoes which are rearing their ugly head helped by climate changeinduced surging temperatures.

NTDs are a group of diseases affecting the poorest and



most vulnerable, causing permanent disabilities, impacting mental and emotional health and well-being. As per the World Health

Organisation, NTDs include: Buruli ulcer, Chagas Disease, Dengue and Chikungunya, Dracunculiasis (Guinea-worm disease), Echinococcosis, Foodborne Trematodiases, Human African Trypanosomiasis (sleeping sickness), Leishmaniasis, Leprosy (Hansen's disease), Lymphatic Filariasis, Mycetoma, Chromoblastomycosis and other Deep Mycoses, Onchocerciasis (river blindness), Rabies, Scabies and other Ectoparasitoses, Schistosomiasis, soil-transmitted Helminthiases, snakebite Envenoming, Taeniasis/Cysticercosis, Trachoma, and Yaws and other

endemic Treponematoses. Formally welcoming all the attendees, Associate Prof Pratap Singhasivanon, Chairman and Secretary, ICTMM2020, highlighted the need to improve the current preventive measures

of 5 people are suffering with the NTDs worldwide.

Later, talking to reporters from the South-East Asia attending the conference, Singhasivanon stressed on higher investment in the healthcare sector, pointing out that of all the neglected diseases, Dengue is the most neglected one, despite its high rate of infections.

Up to 50-100 million infections are now estimated to occur annually in over 100 endemic countries, putting almost half of the world's population at risk.

"The vector-borne mosquito is highly adaptable. It is predicted that the rise in Earth's temperature, linked to climate change, will fasten viral amplification of the disease. In fact, the mosquito is spreading its wings now even in the USA, European and many other countries. More people are likely to come into its grip," he said in the backdrop of reports of recent Dengue cases emerging

On the sidelines of the event, Kavita Singh, Director, DNDi South Asia, shared the status of Dengue in India with The Pioneer. In India too, the situation is grim. Last year, India reported 1,64,103 cases of Dengue, she said, adding that every year, hundreds of people die due to this mosquito infection in the country.

"As there is no specific treatment that can prevent progression of the infection to severe Dengue, it is critical to find therapeutic solutions to this climate-sensitive disease that spreads at a rapid pace," she said. The DNDi has developed and registered nine new treatments for neglected diseases such as sleeping sickness, visceral and cutaneous leishmaniasis, Chagas, and pediatric HIV since 2003

The research on cost-effective treatment for Dengue is done by the Transitional Health Science and Technology Institute (THSTI), an autonomous institute of the Department of Biotechnology

Science and Technology. We are also part of the research," Singh said, adding, "However, more needs to be done in the sector." Prof Dr Prasit Watanapa, former Dean and Consultant at the Faculty of Medicine Sirirai

in the Union Ministry of

Hospital, Mahidol University, which is working with global bodies to tackle NTDs, especially Dengue fever, echoed similar sentiments. He lamented that NTDs are largely ignored by mainstream medical science because they do not represent clear viable commercial markets for the private sector. "This continues to hinder the progress in medical research and development, and therapeutic solu-

Filaria disease head (DNDi) Dr Sabine Specht talked about drug development in the Filarial sector. "New drugs enabling reversal of lymphoedema would be highly beneficial. This has also become imperative in view of SDG goal 3.8, which targets individual wellbeing and thus calls for individual cure and not merely epidemiological "control as a public health problem," she said.

The second generation of Covid 19 vaccine Dengue vaccines as well as novel drug development was also discussed at the Congress. Another focus was on the discussion on Malaria elimination in Thailand by 2029.

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India's green energy goals: Pragmatic way forward

Of late, discussions around the greenhouse gases have become very important in the context of climate change and global warming. Several developed and developing nations have already declared or are in the process of firming up the timelines to achieve "net zero" emission with regard to the greenhouse gases.

The term "net zero" indicates a scenario where a balance between the greenhouse gases released into the atmosphere and that removed from the atmosphere by various means (including capture) is achieved. Although such a situation is highly idealistic, wholehearted efforts are needed from all the advanced countries to make meaningful progress. At the same time, it is imperative that different countries firm up different timelines in this regard, based on the current level of preparedness and more importantly the access to the necessary resources.

In the United Nations Climate Change Conference (COP26) held between October 31 and November 12 in Glasgow last year, India promised to reduce its emissions to net zero by 2070. China announced plans to attain carbon neutrality by 2060, while the US and the EU declared their goals aiming to reach net zero by 2050.

