

Cyclonic storm Fengal begins landfall: IMD



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PTI ■ CHENNAI

Cyclonic storm Fengal has commenced making landfall close to Puducherry and it may approximately take four hours for it to cross the coast completely, an India Meteorological Department (IMD) official said here on Saturday. Citing data and observations, IMD-Regional Meteorological Centre, Additional Director General, S Balachandran told PTI that the process of the cyclone's landfall commenced at about 5.30 pm on November 30. On the area of landfall, he said it was close to 'Puducherry area' and that it may take approximately four hours for the completion of the landfall process and added that more related information would be made

available later. Puducherry experienced heavy rains on Saturday, prompting the union territory administration to send SMS alerts to around 12 lakh residents cautioning them to remain vigilant as cyclonic storm Fengal is expected to make landfall near here later in the day. Chief Minister N Rangasamy visited the rain-affected areas today to review the steps taken by the Disaster Management department, especially in accommodating those evacuated from low-lying areas into relief centres. The CM instructed officials to closely monitor the situation and ensure the safety of the residents. District Collector A Kulothungan briefed the chief minister about the distribution of food packets to

those staying in the shelter homes. Kulothungan told PTI that all necessary steps have been taken to ensure that people remained safe. "We have evacuated people from low lying areas and shelter homes are ready to accommodate them. Arrangements were also made to supply food packets," he said, adding that the National Disaster Relief Force from Arakonam had arrived to engage in relief and rehabilitation work. According to the official, cyclone Fengal was expected to cross the coast later in the day. Control rooms have been opened in the collectorate and also in the line departments. Toll free numbers 112, 1077 and also WhatsApp number 94889 81070 have been put in place to help people facing crisis to contact for help.

Cyclone Fengal is likely to cross between Karaikal and Mahabalipuram coasts close to Puducherry, official sources said. The government has advised people to stay indoors.

The entire stretch of beach road and also several tourist spots were closed to ensure that there was no movement of people near the sea shore. Schools and colleges remained closed. Daily wage earners, roadside vegetable vendors, and labourers were among those most affected by Cyclone Fengal, which is intensifying over the Bay of Bengal.

In response, under the Disaster Management Act 2005, all theatres were instructed to suspend evening and night shows to safeguard public safety and maintain law and order. Several shop owners in various areas shortened their business hours due to the heavy rains that began in the afternoon. Meanwhile, Chennai airport on Friday announced suspension of operations till 4 am on December 1 following heavy inundation of runways and the taxiway, due to the cyclone 'Fengal' triggered rains and the 'adverse weather condition,' with over 50 flights being cancelled and scores of passengers left in the lurch. Official sources here said the two runways and the taxiway were inundated and as many as 55 flights were cancelled and 19 others diverted, adding, the services include both domestic and international operations.



MahaYuti swearing-in on Dec 5, but who is CM?

T N RAGHUNATHA ■ MUMBAI

Amid indications that the swearing-in ceremony of the Bharatiya Janata party-led MahaYuti government may take place on December 5, the ruling BJP and its allies, Eknath Shinde-led Shiv Sena and Ajit Pawar-headed Nationalist Congress Party (NCP), were on Saturday engaged in backroom negotiations over the power-sharing formula and distribution of portfolios. "We expect that the swearing-in ceremony of the new government will take place on December 5," BJP leader and former Speaker in the state Assembly Rahul Narwerkar said. However, informed sources in Raj Bhavan said that they had not received any communication from the Maharashtra government or the leaders of BJP-led MahaYuti as to when the swearing-in was being scheduled. Meanwhile, available indications within the Shiv Sena (ES) suggested that the care-take chief minister Eknath Shinde may return to the state capital late on Sunday night or on Monday. The earlier speculation was that the swearing-in ceremony would be held at Wankhede stadium. Now, the ruling alliance

leaders are indicating that the swearing-in may be held at Azad Maidan. Though there was no confirmation from the ruling BJP as to when it would hold its legislature party meeting to elect its leader who would take over as the chief minister of the state, a few BJP leaders indicated that the JP Nadda-led party may schedule the BJP Legislature Party (BJPLP) meeting on Monday. The front-runner for the Chief Minister's post is Devendra Fadnavis. However, what has surprised many is that if Fadnavis is the chief ministerial choice, why has there been such a delay in convening the BJPLP meeting. In the Maharashtra Assembly polls, results of which were declared on Saturday last (November 23), the BJP won 132 seats, while Shiv Sena and NCP (AP) bagged 57, and 41 seats, respectively. Strangely enough, it is not known yet as to what transpired at a joint meeting Union Home Minister Amit Shah had convened at his New Delhi residence to formalise details about the government formation, including the choice of the chief minister. Health and Family Welfare Minister and BJP President Jagat Prakash Nadda was also present at this meeting.

Outsiders barred from Sambhal till December 10



PTI

BISWAJEET BANERJEE ■ SAMBHAL

Amid rising communal tensions triggered by a survey of the Shahi Jama Masjid, the Sambhal district administration has imposed prohibitory measures, barring the entry of outsiders, including political leaders, activists, and social organisations, until December 10. The move comes in the wake of violent clashes on November 24 that left four people dead and several injured, including police personnel. District Magistrate Rajendra Pensiya, in a statement on Saturday, declared, "No outsider, social organisation, or public representative will be allowed to enter the district without prior permission from the competent authority." Officials say the decision is aimed at preventing further escalation of the volatile situation. The restrictions coincided with a planned visit by a 15-member delegation of the Samajwadi Party (SP), led by Leader of Opposition in the Uttar Pradesh Assembly, Mata Prasad Pandey. The delegation was set to visit Sambhal to gather details about the violence but was forced to call off the trip after senior officials, including Home Secretary Sanjay Prasad and the District Magistrate, requested them to stay away. Pandey, addressing reporters in Lucknow, accused the government of attempting to suppress the truth. "The administration's ban is nothing but an effort to hide its own failures. Our visit would have exposed the lapses in handling the situation," he alleged.

Winter in Kashmir: Security forces intensify anti-terrorist operations

MOHIT KANDHARI ■ JAMMU

Following a fresh spell of snowfall in the higher reaches of Kashmir valley including the areas along the line of control in North Kashmir, security forces are gearing up to intensify their anti-terrorist operations anticipating the movement of terrorists towards the plain areas. During heavy snowfall several high-altitude mountain passes and traditional infiltration routes in the region get blocked. The terrorists hiding inside the thickly forested areas of North and South Kashmir also relocate to safer hideouts to escape the adverse weather conditions. Anticipating the movement of terrorists in the coming days the security forces have further enhanced their vigil and also strengthened their intelligence network to neutralize them before they can execute their nefarious designs to target security forces in the region. At the same time, the security forces are facing the challenging task of extracting human intelligence due to a slight shift in the terrorist strategy. Sharing his assessment of the prevailing security scenario in the valley, Inspector General of BSF, Kashmir Frontier Ashok Yadav Saturday said terrorists have cut down on communications amongst themselves which is posing a



huge challenge to the security forces in tracking them down. Speaking to reporters on the sidelines of BSF's Raising Day celebrations at STC Humhama, Srinagar Ashok Yadav said, "Terrorists always try to strengthen their security protocol. They minimise communication which creates gaps in intelligence gathering. "But, all the agencies analyze whatever inputs they get to identify their hideouts and supporters to neutralise them". Asked whether the minimum communication among terrorists was posing a challenge to track them, the IG BSF said, "It is a huge challenge," but, he added, the security agencies will also implement new strategies to counter that. "The security and intelligence agencies are brainstorming to find ways

to counter these new challenges," he added. Yadav said there are continuous attempts of infiltration along the Line of Control (LoC) before the onset of the winter, but the security forces make their operational plans ahead to dominate the "vulnerable gaps". This year too, Indian forces are dominating and they endeavor to thwart any such attempts before the heavy snowfall, he said. Asked if there was information about the presence of terrorists at the launchpads across the LoC, the IG BSF said according to the intelligence inputs, there are people at the launchpads waiting to try to infiltrate "to vitiate the peaceful atmosphere here". "But the way we are alert on the LoC and conduct area domination, we are very confident that we will thwart such attempts," he asserted.

Two associates of ISKCON leader arrested, claims organisation

PTI ■ DHAKA

Two associates of arrested former member of ISKCON Bangladesh Chinmoy Krishna Das have been arrested from the northeastern port city of Chattogram, a spokesperson of Kundalidham Monastery run by the Hindu leader said on Saturday. However, police have not confirmed the arrest. "Das' associates Adinath Prabhu and Ranganath Das were arrested as they were carrying some food for their jailed leader in the port city," Professor Kushal Barun Chakrabarty, spokesperson of the Kundalidham Monastery said. The two were arrested on Thursday. Hindu priest Das, a former member of the International Society for Krishna Consciousness (ISKCON), Bangladesh, was arrested from Dhaka's Hazrat Shahjalal International Airport on Monday. He was denied bail and sent to jail by the Chattogram's Sixth Metropolitan Magistrate court in a sedition case on Tuesday. Das heads the Kundalidham Ashram (Monastery) at Chattogram and is also a spokesperson for the Bangladesh Sammilita Sanatani Jagran Jote. His arrest and subsequent jail in a sedition case on Tuesday triggered clashes between his supporters and the security personnel that led to the killing of a lawyer. Following this week's anti-



Hindu incidents, including Das' arrest and attacks on Hindu temples and community members, India on Friday said the interim government in Bangladesh must live up to its responsibility of protecting all minorities as it expressed serious concern over the "surge" of extremist rhetoric and increasing incidents of violence against Hindus as well as attacks on temples. External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar told Parliament that India has taken serious note of incidents of violence against minorities in Bangladesh and that it is the primary responsibility of Dhaka to protect the life and liberty of all the citizens, including minorities. On the other hand, Bangladesh on Friday expressed deep concern over the violent protest at the Deputy High Commission in Kolkata and urged New Delhi to ensure the safety of all its diplomatic missions in India.

Would have campaigned if invited: Jyotiraditya Scindia on Vijaypur poll loss

GIRISH SHARMA ■ BHOPAL

Union Minister Jyotiraditya Scindia has indirectly pointed fingers at the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) for its defeat in the Vijaypur Assembly by-election. Speaking to the media in Gwalior on Friday night, Scindia suggested that his presence in the campaign trail may have influenced the results, stating, "I would have campaigned if I had been invited." Scindia's statement has raised eyebrows, given his name was prominently listed among the BJP's star campaigners for the by-election. Despite this, the Union Minister chose to remain absent from the campaign. Political observers suggest this deliberate distancing might indicate deeper tensions within the BJP ranks, particularly concerning Vijaypur's candidate, Ramniwas Rawat. Rawat, a former Congress MLA from Vijaypur, switched allegiance to the BJP in 2024, just before the Lok Sabha elections. His move to the BJP came after he reportedly declined to follow Scindia's defection from Congress in 2020. Subsequently, Rawat was rewarded with the Forest Minister's portfolio in the state cabinet, reportedly at his own request. However, his candidature in Vijaypur appears to have backfired, as local voters expressed dissatisfaction with his political maneuvering.



Union Minister Jyotiraditya Scindia, LoP in the Rajya Sabha Mallikarjun Kharge and LoP in the Lok Sabha Rahul Gandhi during 'Samvidhan Divas' function at Samvidhan Sadan File photo: PTI

Congress spokesperson Dharmendra Sharma, told The Pioneer, "The voters were already annoyed with Rawat for joining the BJP. Even if Scindia had campaigned, it wouldn't have made much of a difference." Meanwhile, BJP insiders have dismissed Scindia's claims, accusing him of evading responsibility. Party sources allege that Scindia's campaign schedule was prepared well in advance but he failed to turn up. "His claim that he wasn't invited is baseless. The party had arranged for his participation, but he chose to stay away," said a senior BJP leader. Scindia's remarks are being viewed by many as an attempt to deflect criticism and save

face. However, the statement has exposed underlying fault lines within the BJP, with questions being raised about the coordination between party leadership and Scindia's faction. The Vijaypur by-poll loss has not only dented the BJP's confidence but also highlighted the challenges of managing leaders who defect from rival parties. For Scindia, this episode could signal a weakening influence within his new political home, especially as accusations of disloyalty swirl around him. For the Congress, the defeat may bolster its narrative that BJP's leadership is failing to win over disgruntled voters, particularly in constituencies with high-profile defectors.

Pannun issues threat to cops' conf and journalist

Police launch probe

NALINI SAHU ■ BHUBANESWAR

Khalistani terrorist Gurbatwant Singh Pannun on Saturday allegedly issued a threat to disrupt the ongoing three-day All India DGP-IGP Conference 2024 in Bhubaneswar. The warning was sent via two audio files and a threatening email to journalist

Akshaya Kumar Sahoo.

The email to Sahoo, written in English and Odia, warned him against travel to and from the Bhubaneswar airport on December 1, ominously calling it a "D-day".

The email's content read as follows:

"Hindu terrorist Modi has turned Bhubaneswar into a terror city. Do not fly to and from Biju Patnaik Airport on December 1. Khalistan Naxals,

Maoists, Kashmiri fighters target DGP Terror Conference, Lok Seva Bhawan. Raise Khalistan Flag. Reward Rs. 25 Lakh. Pro-Khalistan Sikhs are ready to die for the freedom of Punjab. Indian police chiefs, are you willing to sacrifice your life to defend the territorial integrity of India?"

Journalist Sahoo lodged a complaint with the Bhubaneswar Commissionerate police. Com-



missioner of Police Dr S Dev Datta Singh promptly responded and assured a thorough investigation. A team from the Crime Branch visited Sahoo's office to examine the email and the accompanying audio files.

The first audio clip features Pannun delivering the threat in English. Then, the second clip, allegedly an AI-generated Odia version of the same speech, reiterated the call for subversive

activities to disrupt the DGPs' conference. Pannun was heard inciting violence and urging extremists to foil the high-profile event.

Following the threat, police intensified security at the airport and other sensitive locations across the city. Paramilitary forces were deployed to safeguard key areas. While the authenticity of the email and audio files was under verification, authorities took the threats seriously.

70 Maoists in Odisha now

PNS ■ BHUBANESWAR

There are 60 to 70 Maoists in Odisha now. Out of them, only six to seven are Odisha-cadre extremists and the rest are from Chhattisgarh and Andhra Pradesh.

This information was shared on Saturday by Border Security Force (BSF) DIG Cahrudwaj Agrawal, who is attending the ongoing DGPs' Conference here.

He said Maoists are at present active in six to seven districts in Odisha. The anti-Red rebel operations are being intensified to end the Left-Wing Extremism soon, he said.

‘Odisha won’t request WB for potatoes’

Says Food & Civil Supplies Minister
PNS ■ BHUBANESWAR

Food and Civil Supplies Minister Krushna Chandra Patra on Saturday stated that the State would not make any requests to the West Bengal Government to supply the tuber.

The minister’s statement came two days after the West Bengal Government reportedly halted all potato exports from

its jurisdiction. The decision had led to several potato-laden trucks being stranded along the West Bengal-Odisha border near Belda after being denied permission to cross over to Odisha.

Taking a firm note of the situation, Minister Patra announced that Odisha would no longer request West Bengal for potatoes. However, if West Bengal sends potatoes on its own, the state would accept it.

Speaking to the media, the

minister further clarified that Odisha is not facing a potato shortage and thus does not need to rely on the neighbouring State.

Patra said a sufficient stock of potatoes from Uttar Pradesh has already started arriving in Odisha, ensuring no chance of a shortage. Besides, the Odisha Government was also in touch with the Punjab Government to ensure a steady supply of potatoes.

"We are not going to have

any talks with Mamata Banerjee. She stated in the media that her government will not send potatoes to Odisha; so, there is no point in talking to her. Potatoes can come from Uttar Pradesh or Punjab," said Patra. He also said potato prices in Odisha’s market have remained stable. Additionally, he also warned against hoarding and black marketing, stating that strict action would be taken if potatoes are sold at inflated rates.

Suspicious bag triggers alarm at city airport

PNS ■ BHUBANESWAR

Security officials were in a tizzy after a suspicious bag was found at the Biju Patnaik International Airport in Bhubaneswar on Saturday.

Soon after the bag was spotted outside the airport campus, CISF personnel along with a dog squad reached the spot and started an investigation.

Initially, it was not clear as to who left the bag and



whether there was something suspicious in it.

However, later during verification of the bag, the secu-

urity personnel clarified that the luggage belonged to a passenger and nothing suspicious was found in it.

The incident had created panic for quite some time till security officials clarified that there was no need to worry after the detailed examination of the bag. Notably, security has been heightened in the city due to the All India DGSP/IGsP Conference in which many high-profile personalities are present.

Odisha woman hired for surrogacy ends life

NHRC issues notice to Telangana Govt
PNS ■ BHUBANESWAR

The National Human Rights Commission (NHRC) has taken suo motu cognisance of a media report about a woman committing suicide alleging sexual harassment by a man in the Raidurgam area of Hyderabad in Telangana on November 27, 2024.

The victim from Odisha was reportedly brought to the city through middlemen for surrogacy under a deal of Rs 10 lakh with her husband. She was made to stay in a separate flat alone away from her husband.

The NHRC has observed that the contents of the media report, if true, raise a serious issue of violation of the human rights of the victim woman.

