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## Planning to drop your loved ones at VSI airport?

### PAY 'ENTRY FEE' AT THE EXIT GATE

ROOPA LALL

PORT BLAIR, NOV 14/--/The next time you enter the VSI airport to drop someone at the departure gate of the airport, get ready to shell out Rs 20 as 'access fee' for private cars. Under the new system introduced at the Port Blair airport, every private vehicle entering the airport to drop passengers at the departure gate will have to pay a parking charge/access fee from now onwards. While Rs 20 is charged from private cars, commercial vehicles have to pay more. This system introduced by the private agency managing the parking facility at the VSI airport has been drawing flak from private as well as commercial vehicles owners.

The most shocking part is after the introduction of this system, heated arguments between the people collecting parking charges and car owners have become a daily sight. To add to the woes no instructions have been given by the Airport Authority officials to the private agency to ensure visitor-friendly services.

All four wheelers, irrespective of whether the vehicle has been parked inside the VSI airport complex or not, have to pay these amounts to the private agency. Even if you are entering the airport complex just dropping

### The new parking charges/access fee system introduced by the private agency at the VSI airport has been drawing flyers' ire

the passengers at the entrance gate of the airport, you have to pay to the people standing at the exit gate of the airport. "It is for the first time that parking charges had to be paid by car owners for

going to drop passengers at the entrance gate of VSI airport. Parking charges were charged only at the time of parking of vehicles at the parking space in the arrival gate. It seems that the Airport Authority of India is running short of funds so they have devised a new system to generate income", said an angry private car owner.

With the number of flights being increased in recent times, passengers are beginning to feel the pinch as every time they enter the airport to drop passengers, they have to pay parking charges without even parking their vehicles in the parking lot of the airport. The new system of charging vehicles entering the airport complex has been causing hardship for the commercial vehicles. Owners of commercial vehicles have been demanding for waiving off the parking charges for vehicles entering the airport complex to drop the passengers and also to reduce the parking charges for vehicles parked at the arrival parking lot.

Meanwhile, speaking with EOI, Mr. VK Ravindra Sharma, Director, VSI Airport said that initially the system has been introduced at the VSI airport as per the norms for only six months. However, he assumed that the issue can be brought up for discussion in the appropriate form if complaints in this regard are received from the general public.



just dropping our friends and relatives at the departure gate of the airport. Earlier, no such parking charges were taken from vehicle owners

## 69th All India Cooperative Week inaugurated at Mayabunder



KARTIK

MAYABUNDER, NOV 14/--/The inaugural function of the 69th All India Cooperative Week-2022, was inaugurated by Smti. Elizabeth, Zilla Parishad Adhyaksha, North & Middle Andaman as the chief guest at the auditorium of Mayabunder Govt College on Monday. The cooperative week celebration is being held from November 14th to 20th November 2022, wherein a host of events and functions will be held across the North & Middle Andaman region. PRIs of Mayabunder, members of all the cooperative societies and students participated in this event. Mr. Jhonson, President of the organising committee gave the welcome speech and elaborated about various

problems faced by the cooperative societies in this region. Here requested the administration to help the cooperative societies as scores of educated unemployed youths depended on the cooperative societies for earning a livelihood. The Principal, MGGC Mr. Biswas presented his views on cooperative societies. The Adhyaksha in her speech said that the PRIs are always ready to help the cooperative societies. A power-point presentation was made on the functioning of cooperative societies on the occasion by the Lecturers of the college. Mr. C.S. Pillai, Tehsildar Mayabunder, Assistant Registrar of Co-op Society Mayabunder, Mr. Anil, Principal MGGC College Mayabunder, Mr. Biswas Mr. Raja Mohan, Lecture of M.G. College were present.

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## MP EXTENDS TIMELY HELP TO FARMERS

### Sanctions Tractor for GP Laxmi Nagar at C/Bay from MPLADS fund



it will be easily available for all farmers in the region, which will not only help in professional level farming but also will save a lot of time and energy of farmers of the entire region.