India recently updated the first Nationally Determined Contribution (NDC) under Paris Agreement (2021-2030) declared earlier in 2015, and communicated the revised NDCs to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) in August 2022. The revised version clearly articulates India's key internal goals towards achieving "net zero". The country aims "to adopt a climate friendly and a cleaner path than the one followed hitherto by others at corresponding



Prime Minister Narendra Modi with UN Secretary General Antonio Guterres, External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar and Gujarat Chief Minister Bhupendrabhai Patel at the launch of Mission Life, where "life" is an acronym for "lifestyle for environment," in Kevadia, Gujarat, on October 20, 2022

level of economic development". India also has committed "to reduce Emissions Intensity of its GDP by 45 per cent by 2030, from 2005 level". Further, the country aspires to achieve "about 50 per cent cumulative electric power installed capacity from nonfossil fuel-based energy resources by 2030", which will involve transfer of technology from the advanced nations and assistance of low-cost international finance, including

Green Climate Fund (GCF).
Since attaining the goal of a global transition such as the net zero is going to be gigantic and will have large-scale impact on the global economy, the sustainable pathways towards achieving the overarching targets needs to be

charted out.

Such a transition has many dimensions involving technological, environmental as well as socio-economic nuances which pan out differently in a country-specific manner. Therefore, any country should be cautious and pragmatic before envisaging a disruptive change in the incumbent infrastructure, and a system view approach needs to be adopted to understand the impact of the changes in an integrated manner.

From the latest NDC, it is quite evident that India's approach towards addressing "net zero" is heavily reliant on the "Green Energy", aimed primarily at reducing the CO2 emissions. It is noteworthy that in 2021 the power sector

alone accounted for 49 per cent of the total CO2 emissions in India

On the other hand, India's transport sector contributes to 13.2 per cent of the country's total CO2 emissions, of which more 90 per cent emissions can be attributed to the road transport sector alone (comprising both passenger and freight transport).

Thus, the country is looking for measures to reduce CO2 emissions from these two sectors. While the renewable energy sources such as solar photovoltaic (PV) and wind energy are being high priority among the various non-fossil energy sources, the electric vehicles (EVs) have been enjoying strong push through several government support schemes

and e-mobility is often touted as the mainstay towards achieving a green and sustainable transport sector.

The key issue that is often overlooked while creating the aspiration-driven larger pictures is the availability of resources. To be more context-specific, the availability of the critical raw materials that go into the manufacture of the critical components for the key "green energy" systems and "green mobility" products needs to be identified as the priorities. The intermittencies in variable renewable energy (VRE) sources necessitate the use of grid-scale storages (batteries).

Batteries are also needed for the EVs. Critical materials that are used in the batteries are

lithium, cobalt and nickel. The price of cobalt increased from approximately \$32,000 per ton to \$70,000 per tonne during January-December in 2021, while the price of lithium increased by more than five times in 2021. The price hikes are expected to continue in the

near future.

Therefore, the aspiration for the large-scale green transition needs to be revisited periodically to have relook at the priorities and to chart out the most viable trajectory for the transition to a cleaner future.

Further, the new norms brought forth by the Bureau of Energy Efficiency (BEE) have enforced the heavy consumer durables to become energyefficient. Two "white goods" that have great market potential in India are the room air conditioners (RACs) and the laundry washing machines (LWMs), since both of them have a much lower level of market penetration as compared to the refrigerators.

The energy-efficient RACs and LWMs necessitate the use of Rare Earth (RE) permanent magnets in their motor architecture because of their superior performance as compared to the ferrite counterparts. Currently, all the motors and magnets used in the air conditioners, washing machines, and EVs are imported.

The industrial capabilities related to manufacture of RE permanent magnets and customised motors for the "white goods" and EVs are currently absent in India. Creation and sustenance of an industrial ecosystem would require right incentives, uninterrupted availability of the critical RE materials used in the magnets, and demand for the indigenous products.

Availability of critical materials, smooth technology transfer, creation of industry are intricately linked facets of the green energy aspiration of the country. Integration of all these elements will need active intervention from the government and suitable financial arrangements need to be arrived at through close interactions with the industry.

Once the priorities are decided, it would be pragmatic to adopt a business-oriented hybrid model that combines both top-down and bottom-up approaches involving company-level information from relevant segments. Only then the true spirit of "AtmaNirbhar Bharat" and "Make in India" can be realised in a synergistic manner.