It has issued notices to the

Chief Secretary and the Director General of Police, Telangana calling for a detailed report including the status of the FIR registered in the matter within two weeks. The commission would also like to know from the police authorities if there were any complaints from the people regarding harassment of women in the name of surrogacy in the State.

As per the media report, the 25-year-old victim died by suicide allegedly to escape sexual harassment by a man. Her husband stayed nearby at a different accommodation along with their four-year-old son.

Reportedly, the woman had called up her husband over phone on November 26 that she did not want to stay there and would end her life as the man was subjecting her to sexual harassment.

Srikant writes to PM ‘Visit Mandipanka, see tribals’ pitiable conditions’

PNS ■ BHUBANESWAR

Congress leader and former Union Minister Srikant Jena has urged PM Narendra Modi, who is on a three-day visit to Odisha for the DG and IG Conference in Bhubaneswar, to visit the Mandipanka village in Kandhamal district where recently three tribal women died by eating mango kernel, in order to witness firsthand the harsh realities of how the tribal people are living in complete neglect.

In a letter to PM Modi, Jena said, "Your visit would highlight their struggles and underscore the urgent need for

immediate action to address these issues."

Attributing the death of the poor tribal women to lack of food security in the area, Jena said there is complete collapse of the food grain distribution under the Public Distribution System (PDS). He said though the village is just 50 km from the block headquarters, the monthly rice quota did not reach there leading to the people consuming mango kernel. He further said the situation is further worsened by the lack of basic healthcare, no mobile connectivity, and a completely dysfunctional medical facility, besides no implementation of

MGNREGA in the area.

He further lamented that the district Collector of Kandhamal did not visit the village for over eight days, while the Food Supplies Minister, instead of addressing the issue, made irresponsible and misleading statements.

Moreover, the Chief Minister has not yet visited the district to assess the situation or provide solace to the affected families. Even the Governor who is the constitutional custodian of Scheduled Areas did not visit the area despite being approached by a team of Congress leaders who met him after taking stock of the situation, said Jena.

Navy Day practice Pilot averts possible bird hit in Puri



PNS ■ PURI

The stage is all set for the Navy Day 2024 celebrations in Puri on December 4 with preparations made by the Indian Navy for the big day.

Amid this, a possible mishap was averted on Saturday due to the presence of mind of a helicopter pilot during rehearsals ahead of the spec-

tacular Operational Demonstration to be held at the Blue Flag Beach on December 4.

It was during special formation display involving five choppers that a bird from nowhere was seen flying directly towards one of the helicopters.

After seeing the bird, the pilot of the helicopter was quick to respond and manoeuvred his chopper

without disrupting or obstructing the way of other choppers.

As per sources, 24 warships, 40 aircrafts including helicopters and fighter jets will demonstrate the Indian Navy's mighty capabilities and operational strength through water and aerial maneuvers against the majestic shoreline in Odisha.

Theme for AIDS Day 2024

‘Take the rights path: My health, my right!’

PNS ■ BHUBANESWAR

Since 1988, the World AIDS Day is observed on December 1. The day serves as a global platform to unite people in raising awareness about HIV (Human Immunodeficiency Virus) /AIDS (Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome).

The day not only spreads awareness but also commemorates those who have lost their lives to AIDS and celebrates milestones such as expanded access to healthcare services.

It highlights the importance of healthcare access and the empowerment of individuals in managing their health. It underscores the need to address systemic inequalities that prevent vulnerable populations from receiving essen-

tial HIV prevention and treatment services.

The theme for World AIDS Day 2024 is "Take the rights path: My health, my right!" This focuses the role of human rights in ensuring that everyone, regardless of their background or circumstance, can exercise their right to health.

The India HIV Estimations 2023 report highlights that over 2.5 million people are living with HIV in the country. Despite this, the country has made notable progress with adult HIV prevalence recorded at 0.2% and annual new HIV infections estimated at 66,400, a 44% reduction since 2010. India has outperformed the global reduction rate of 39%, demonstrating the success of sustained interventions.

The availability of free high-quality lifelong treatment for over 16.06 lakh people living with HIV (PLHIV) through 725 ART (Antiretroviral Therapy) centres (as in June 2023) and 12.30 lakh viral load tests conducted between 2022-2023 reflect India's commitment to ensuring care for affected populations.

India's battle against the HIV/AIDS epidemic began in 1985 with sero-surveillance to detect the virus in various population groups and geographic locations. The initial phase (1985-1991) focused on identifying HIV cases, ensuring blood safety before transfusions and generating targeted awareness. The response gained momentum with the launch of the National AIDS and STD Control Programme (NACP) in 1992.

Kharif paddy procurement Farmers to get money within 48 hours

PNS ■ BHUBANESWAR

The Odisha Government has assured that farmers will get money credited to their bank accounts within 48 hours of the procurement of their Kharif paddy.

To ensure that the farmers get the money within the set timeframe of 48 hours, the government has reportedly appointed officials at several levels to oversee and monitor the entire process.

The government has instructed the officials to ensure that the registered farmers receive the Minimum Support Price (MSP) for their Kharif paddy within 48 hours of its sale. The money will be credited directly to their bank accounts.

Adequate arrangements have also been made to address the grievances of the farmers and safeguard their interests. The Civil Supplies Department is ensuring the same. A digital platform has been launched to facilitate these transactions and ensure accurate and timely disbursement of MSP through thorough instant verification of farmers' bank account details. Soon after all the documents are validated, the money will be credited to the beneficiaries' accounts within 48 hours. The government's move to fast-track MSP disbursements comes close after the Union Government's recently-announced price hikes for wheat and other mandated Rabi crops for the Marketing Season 2025-26.

Cong youths oppose Modi, Shah visit



PNS ■ BHUBANESWAR

Members of the Pradesh Youth Congress on Saturday opposed Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Home Minister Amit Shah's Odisha visit.

Protesting against the Prime Minister and the Home

Minister's visit, the members of the Youth Congress led by its president Ranjit Patra took out a rally from the Congress Bhawan to the Lok Seva Bhawan.

While marching towards the Lok Seva Bhawan, they shouted slogans voicing discontent over the declining law

and order and the increasing unemployment rate in the State.

During the demonstration, the Congress activists attempted to breach the police barricades put up on Gandhi Marg, leading to a scuffle with police. Later, police detained many agitators.

Patra said the visit of Modi and Shah is not for the benefit of Odisha. After the BJP coming to power in the State, the law and order situation has deteriorated. Besides, efforts are being to hand over all mines and other natural resources to Adani. The Youth Congress would oppose it.

KIMS hosts ‘Health National Conclave’



PNS ■ BHUBANESWAR

The Kalinga Institute of Medical Sciences (KIMS) here marked a significant milestone on Saturday by hosting its inaugural 'Health National Conclave'. The event brought together some of the brightest minds from India and abroad to discuss pivotal topics shaping the future of medicine and healthcare in the

country.

The event, conceived by KIIT-KISS-KIMS founder Dr Achyuta Samanta, was the first of its kind to be organised by a healthcare institute in Odisha.

The key highlight of the conclave was Dr Samanta's announcement to establish 20 corporate-style hospitals across 20 districts of Odisha, each with 100 beds. These hos-

pitals are set to be inaugurated by this time next year.

Eminent speakers at the conclave included Prof. Dr D. Nageswar Reddy of the Asian Institute of Gastroenterology, Hyderabad; Prof. V. Mohan of Dr. Mohan's Diabetes Specialities Centre, Chennai; Prof. Vinod Paul of NITI Aayog, Prof. Ved Prakash Mishra of Krishna Viswa Vidyapith, among others. Their insights

spanned diverse themes such as the ethics of entrepreneurship in healthcare, affordable medical innovations, and tackling the rising menace of diabetes.

Addressing the meeting, Padma Bhusan Prof Dr D Nageswar Reddy of the Asian Institute of Gastroenterology, Hyderabad expressed admiration for the KISS' efforts in serving tribal communities.

In a first 2 Mahseer fish species found in S Odisha rivers

Researchers from CUO establish the fact

PNS ■ KORAPUT

In an important biodiversity assessment study, researchers led by Prof Sharat Kumar Palita, Dean, School of Biodiversity and Conservation of Natural Resources (SBCNR), Central University of Odisha, Koraput, has, for the first time, recorded two Mahseer fish species from the Indravati river system of southern Odisha.

These two new Mahseer fish species belong to the Cyprinidae family, which are large-bodied and big-scaled carps, often called 'King of the Indian aquatic system' and are included under 20 mega fishes of

the world. It inhabits fast-flowing cold, clear, hilly riverine water with pebbly, stony, and rocky bottoms and intermittent rocky pools. It is a sacred fish and is worshipped in many Hindu temples in India.

In Odisha, Mahseer fish species have earlier been reported from the Mahanadi, Brahmani, and Similipal regions. However, they have not been reported earlier from any rivers in south Odisha. Major rivers such as Kolab, Indravati, and Machhkund, are a part of the Godavari river system, being its major tributaries, whereas Nagabali and Vamshadhara arise in Odisha and join the Bay of Bengal in Andhra Pradesh.

Prof Palita, after joining the Central University of Odisha,



started research on Mahseers six years back, and the work was given to the scholar Alok Kumar Naik. During the search, these fishes were documented from Indravati Market at Khatiguda (Khatiguda Mar-

ket) in Nabrangpur. Later, these were documented from Indravati reservoir at Mukhiguda in Kalahandi and Kapur dam in Nabarangpur.

Under close scrutiny by Prof Palita in the laboratory

of Central University of Odisha, these fishes were identified as Mahseer fishes and later confirmed by the Zoological Survey of India (ZSI), Kolkata as two species of Mahseer, Tor tor and Tor putitora.

While Tor Mahseer Tor tor has earlier been recorded from Similipal, Mahanadi River System, and Brahmani river, the present discovery is a new record from Indravati river, an interstate river that flows through southern Odisha. The species is comparatively widespread, being distributed from Jammu in the West to Bramhaputra valley in the east and distributed in the rivers of the Indian peninsula. The Golden Mahseer Tor putitora is found in the Bramhaputra and Ganga river systems in Himalayan

foothills and in northeastern States of Meghalaya and Manipur and the river Narmada in central India was thought to be its southern limit. The earlier report of Tor putitora from Mahanadi river is no more valid, as the species is now recognised as Tor mahanadicus, a new species. The present record of Tor putitora, therefore, is not only a new record from the Godavari basin of Odisha, but it is a new record for the entire Godavari river system of India. The findings have been published in the prestigious journal Asian Journal of Conservation Biology.

While Golden Mahseer Tor putitora is declared as endangered and Tor Mahseer Tor tor is declared as near threatened by IUCN, they require conservation attention.

In Baripada 4 die, 3 hurt in series of accidents by truck



PNS ■ BARIPADA

At least four people were killed and three others sustained critical injuries in a series of accidents involving a truck in Baripada on Saturday morning.

As per reports, the truck rammed into people and vehicles at separate locations in Baripada. The first mishap occurred when the truck going on National Highway-220 through Mayurbhanj first hit three pedestrians during their morning walk at Bada Dalima Chhak under the Tiring police station and fled the scene.

The mishap's impact killed

one of the pedestrians on the spot while two others sustained severe injuries and were admitted to hospital in critical conditions.

The same truck again rammed into an auto-rickshaw at Bagdega under the Bahalda police station. The driver of the auto-rickshaw as well as a couple travelling by it died in the collision. Additionally, one more person on the spot was left critically injured. The killer truck again sped away after the second accident. Police were investigating the matter and efforts were underway to track the vehicle and nab the driver.

In Nayagarh Newborn boy 'stolen' from hospital

PNS ■ NAYAGARH

A newborn boy was allegedly stolen from the Rajsunakhala Community Health Centre (CHC) under Ranapur block in Nayagarh district on Saturday.

According to sources, one Bijay Kumar Parida of Godabhangra village had got her wife Sudhismita Parida admitted to the hospital soon after she complained of labour pain.

Sudhismita gave birth to a baby boy in the morning. But surprisingly, the newborn went missing soon after the delivery, sources added.

Meanwhile, Bijay and his wife have lodged a complaint in this connection with police.

"I delivered a baby boy. As many family members were not present, someone stole my son taking advantage of the situation. I want my baby back," said Sudhismita.

"We brought our daughter-in-law to the hospital at around 5 am for the delivery. But soon after the birth, her baby was stolen from the hospital premises. We could not locate the hospital staffs who conducted the delivery," alleged mother-in-law of Sudhismita.

Acting on the complaint lodged by the couple, police reached the spot and collected the CCTV footage to ascertain under what circumstances the baby was stolen.

In Mahakalpada Postmaster runs clinic from office at duty hrs

RAJESH BEHERA ■ KENDRAPADA

A case has come to the fore in Mahakalpada area where the Suniti branch post office has turned into a homoeopathy dispensary and the postmaster has been treating patients at the post office during office hour, leaving behind the postal works.

Even, the wooden almirahs of the post office are used by the post master for storing homoeopathy medicines.

According to locals, post master Sakhya Kumar Das has turned out to be a homoeopath and is treating his patients from the post office during office hours neglecting his official works for which he is getting paid.

According to RTI activist,

Pratap Mohanty, because of the neglect of the post master, the locals have failed to get postal services properly. The locals wanted to know who has given permission to the post master to open a homoeopathy clinic at the post office and why action has not been initiated against him.

Besides, the locals demanded an inquiry as to whether the postmaster has obtained proper certificate, licence and registration from the Odisha State Board of Homoeopathic Medicine for practising the homoeopathy medicine or he is a mere quack.

District Collector Smruti Ranjan Pradhan couldn't be contacted despite repeated attempts over the matter.

Longstanding demand for J'suguda rly dvn not fulfilled



Locals disappointed

RAJ KUMAR SHARMA ■ JHARSUGUDA

A longstanding demand for establishing a dedicated railway division centered on Jharsuguda has yet again failed to materialize, leaving the residents disheartened.

Despite being a crucial junction in the railway network and generating significant revenue from its industrial and mining activities, Jharsuguda remains divided among three railway zones with no signs of unification into a single division.

The historic Jharsuguda railway station, established in the 1890s, serves as a key junction on the busy Howrah-Mumbai route. While it falls under the South Eastern Railway, (Chakradharpur division), the Sambalpur line is managed by the East Coast Railway, and the Bilaspur route

comes under the South-East-Central Railway. This fragmented management has hindered comprehensive development and led to operational challenges.

Although infrastructure improvements are underway—such as the construction of the fourth railway line between Jharsuguda and Bilaspur, flyovers near IB and Brundamal stations, and overbridges at Balijori and Sarasamal—these measures focus on freight and connectivity rather than addressing the demand for a unified division. Similarly, expansion of the Jharsuguda railway station, addition of platforms, and construction of a new overbridge at the old bus stand have begun, improving passenger amenities but failing to address the core issue.

Frequent gate closures at key crossings, including Chowkipada and Syriabagicha, have caused se-

vere inconveniences to the commuters, exacerbating public dissatisfaction. The Chowkipada railway overbridge under construction may provide some relief, but the absence of proper gate security remains a concern.

Local intellectuals and residents have expressed frustration over the Ministry of Railways' inaction despite the district's economic significance. They criticized political parties for raising the issue only during elections without pursuing concrete solutions. With no progress on forming a dedicated Jharsuguda railway division, hopes for better management and comprehensive development continue to dwindle. As Jharsuguda grapples with being caught in the "chakravayuh" of three divisions, its potential as a major railway hub remains unrealized, leaving its residents yearning for attention and action from the authorities.

In Rayagada Revenue Asst held for embezzling 1.40 cr

PNS ■ RAYAGADA

Banamali Kar, Junior Revenue Assistant, office of Sub-Registrar, Bissam Katak in Rayagada district, was arrested on Friday for misappropriation of government funds to the tune of Rs 1.40 crore towards registration fees, user fees and other revenue.

Following his arrest, simultaneous searches were launched on two locations linked to properties of Kar.

The accused was on the run for the last two years, changing locations to evade arrest. However, a special team of Vigilance nabbed him after keeping a close watch over his move.

The Vigilance has launched a special drive to nab absconding public and government servants who are evading the process of law. Multiple teams have been formed and raids are being conducted after collecting inputs of suspected whereabouts of the absconders.

In Keonjhar Elephant carcass with wounds found



Cause of death uncertain

PNS ■ KEONJHAR

A carcass of a female elephant with several wounds and injury marks on the body was found in a paddy field in Keonjhar district on Saturday.

The incident was reported from Kantalei village under Khuntapada panchayat adjoining the Telkoi Forest Range of the district.

The mutilated carcass of the elephant bore severe injury marks on her abdomen, back and neck regions. While the exact cause of the wild animal's death remained unclear, several speculations were being made.

Incidentally, the area re-

cently witnessed several herds of more than 50 elephants destroying paddy fields. Extensive damage to crops was reported from the locality, leading to widespread discontent among local residents.

Hence, the elephant carcass has triggered suspicions of human-elephant conflicts. However, the severity of the wounds suggested that the elephant might have died after clashing with a tusker.

The Forest Department had not issued any statement regarding the death of the elephant. The unfortunate incident comes at a time when several areas of the State have reported elephant herds straying into human settlements and destroying paddy fields and crops.

In Baleswar Man gets 20-yr RI for raping minor

PNS ■ BALESWAR

Special Judge POCSO Ranjan Kumar Sutar on Saturday convicted a person on the charge of raping a minor girl in Baleswar district and awarded him 20 years' rigorous imprisonment (RI).