PORT BLAIR, NOV 14/--/The Member of Parliament, Mr. Kuldeep Rai Sharma has sanctioned purchase and supply of one Mahindra 575 DIX Plus Tractor fitted with cultivator attachments viz. Iron wheel set, Fertiliser drill, Tiller etc. to the Laxmi Nagar Gram Panchayat, Campbell Bay for agricultural purposes of farmers and other allied field works of Gram Panchayat from MPLADS fund at the cost of Rs. 15 Lakhs. Campbell Bay being a remote area, the economy of the region depends on Agriculture and the general public including youths of the region primarily depend on Agriculture for their livelihood. Mr. Sharma had learned about the problems being faced by farmers of the region due to absence of a Tractor for general use of farmers under Laxmi Nagar Gram Panchayat, Campbell Bay. Once this Tractor is delivered to the Panchayat,

## Children's Day celebrated at Campbell Bay befittingly



SUBRATA

CAMPBELL BAY, NOV 14/--/14th November is celebrated as Children's Day in memory of former Prime Minister Jawahar Lal Nehru who was born on the same day and loved children very much. As part of the Children's Day celebration, an event was organized by the Coast Guard Public School at Campbell Bay, Dr. Nitin Shakya, Assistant Commissioner, Campbell Bay, was the chief guest on the occasion. Speaking on the occasion, Dr. Nitin Shakya said that it is a very special and great day because the

former Prime Minister focused on children and their development considering that children are the future of this country while enhancing the investment and development of students with the help of teachers, parents and society. Dr. Shakya also mentioned that the focus should not only be on educational development but also on moral and ethical development. To mark the occasion, various competitions were organized for children and the winners were awarded with prizes. Commandant K S Bora, Head of Coast Guard and Dy.SP, Campbell Bay also graced the occasion.

## GANG RAPE CASE

### Ex-CS sent to 14 days in judicial custody

ROOPA LALL

PORT BLAIR, NOV 14/--/The sessions court on Monday remanded the former Chief Secretary, Mr. Jitendra Narain to 14 days in judicial custody. The former CS was arrested by the A&N Police in connection with the alleged gangrape case after his bail was cancelled by the sessions court recently. The former CS was remanded to judicial custody till 28th November 2022. According to sources, Mr. Narain was sent to Prothrapur jail and will be produced before the court again on that day. It may be recalled that the sessions court recently rejected his bail pleas and he was taken into Police custody.




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# Gyanvapi case: Varanasi court postpones judgment on plea seeking 'Shivling' worship till Nov 17

**VARANASI, NOV 14 /--/** A fast-track court on Monday postponed till November 17 its judgment on a plea seeking permission to allow the worship of a "Shivling" claimed to have been found inside the Gyanvapi mosque complex here. Civil Judge (senior division) Mahendra Pandey postponed the judgment till November 17, Assistant District Government Counsel Sulabh Prakash said. After hearing the arguments of both the sides to the dispute, the court had, on October 27, reserved its order on the suit for November 8. As the judge was on leave on November 8, the matter was posted for Monday. On May 24, plaintiff Kiran Singh, general secretary of the Vishwa Vedic Sanatan Sangh, filed the suit in the Varanasi district court, seeking a ban on the entry of Muslims into the Gyanvapi complex, handing over of the complex to the Sanatan Sangh and permission to offer prayers to the "Shivling". On May 25, District Judge A K Vishvesh had ordered the transfer of the suit to the fast-track court.

The Varanasi district magistrate, the police commissioner, the Anjuman Intezamia Committee, which manages the affairs of the Gyanvapi mosque, and the Vishwanath Temple Trust were made respondents in the suit. On April 26, a lower court (civil judge-senior division) that was earlier hearing a plea moved by a group of women seeking permission for the daily worship of the idols of the Hindu deities on the mosque's outer walls had ordered a videographic survey of the Gyanvapi complex. The Hindu side had claimed that a "Shivling" was found inside the mosque complex during the exercise. However, the Muslim side has maintained that the structure was part of the fountain mechanism at the "wazookhana" reservoir, where devotees carry out ritual ablutions before offering "namaz".