(The writer is Assistant Professor, National Institute of Advanced Studies, Bengaluru) Availability of critical materials, smooth technology transfer, creation of industry are intricately linked facets of the green energy aspiration of the country. Integration of all these elements will need active intervention from the government and sustainable financial arrangements



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OUTLOOK

Alps in peril! Water woes loom amid climate change

With global warming causing a worrying shrinkage in Alpine glaciers this year, the issue of water frozen up in the mountains. or showered and snowed on them, is growing in importance. **Environmental** advocates say jockeying for water isn't being addressed with enough urgency; they want the Alpine countries to do more to secure the future of

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A battle is brewing around Europe's rooftop over the planet's most precious resource. The crystal-clear waters

The crystal-clear waters issuing from the Alps could become increasingly contested as the effects of climate change and glacier melt become more apparent. Italy wants them for crop irrigation in the spring and summer. Swiss authorities want to hold up flows to help hydroelectric plants rev up, when needed.

For the first time in four years, government envoys from eight Alpine countries — big, small and tiny — were meeting under a grouping known as the Alpine Convention, which was set up 30 years ago to help coordinate life, leisure and the limited resources from Europe's most celebrated peaks.

The envoys in Brig,

The envoys in Brig, Switzerland, representing pintsized principality Monaco and small Slovenia as well as powerhouses like France, Germany and Italy, focused attention on October 27 on what's known as the Simplon Alliance. Named after an Alpine pass between Italy and Switzerland, it aims to make transportation in the mountains more eco-friendly, such as by favouring rail over roads, electric vehicles and public transportation over private cars.

But with global warming causing a worrying shrinkage in Alpine glaciers this year, the issue of water frozen up in the mountains, or showered and snowed on them, is growing in importance. Environmental advocates say jockeying for water isn't being addressed with enough urgency; they want the Alpine countries to do more to secure the future of the resource that's been bountiful for centuries.

While many parts of the world have grappled with water woes, well-irrigated and relatively rich Europe has been largely spared so far. Droughts



A man stands in a glacier cave at the Sardona glacier on July 27, 2022, in Vaettis, Switzerland $\,$

and wildfires raise seasonal worries, but there typically is enough water for agriculture, hydropower, ski resorts, and human consumption. Swiss children were once taught their country was home to the continent's "water tower," according to Maria Lezzi, head of Switzerland's territorial development office.

However, factors like global warming, the fallout from Russia's war in Ukraine on energy supplies and economic demands have made the issue more pressing.

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increase in the amount of water available for electricity generation from 45 of Switzerland's 1,500 hydraulic plants — hoping to churn out up to 150 gigawatts more power. Alluding to the possible knockon effect, the Swiss said the move could temporarily affect fish migration, "which could make replenishing fish populations more difficult in 2023."

Meanwhile, sparse summer rainfall and a punishing heat wave in northern Italy — which melted snowfields and glaciers in the area — dried up

ities authorised a seven-month increase in the amount of water available for electricity generation from 45 of Switzerland's the Italian food valley.

The "9th report on the State of the Alps" — drafted by the Swiss hosts — notes that water supply is a "particularly pressing issue" because the Alps are a huge reservoir of water, which ultimately flows to the benefit of some 170 million people along some of Europe's most famous rivers, including the Danube, Po, Rhine and

A draft of the report, obtained by *The Associated*

Press, noted the need for "consistent availability of Alpine water" for industry, agriculture, hydropower and other uses, adding, "Climate change puts these functions under pressure, as glaciers are receding and precipitation regimes are constantly changing."

"Reduced quantities of water and limited reliability of water supply will be a major issue in the coming decades," it added.

Kaspar Schuler, director of CIPRA International, a commission devoted to protecting the Alps based in tiny

Liechtenstein, said governments have done well to put water on the agenda but stopped short of steps to tackle the issue — by setting up working groups, expanding research, or coming up with ways that water can be better shared in the future.

"The description of the difficulties is well done by the Swiss, but they have still no courage to really address the elephant in the room," said Schuler added.

While Alpine resorts and villages rely on water, the major upstream users are

Switzerland's hydropower plants, which want to hold onto the water until it's most needed to power turbines that provide some 60 per cent of the country's electricity.