The court also asked the convict Karti Dalei (40) of village Nalbahar under the Basta police station in the district to pay a fine of Rs 5,000 and in default to undergo another two years' imprisonment.

The convict Kartik had on May, 3, 2024 lured the five-

year-old girl to a secluded place and sexually assaulted her. The mother of the victim, after learning about the plight of her daughter lodged a complaint with police. Later, the accused was arrested after investigation.

"The court after examining 12 witnesses and 21 exhibits pronounced the verdict today. The court further ordered Rs 4 lakh compensation to the victim to be paid through the District Legal Services Authority (DLSA)," said Special Public Prosecutor Pranab Panda.

In Paradip Brown sugar seized; youth held

PNS ■ PARADIP



A youth was apprehended by the Paradip Model Police Station team on November 27 following the seizure of 11.51 grams of brown sugar valued at over Rs 1 lakh from him. The operation, led by Sub-Inspector Ramesh Chandra Sani, took place near Cabin Market and Substation Road.

The accused has been identified as Sagar Poddar, son of Sanjay Poddar, a resident of Lockpada, Atharabanki, under the jurisdiction of Paradip Model Police Station. Alongside the narcotics, the police also seized a numberless





Glamour motorcycle from the suspect.

Jagatsinghpur SP Bhavani Shankar Udgata shared details of the case during a Press conference. DSP Santosh Kumar Jena and Model Police Station Officer Kabuli Barik were also present at the briefing. The police continue to investigate the case to uncover further links to the narcotics trade in the region.



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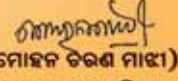


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ଜନସାଧାରଣଙ୍କ ସ୍ୱାସ୍ଥ୍ୟ ଉପରେ ଏକ ବିପଦ ଭାବେ ଉଭା ହେଉଥିବା ଏଡ୍ସ ରୋଗକୁ ୨୦୩୦ ପୁରା ଶୂନ୍ୟ ସଂକ୍ରମଣ କରିବା ପାଇଁ ଲକ୍ଷ୍ୟ ରଖାଯାଇଛି । ଏଥିପାଇଁ ସଂକ୍ରମିତ ବ୍ୟକ୍ତିଙ୍କ ମାନବିକ ଅଧିକାର ଉପରେ ଗୁରୁତ୍ୱ ଦେବା ଖୁବ୍ ଜରୁରୀ । ସାମାଜିକ ଓ ଆର୍ଥିକ ଦୃଷ୍ଟିରୁ ବଞ୍ଚିତ ଗୋଷ୍ଠୀଙ୍କ ପାଖରେ ସମସ୍ତ ପ୍ରକାର ସୁବିଧା ସୁଯୋଗ ପହଞ୍ଚାଇ ପାରିଲେ ଆମେ ଏହି ରୋଗର ନିୟନ୍ତ୍ରଣରେ ଅଗ୍ରଗତି କରିପାରିବା । ଭେଦଭାବ ଦୂରକରି ସମସ୍ତ ସଂକ୍ରମିତ ବ୍ୟକ୍ତିବିଶେଷଙ୍କ ଅଧିକାରକୁ ସମର୍ଥନ କରୁଥିବା ନିୟମକୁ ପ୍ରୋତ୍ସାହନ ଦେବା ଜରୁରୀ । କେହି ବି ସଂକ୍ରମିତ ବ୍ୟକ୍ତି ବିଧି ସଂକ୍ରମଣର ଆଶଙ୍କା ଥିବା ବ୍ୟକ୍ତି ତାଙ୍କ ଅଧିକାରକୁ ବଞ୍ଚିତ ନ ହୁଅନ୍ତୁ, ସେଥିପାଇଁ ଆଜିର ଦିନରେ ଆମେ ସମସ୍ତେ ଅଧିକ ଯତ୍ନବାନ ହେବା ପାଇଁ ସଂକଳ୍ପ ନେବା ।

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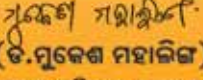




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ECI invites Congress to discuss Maharashtra poll result concerns

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE ■ NEW DELHI

The Election Commission of India (ECI) on Saturday asserted that all poll procedures it followed in Maharashtra were transparent and assured that it would review all legitimate concerns flagged by the Congress, which alleged serious inconsistencies. In its interim response to the party, the poll authority invited a Congress delegation on December 3 to discuss concerns expressed by it.

The commission reiterated that the process was transparent with the involvement of candidates or their agents at every stage. It also assured of a review of the Congress' legitimate concerns and a written response after hearing the party's delegation in person.

The Congress on Friday raised with the ECI "serious and grave inconsistencies," which it said were being revealed in the data relating to the polling and counting processes for the recently concluded Maharashtra Assembly polls and sought an in-person hearing to present relevant evidence.

The poll-body asserted that a transparent electoral roll updation process was undertaken with the involvement of all political parties. Responding to the issue regarding the voter turnout data, the ECI asserted



Maharashtra Cong chief Nana Patole wrote to the ECI seeking details and evidence of voter turnout.

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that there was no discrepancy in it and the data was available with all candidates polling station-wise and is verifiable. The gap in the 5 pm polling data and the final voter turnout was due to procedural priorities, as presiding officers perform multiple statutory duties near the close of polling before updating the voter turnout data. As an additional disclosure measure, an ECI press note at around 11:45 pm was introduced during the 2024 Lok Sabha election and followed subsequently during all Assembly polls thereafter, the poll body told the Congress.

The ECI said that total votes polled at each polling booth was given by the presiding officer, before leaving the polling station, to the authorised agents of candidates (Form 17 C Part1) at the end of polling on 20th November, the day of polling in Maharashtra and Jharkhand. This cannot be changed. This number aggregates to final voter turnout which all political parties and candidates can verify. For the conduct of elections, ECI takes employees on election duty from various departments of state government. The presiding officer near the completion of polling

at the polling station performs multiple statutory responsibilities like filling up of various statutory forms, record keeping of activities, sealing of the machines, etc. before winding up the polling at the polling station. "The Commission will convey its detailed reply to the issues raised in your letter at the earliest possible, but after suitably hearing from you further in person, for which you have conveyed a request. Accordingly, INC delegation is welcome to the Commission at 5 PM on 3'd December 2024," the poll body said.

CPI (ML) in Jharkhand not to seek ministerial berth in Soren cabinet

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE ■ RANCHI

The CPI (ML)-Liberation general secretary Dipankar Bhattacharya on Saturday said that they would not seek ministerial berth in the newly elected Hemant Soren government in Jharkhand. He said they would extend full support to the Soren government in its every right step and fulfil the guarantees given to the people during the election campaign.

"CPI (ML) L will not put any pressure for ministerial berth in the cabinet. We just have two legislators. So, we do not think we are ready for such responsibility. When we will have eight to ten legislators, we will take the responsibility," Bhattacharya told media persons here.

CPI (ML) L contested four seats as part of the INDIA bloc in the recently concluded Jharkhand assembly elections and managed to win two seats. Bhattacharya said, "We will extend our full support to the



government for its every right step and fulfil the guarantees. Government is one front, while the struggle is another front. CPI (ML) L will continue to fight against wrong ideology, lies, hatred and corporate loot. We will be working to unite the society." On the offer for ministerial berth, Bhattacharya said that there was no such offer in his knowledge. Chief Minister Hemant Soren assumed office after taking

oath as the 14th Chief Minister of Jharkhand in a grand ceremony here on Thursday. The CM, after the first cabinet meeting on Thursday, told the reporters that expansion of his cabinet would be done shortly. The JMM-led alliance last week stormed to power in Jharkhand for the second time in a row, securing 56 seats in the 81-member assembly, while the BJP-led NDA managed 24 seats.

Karan Singh urges Yunus to prevent carnage

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE ■ NEW DELHI

Veteran Congress leader Karan Singh on Saturday condemned the recent attacks on Hindu temples and community leaders in Bangladesh and urged the country's interim government headed by Nobel laureate Muhammad Yunus to take immediate steps to prevent the "carnage" as well as reassure the Hindu community of their security. "I urge the Nobel laureate Prof Muhammad Yunus, who heads the new (interim) government of Bangladesh, to take immediate steps to prevent this carnage and to reassure the large and widespread Hindu community that their lives, property and religious places shall be fully secure," Singh said.

Mehbooba urges LG to rethink Vaishno Devi ropeway project

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE ■ NEW DELHI

Asserting that religious places should not be converted into tourism hotspots, PDP supremo Mehbooba Mufti on Saturday requested Jammu and Kashmir Lt Governor (LG) Manoj Sinha to reconsider constructing a ropeway on the trek leading to the Vaishno Devi shrine in Reasi district. The former chief minister also demanded immediate withdrawal of an FIR against anti-ropeway protesters over the recent violence in Katra town, the base camp for pilgrims visiting the revered shrine atop Trikuta hills.

"The livelihood of shopkeepers, labourers and others are linked to the pilgrimage and they are bound to face a lot of problems (after construction of the ropeway). The government should think that it is a religious place and be treated like one instead of converting it into a tourism spot," Mehbooba told reporters after meeting the protesters in Katra.

The People's Democratic Party (PDP) supremo said there were several places with tourism potential in Jammu and Kashmir.

"This is a place of reverence where a devotee comes with a



pure heart to seek blessings of the Mata. Construction of the ropeway will not only bypass three important locations enroute to the shrine but also snatch the livelihood of thousands of locals," Mehbooba said. Jammu and Kashmir is already grappling with the country's highest unemployment rate as government jobs are nowhere and private investment is not coming, she claimed. "Privatisation requires electricity. Though Jammu and Kashmir produces electricity, it is given free of cost to some states and we have nothing for ourselves. People who earn their livelihood by means of labour work with the blessings of the Mata will lose the oppor-

tunity after the ropeway's construction," she said. Mehbooba said the Baridar community, which managed the shrine's affairs before formation of the Shri Mata Vaishno Devi Shrine Board, were not happy with their ouster and were continuously protesting.

"The lieutenant governor (shrine board chairperson) should reconsider the decision and take the livelihood of the locals into account before starting work on the ropeway, which can be shifted somewhere else," she said. The PDP leader also demanded the withdrawal of an FIR registered against the anti-ropeway protesters last week following a clash between them and law enforcing agencies. "The lieutenant governor has been there for the last five years and he should tell how many jobs were created and given to youngsters... When you snatch livelihood opportunities from people, protests are bound to happen. We are living in a democracy and it is the right of the people to protest," he said. Meanwhile, the Congress' Jammu and Kashmir president Tariq Hameed Karra visited Katra and met Shri Mata Vaishno Devi Sangharsh Samiti president and party leader Bhupinder Singh Jamwal.

BJP like landslides; does not follow rules, democratic norms: Priyanka Gandhi

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE ■ KOZHIKODE

Congress MP Priyanka Gandhi Vadra, on a two-day visit to Kerala after her maiden electoral win from the Wayanad hill constituency, on Saturday said the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) did not play by any rules or follow democratic norms in its political attacks.

Comparing the BJP's behaviour with the landslides that hit Wayanad in July, Priyanka contended that just like the natural disaster, the saffron party's conduct knows no rules, offers no explanations and follows no democratic norms that are normally adhered to in political fights.

"The political challenges we face (from the BJP) today are like landslides. There are no rules. There are no explanations." "The behaviour of the ruling party (at the Centre), the BJP, knows no democratic norms, not even those we normally adhere to in a political fight," she said while speaking at a

joint public meeting, with her brother and Leader of Opposition in the Lok Sabha Rahul Gandhi, at Makkam here.

She further said that institutions were being destroyed, leading to the wavering of the people's basic faith in the electoral process and "the institutions that held our country together".

Later, at a reception given to her in Karulai in Nilambur assembly constituency in Malappuram district, Priyanka reiterated -- "we are fighting against the BJP that has no rules, no respect for democracy and the Constitution".

"They have a negative and destructive agenda," she added. She claimed that the Parliament had not functioned for a week as the BJP was afraid to discuss certain issues on which the Congress-led opposition wanted to hold discussions in the Lok Sabha.

"We have a big battle before us in the Parliament and across India. We are fighting to safeguard our Constitution," she said.



She also said that there was a need for a "fair, balanced and strong judiciary that is not pressurised". Priyanka also assured the people of Wayanad LS constituency that she was in Parliament for them and it is their voice that she will raise there. "It is your voice that I will raise. It is your problems that I will try to resolve and it is your beliefs, values and aspirations that I will stand for each and every day from now till the end," she said.

She further said that she will work for a better future for the people of Wayanad and added that it will be her "mission" to resolve the various issues, like human-animal conflict, night travel ban, strengthening health and education services and improving tourism, faced by them.

Priyanka said she was "doubly grateful" to the people of Wayanad for showing her the same love and affection that they showed to her brother and for choosing her to represent them in Parliament.

"Thank you very much. I will not disappoint you. I will work very hard for you. You will be happy when you see your MP," she said.

Earlier at the public meeting, she said she would leave no stone unturned to ensure a stronger and better future for the people of Wayanad.

In the morning, after arriving at Karipur airport here, Priyanka said, "I am happy to be back here and I am ready to start working and do whatever I can to help the people of Wayanad have a better future."

150 two-wheelers caught in fire in Varanasi station

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE ■ VARANASI

Over 150 two-wheelers were destroyed in a fire that broke out at a parking stand in Varanasi's Cantt railway station, officials said on Saturday. There were no reports of any casualties.

The incident took place on Friday night when the fire erupted near the platform one parking stand, according to railway officials.

Upon receiving information about the incident, teams from the Railway Protection Force (RPF) and Government Railway Police (GRP) along with the fire department rushed to the spot to douse the flames, they said.

The blaze was brought under control but over 150 vehicles were reduced to ashes, they added. Additional Divisional Railway Manager Lalji Chaudhary expressed regret over the incident.

He said that the parking stand was set up for railway employees and because of the fire there has been a lot of damage.

There has been no loss of life of any kind in the fire, Chaudhary said, adding that a committee has been formed to investigate the matter.

Two Mahseer fish found in south Odisha

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE ■ NEW DELHI

Researchers at the Central University of Odisha have discovered two Mahseer fish species from the Indravati river system in the state's southern region, officials said.

These fish species belong to the cyprinidae family, which are large-bodied and big-scaled carps, and are also included under 20 mega fishes of the world, they said. They are often referred to as the 'king of the Indian aquatic system'. In Odisha, Mahseer fish species have earlier been reported from the Mahanadi and Brahmani rivers and the Similipal region. However, the

rare species were for the first time spotted in any river in the southern part, the Koraput-based institute said in a statement on Saturday.

"It is a sacred fish and worshipped in many Hindu temples in India," it said. Researchers led by Sharat Kumar Palita, dean of School of Biodiversity and Conservation of Natural Resources (SBCNR), discovered the fish species, said the statement.

Under close scrutiny in the university laboratory, the fishes were identified as Mahseer fishes and later confirmed by the Zoological Survey of India (ZSI), Kolkata. The ZSI identified the two species as 'tor tor' and 'tor putitora', it said.

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE ■ NEW DELHI

Deprecating the orders passed by the high courts (HCs) fixing a time-bound schedule for conclusion of trial while rejecting bail applications, the Supreme Court (SC) has said such directions were difficult to implement and give a false hope to the litigants.

The apex court said such directions adversely affect the functioning of the trial courts as in many trial courts, there may be pending older cases of the same category. "Before we part with this order, every day we notice that in several orders passed by different high courts while rejecting the bail applications, in a routine manner, the high courts are fixing a time-bound schedule for the conclusion of the trials," said a bench of Justices Abhay S Oka and Augustine George

Masih. The top court passed the order while granting bail to a man, who has been incarcerated for two and a half years in a case of alleged counterfeit currency notes.

While granting him the relief, the bench noted that trial was not likely to conclude in a reasonable time and the appellant deserves to be enlarged on bail following the well-settled rule that "bail is rule and jail is an exception". It said every court has criminal cases pending which require expeditious disposal for several reasons such as requirement of the penal statutes, long incarceration, age of the accused etc. "Only because someone files a case in our constitutional courts, he cannot get out of turn hearing. Perhaps after rejecting the prayer for bail, the courts want to give some satisfaction to the accused by fixing a time-bound schedule for trial," the bench

observed. "Such orders are difficult to implement. Such orders give a false hope to the litigants," the bench said in its November 25 verdict.

It said if in a given case, in law and on facts, an accused is entitled to bail on the ground of long incarceration without the trial making any progress, the court must grant bail.

The bench said the option of expediting the trial was not the solution.

Referring to a constitution bench verdict, the apex court said it was held that in the ordinary course, the constitutional courts should refrain from fixing a time-bound schedule for disposal of cases pending before any other courts. "A direction which can be issued in exceptional circumstances is being routinely issued by high courts without noticing the law laid down by the constitution bench," the bench said.



spike protein in the brain, said the researchers.

"Vaccination reduced but did not eliminate spike protein accumulation after infection in

mice. Our findings suggest persistent spike protein at the brain borders may contribute to lasting neurological sequelae of COVID-19," said the

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE ■ NEW DELHI

Navy Chief Admiral Dinesh N K Tripathi on Saturday emphasised upon the timeless pillars of military leadership – courage, resilience, and integrity – and stressed that the true strength of military leaders lay in "their ability to anticipate, act decisively, and inspire their teams to achieve success in every operation and mission and overcome any challenge." He said this at the Passing Out Parade (POP) at the Indian Naval Academy (INA), Ezhimala, Kerala. A total of 239 trainees, comprising Midshipmen of the 107th Indian Naval Academy Course, cadets of the 38th and 39th Naval Orientation Course (Extended), the 39th Naval Orientation Course (Regular), and the 40th Naval Orientation Course (Coast Guard and

Foreign), graduated with flying colours, marking the successful culmination of their ab-initio training. The Passing Out Trainees included eight foreign cadets from four countries and 29 women trainees. As the trainees prepare to step out of the Indian Naval Academy as Commissioned Officers, Admiral Tripathi reminded them that "The weight of the national security rests on your shoulders. Wear it with pride, carry it with honour, and never falter in its service." The successful trainees marched in a spectacular manner with gleaming ceremonial swords and rifles, saluting as they passed the Academy's Quarterdeck in Slow March to the evocative tune of Auld Lang Syne. This poignant farewell, a tradition in armed forces worldwide, marked their Antim Pag or final step at the Indian Naval Academy.

Headaches, sleep disturbance, brain fog may be long COVID

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE ■ NEW DELHI

SARS-CoV-2, the virus behind the Covid-19 pandemic, can persist in the skull and its surroundings i.e. meninges for years after infection, leading to a long-lasting effect on the brain, according to a major German study. Researchers from Helmholtz Munich and Ludwig-Maximilians-Universitat (LMU) found that SARS-CoV-2 spike protein remains in the brain's protective layers -- the meninges, and the skull's bone marrow for up to four years after infection.

These spike proteins are responsible for triggering chronic inflammation in affected individuals and increase the risk of neurodegenerative diseases, the team found.

The study 'Persistence of spike protein at the skull-meninges-brain axis may contribute to the neurological sequelae of COVID-19,' by Prof. Ali Ertürk, Director at the Institute for Intelligent Biotechnologies at Helmholtz Munich among others said that the long-term neurological effects include "accelerated brain ageing, potentially leading to a loss of five to 10

years of healthy brain function in affected individuals." The study, published in the journal Cell Host & Microbe, said that the patients may also have neurological symptoms of long Covid such as headaches, sleep disturbances, and "brain fog," or cognitive impairment.

About five to 10 per cent of people infected with Covid are likely to experience long Covid -- approximately 400 million individuals may carry a significant amount of the spike protein.

Notably, vaccines against the deadly virus significantly reduce the accumulation of the

researchers. The reduction was "only around 50 per cent in mice, leaving residual spike protein that continues to pose a toxic risk to the brain".

For the study, the team developed a novel AI-powered imaging technique to understand how the SARS-CoV-2 spike protein affects the brain. The method, which offers a three-dimensional visualisation of viral proteins, was deployed to find previously undetectable distributions of spike protein in tissue samples from Covid-19 patients and mice. The findings revealed signifi-

cantly elevated concentrations of spike protein in the skull's bone marrow and meninges, even years after infection. The spike protein binds to so-called ACE2 receptors, particularly abundant in these regions. The study also suggested a mechanism for the virus's entry into the central nervous system. "In both mouse and COVID-19 human tissues, we found spike protein in the skull meninges connections (SMCs), which the virus or virus components could use to travel from the skull marrow to the meninges and the brain parenchyma," said the authors.

Yogi highlights environmental challenges, advocates sustainable development

BISWAJEET BANERJEE ■
LUCKNOW

Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath voiced grave concerns on Saturday about escalating environmental and ecological challenges, emphasizing the Uttar Pradesh government's commitment to reducing carbon emissions and promoting sustainability. Speaking at the Green India Summit, the Chief Minister warned of the alarming pollution levels in Delhi, describing it as a "gas chamber." He expressed particular concern for the elderly and those with respiratory conditions, noting the judiciary's active role in addressing the crisis. Highlighting the impacts of climate change, CM Yogi

pointed to shifting monsoon patterns. "Earlier, the monsoon lasted from June 15 to August 15. Now, it extends from August 15 to October 15," he said, explaining how these changes disrupt traditional sowing and harvesting cycles, creating significant challenges for farmers. Uneven rainfall, with some areas experiencing floods and others drought, further exacerbates the problem. He attributed many environmental issues to unplanned development and harmful human habits, including water pollution. The CM noted that contaminated water is causing an increase in diseases like high blood pressure, diabetes, and gastrointestinal disorders.



Yogi Adityanath criticized unscientific industrial practices, such as dumping waste into rivers, for creating ecological disasters. He also drew attention to the overuse of pesticides and chemicals in agriculture, citing the infamous "Cancer Train," named for its high number of cancer patients caused by chemical-intensive farming practices. The Chief Minister shared progress on the state government's initiatives to combat environmental degradation. Since 2017, Uttar Pradesh has installed over 16 lakh LED streetlights, reducing carbon emissions by 9.4 lakh tons and saving Rs 968 crore in energy costs. He encouraged citizens to adopt solar energy through the PM Suryaghar Yojana,

allowing individuals to generate and sell surplus power, promoting renewable energy use. Reforestation has been another area of focus. Since 2017, the state has planted 204 crore trees, increasing forest cover to 10%. The government aims to expand this to 15% in the next three years, alongside developing a 23,000-hectare land bank for renewable energy projects. Addressing pollution from stubble burning and traditional cooking methods, CM Yogi praised the Ujjwala Yojana, which has provided free LPG connections to 10 crore families since 2016. He explained that traditional cooking fuels are as harmful as inhaling smoke from 100

cigarettes daily. The Chief Minister also spotlighted Eastern Uttar Pradesh's sanitation revolution. Between 1977 and 2017, encephalitis caused the deaths of 50,000 children in 38 districts due to contaminated water and open defecation. Improved sanitation and clean water initiatives have eradicated the disease in the region within just two years. Yogi Adityanath called for collective efforts from governments, institutions, and citizens to protect the environment. He urged experts to focus on research and innovation in environmental conservation and lauded the Green India Summit as a significant step toward fostering awareness and action.

Manipur is not like Mizoram: CM N Biren Singh

PTI ■ IMPHAL

A day after the Manipur government urged Mizoram CM Lalduhoma to demonstrate "better statesmanship" by being a "good neighbour" rather than fueling hatred through "unwarranted comments", Chief Minister N Biren Singh on Saturday said Manipur is not like Mizoram, "which was once just a district in Assam". Speaking at a function for construction of infrastructure to relocate the Assam Rifles from the premises of the historic Langthabal Old Palace, Singh said, "Manipur is not like Mizoram. We have a written history of 2,000 years. Manipur merged with the Union of India as a single entity in 1949. Our boundaries were not newly created but we joined with the Union with intact boundaries." The Manipur CM's reaction came in the backdrop of a recent interview given by Lalduhoma to a national daily in which he said Singh was a liability for the state, its people and the BJP, and even President's Rule is preferable compared to his



administration. "Assam Rifles is here to serve the nation. They are not our enemies. We all are Indian citizens. The gap can be bridged through interactions between commanders, CSOs, and intellectuals. Our common enemy is located in foreign territories, not within. The paramilitary force can deal with insurgents or unlawful activities as they see fit, but not everyone is an insurgent," the CM said. "People ask, 'What is the Chief Minister doing?' Can the CM go and engage in firing? The CM makes policy plans—how to identify illegal immigrants, how to cancel the Free

Movement Regime, and how to implement the NRC. We will never rest until we have clearly safeguarded the entire land of Manipur and its indigenous people," Singh asserted. The CM asserted that the conflict since May 3 last year is not due to corruption by the government but because of measures taken to protect the original inhabitants of the land and address the distorted histories of the state. "Naturally, those who once thrived on the drug trade will be upset with the government and against me," he added. Singh also thanked Union Home Minister Amit Shah

and Assam Rifles authorities for agreeing to relocate their camp from Langthabal Old Palace. He said, "The Langthabal Palace is a historic place. The Assam Rifles has been stationed in the state for more than 100 years for security reasons. They cannot shift immediately. Major General Ravroop and the DG understand this well. They took the demands of the people for the relocation of the force from the old palace very seriously, as it is a historical site and very close to the university campus. Later, talking to reporters, Singh said, "I would like to thank Union Home Minister Amit Shah, IGAR, and Assam Rifles authorities. They agreed to vacate the Langthabal Old Palace, which is the second palace of the state, and relocate to another area. The people had been demanding the relocation of the Assam Rifles from the old palace, but it did not materialise due to a communication gap between the Assam Rifles and the state government. I am very grateful to the Assam Rifles for agreeing to shift. This is an

achievement for the government." Asked about statements made by the Mizoram CM in relation to Manipur, Singh responded, "I think the state government, through the DIPR, has already clarified this matter. As a mature CM of any state, one should not incite hate or interfere in the internal affairs of another state. It is very unfortunate." In the statement, the Manipur government had also said, "Mizoram CM reveals his democratic credentials by espousing imposition of President's Rule in Manipur while opposing boundary fencing of the Indo-Myanmar international border. He also calls for reunification of the Zo people. He also talks about possibility of armed militias in Manipur pointing their guns at Delhi and need for disarming, and sincere negotiations with hill leaders." Regarding the missing person case, Singh said, "We condemn such incidents. We have instructed the authorities to locate the person, and state forces are actively searching for his whereabouts."

Vaishnaw inspects track slab manufacturing factory near Surat

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE ■
AHMEDABAD

Railways Minister Ashwini Vaishnaw on Saturday inspected a track slab manufacturing factory for the Mumbai-Ahmedabad bullet train project near Surat in Gujarat. Vaishnaw said all the equipment at the factory in Kim was initially brought from Japan before their manufacturing was started in India, which will be beneficial for upcoming construction projects. This unit will play a crucial role in ensuring the stability and performance of the bullet train's tracks, according to the National High-Speed Rail Corporation Limited (NHSRCL), the project execution agency. This facility will produce track slabs for 237 km of high-speed rail track for MAHSR corridor in Gujarat & DNH (352 km), it said. The Railways Minister also visited a facility of Plasser India, a manufacturer of track maintenance machines,



support India's first bullet train project, is designed to produce high-capacity ballast-less track slabs using advanced Shinkansen technology. The unit will play a crucial role in ensuring the stability and performance of the bullet train's tracks, according to the National High-Speed Rail Corporation Limited (NHSRCL), the project execution agency. This facility will produce track slabs for 237 km of high-speed rail track for MAHSR corridor in Gujarat & DNH (352 km), it said. The Railways Minister also visited a facility of Plasser India, a manufacturer of track maintenance machines,

at Karjan near Vadodra. He said the educational course on the design, manufacturing and testing of machines will be taught at Gatishakti University in Vadodra to help create new opportunities for youth. "The Austrian company has the world's biggest plant in India which also exports. I inspected the products to be exported to Australia, Argentina, and two to three other countries. The skill level of our engineers and technicians is also increasing significantly," the Railways Minister said. Vaishnaw participated in the 2nd convocation of Gati Shakti Vishwavidyalaya, formerly National Rail and Transportation Institute, in Vadodra. India's first bullet train link is being constructed between Mumbai and Ahmedabad using Japan's Shinkansen technology to create a high-frequency mass transportation system. The project has been funded by the Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA) with a soft loan of Rs 88,000 crore.

Mayawati calls on Centre, Opp to ensure Winter Session focuses on pressing problems

PTI ■ LUCKNOW

Bahujan Samaj Party (BSP) President Mayawati on Saturday called on the Centre and the Opposition to ensure that the Winter Session of Parliament focuses on the country's pressing problems rather than partisan clashes. The former Uttar Pradesh chief minister's appeal stemmed from controversies such as allegations against the Adani Group and the Sambhal mosque survey dispute, among others, which led to disruption in proceedings in both houses of Parliament this week. "Both the government and opposition should ensure that the ongoing Winter Session of Parliament focuses on the country's pressing problems rather than partisan clashes," Mayawati said, according to a BSP statement issued here. "Parliament must function in the broader interest of people. Both the ruling party and the opposition must demonstrate seriousness to address the challenges facing the nation," she added. The BSP supremo on Saturday addressed a meeting



of senior party leaders from Uttar Pradesh and Uttarakhand in Lucknow and stressed on them the need for Dalits and Ambedkarite communities to unite in their struggle for political empowerment. She stressed that the fight for the "master key to power" must intensify to free the society from the grip of "casteist and communal" forces, according to an official statement. Mayawati reviewed the party's organizational progress and directed the officials to address shortcomings at the district and divisional levels. She hit out at the BJP, accusing it of diverting public attention from pressing issues like unemployment, poverty

and inflation by using divisive tactics similar to the previous Congress governments. "The BJP's promises during the elections are forgotten once in power, leaving fundamental issues unresolved," she said, according to the statement. Mayawati also slammed Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath-led government for prioritizing religious agendas over constitutional responsibilities. She emphasized that economic struggles, unemployment and lack of education continue to affect millions in Uttar Pradesh and neighbouring Uttarakhand. "The government's failure to fulfill its responsibilities has pushed the public into deeper poverty and backwardness," she said. Speaking on the legacy of Dr BR Ambedkar, Mayawati reiterated the BSP's commitment to his vision of a welfare-oriented and egalitarian society. She announced plans for programmes on December 6 to honour Dr Ambedkar's contributions.

Amity confers degrees and diplomas to over 18,000 graduands

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE ■
NEW DELHI/LUCKNOW

Noida based Amity University on Saturday organized its 20th Convocation for the Class of 2024, wherein more than 18,000 Graduands were awarded degrees, diplomas, certificates, medals and trophies from different domains including Management, Engineering and Technology, Law, Mass Communication, Psychology, Allied Sciences, Fine Arts, and Fashion Technology, amongst others.* On this occasion, Honorary Doctorate was conferred upon Dr. Ajit Kumar Mohanty, Chairman, Atomic Energy Commission and Secretary to Govt. of India, a highly honored and privileged to receive the Honorary Doctorate form Amity University and I congratulate all the Amity students who have graduated today. The Department of Atomic Energy has dedicated itself to harnessing the energy from the atoms for the service to our nation and it works for national security, energy security, food security, health security, water security, science, research and innovation. Delivering her Acceptance



Ajit Kumar Mohanty, Chairman, Atomic Energy Commission and Secretary to Govt. of India*, averred, "I'm highly honored and privileged to receive the Honorary Doctorate form Amity University and I congratulate all the Amity students who have graduated today. The Department of Atomic Energy has dedicated itself to harnessing the energy from the atoms for the service to our nation and it works for national security, energy security, food security, health security, water security, science, research and innovation. Delivering her Acceptance

Speech, Dr. Sangita Reddy, Joint Managing Director, Apollo Hospitals Enterprise Ltd.,* said, "Today marks a glorious day for all the students and their parents and with the help of education received at Amity, students should be able to transform the world and build humanity which is the power and culture of India. Today, India is witnessing huge advancement in every field, India will become a chip manufacturing hub of the world and doctors are working on making the world disease free, therefore, there are a lot of opportunities for the students to apply their

knowledge and skills for the benefit of the society." Expressing his extreme pleasure on this occasion, Dr. Ashok K. Chauhan, Founder President, Amity Education Group*, stated, "Amity not only focusses on providing the best education to the students but also lays great emphasis on human values and sanskaars, since it is human values which make us great human beings. India will become a superpower and a developed nation by the year 2047 and we must aim to make India the best country in the world." Sharing the mantra of BHAAG, he added, "In BHAAG, B stands for Behavioral Science, H stands for Human values, A stands for Attitude, A stands for Ambition and G stands for God. If students follow this mantra, they are bound to succeed in all their endeavors." Accepting the Honorary Professorship, Dr. Sanjay Sachdeva, Vice Chairman ENT, Max Healthcare, asserted, "I'm honoured to receive the Honorary Professorship from a globally renowned and prestigious institution like Amity.

Students must be grateful to their teachers, parents, and institution who have been instrumental in shaping their career. Ancient wisdom combined with modern knowledge and values, is the best formula to attain success in any field." Congratulating the students, Dr. Atul Chauhan, Chancellor Amity University said, "Today marks a momentous occasion in the lives of our students. It is a day to celebrate their achievements, their perseverance, and their dedication to academic excellence. Amity has 7,00,000 Alumni across the world and all of them imbibe values imbibed in them at Amity. The knowledge, skills and values which the students have imbibed at Amity are the foundation upon which they will build their future. Every parent wants the best for their child and at Amity, we take care of every student as our own child. Through education, students must focus on giving back to society and make their country proud. Also present on the occasion Dr. (Prof.) Balvinder Shukla, Vice-Chancellor, Amity University Uttar Pradesh.