But the biggest consumers of the water are downstream industrial areas like Grenoble and Annecy in France, Austria's capital Vienna, and areas around Bolzano in Italy's South Tyrol are likely to feel an impact. The southern Alpine towns, especially in France and Italy with their drier climates, are more likely to undergo water shortage than the northern towns, the report said. "This is particularly true of inner-Alpine dry valleys such as the Aosta Valley in northwestern Italy, already affected by significant water stress."

CIPRA's Schuler suggested that many have become too complacent about the Alps' bountiful waters — and those

days may be over soon.

"Until now, all the non-Alpine countries — the low-lands — were happy that the Alps have been providing so much: landscape for leisure and sports, ski resorts, and the water as much as everybody needs," he said. "So far, everybody was happy and the Alps delivered."

"In future it will be a battle... about these resources because especially the lack of water can really harm a lot of people," he said.

Environment Minister Uros Brezan of Slovenia, which is set to take over the Alpine Convention's presidency, said regional authorities were not taking the issue lightly. "I think the member states of the EU and also members of the Alpine Convention are well aware that water scarcity problem cannot be solved only within the national borders, but has to be addressed internationally," he said.

























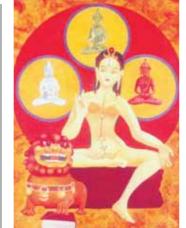




ARIES March 21-April 19

Those who are gaining weight may need to change their eating habits. You will comprehend the worth of money and health, and you will make plans to live in harmony with nature in order to keep excellent health. Walking, breathing exercises, and prayers for mental and physical health are all on the agenda. This week, other matters will take precedence over career. You either do not have enough time or are sluggish in your job. Last week's hard work and efforts have not been fruitful. This is a passing phase. On the personal front, something special is likely to be celebrated this week. You are emotionally occupied and have found a healthy connection. You have complete trust in your partner. This is a period of tremendous mutual understanding between the two, and the connection is expected to strengthen.

Lucky number 19 | Lucky colour Sky Blue



LEO July 23-Aug 22

You have a new zest for life and a fresh sense of humor. You will feel healthy and liberated, and your viewpoint may change. Optimism gives way to pessimism. New opportunities are anticipated. You realize the significance of approaching challenges rationally and thoroughly. This is also a good time to channel your creative energy. Professionally, you are pleased with your progress. A promotion or raise is highly likely, which will boost your confidence, security, and status. You are hardworking and enthusiastic. Those in business appreciate and follow your ideas and opinions. This is the time when your knowledge, insight, and experience will pay off handsomely. Your personal relationships are also in terrific shape. Love is in the air because you are a romantic. Other connections in your life are also nourishing and

Lucky number 13 | Lucky colour Blue Lucky day Thursday



SAGITTARIUS Nov 22-Dec 21

This week's card predicts healing and renewal. Those who have been injured or have other physical problems will heal quickly. There are moments in our life when we must embrace change and allow things to finish naturally. On the professional front, the card has a positive message. A return of an old and trustworthy employee who was meant to be the backbone of your career is predicted. Venues are also available for people looking to grow their business or start a new endeavor. Time spent on academic efforts is now paying off handsomely. This week, love is challenging and confusing. Holding onto old beliefs may harm your relationships. Avoid involving a

Lucky number 9 | Lucky colour Green Lucky day Friday



TAURUS April 20-May 20

This week, you have control over your body. There is harmony between the mind, body, and soul. You are laving a solid foundation for the health regimen and want to adhere to it completely. You are vivacious, eager, and full of life. Your insight will pay out handsomely. This is the time to eat well and maintain a healthy lifestyle, both emotionally and physically. On the professional front, fresh employment prospects and business opportunities will extend your horizon. If company expansion is on the agenda, now is the moment. Affluent finances, income, and gains from ancestral property are predicted. On the relationship front, people considering marriage may begin looking for a suitable partner. Keep an eye out for temptations and addictions. A spiritual path may prove to be the savior.