Jodhpur Jhal wetlands being transformed into bird sanctuary: Officials

PTI ■ MATHURA (UP)

Jodhpur Jhal, a wetland spread over 64 hectares in the Koh village of Mathura's Farah block, is being transformed into a bird sanctuary, officials said. Located just eight kilometres from the Sur Sarovar Bird Sanctuary in Agra and 35 kilometres from the Keoladeo National Park in Bharatpur, the wetland is expected to become a significant attraction for bird watchers and tourists, they said. Shailjakant Mishra, vice-chairman of the Uttar Pradesh Braj Teerth Vikas Parishad, visited the site on Friday to review its development. Mishra inspected the ongoing

constructions and offered suggestions for improvements based on feedback from environment and bird experts. He also emphasised the need to expedite the work to make the site a key ecotourism destination. According to Vikas Parishad CEO Shyam Bahadur Singh and environment advisor Mukesh Sharma, the wetland had become a favoured spot for both domestic and migratory birds. Efforts are being made to develop Jodhpur Jhal as a bird sanctuary to attract tourists visiting Mathura and Agra, they said. Singh said, "The sanctuary is being preserved through the protection of water channels,



such as Sikandra and Terminal Rajwah, and measures are underway to create an ecosystem suitable for migratory birds." "Natural habitats are being developed and dense forests will be planted to support bird breeding and ensure their safety. Construction work is expected to be completed by February, after which a green corridor will be established," he added. The sanctuary will feature seven water bodies, 13 islands, and a 2,200-metre nature trail with 13 huts for visitors to rest. Ecotourism facilities such as watchtowers, a biodiversity study centre, seminar halls, parking spaces, canteens, and toilets are also being

developed, the officials said. Local youngsters are being trained as nature guides to provide visitors with a richer experience. The project is being executed with a budget of Rs 8.66 crore, they added. Dr Krishna Pratap Singh, a bird expert from the Biodiversity Research and Development Society, Agra, said studies conducted between 2019 and 2021 identified 181 bird species at the wetland, including 132 resident, 33 migratory, and 12 resident-migratory species. "These include prominent migratory birds such as the greater flamingo, northern shoveler, bar-headed goose, pied avocet, and red-crested pochard, as well as resident

species such as the sarus crane, black-breasted weaver, Indian roller, and green bee-eater," he said. The wetland is home to several endangered and threatened bird species, as classified by the International Union for Conservation of Nature. The sanctuary aims to provide a safe habitat for these birds and promote their conservation and breeding, he added. "Once completed, Jodhpur Jhal is expected to enhance ecotourism in the region, attracting nature enthusiasts, researchers and photographers while contributing to the conservation of bird species and their habitats," the bird expert said.

SYRIAN INSURGENTS INSIDE ALEPPO

AP ■ BEIRUT

Thousands of Syrian insurgents fanned out inside Aleppo in vehicles with improvised armour and pickups, deploying to landmarks such as the old citadel on Saturday, a day after they entered Syria's largest city facing little resistance from government troops, according to residents and fighters. Witnesses said two airstrikes on the city's edge late Friday targeted insurgent reinforcements and hit near residential areas. A war monitor said 20 fighters were killed. Syria's armed forces said in a statement Saturday that to absorb the large attack on Aleppo and save lives, it has

redeployed and is preparing for a counterattack. The statement acknowledged that insurgents entered large parts of the city but said they have not established bases or checkpoints. Insurgents were filmed outside police headquarters, in the city centre, and outside the Aleppo citadel. They tore down posters of Syrian President Bashar Assad, stepping on some and burning others. The surprise takeover is a huge embarrassment for Assad, who managed to regain total control of the city in 2016, after expelling insurgents and thousands of civilians from its eastern neighbourhoods following a gruelling military campaign in which his forces were backed by

Russia, Iran and its allied groups. Aleppo has not been attacked by opposition forces since then. The 2016 battle for Aleppo was a turning point in the war between Syrian government forces and rebel fighters after 2011 protests against Assad's rule turned into an all-out war. The push into Aleppo followed weeks of simmering low-level violence, including government attacks on opposition-held areas. Turkey, which has backed Syrian opposition groups, failed in its diplomatic efforts to prevent the Syrian government attacks, which were seen as a violation of a 2019 agreement sponsored by Russia, Turkey and Iran to freeze the line of the conflict.

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remained in two neighbour-hoods.



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STORES E-PROCUREMENT
Tender Notice No.: S/27/2024-25; Dated: 28-11-2024. E-Tenders are invited by the undersigned for the following works:-
SN. 1; Tender No. 20/24/5002A/OT/226/2024-25;
Closing/ Opening Date: 12-12-2024
Brief Description, P.L. No. & Qty: Main Transformer 7775KVA for WAP-5 & WAP-7 Three Phase Electric Locomotive CLW Specn No. CLW/ES/3/0660 Rev. D or latest & STR No. CLW/C-D & D/STR/001 Rev 0 or latest, Tank Spec. No. CLW/ES/3/0507. Alt. Nil or Latest Conservator Tank Spec. No. CLW/ES/3/0508 Alt-Nil or Latest & STR No. RDSO/2013/EL/STR/0079 Rev 0 or latest. [Warranty Period: 30 Months after the date of delivery]. [Inspection Agency: TPI, Stage Insp: Yes, Stages: 1]. i) Qty- 1 No. for SSE/D/New Guwahati, NFR (Assam). P.L. No. - 29731067.
SN. 2; Tender No. 61/24/5480/OT/227/2024-25;
Closing/ Opening Date: 16-12-2024
Brief Description, P.L. No. & Qty: (1) Manufacture and supply of Pre stressed Mono block Concrete sleepers (Pretension type) for wider base Slack Gauge sleepers to suit 60kg (UIC)/52 kg ruling Rail as per RDSO Drg No. RT- 8979 & IRS Specification No. - T-39 (Sixth revision-March 2021), along with latest alteration if any, as duly loaded in to road vehicle/wagon. [Warranty Period: 30 Months after the date of delivery]. [Inspection Agency: CONSG, Stage Insp: NA, Stages: 0]. Qty : 586 Nos for SSE/P-Way/HILL/Lumding, NFR (Assam). P.L. No.-60190206002. (2) Manufacture and supply of Pre stressed Mono block Concrete sleepers (Pretension type) for wider base Slack Gauge sleepers to suit 60kg (UIC) 52 kg running Rail as per RDSO Drg No. RT-8982 & IRS Specification No. - T-39 (Sixth revision-March 2021), along with latest alteration if any, as duly loaded in to road vehicle/wagon. [Warranty Period: 30 Months after the date of delivery]. [Inspection Agency: CONSG, Stage Insp: NA, Stages: 0]. Qty : 1608 Nos for SSE/P-Way/HILL/Lumding, NFR (Assam). P.L. No.-6019020600. (3) Manufacture and supply of Pre stressed Mono block Concrete sleepers (Pretension type) for wider base Slack Gauge sleepers to suit 60kg (UIC)/52 kg ruling Rail as per RDSO Drg No. RT-8981 & IRS Specification No. - T-39 (Sixth revision-March 2021), along with latest alteration if any, as duly loaded in to road vehicle/wagon. [Warranty Period: 30 Months after the date of delivery]. [Inspection Agency: CONSG, Stage Insp: NA, Stages: 0]. Qty: 563 Nos for SSE/P-Way/HILL/Lumding, NFR (Assam). P.L. No.-60190206022. (4) Manufacture and supply of Pre stressed Mono block Concrete sleepers (Pretension type) for wider base Slack sleepers to suit 60kg (UIC)/52 kg running Rail as per RDSO Drg No. RT-8980 & IRS Specification No. - T-39 (Sixth revision-March 2021), along with latest alteration if any, as duly loaded in to road vehicle/wagon. [Warranty Period: 30 Months after the date of delivery]. [Inspection Agency: CONSG, Stage Insp: NA, Stages: 0]. Qty: 563 Nos for SSE/P-Way/HILL/Lumding, NFR (Assam) P.L. No.-601902060022.
SN. 3; Tender No. 10/24/3667B/OT/228/2024-25;
Closing/ Opening Date: 16-12-2024
Brief Description, P.L. No. & Qty: Spring Assembly Rubber - Secondary Vertical to EMD Part No - 40075328 [Warranty Period: 30 Months after the date of delivery]. [Inspection Agency: TPI, Stage Insp: NA, Stages: 0]. Qty: 200 Nos for Siliguri Jn. Diesel Depot, NFR (West Bengal), P.L. No.-17020293.
SN. 4; Tender No. 50/24/0633/OT/229/2024-25;
Closing/ Opening Date: 17-12-2024
Brief Description, P.L. No. & Qty: Plug-in Type, M to C, DC Neutral Line, Non AC immunized Relay Style QN1, 24 V DC, 12 F-4B Configuration, Specification: BRS: 930, IRS S-34, IRS S-23. [Warranty Period: 30 Months after the date of delivery]. [Inspection Agency: TPI, Stage Insp: No, Stages: 0]. (i) Qty: 1000 Nos for New Jalpaiguri GSD, NFR (West Bengal). (ii) Qty: 1200 Nos for Katihar GSD, NFR (Bihar). (iii) Qty - 250 Nos for Pandu GSD, NFR (Assam). P.L. No- 56450163.
SN. 5; Tender No. 60/24/5061/OT/230/2024-25;
Closing/ Opening Date: 19-12-2024
Brief Description, P.L. No. & Qty: (1) Supply, installation & commissioning of EOT Crane 25/10 Ton (at Malda Town), along with DSL and its installation, spares (slings, chains, tackles etc.) as specified in Schedule-1, spares as per Schedule IV, maintenance tools as per Schedule V and preventive maintenance during two years of warranty period. [Warranty Period: 24 Months after the date of delivery]. [Inspection Agency: TPI, Stage Insp: NO, Stages: 0]. Qty - 1 Nos for SSE/D/MECH/Malda Town, NFR (West Bengal), P.L. No. - 651000362201. (2) Comprehensive AMC for 5 years after the warranty period (for EOT Crane 25/10 Ton at Malda Town) as per Clause 17 of Section V. (Cost will not be included for evaluation purpose). [AMC Period: 5 years, Rate of Discounting: 10% Start After Year: 2]. [Inspection Agency: CONSG, Stage Insp: NA, Stages: 0]. P.L. No. 65100042. (3) Any additional items/accessories suggested by the bidder (for EOT Crane 25/10 Ton at Malda Town)]. [Inspection Agency: CONSG, Stage Insp: NA, Stages: 0]. Qty- 1 Nos for SSE/D/MECH/Malda Town, NFR (West Bengal) P.L. No.-65100043. (4) Supply, installation & commissioning of EOT Crane 30/5 Ton (at Siliguri), along with DSL and its installation, spares (slings, chains, tackles etc.) as specified in Schedule-1, spares as per Schedule IV, maintenance tools as per Schedule V and preventive maintenance during two years of warranty period. [Warranty Period: 24 Months after the date of delivery]. [Inspection Agency: TPI, Stage Insp: No, Stages: 0]. Qty: 1 Nos for SSE/DEMUI/C/Siliguri Jn., NFR (West Bengal).
SN. 6; Tender No. 50/24/0632/OT/231/2024-25;
Closing/ Opening Date: 19-12-2024
Brief Description, P.L. No. & Qty: Relay plug in type QTA2, metal to carbon, 9 Ohm, AC immune, DC neutral Track Relay, 2F/1B contacts, complete with plug board, retaining clip and tin plated connectors conforming to spec. no. BRS-939A with latest amendments/version. & BRS: 966 (Appendix F2) with latest amendments/ version., IRS-S34 & IRS-S23 (as applicable). [Warranty Period: 30 Months after the date of delivery]. [Inspection Agency: TPI, Stage Insp: No, Stages: 0]. (i) Qty: 945 Nos for New Jalpaiguri GSD, NFR (West Bengal). (ii) Qty: 623 Nos for Katihar GSD, NFR (Bihar). P.L.No. 56450229.

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SN. 7; Tender No. 61/24/5481/OT/232/2024-25;
Closing/ Opening Date: 20-12-2024
Brief Description, P.L. No. & Qty: BG PSC T/OUT SLEEPER (1 IN 12) DRG NO.T-4218. [Warranty Period: 30 Months after the date of delivery]. [Inspection Agency: CONSG, Stage Insp: NA, Stages: 0]. Qty: 15 Set for SSE/P-Way/Aluabari Road, NFR (West Bengal). P.L. No.: 600501100101.
SN. 8; Tender No. 30/24/5103/OT/223/2024-25;
Closing/ Opening Date: 24-12-2024
Brief Description, P.L. No. & Qty: Supply, Installation and Commissioning of Electro-Pneumatic Pressurized Flusing System in LHB Coaches at Dibrugarh Coaching Depot as per MCF Specification No. MMDTS 19027b Rev.01 (RSP PB Item No 1267/22-23). [Warranty Period: 30 Months after the date of delivery]. [Inspection Agency: TPI, Stage Insp: No, Stages: 0]. Qty: 440 Set for SSE/C&W/Dibrugarh, NFR (Assam). P.L. No.33615238.
NOTE:- For full details of Tender notice and tender documents, tenderer may log on to the website (www.iimps.gov.in) prospective bidder who intend to participate in above tenders are required to log in themselves with the above website and submit their offer electronically, if they are already registered with IREPS. In case they are not registered with IREPS, they are advised to obtain class-III Digital Signature Certificate from the certifying agencies under Govt. of India IT Act 2000 and participate in the above tenders.

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Place: Noida Dated this 29th day of Nov. 2024
Sd/- Law Veritas: North (Advocates & Legal Consultants) Office No. 11, 1st Floor, Building No. A-44A, Sector-16, Noida, Uttar Pradesh-201301 Landline(s): +910120-3101683 e-mail: accounts@lvnorth.in

PUBLIC NOTICE
(Advocate) E. No. D-1956/2010
Off. No. 13, DDA Market, A-Block, Patimura, Delhi-34

PUBLIC NOTICE
My client, Mr. Hemant Kumar S/o Mr. Kesar Das is the Registered owner of a Residential House no. 553/24, area measuring 81.66 sq. yds. covered area 538, out of Kharsa no. 6376/1114, situated at Waka Road, Laxmi Garden, Tehsil & District Gurgaon in the Nagar Nigam Gurgaon, Vide Registered Transfer Deed as Doc. no. 3175 dated 08.06.2023 SR-GURGAON the previous Original Document of this Property have been Lost i.e. Regd Sale Deed Doc. no. 3955, Dated-21.06.1996 SR-GURGAON executed by Mr. Vinod Singh in favour of Mrs. Usha Narang and Regd Sale Deed Doc. no. 20417, Dated-14.01.2010 SR-GURGAON executed by Mrs. Usha Narang in favour of Mrs. Richa Bangia and in this regard, NOR has been registered as LR no. 2346314/2024 dated 30.11.2024 and this above-mentioned property is going to be mortgage with Fed Bank Financial Services Limited any person/body/financial institution having any claim/right, lien any objection whatsoever in regard to above property, should notified to the undersigned/Adv. Vishal Mehra, E-713, Karandooma Court, Delhi-110092 along with documentary evidence under address through registered add within 7 days from the date of publication of this notice failing which any claim, lien or objection shall be deemed to have been waived. Adv. Vishal Mehra, E-713, Karandooma Court, Delhi-110092, Mobile No. 9811215181

PUBLIC NOTICE
General public notice to hereby inform that respectable client Smt. Vandana Grover W/o Lt. Sh. Raj Kumar Grover, R/o 7/14, Tilak Nagar, District West New Delhi-110018, has approached the Office of Sub Registrar-II B at Janakpuri, New Delhi for the Registration of the Will dated 13.04.2024 executed by her husband Late Sh. Raj Kumar Grover S/o Lt. Sh. Agya Ram Grover after death, if anyone, having any objection regarding the Registration of the Will dated 13.04.2024, executed by Lt. Sh. Raj Kumar Grover in favor of my above named respectable client, he/she may can objection in the Office of Sub-Registrar-II B, Janakpuri within 15 days from the date of issuing public notice
Sudhir Tewatia & Associates (Advocate)
Office: Ch.No.322, Dwarka Court, Sec-10, Dwarka, New Delhi-110075
Mob. 9971593597

THE PIONEER CLASSIFIEDS
CHANGE OF NAME
I, JC-502586H NB SUB Jasbir Singh, R/o- Ward No. 13, Patti, Teh- Patti, Dist- Tarn Taran, Punjab- 143416, declare that Kulwinder Kaur is my wife, in my service record her D.O.B is erroneously recorded as 10/10/1989, whereas her correct D.O.B is 19/10/1989.
PD(996)C
I, Jani Bai Patel W/o Jagdish R/o Essel House, Mandi Road, Sultanpur, New Delhi-110030, i have changed my name from Jani Bai Patel to Jani Patel.
PD(997)A
I, HITHERTO KNOWN AS MUKESH KUMAR ALIAS MUKESH KUMAR SHAH S/O JHARI LAL SHAH residing at H.NO.83, Block -7, Trilok Puri, East Delhi, Delhi - 110091, have changed my name and shall hereafter be known as MUKESH KUMAR SHAH.
PD(999)C