Lucky number 10 | Lucky colour Brown Lucky day Tuesday



VIRGO Aug 23-Sep 22

You can enjoy nature's richness and the Almighty's graces this week. A cure for a very old or long-lasting ailment is on the cards. This week, those in desperate need of encouragement and inspiration to live a healthy and fulfilling life will discover a mentor. You feel empowered and embark on a new adventure that is better, more progressive, and more comfortable. On the job front, now is the moment to start counting your blessings. You may be planning an auspicious celebration at home/work. Your career will thrive, as will your interactions with the outside world. Confusion and misunderstanding with the spouse are probable on the personal front. During this time, you must protect against selfish intentions, hostility, and rash actions. Patience is essential. Midweek, the issue is under

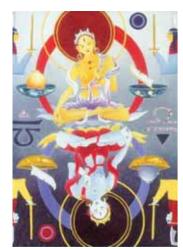
Lucky number 3 | Lucky colour Peach Lucky day Wednesday



CAPRICORN Dec 22-Jan 19

This week, your inner and outward disputes may have a detrimental impact on your healthy lifestyle and everyday job. You have diverse ideas on how to tackle your current situation. Your professional life appears to be difficult this week. This is an excellent opportunity to dispel the haze. This is also an excellent moment to set goals and work on the system. The victory will be earned via hard work. Your keen perception may work in your favor. A breakout triumph is on the way. In terms of relationships, you will follow tradition rather than your heart. Conventions and traditions are overwhelming you, and you seek guidance from a guru or senior individual. You may be spiritually inclined this week, and earthly pleasures, love, and emotions may take a back seat.

Lucky number 4 | Lucky colour Red Lucky day Wednesday



GEMINI May 21-June 20

Excessive fear, phobia, and concern over a circumstance are on the card this week. Mental strain will persist, which may have an impact on your health. Throughout the week, you may have headaches, insomnia, and sleeplessness. Be wary of colds, coughs, and other seasonal diseases. This is the time to meditate, do yoga, and unwind from your daily routine. On the professional front, a minor indiscretion may jeopardize your reputation, so exercise caution. You may feel unnoticed and neglected at work. This may create stress and hinder your progress. Do not avoid duties and commitments. Do not reveal your working plans until you have completed them. On a personal level, your partner will be brimming with vitality and passion, while you will be demoralized or have low self-esteem

Lucky number 6 | Lucky colour Pink



LIBRA Sep 23-Oct 22

This week, your happiness and contentment will be crucial to your health. You will spend time experiencing worldly delights, delectable meals, admiring the arts, and relaxation. All that is well provides you a calm mind, satisfaction, a pleasant atmosphere, and a smile on your face. On the job, you have a generous nature and the capacity to persuade others via your speech. You are concerned about your colleagues' and juniors' emotional well-being. They look up to you, admire you, and value your kindness. There is love, laughter, and entertainment in the relationship. You spend time together and give your cherished lover an expensive gift. The time has come to put your love relationships into the light, and your family will respect your decision

Lucky number 12 | Lucky colour Golden Lucky day Sunday



AQUARIUS Jan 20-Feb 18

This week, you will have the ability and energy to build a new lifecycle for yourself. You have control over your cravings, such as excessive eating and drinking, and any other addiction that is hazardous to your health. You understand the significance of balancing aspects in life, and your body is in sync with nature's five elements. You may have had enough disappointments in your job to make you sceptical of others. The tipping point will be when you can let go of the past and have a more open attitude towards the future. Now is the moment to think positively and go forward. On the personal front, married people are likely to clash. Do not allow emotion to influence your decisions; instead, establish them on facts and reasoning

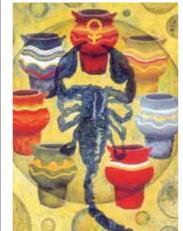
Lucky number 11 | Lucky colour White Lucky day Monday



CANCER June 21-July 22

You have evolved into a very active and vibrant individual. The keys to success are self-awareness and mastery. You have inner light and consciousness, pure faith, and prior experience, making you a selfsufficient individual willing to educate others Meditation leads you to a high level of spiritual development and the ability to share this light with others. On the professional front, you may carve out a niche for yourself via your insight and leadership. People will look up to you and follow you. Your plans are now well advanced, and you are beginning to examine further ways to expand your present ideas. On the personal front, your relationships will deepen and develop to an acceptable degree. There is trust and understanding between them.

Lucky number 21 | Lucky colour Magenta Lucky day Wednesday



SCORPIO Oct 23-Nov 21

Weakness might cost you this week. Domestic or professional issues are bothering you, and you are agitated. You may see the doctor due to restlessness or a blood pressure problem. You may require adequate rest and the assistance of loved ones. A cheerful attitude will serve the purpose and breathe new life into you. On the professional front, nothing has changed; things are proceeding as normal. Though the concern of stalling your job will trouble you, this is a transitory phase, and you will see good effects as the week develops. With your wisdom and experience, you keep on moving ahead and achieve the desired results. You will appreciate your quiet talents in relationships. Diplomatic communication will allow you to persuade your partner.