SIGNALING WORK
E-Tender Notice No.: N-2024-K-25; dated. 28-11-2024. E-tenders are invited by the undersigned for the following work: **SL. No.1; Tender No. N-2024-K-25: Name of the work:** Signaling work during various Engineering machine work (PQRS and Unimat machine work in Raninagar Jalpaiguri - Kishanganj section) over Katihar Division. Tender Value: ₹38,80,470.72; Earnest Money: ₹77,600.00. E-tender will be closed at 15:00 hrs. on 20-12-2024 and opened at 15:30 hrs. on 20-12-2024. The complete information with the tender document of above e-tender will be available upto 15.00 hrs of 20-12-2024 in website <http://www.iimps.gov.in>
DRM (S&T), Katihar
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PUBLIC NOTICE
Whereas, M/s. C2C Global Education India Pvt. Ltd. is in the process of undertaking development of a Primary School, Pioneer Presedia, Sector 62, Gurugram, over an area measuring 1 Acres part of group housing colony of Pioneer Urban Land and Infrastructure Ltd. Measuring 24.606 Acres (License no. 268 of 2007 dated 03.12.2007) in sector 62 Gurugram, granted by Director, Town & Country Planning, Haryana, Chandigarh, And whereas, the office of Director General, Town & Country Planning, Haryana, Chandigarh has required seeking of objections against the revision of the building plans as a pre-condition for allowing such revision in the building plans. Accordingly, vide this public notice objections are hereby invited from any person/allottee on the proposed revision of the building plans of the said primary school. A copy of the earlier approved building plans bearing Memo No. Z-P-338-C/D/BS/2011/15378 dated 18/10/2011 and the building plans now proposed to be revised bearing Memo No. Z-P-338-I/P/PA/DK/2024/3491 dated 20.11.2024 is available for perusal on our website www.c2cindia.in. The said building plans can also be perused at the office of undersigned at Primary School site, Pioneer Presedia, Sector 62, Gurugram, Haryana as well as in the office of the Senior Town Planner, HUDA Complex, Sector-14, Gurugram. Any person/allottee having any objection on revised building plans, may file his objection in the office of the Senior Town Planner, HUDA Complex, Sector- 14, Gurugram within thirty days of publication of this notice, failing which it shall be assumed that there are no objections to the proposed revision in the building plans.
For C2C Global Education India Pvt. Ltd.,
Rahul Mangani
(Senior Executive Compliance)

MODERNISATION OF SIGNALLING ARRANGEMENT IN LUMDING DIVISION
E-Tender No. :SNT-36-LMG-2024-25; Dated: 28-11-2024; E-Tender are invited by the undersigned for the following work:
Name of work : Modernisation of signalling arrangement by provision of Electronic Interlocking at 3 stations (Sarupathar, Barpathar & Bhilgaon) in Lumding-Furkating Jn. section of Lumding Division. Tender Value: ₹19,00,66,597.49/-; Bid Security: ₹11,00,300/-; Date & time of closing of tender at 15:00 hours and opening at 15:30 hours on 30-12-2024. For details please visit in website www.iimps.gov.in
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EXTRACT OF STATEMENT OF STANDALONE UN-AUDITED FINANCIAL RESULTS FOR THE QUARTER AND HALF YEAR ENDED 30.09.2024
(Rs. in Lacs)

Sl. No.	Particulars	Quarter Ended		Half Year Ended		Year Ended
		30.09.2024 Unaudited	30.06.2024 Unaudited	30.09.2024 Unaudited	30.06.2024 Unaudited	
1	Total Income from Operations	11.37	1.50	-	12.87	- 0.73
2	Net Profit/(Loss) for the period (before Tax, Exceptional and/or extraordinary Items)#	9.51	-4.12	-1.41	5.39	-6.78 -18.56
3	Net Profit/(Loss) for the period before tax (after Exceptional and/or extraordinary Items)#	9.51	-4.12	-1.41	5.39	-6.78 -18.56
4	Net Profit/(Loss) for the period after tax (after Exceptional and/or extraordinary Items)#	-3.59	-3.01	2.02	-6.60	-5.02 -15.77
5	Total Comprehensive Income for the period (Comprising Profit/(Loss) for the period (after tax) and Other Comprehensive Income (after tax))	13.72	9.09	13.43	22.80	18.71 30.48
6	Equity Share capital	300.89	300.89	300.89	300.89	300.89
7	Reserves (excluding Revaluation Reserve) as shown in the Audited Balance Sheet of the previous year	548.67	534.95	514.09	548.67	514.09 525.86
8	Earning per Share (face Value of Rs. 10/- each) (not annualised)					
1.	Basic	-0.11	-0.11	0.06	-0.22	-0.17 -0.52
2.	Diluted	-0.11	-0.11	0.06	-0.22	-0.17 -0.52

NOTE :
1. The above is an extract of the detailed format of Standalone Un-Audited Financial Results for the quarter and half year ended September 30, 2024 filed with the Stock Exchange under Regulation 33 of the SEBI (Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015. The full format of the Financial Results are available on the Stock Exchange website www.bseindia.com. The same is also available on the Company's website www.jindalleasfin.in.
2. The above results duly reviewed by the Audit Committee, were approved by the Board of Directors in their meeting held on 30.11.2024.
For Jindal Leasefin Limited
Sd/-
(Chavi Rungta)
Director

Date : 30.11.2024
Place : New Delhi

DSPL-234

14TH INTERNATIONAL SAND ART FESTIVAL
1ST-5TH DECEMBER 2024
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Shri Sudarsan Pattnaik (Padma Shri Awardee)
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over the pre-season - when I was rehabbing a lot was to rest and get my body in the right spot - that I didn't want to rush anything and then re-injure something and then push back my return to play date. So, we took it pretty slow with my rehab."

"There are chats but no panic as such."

Boland accepted that individual performances will be discussed but there will be no panic over the Australian dressing room isn't panicky after the heavy defeat in the opening Test.

"There's definitely no panic stations in our change rooms. There's obviously going to be some chats around individual performances and everyone wants to perform really well every game they play."

"But yeah, it's like, we've lost one game," he added.

continues to show enormous promise but was out to rashes in both innings. Williamson provided an example of application to the rest of the New Zealand top order, continuing in his usual unflappable manner even after he was struck on the helmet by Stokes when on 26. In contrast, Ravindra was lured into an unnecessary shot at a short ball by Carse, knowing that the trap had been set and was sprung when he was caught in the deep by Jacob Bethell. Williamson passed 9,000 test runs in his 103rd test at an average of 54 when he reached 26. He went on to a half century from 74 balls when New Zealand was 117-3.

won't go into that direction and start judging him (Gambhir) in six months. "You knew what you were asking for and what you were getting. He is a very clear-cut person and he has made it clear throughout his life. So, what you are seeing now is what everyone expected of him to do."

you look at a lot of public work, I'm not being funny, they're dead. There's nothing in them, they're just featureless, soulless. With a painting, if in doubt, fade it out. With sculpture, there is nowhere to hide.

For Pratley, especially when he is working with a live model, "I'm often struck by how the absolute essence of somebody is somewhere between the nostrils and the mouth. The flicker of muscles and the subtle movement of muscles around the mouth is so much you — it's so much that person."

On a pedestal? Commemorative sculpture historically has been on plinths, Branch notes. "Part of the reason for that is because we put our heroes on a pedestal," she said. "The problem is, the lower to the ground the sculpture is, the more scrutiny it's going to get and the less it can get away with not looking quite right."

PANCHAYAT SAMITI, BARKOTE: DIST-DEOGARH.		
No. 5785/Dev. Date 28.11.2024		
<u>TENDER CALL NOTICE</u>		
<p>The Block Development Officer, Barkote on behalf of Govt. of Odisha invites sealed tenders for one works under Panchayat Samiti, Barkote in percentage rate basic (P1). The contractors registered with Government of Odisha/Central Govt. or Contractors equivalent to grade "B", "C" and "D" class of P.W.D. (R.&B)/Water Resource/Rural Works/M.I./C.P.W.D. are eligible to submit the tender paper for following work eventually to be drawn up in P.W.D. F2 form of agreement in conformity with the detailed Tender call Notice.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">The other details can be downloaded from district website. i.e. https://deogarh.odisha.gov.in/</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Block Development Officer Barkote</p> <p>OIPR-19394/11/00022425</p>		
Tender Notice No.	/PMU/INKZP/2024-25	Dated: 28/11/2024
<u>SELECTION OF AGENCY FOR COMPREHENSIVE MAINTENANCE</u>		
<u>CONTRACT (CMC) FOR PROVIDING, OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE OF ECO-FRIENDLY BATTERY-OPERATED TOY TRAIN WITHIN THE PREMISES OF NANDANKANAN ZOOLOGICAL PARK, BHUBANESWAR FOR THE YEAR 2024-25.</u>		
<p>Tender is invited by Deputy Director, Nandankanan Zoological Park, Baranga, Bhubaneswar, Odisha from the reputed bonafide financially sound contractor /agency /company having sufficient experience in Providing service of Operation and Maintenance of Eco-Friendly Battery-Operated Toy Train. Interested agencies/Company may participate in this tender and submit their proposals. The detailed tender document can be downloaded from the website of Nandankanan Zoological Park: www.nandankanan.org from 11.00 AM of 29.11.2024 to 5.00 PM of 12.12.2024. The last date of receipt of technical and financial bids is 12.12.2024 till 5.00 PM. Please refer the tender documents for further details.</p> <p>Nandankanan Zoological Park reserves the right to cancel this invitation and / or invite fresh Bid / tender with or without amendments to this invitation, without liability or any obligation for such invitation and without assigning any reason. Nandankanan Biological Park, Bhubaneswar reserves the right to accept or reject any or all proposals without assigning any reason whatsoever.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Deputy Director Nandankanan Zoological Park</p> <p>OIPR-08070/11/0028/2425</p>		



The curtains fell down at the Dr. Shyama Prasad Mukherjee Indoor Stadium in Goa for the *International Film Festival of India (IFFI)*, marking a significant few days in the universe of cinema and cinema lovers. As the festival came to an end, it left an indelible mark on the cinephiles, celebrating the art of storytelling and the creative forces behind it.

2024 marked the 55th edition of the *International Film Festival of India* that took place on 20 to 28 November, 2024 at Panaji, Goa. The festival showcased around 200 films from 75 countries, including 15 world premieres, 3 international premieres, 40 Asian premieres, and 106 Indian premieres. Featuring celebrated titles and award-winning films from around the world, this year's festival promised to make a powerful impression on the audience.

The nine day film festival brought together pioneers from the film industry including directors, actors, cinephiles and awarded the best ones in the game.

The festival concluded with the Closing film, "Dry Season", directed by Czech filmmaker Bohdan Sláma, encapsulating the story of humanity, sustainability, and generational bonds.

The closing night's most awaited segment was the presentation of the prestigious awards, recognising exceptional talent and storytelling.

The highest honour *Golden Peacock for the Best Film* presented by Pramod Sawant, Chief Minister of Goa and Ashutosh Gowariker, Jury Chairperson of the International Competition was bagged by Lithuanian film *Toxic*. *Toxic* is a film by Lithuanian filmmaker and screenwriter Saulė Bluvaitė. His debut feature film delivers a raw and haunting coming-of-age story of friendship. The Jury praised the film for exploring adolescence and the harsh realities of growing up in an economically deprived society, with so much sensitivity and empathy.

The *Silver Peacock for Best Director* was awarded to Romanian writer and director Bogdan Muresanu for his film, *The New Year That Never Came*. The accreditation recognised his outstanding direction and exquisite storytelling on screen with that film.

Claiming the *Silver Peacock Award for Best Actor* in the *Male* category was Clément Faveau. He was recognised for his incredible and compelling performance in the French film *Holy Cow*, expressing the emotional ups and downs of the protagonist, while traversing from ages of innocence to maturity. For the same, the Jury also made a special mention to actor Adam Bessa for his portrayal of Bilal, in the Tunisian film *Who Do I Belong To*. The actor was lauded for his nuanced and restrained performance in the film.

The actors Vesta Matulyte and Ieva Rupeikaite jointly were bestowed with the *Silver Peacock for Best Actor* in the *Female* category for their extraordinary debut performances for the film "Toxic".

The *Special Jury Award* was handed over to French filmmaker Louise Courvoisier. The actor was acknowledged for the creative excellence in filmmaking for the film 'Holy Cow'. The film shows that after losing his father, 18-year-old Totone (Faveau) must mature quickly to care for his younger sister and manage their family farm in Jura. The film showcases how his responsibilities grow further as he competes for the title of the region's best Comté cheese.

Familiar Touch by Sarah Friedland was bestowed with the Award for the *Best Debut Feature Film of a Director*. The film has been marketed as a coming-of-(old)-age story. 'Familiar Touch' centers on an octogenarian woman (Kathleen Chalfant) navigating the challenges of transitioning to assisted living. The film has explored her evolving relationship with herself and her caregivers as she faces the realities of cognitive decline.

Director Navijot Bandiwadekar bagged the *Best Debut Director of Indian Feature Film* for his exceptional storytelling in the Marathi Film *Gharat Ganpati*. The award marked the IFFI's commitment to nurturing the emerging Indian filmmakers. The film has been selected from the list of other five feature-films, the Jury chaired by cinematographer and director Santhosh Sivan, agreed that the film was well crafted with robust performances and captures the complexities of familial bonds, the deep emotional resonance makes the film a standout debut.

The prestigious *ICFT-UNESCO Gandhi Medal*



in the film, 12th Fail. I am a storyteller at heart, I choose the scripts to be able to become the voice of the common people." Massey also further said that, "Own yourself, own your stories, own your roots wherever you come from. Indian Film industry is one of the spectacular industries to be part of." There was special felicitation for the Iconic Indian Director Ramesh Sippy and celebrated actor *Jaya Prada* for their contribution to the Indian Cinema in the ceremony by the Chief Minister of Goa and Sanjay Jaju.

Embracing the enriching power of the cinema, extending hand to young filmmakers and ending the IFFI 2024, Ashutosh Gowariker, Jury Chairperson of the International Competitions, said, "All the movies selected for the competition stood tall. A great film doesn't just tell us a story, it changes us. To all the young filmmakers, let the light inside you burn brighter so that one day your vision will be seen by the world."

With the theme of 'Young Filmmakers: The Future is Now', 55th IFFI ensured a platform for young filmmakers, said Sanjay Jaju, Secretary, Ministry of Information & Broadcasting.

The evening reached its zenith with a mesmerising finale by actress and dancer Shriya Saran, titled as "Rhythms of India" showcasing the richness of Indian classical and folk traditions.

The IFFI 2024 was not just a cinematic showcase but was a festival that soared with cultural exchange, artistic celebrations, and an undying commitment to the future of films in the country and globally.

From illuminating conversations to inspiring mentorship, from India and other countries, unifying pioneers in cinema and unforgettable screenings, IFFI 2024 offered a transformative experience for film lovers worldwide.

The *55th International Film Festival of India (IFFI)* concluded recently in Goa, celebrating the magic of cinema. The festival showcased over 200 films from 75 countries, honouring exceptional talent with an enriching global cinematic dialogue. The event came to a climax with the presentation of prestigious awards, recognising the best in films from around the world, writes **ABHI SINGHAL**

IFFI 2024 CONCLUDES



“Music is the tool to express
life and all that makes a
difference”
— **Herbier Hancock**



A VOICE THAT HEALS



KAILASH KHER'S journey from humble beginnings to Padma Shri is truly inspiring. Through his music, he has touched millions, sharing the struggles and moments that shaped his path and the deep connection he holds with his fans, says **SAKSHI PRIYA**

“जो टूट कर बना, जिसे मौत ने जाना,
वो क्या टूटे, वो और क्या मारे”
(What was broken and revived,
what death tried to take away,
how could it be broken again?)

These words, spoken with quiet strength, hold the raw truth of *Kailash Kher's* life. A life that, much like the music he creates, has been a journey of hardship, healing and everything in between. He has faced loss, endured difficult times and seen some of the darkest days. Yet, his songs are always filled with hope. This is what makes him not just a singer, but a storyteller of the human experience, a poet of strength. His music isn't just sound; it's a conversation with the soul. A conversation that comes from the heart of *Kailash Kher*, a man whose very being is felt in every note he sings. When he speaks about his journey, you can almost hear the weight of each experience in his voice, as if every word he shares is filled with emotion, shaped by years of struggle and success. In December 2016, a moment that would forever change his life arrived, though it took another few months for the reality to sink in. By April 2017, it was confirmed, he was to receive the Padma Shri, one of India's highest civilian awards. The news was a whirlwind of emotions, not just for him, but for his family. “I first told my sister,” he recalls with a soft smile. “It was a moment of joy because, in Delhi, we had suffered a lot. We left our homes, lived like orphans and went through many different experiences. We saw the world changing, relationships changing and people's attitudes changing, all of these shifts happened at a young age” His journey from hardship to honour is one of resilience. He talks about his childhood in Delhi, a city that seemed to change before his very eyes, as people, relationships and even attitudes shifted. Yet, despite the hardships, Delhi, in all its complexity, gave him the opportunity to realise his dreams. The recognition came not just for his music but for the spirit with which he has approached life. From a young age, music was more than just a

passion, it was his way of being. “As a child of 4 or 5, I was already curious about music, but I didn't sing the popular songs of the time,” he shares. Instead, he gravitated toward unique sounds that defied the norm. “I didn't sing filmi songs, ghazals, bhajans or qawwalis. I didn't sing what was already there. People were curious, what does this child sing and how?” It was this originality that later led to the birth of *Kailasa*, a name that would become synonymous with spiritual and soul-stirring music. As his career grew, his live performances became a way for him to connect deeply with his audience. “In Kota, Rajasthan, a girl came to one of my shows with a blade, saying she would harm herself if she didn't get to meet me. She was a devotee and my music was more than entertainment to her, it was her lifeline,” he remembers. “When I found out, I asked her to drop the blade, and she did. It was one of those moments that reminded me of the emotional power music holds. It's not just about melodies; it's about healing.” Every song he writes, sings and composes holds a piece of his soul. “When I sing, it's a reflection of my own emotions. But once it's out there, it becomes part of someone else's story too,” he explains. His music resonates with listeners in a way that breaks through language and culture, offering a universal connection. Despite his success in Bollywood, he differentiates the impact of film music from his non-film compositions. “Film audiences are looking for light entertainment but non-film music carries deeper emotions,” he says. “Non-film music touches the soul, while film music is more fleeting. Each platform has its unique audience and I enjoy the challenge of catering to different frequencies.” But no career comes without its challenges and his own journey wasn't without rejection. He remembers the time when his song “Allah Ke Bande” was initially dismissed. “At the time, I didn't understand the film industry very well. They told me it was a film song but it didn't have the usual budget. I had doubts. But when the song became a hit, the same people who rejected it came asking for collaboration. That song did become a turning point in my career and it was



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a lesson that sometimes the smallest beginnings lead to the biggest breakthroughs.” Reflecting on his career, he is humble about his influence. “People often ask me which of my songs defines me. It's difficult to choose. Life is so full of shifting emotions. Each song represents a different phase. Take ‘Piya Ghar Aavenge’, for example, it's about the anticipation of a reunion. Or ‘Teri Deewani’, which is about the intensity of love. And then there's ‘Saiyyan’, a song about surrendering to something greater than yourself. Each one reflects a part of my journey but none can define it entirely.” As for the impact of his music, he says that whether he is performing in India or abroad, the connection is the same. “Wherever I go, people connect with my music because it speaks to their hearts. Whether in the US or India, our indian audience understands the joy of life. But in Delhi,” he adds with a mischievous grin, “there's a certain energy here, a special ‘dhamaal’ that is unmatched.” He may not have imagined this journey when he first started singing as a child, but today, his music has touched the hearts of millions. It is the story of a boy who didn't follow the conventional path, a boy who sang from his heart and whose voice continues to resonate with the world. The Padma Shri award is just one chapter in his extraordinary journey, a journey that continues to inspire and uplift. *Kher's* journey is a beautiful reminder of the power of music to connect us to something deeper within ourselves. *Kailash kher* doesn't just make music; he shares pieces of his own story, inviting us all to reflect on our own. Every track, *Kher* insists, is a piece of his soul. “They're not just songs,” he says. “They're my prayers, my truths. And once they're out in the world, they take on lives of their own.” Much like the lyrics of *Piya Ghar Aavenge*, “आज मेरे पिया घर आवेंगे, हे—री, सखी, मंगल गाओ री, धरती—अंबर सजाओ री, उतरेगी आज मेरे पी की सवासे”, they speak of waiting, of anticipation, of the quiet joy that comes from knowing something beautiful is about to happen. Waiting isn't always celebrated, but his music shows us that there is beauty in the moments in between. The stillness and hope that accompany the wait remind us that sometimes the most profound moments in life aren't the arrivals, but the journeys we take while waiting. In his own way, *Kailash Kher* teaches us that there is an art to waiting. It's in those moments of anticipation when we hold our breath and trust that what we're waiting for will be worth it. Just like the joy in the song, the waiting itself is part of the magic, making the reunion all the more meaningful when it finally arrives.

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FROM THE MAN HIMSELF

What one piece of advice to your younger self, the *Kailash Kher* just starting out, what would it be and why?
I would say, “You have never slept for 12 years, nor eaten properly. How did you survive without eating and sleeping? Eat a little, sleep a little and embrace life fully. Be human.” I lived like this, living many lives within one birth.

Is there any collaboration or project you have been wanting to do but haven't had the chance yet?
I have no desires or plans. I am a man with no plan and I cherish that state of being. My only “want” is that I have no wants and my only “desire” is to have no desires. I believe life flows best when you're not tied down by endless aspirations. Instead, I would advise others to focus on taking care of themselves first physically, mentally and spiritually, before chasing desires.

What message will you give to the younger generation who are coming into music?
I don't give advice often because I believe when you give something valuable, it should be respected. Because when you give something that holds value, it is respected. If you give it for free, it is not. If someone truly wants it, they will take it. If they don't want it, they won't. That's why I believe one should stay true to themselves, neither giving nor taking. If someone insists and asks me for advice, my advice would be this: “Never give advice to anyone. Neither give nor take. Just stay within yourself, and truly be true to yourself.

Who do you think would be the right person to portray your entire journey, from childhood to the present, in a film?
I don't look at it from that perspective and that's why I never have. Most people aren't fully honest in their work. In creativity, too, many people repeat the same things in the name of “new.” They claim to be creating something very unique, but it's already been done. Everyone's life and story are unique and to capture that uniqueness, you need a creator who's equally different. It's possible that someone who's never done it before, or even if they have, can bring something fresh to it because they understand the nuances of art and craft. If they can get it right, then it will have that newness and originality.





(left to Right) - Chef Mattea Nasi and Chef Alessandro Liberatore

perfection, with the prawns' sweetness melding beautifully with the risotto's rich texture. Every plate seemed to have the same meticulous attention to detail, leaving no palate unfulfilled. Throughout the evening, the service was impeccable, attentive without being intrusive. The vegetarian focus of the menu was a refreshing change, with every dish crafted with the same thought and care as any meat or seafood counterpart. It felt as though the vegetables were the stars of the show, celebrated for their natural flavours and textures rather than treated as just substitutes. Dessert was another highlight: a *Chocolate Cocoa Short Crust Pastry* filled with raspberry cream and chocolate ganache. The sharp tartness of the raspberry paired beautifully with the velvety richness of the chocolate, creating a harmony that felt like the perfect conclusion to an already outstanding meal. Yet, it was the final offerings under *Until We Meet Again* that left me in wonder.

The Selection of Tea and Coffee was perfect to wind down, but the real treasures were the petit fours. These weren't just bite-sized treats; they were flavour bombs that delighted and surprised. My personal favourites, *Cabosse*, *Noisettes*, *Mango & Coconut Petit* each carried a distinct personality, but together, they created a symphony of textures and flavours that blew my mind. The Signature *Lemon*, *Chocolate & Coffee Petit Four* were as indulgent as they were unique, leaving a sweetness that felt like a parting gift.

Zanotta's charm lies not only in its food but in how every aspect of the experience is curated to perfection. Chef Liberatore's collaboration was a reminder of why Michelin stars matter, not for their prestige, but for the heart and soul they demand from a chef. Whether you're a vegetarian, a seafood enthusiast or simply someone looking to experience an unforgettable meal, *Zanotta* delivers on every front. It's not just a meal; it's a memory, a moment and a masterpiece rolled into one. For me, it was proof that fine dining isn't just about eating, it's about truly living.

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MICHELIN MAGIC ON A PLATE

Imagine indulging in a meal where every bite feels like a discovery where flavours, textures and creativity come together in perfect plate. That's exactly what you can expect at *Zanotta*, where Michelin-starred Chef Alessandro Liberatore's culinary genius takes fine dining to a whole new level, says **SAKSHI PRIYA**

For anyone who considers themselves a foodie, there's an unmistakable thrill in the promise of a Michelin-starred experience. It's not just about eating; it's about savouring stories told through food, each dish a chapter of creativity, tradition, and mastery. As a vegetarian, I've often found myself navigating the labyrinth of fine dining, where plant-based options can sometimes feel like an afterthought. But my recent visit to *Zanotta* at *The Leela Ambience*, for a unique collaboration with Villa Cora's two-Michelin-Key Chef Alessandro Liberatore, turned all my expectations on their head.

Picture this: a sparkling Gurugram skyline, soft live music and the kind of atmosphere that makes you lean in just a little closer to hear the clink of glasses and the hum of conversation. That's the setting at *Zanotta*, perched elegantly on the sixth floor. *The Leela Ambience Gurugram Hotel & Residences* proudly presented this iconic pop-up featuring VillaCorà, the prestigious two-Michelin-Key hotel from Florence. The stage was perfectly set for a menu promising innovation, comfort, and the finest ingredients, all tied together with a ribbon of Italian finesse. It began with what could only be described as edible art: a

Deconstructed Bruschetta, forget the standard fare of toasted bread and diced tomatoes; this was a vivid celebration of marinated cherry tomatoes, bursting with flavour and delicately balanced with a drizzle of herbaceous olive oil. It was light, refreshing and a reminder that sometimes, the simplest ingredients hold the most potential. The next dish, *Millefeuille Aubergine*, was a revelation. A delicate layering of eggplant, tomato coulis, buffalo mozzarella and basil pesto transformed the humble aubergine into something extraordinary. Each bite was an orchestra of smoky, creamy and tangy notes that remained long after the plate



was cleared. It felt like comfort food, but with the refinement you expect from an Italian maestro. Then came the *Potatoes Gnocchi*, a dish that, quite frankly, stole the show. The *gnocchi* were soft, pillowy, and bathed in a luxurious cacio e pepe sauce. But what set it apart was the addition of sour vegetable brunoise, which



provided a sharp, tangy contrast to the creamy richness. It was bold yet understated, the kind of dish that makes you pause and appreciate the skill behind it. And then, the pièce de résistance: *Tomato Tarte Tatin*. If there's a dish that can truly redefine your perception of vegetarian food, this was it. Caramelised tomatoes, their



natural sweetness amplified, rested atop a perfectly flaky pastry. The balance between the sweet and savoury flavours was brilliantly done, showcasing Chef Liberatore's ability to surprise and delight. For non-vegetarians, the feedback I heard was just as glowing. The *Red Prawn Risotto* was singled out as a showstopper, cooked to



Immersing the Italian cuisine in his own taste and style, Michelin-starred Chef Mattia Bianchi made his India debut with the Italian restaurant *Sorrento* at *Shangri-la, New Delhi*. The feast was filled with the signature collection of dishes by Chef Bianchi himself and was made available for the people for five days. Being known for their artistic composition, Chef Bianchi's food was a culinary delight. Bringing a slice of authentic Italian cooking, his pop-up dinner was a symphony of flavours, textures, and impeccable artistry, designed to tantalise the most refined palates. The menu was a love letter to Italian cuisine, featuring dishes that showcased Chef Bianchi's innovative

techniques and passion for fresh, locally sourced ingredients. The meal started with Chef Mattia's *Degustation Menu* with the *Caprese Cloud* for the vegetarian and *Mediterranean Fantasy* for non-vegetarian. *Caprese Cloud* served with *Fratelli Noi* had delicate foam of Buffalo Mozzarella paired with a medley of roasted cherry tomatoes, garnished with basil leaves with a mouth-watering taste. *Mediterranean Fantasy* on the other hand was a luxurious blend of shabu shrimps and salmon eggs atop silky potato foam, dusted with tomato powder and infused with Mediterranean aromas for a sensory delight served with *Fratelli Noi*.



Then came the *Risotto* with the dish *Herbs Whisper's* *Risotto* as the signature dish served with *Fratelli J'Noun White*. It was a Creamy risotto in a wild herbs infusion, topped with crunchy smoked umami almonds powdered with tangy sumac. *Pastas* entered the third round of the menu with *Fusilli Rock n Roll* which had vibrant fusilli infused with beetroot extract,



Chef Bianchi's Culinary Debut in India was a delight to the tastebuds at *Sorrento* in *Shangri-la, New Delhi*, writes **ABHI SINGHAL**



CHEF MATTIA'S ITALIAN TREATS

crowned with tangy goat cheese crumble and aromatic rocket pesto, perfectly paired with the rich notes of *Fratelli Sette* wine. *Fusilli Citrus* was served with *Fratelli Sette* wine with lime scented fusilli cooked in beetroot extract and garnished with raw marinated scallops.

The main course showcased a togetherness of flavours, led by the *Sunlit Chicken Rhapsody* with Chicken supreme with butternut squash and *Medley Feast*, a culinary masterpiece perfectly paired with *Fratelli J'Noun Red* wine. The addition with the same wine glasses was *Bitter Bliss* with roasted baby gem, caper fruits, pine nuts and beurre blanc sauce, making the plate look like a painted canvas.

The end was saved for the best: the dessert with three types of symphonies, namely *Autumn*, *Summer*, and *Winter*. The *autumn* was the *Tiramisu Delight*, with traditional Tiramisu with mascarpone cream and marsala-kissed sponge cake veiled in the coffee crumble. The *Winter* Symphony featured *Midnight Silk* with dark chocolate cloud, gilded almonds, and frozen hazelnut cream. The *Summer* symphony had *Summer Ode* with exotic fruits soup-bathed yogurt pearls on vanilla sable. The overall experience of the dessert was a unique one blended with music. There were cards explaining how the desserts explain the personalities of the people.

The experience at *Sorrento* was more than just a meal; it was an unforgettable journey through the heart of Italian gastronomy, curated by Chef Mattia Bianchi's masterful touch. Each dish was a testament to his ability to merge tradition with innovation, creating a dining spectacle that celebrated the art of food.

The guests were left in awe, their taste buds delighted and their senses elevated. Chef Bianchi's debut in India with his pop-up at *Shangri-la, New Delhi*, left an indelible mark on every diner who had the privilege to partake in this symphony of flavours.



World Food Carnival

By TEAM **AGENDA**

Worldmark Aerocity in New Delhi recently hosted the *World Food Carnival*, a feast for the senses that brought together food lovers from across the city. With over 30 stalls offering a wide range of cuisines, Mexican, Italian, Indian, Middle Eastern, and more there was something for everyone. Renowned restaurants like *Kampai*, *Café Delhi Heights*, and *Monsoon* showcased their signature dishes, elevating the food experience to new heights. The carnival opened with a lively performance by "The Artictern," setting an upbeat tone for the day. Cultural performances like the *Dragon Dance* and a saxophonist added a magical touch to the atmosphere. Guests enjoyed live face painting and an instant GIF creator, which kept everyone entertained to the event. The Kids' Zone was a family-friendly highlight,

offering activities to keep children busy while parents could indulge in the food offerings. On the second day, the excitement continued with live bands "The Gus Band" and "The Cherish," whose performances had the crowd swaying to their beats. An African Dance performance added a vibrant touch, and the food stalls kept everyone's taste buds satisfied. The carnival also featured plenty of activities for children, from magic shows to face painting. What stood out was the way the event brought people together. It wasn't just about the food; it was about creating an experience that celebrated culture, community and fun. The carnival's vibrant atmosphere, combined with delicious food and entertainment, made it a memorable event. For anyone who loves good food and a lively atmosphere, the *World Food Carnival* at *Worldmark Aerocity* was an experience not to be missed.



COORG: WHERE COFFEE CULTURE MEETS ASPIRATIONAL AVOCADOS



Coorg's lush landscapes are evolving, with century-old coffee plantations now sharing space with thriving rows of avocado trees, writes **GYANESHWAR DAYAL**

As I pack my bags in Delhi the AQI is reading staggering 430, the smog has dawned on the city and there is heaviness in the air, eyes burning, breathing is an effort to be undertaken. The touchdown in Kempegowda International Airport Bengaluru is smooth the temperature is almost at par with Delhi but air is breathable. The five hours journey to Coorg is tiring but relaxing scenery changes from rocky to green to lush green, on the way you get to see the Gabbar Singh's den, the place where Sholay film was shot some 40 years back. On the way we have elephant family waiting for us by the roadside and snake crosses the road as drives pushes the brakes. Yes, all of us have right to live, even snakes!

It is night already and the day is done without much fuss as we retire in 140-year-old property a British bungalow now a tata property -Taneerhulla in ama coffee trail. The morning view from the window is fascinating, Delhi smog has given way to Coorg fog, and AQI has dropped to 43! I take a deep breath, as if to store this purity and carry it back home.

Coorg, or Kodagu as it is known in Kannad is nestled in the heart of the Western Ghats, has a fascinating history shaped by its strategic location, natural resources, and the allure of its spices. This region has been a magnet for traders, rulers, and explorers, each drawn by its bounty and beauty.

The history of Coorg dates back to ancient times, with its mention in early Indian texts like the Sangam literature. The region was originally home to indigenous tribes like the Kodavas, who developed a rich culture centered around nature and agriculture. Kodavas are known for their martial traditions, unique customs, and close-knit community life, which continue to define Coorg's identity today. Over centuries, Coorg saw the rise and fall of several South Indian dynasties, including the Cholas, Gangas, Hoysalas, and Kadambas. These rulers left their imprint through temples and forts, which stand as silent witnesses to the region's historical significance.

By the 15th and 16th centuries, the fame of the Western Ghats and their riches spread beyond India's borders. The spice trade was the primary lure, as Coorg, along with other parts of the Western Ghats, became a significant source of black pepper, cardamom, and other exotic spices. The Portuguese were among the first Europeans to set sail for India, with Vasco da Gama's arrival in 1498 marking a new era of trade and conquest. Soon, Dutch, French, and British traders followed, vying for control of spice routes. Coorg, though a landlocked region, became an integral part of these trade networks due to its fertile hills and spice plantations.