Lucky number 2 | Lucky colour Indigo Lucky day Tuesday



PISCES Feb 19-March 20

This week, you are adopting a more balanced approach to life and sticking to your promises. You have realized that if you want to reach your goals, you will need a schedule and a strict regimen. It may not be a very interesting or gym, meditation, nutritive diets, and other activities to maintain your health and fitness. These efforts will be rewarded handsomely. On the job front, you will feel secure in your position. Experience and talents will be your strongest assets in achieving your objectives. Advice from a senior individual in a career or business will be quite beneficial. On the personal front, you may get too passionate and possessive in your relationship, causing annoyance and separation. Care and compassion for those close to you are recommended.

ucky number 11 | Lucky colour White Lucky day Monday

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e need to live in accord with the design parameters underlying our existence. Should we lose our mooring, we invite pain and suffering. In nature's scheme of things, as comprehended by Indian philosophy, also vetted by modern theoretical physics, the world is a unified organism in which no existence has a reality independent of the whole. All existences are framed into an interdependent mechanism, where we all need to complement and support each other's efforts to carry on the cycle of life. It applies across the board - be it our personal and societal life and the world at large. For, no individual is capable enough to even service one's existential needs by oneself. We, in fact, have a shared destiny. We owe our sustenance to common pool of resources extended by nature - space, air, fire, water, and earth. In real life also, people engaged in varied creative pursuits, in togetherness generate the provisions of life. That calls for living for each other primarily in a giving mode.

The irony, however, is that our ahamkara makes us believe that we are free to conduct the way we wish. Often,

we wish to live in a demanding mode expecting from others to behave, seldom caring for other's sensibilities and concerns. That often leads to uncalled for disputes, pains, and sufferings. We forget that in this complex world, life will not necessarily move to our asking. Even otherwise, no movement or engagements happen without encountering resistance in the way. Caught up in the mills of life, we seem to have lost sight of the realities of life, as if we have moved beyond. Consequently, personal life is in peril, marital discord is rising beyond proportion, societies are in a state of disarray, and the world is in turmoil. Sense of fear and insecurity as well as identity crisis seems to have gripped majority population. The other day worried parents of

their only girl child came seeking guidance: "Sir, my daughter is having issues in her married life. The basic reason is unseemly conduct of my son-in-law. We have tried to mediate but in vain. Suggest me some puja that helps restore their marital happiness and stability." Well, kindly note that your interference will widen the gulf rather than build bridges. As would happen to any ordi-

Live for each other for a happy life



nary mortal, their positives aside, both have their fault lines also. Ignorant of the realities of life, they try to impose

their will on each other, and with obvious consequences. No puja can enter their mind space to correct their attitudinal problems. They themselves could make their life better, if they look within, identify, and acknowledge their fault lines and then consciously address them. That is the most workable mode of puja. It was difficult for belief driven parents to digest my advisory. So, I had to explain their personality traits.

His son-in-law is born in Aries lagna, with its lord Mars in Virgo sign, the 6th house conjunct Rahu. Even mind signifying Moon is tenanted in the nakshatra owned by Mars. That makes him impulsive, aggressive, intolerant, impatient, who wishes to be always at the head of things. Stuck to material concerns, he ignores emotional urges of the partner. Moon is opposite Sun, Mercury, and Saturn. That brings in an inherent sense of fear, insecurity and identify crisis, because he would have come in life a hard way. So, he is keen to prove himself on every count. He has a worrying syndrome. In the process, he invites stress. If that would not be enough, he is conceited, who may not express his feelings and emotions. So, he is misunderstood as being cold who doesn't care for others.

The girl is born in Sagittarius sign, with lord Jupiter and emotion signifying Venus there itself, both opposite Moon occupying Gemini sign. She seems to be fun loving. If she is not appreciated, she becomes too much touchy when she reacts tactlessly and undiplomatically, often inviting displeasure of others. Moon in Gemini sign tempts her to live on her own exclusive terms. So long as you agree to her viewpoints, you remain the best friend, otherwise, she may go wild. Once she gets enraged, she would be keen for a fight to finish, as would Saturn conjunct Mars mean. And the result is there to see.

In fact, both are basically good at heart. It is their habit tendencies that have been playing spoil sport with their marital life. Should they consciously address their inherent tendencies, life may again turn into a pleasant experience.

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