In the early 19th century, the British annexed Coorg after defeating the local ruler, Chikka Veerarajendra, in 1834. Recognising Coorg's agricultural potential, the British transformed its economy by introducing coffee cultivation alongside spices. This was the beginning of coffee plantation on



commercial scale in Coorg and has stayed that way since. Coffee thrived in the region's climate, and Coorg became one of India's premier coffee-producing areas. The planters were of course the British who lived near their plantations. Their Bungalows dot the place and the one we stayed was of course belonged to a British. The British also admired Coorg's natural beauty. Coorg is often referred to as the "Scotland of India" for its rolling hills, misty valleys, and temperate weather. Under British influence, the Kodavas were granted special privileges, including exemption from the Arms Act, which allowed them to retain their traditional firearms-a legacy still continues. The Western Ghats, a UNESCO World Heritage Site, are among the most biodiverse regions on the planet. Stretching over 1,600 kilometers from Gujarat to Kerala, these ancient mountains are home to an astonishing

variety of flora and fauna. In Coorg, the Western Ghats reveal their most enchanting side. Dense forests, gurgling streams, and cascading waterfalls dominate the landscape, making it a paradise for nature enthusiasts. The forests host an incredible range of plant species, from ancient trees to medicinal herbs. They are especially known for sandalwood, teak, and bamboo. The Western Ghats are a haven for wildlife, including tigers, elephants, gaurs, and numerous endemic species like the Lion-tailed Macaque and Malabar Civet. The Ghats are also critical for the region's agriculture, providing a fertile environment for growing coffee, spices, and now avocados. Coorg's history is a blend of ancient traditions and modern influences. Its spice heritage continues to thrive alongside its renowned coffee plantations. Now, with the introduction of avocado

cultivation by Westfalia Fruit, Coorg is stepping into a new chapter of agricultural innovation. Tourists visiting Coorg can trace its history through ancient temples, forts, and colonial-era bungalows, all while enjoying its natural beauty and rich culinary traditions. The intertwining of the Western Ghats' biodiversity with the cultural tapestry of Coorg makes it one of India's most enchanting destinations. Coorg's identity is deeply intertwined with its coffee plantations, which have been the backbone of its economy for decades. Introduced by Baba Budan in the 17th century, coffee found an ideal home in Coorg's rich soil and temperate climate. Today, the district is one of India's leading coffee-producing regions, renowned for its Arabica and Robusta beans. The plantations, often set against misty hillsides, not only produce world-class coffee but also create picturesque

landscapes that attract tourists. Coffee estate tours allow visitors to learn about the journey of coffee beans from farm to cup, making them an integral part of the Coorg experience. Located in southwestern Karnataka, Coorg is a verdant hill station known for its cool climate, scenic views, and pristine environment. It is part of the UNESCO - listed Western Ghats, one of the world's biodiversity hotspots. The region's dense forests, cascading waterfalls and diverse wildlife make it a haven for eco-tourism and outdoor activities such as trekking, birdwatching, and nature photography. Some must-visit spots include the Abbey Falls, Raja's Seat, Dubare Elephant Camp, and the Brahmagiri Wildlife Sanctuary. The Kaveri River, originating from Talakaveri in Coorg, adds to the district's charm, serving as a lifeline for the southern states of India. While coffee remains Coorg's hallmark,

the region is now witnessing a burgeoning avocado revolution, led by Westfalia Fruit, a global leader in avocado production. Recognising Coorg's favourable climate for cultivation, Westfalia has established a state-of-the-art avocado nursery in collaboration with Sam Agri and Dvori-Or Nursery. The initiative focuses on growing high-quality Hass and other commercial avocado varieties.

The saying, "Where tea and coffee grow, avocados can grow better," perfectly describes Coorg's potential. Its tropical climate, high elevation, and fertile soil make it an excellent location for avocado farming. Westfalia's meticulous approach to planting, nurturing, and harvesting ensures that the avocados meet global quality standards.

Westfalia has already contributed to planting over 500 acres of avocado farms across India, with a target to exceed 1,000 acres by 2026. The Coorg nursery plays a critical role in supplying premium rootstock and planting material, ensuring sustainable practices and high yields. For coffee farmers, avocados offer a promising diversification crop, creating additional income streams and contributing to rural development. Westfalia, in partnership with the World Avocado Organisation (WAO), is driving efforts to educate Indian consumers about the health benefits and culinary versatility of avocados. Campaigns like "Avocado Ki Paatshaala," led by celebrity chef Sanjeev Kapoor, have been instrumental in popularising the fruit. We get hands on lessons on avocado grafting and cloning the techniques Westfalia is introducing in Coorg for avocado plantation sooner than later Coorg avocados would be available across the country. Avocados is one of the healthy diet options which can served in several avatars from avocado-on-toast to guacamole and even avocado shake and ice cream. This is going to benefit the local farmers as well as they can four to five times the amount they make on coffee. Coorg's transformation from a coffee giant to a hub for avocados signifies its adaptability and progressive approach to agriculture. Visitors to Coorg can now enjoy not only a cup of freshly brewed coffee but also a taste of locally grown avocados, blending wellness with indulgence.

Whether you're exploring its lush landscapes, learning about coffee cultivation, or witnessing the avocado revolution, Coorg offers a unique journey through nature and innovation. This jewel of Karnataka remains a must-visit destination for travellers and a shining example of India's agricultural potential. As the time to leave draws near, I find myself reflecting on the air of Delhi and take one last, deep breath of Coorg's pure, refreshing atmosphere. The aroma of spices beckons us to the local market, where we gather handfuls of fragrant treasures and, naturally, Coorg's signature Arabica and Robusta coffee. With our bags filled with spices, coffee, and the newfound delight of avocados, we bid farewell to this enchanting land and set out on the highway to Bengaluru. As we journey home, our hearts are brimming with memories that promise to call us back. Coorg is a place one longs to return to-sooner rather than later.



**YOUR
WEEK
AHEAD**

MADHU KOTIYA



ARIES March 21-April 19

This week may not meet your expectations, particularly regarding finances, which seem less favorable. Initially, you'll find yourself grappling with indecision at work, leaving tasks incomplete and documents disordered. As the week progresses, a sense of stability will emerge, allowing you to tackle your responsibilities more effectively. You could benefit from connections at a distance, and those you work with will expect more engagement on your part, enabling you to contribute significantly. Confidence will grow, encouraging more social interactions. However, the week may conclude on a challenging note with family tensions or significant health issues within your household requiring both your presence and financial support, potentially causing setbacks at work.

Lucky number 11 | **Lucky colour** Burgundy
Lucky day Sunday



LEO July 23-Aug 22

This week presents a challenge with heightened assertiveness and a push towards relentless productivity. Emotional considerations take a back seat as a demanding workload leaves little room for ease. The path to achieving your goals may seem particularly distant and challenging. Mid-week could bring unexpected changes in personal connections, possibly involving the arrival or departure of a key figure, which might stir up impulsive or forceful reactions. Amidst this whirlwind, there may be moments of confusion leading to precipitous decisions. Consider integrating meditation into your routine to enhance clarity and boost confidence. While your ability to make unbiased decisions stands out, caution is advised against making rushed choices that could negate your efforts.

Lucky number 3 | **Lucky colour** Crimson
Lucky day Tuesday



SAGITTARIUS Nov 22-Dec 21

This week will be centered on prioritization, self-control, and meticulous planning. The atmosphere is clouded with ambiguity, and misunderstandings are arising between partners. A situation presents itself where clarity and insight are available, yet there is a conscious avoidance of acknowledging the reality due to apprehension that it might worsen circumstances. As the week progresses, you may encounter challenges, potentially including authoritative scrutiny or legal setbacks that could lead to frustration. It's important to focus on your well-being. Hold back from expressing yourself too forcefully and avoid conflicts with adversaries. This period calls for a retreat to reassess and rejuvenate. Take this time to heal and prepare to return rejuvenated, ready to tackle upcoming obstacles. Exercise patience—this is merely a transitory phase.

Lucky number 6 | **Lucky colour** Lavender
Lucky day Saturday



TAURUS April 20-May 20

This week brings a flurry of positive developments for those born in late April and early May. If you've been eagerly awaiting the completion of a long-standing project, expect to see it come to fruition. Additionally, the possibility of acquiring a new residence through a lottery, scheme, or by moving into a newly constructed home is strong. Social gatherings with family, relatives, and friends will fill your days with joy. Your aura radiates positivity, boosting your confidence to inspiring levels. Your communication skills are particularly effective now, drawing others to your magnetic presence. Expect to be seen as a source of inspiration and a leader within your community, as others are drawn to your cooperative and sincere approach. As the week closes, your spiritual side emerges stronger.

Lucky number 8 | **Lucky colour** Powder Blue
Lucky day Friday



VIRGO Aug 23-Sep 22

This week promises substantial financial growth and contentment. Excelling in your professional sphere, you effectively apply your expertise in practical ways. Your approach is characterized by responsibility and fairness in interactions, adherence to schedules, and compliance with rules and regulations. This disciplined approach lays the foundation for financial stability, security, and comfort. There's a possibility of receiving significant financial gains, potentially from unexpected sources. Advancements in your career, such as promotions, are likely, which will boost your confidence further. This period is an excellent opportunity for self-reflection and celebrating your achievements. You might find yourself embarking on new professional ventures, such as a new job or project. Harness your resources effectively and embrace a zeal for acquiring and implementing innovative ideas, which could enhance your professional pursuits.

Lucky number 7 | **Lucky colour** Beige
Lucky day Thursday



CAPRICORN Dec 22-Jan 19

This week heralds a fruitful period, beginning with diligent efforts aimed at enhancing both your professional skills and personal growth. You'll focus on meticulous work, showcasing persistence and intense concentration. The challenges ahead may seem daunting, requiring you to intensify your efforts, yet this commitment will enrich your professional capabilities and broaden your knowledge base. Success will soon follow these dedicated endeavors, allowing you to take pride in your achievements and the tangible results of your hard work. As the week progresses, a period conducive to profound personal healing emerges, offering opportunities for spiritual reconnection and significant emotional recoveries. By week's end, the culmination of these powerful dynamics might facilitate meaningful personal commitments or the deepening of romantic bonds.

Lucky number 18 | **Lucky colour** Black
Lucky day Wednesday



GEMINI May 21-June 20

This week promises a rich tapestry of experiences encompassing deep emotional fulfillment and an array of satisfying personal interactions. As the days unfold, you'll notice a distinct uptick in your financial situation, with gains accumulating as you move forward. Embrace a leadership role with both moderation and generosity at work; this approach will foster a harmonious and productive atmosphere. Travel also appears on your horizon, potentially to distant shores or via sea, blending business with leisure or providing a delightful getaway with loved ones. Midweek brings a focus on home life, where you'll adeptly juggle professional responsibilities and domestic harmony. As the week draws to a close, you'll reap the rewards of your diligent efforts, enjoying robust health, a surge of creativity, and an overall sense of well-being.

Lucky number 15 | **Lucky colour** Olive
Lucky day Monday



LIBRA Sep 23-Oct 22

The week begins with a quest to navigate through challenges to reach a successful conclusion. You'll find yourself on the brink of completion, poised to overcome any obstacles that arise. Midweek brings a shift towards emotional connections, encouraging quality time with loved ones. As the week progresses, favorable circumstances emerge for investments in long-term assets. Many will discover themselves in a fortunate phase, with promising opportunities at their doorstep. You'll feel vigorous and buoyant, with a sense of well-being enhancing your outlook. The support and cooperation from family will elevate your confidence. The weekend invites you to enjoy memorable moments with those dear to you, making the most of the joyful atmosphere.

Lucky number 2 | **Lucky colour** White
Lucky day Monday



AQUARIUS Jan 20-Feb 18

This week heralds a period where aspirations are likely to materialize, bringing an influx of joy, prosperity, and affection. It's a time rich with blessings and favorable outcomes across various aspects of life. The atmosphere is ripe for enhanced organization, sparking creative ideas and heightened intuitive senses. Harness the week's beneficial energies to bolster your intellectual and strategic abilities. In terms of financial, spiritual, and emotional aspects, expect gratifying developments. Connections in relationships are especially significant during this period, aligning smoothly with your goals. Opportunities for new professional ventures or roles may emerge, promising growth and advancement. Overall, your health and influence are robust, supported by effective communication and leadership skills, enhancing your ability to navigate and succeed in various endeavors.

Lucky number 5 | **Lucky colour** Cream
Lucky day Tuesday



CANCER June 21-July 22

Life is about to take an unexpected turn, bringing a wave of pride and confidence that will have you ready to face the world's challenges. You will find yourself achieving success in an area where you once lost hope. Recognition and envy from others mark your achievements, but those who genuinely wish you well will celebrate your triumphs. This is a time of progress and fulfillment of your true interests. You have overcome a significant struggle, and your achievements are now being publicly celebrated. Joy stems from connections to your past. As the week concludes, you will find comfort in cherished memories of childhood and camaraderie, choosing to spend time with the younger generation and reconnecting with the lighter side of life.

Lucky number 12 | **Lucky colour** Pink
Lucky day Thursday



SCORPIO Oct 23-Nov 21

This week is highly focused on professional endeavors, with risks presenting themselves as gateways to potential gains. You are brimming with creative energy, enabling you to embrace challenges with confidence and innovative approaches. This is an excellent period to leverage your unique skills for financial success. A significant challenge that has been looming in your thoughts is now within your capacity to overcome with grace and effectiveness. Midweek brings a phase where adhering to the guidance of a respected elder in your family, especially a maternal figure, could prove advantageous. Her stringent standards and wise counsel will likely steer you towards positive outcomes. Enhance your cognitive abilities through intellectual activities such as reading enriching literature and engaging in challenging puzzles, which may also lead to profound revelations in your personal growth journey.

Lucky number 13 | **Lucky colour** Orange
Lucky day Friday



PISCES Feb 19-March 20

Collaboration and teamwork are crucial for achieving success, fostering enhanced understanding and synergy within professional settings. Acknowledging your self-worth energizes your career and lifestyle with vibrant ideas. The outlook for upcoming opportunities appears promising, with signs pointing towards the success of recent ventures and flourishing business activities. In your professional life, expect potential offers that could advance your position. Effective cooperation and successful negotiations are currently vital. There's also a touch of spirituality in the air. For those anticipating additions to the family, joyful news may soon arrive. Your visionary nature drives you to explore expansive possibilities confidently and fearlessly. As the week concludes, any concerns you have will dissipate, thanks to your ability to tap into your inner strengths.

Lucky number 14 | **Lucky colour** Indigo
Lucky day Sunday

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An Emotion can Compromise and Corrupt



all about - Inappropriate Attitudes and Lack of acceptance
The average neurological response to anger lasts for just a few seconds. It is the “holding on to” that creates the issue. Goes against the Universal essence

of flowing. It leads to a false sense of our self or situation, making us vulnerable. As a Feeling - lasts Moments
Holding on - converts to an “Emotion” (the nest of negative hormones starts building) ... Minutes

Further can become a “Condition” (The nest transforms to a dwelling) ... Hours
Leading to what medical science calls “Intermittent Explosive disorder” ... Long Term Distortion needing help
Anger changes the cerebral cell structure and wiring. Recurrence causes permanent irreversible changes. The Real you is - naturally far more compassionate, kind and accepting - the instinctive, inherent, innate human nature.
The Bhagavat Gita sums up beautifully how - desire and attachment lead to anger and this further leads to clouded judgement, loss of our discerning abilities and debilitation of thought. The “Yaksha Prashna” ... (Aaranyaka Parva of the Mahabharata), has a couple of answers by Yudhishtira -
The Invincible enemy - Anger
Renunciation of greed, anger, untruth lead to peace.
The “Chaos Theory / The Butterfly Effect” is a classic example of a cascading effect in other life segments. A Butterfly fluttering its wings in Brazil can cause a tornado in Texas a month later!! This incredulity reveals the horror of the Butterfly effect.
“Control” of emotions eventually manoeuvres to disturb something else. It is about consistent, conscious, and authentic efforts to acknowledge and address it ... “Managing” is the key.

There are NO Thumb Rules. Coping mechanisms are individualistic but can include ...
❑ Let go. Go with the flow
❑ Naivety is to think, we control everything. Maturity is to realise what we control and what controls us
❑ Things happen for a reason. Trust the Universe and Respond with Gratitude
❑ Have the Faith. Recognize You are the product of your Karmas
❑ Stop embracing upsetting thoughts. Step Back. Observe
❑ Accept. The Universe is “Perfectly Imperfect.”
❑ Being a Perfectionist is a Unrealistic
❑ Everything is Unique. Don't become a yardstick
❑ Be Mindful. Be in Now
❑ Be Picky with your battles. Learn to Ignore
❑ Practise Snapping out. Shift attention to the pleasant and fulfilling
❑ There is always a trade-off. Keep expectations real and moderate
❑ Stop Correcting the world. Start Correcting yourself
❑ We are Not entitled to anything in the outer world. Only to our Inner Universe
Anger has a character
If “You” manage it ... it can be Creative
If “It” controls you ... you become Destructive
Happiness - Unhappiness Coexist.
Sagacity - Stupidity Coexist. Accept and Balance it



C V Srikanth

Anger is natural but fleeting; holding onto it shapes emotions and disrupts peace.

Driving along on a cool morning, a constant honking, and my focus on it got it under my skin and pronto - I was ready to get off the car to confront. My senses compromised. Alternatively - in a similar situation, I shifted my focus to the music in my car. Gave way. All good. Am still in-charge of me - uncompromised with my peace. The difference was the unconscious self-consent to the conscious management of the self.
Anger is capacious, corrupt, and an exaggerative natural human emotion, mostly manipulative and intelligently applied, contaminating our holistic functioning.
The triggers can be many. We often allow them to grow develop over time - unattended and unacknowledged. Broadly speaking there are 10 primary causes of anger
1. Personal loss / Feeling short changed
2. Feeling Not-in-Control
3. Disconnect from Reality / Denial
4. Lack of Acceptability
5. Expectations and Reciprocity
6. Twisted Entitlement
7. Fear / Insecurity
8. Living in Ingratitude / Distorted vision of wants and needs
9. Ego
10. Genetic
Remarkably - Anger, most of the time is a translation or by product of fear, uncertainties and need for control. It is

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