The Supreme Court had transferred the case from the civil judge senior division to the district judge on May 20 and observed that looking at the "complexities" and "sensitivity" of the issue, it is better if a senior judicial officer with an experience of more than 25-30 years handles the case. (PTI)

## Woman's body chopped into 35 parts: DCW asks police to submit report by Nov 18

**NEW DELHI, NOV 14 /--/** The Delhi Commission for Women (DCW) on Monday issued a notice to city police asking it to submit by November 18 action taken report in the 29-year-old woman's murder allegedly by her live-in partner, here. Accused Aftab Ameen Poonawala (28) allegedly chopped Shradha Walkar's body into 35 pieces, kept them in a refrigerator for almost three weeks and dumped them in various parts of Delhi over several days. Details of the killing and its grisly aftermath came to light almost six months later with Poonawala's arrest, officials said. (PTI)

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STANDALONE STATEMENT OF UNAUDITED FINANCIAL RESULTS FOR THE QUARTER AND HALF YEAR ENDED ENDED 30/09/2022									
(Rs. in Hundreds)									
Sl. No.	Particulars	Quarter Ended 30.09.2022	Quarter Ended 30.06.2022	Quarter Ended 30.09.2021	Half Year Ended 30.09.2022	Half Year Ended 30.09.2021	Year Ended 31.03.2022	Year Ended 31.03.2021	Year Ended 31.03.2020
1	Total Income from Operations	15,556.00	15,530.00	14,367.13	31,086.00	37,740.00	69,980.00	69,980.00	69,980.00
2	Net Profit/(Loss) for the period before Tax, (Exceptional and/or Extraordinary Items)	9383.62	9834.00	8024.31	19,217.62	25,030.00	44,524.00	44,524.00	44,524.00
3	Net Profit/(Loss) for the period before Tax, (after Exceptional and/or Extraordinary Items)	9383.62	9834.00	8024.31	19,217.62	25,030.00	44,524.00	44,524.00	44,524.00
4	Net Profit/(Loss) for the period before Tax, (after Exceptional and/or Extraordinary Items) and other Comprehensive Income (after tax)	6699.62	9134.00	584.31	15,833.62	20,930.00	38,641.00	38,641.00	38,641.00
5	Total Comprehensive Income for the period (Comprising Profit/(Loss) for the period before Tax, (after Exceptional and/or Extraordinary Items) and other Comprehensive Income (after tax))	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
6	Equity Share Capital (Face Value of Rs. 10/- each)	135,000.00	135,000.00	135,000.00	135,000.00	135,000.00	135,000.00	135,000.00	135,000.00
7	Earnings Per Share (EPS) (Not Annualised)	0.50	0.68	0.04	1.17	1.49	2.86	2.86	2.86
8	Basic/Diluted	0.50	0.68	0.04	1.17	1.49	2.86	2.86	2.86

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Extract of Unaudited Standalone Financial Results for the quarter ended on Sept 30, 2022				
(Rs. in Lacs)				
Sr. No.	Particulars	Standalone Results		
		Quarter ended 30.09.2022	Year to date 30.09.2021	Year Ended 31.03.2022
1	Total Income from operation (net)	26.74	46.77	52.61
2	Net Profit / (Loss) for the period (before Tax, exceptional and / or Extraordinary Items)	17.30	-11.56	-19.45
3	Net Profit / (Loss) for the period before Tax (after exceptional and / or Extraordinary Items)	17.30	-11.56	-19.45
4	Net Profit / (Loss) for the period after Tax (after exceptional and / or Extraordinary Items)	17.30	-11.56	-19.45
5	Total Comprehensive Income for the period (Comprising Profit / (Loss) for the period (after Tax) and other Comprehensive Income (after Tax))	17.30	-11.56	-19.45
6	Equity Shares (FV of ₹ 10/- each)	57.21	57.21	57.21
7	Earnings per share (of ₹ 10.00/- each) (for continuing and discontinued operations)	0.30	(0.20)	(0.34)
	(i) Basic	0.30	(0.20)	(0.34)
	(ii) Diluted	0.30	(0.20)	(0.34)

Notes:

1. The above Standalone Unaudited Financial Results were reviewed by the Audit Committee and approved at the Meeting of the Board of Directors held on November 14, 2022. The Statutory Auditors of the Company have carried out a Limited Review of the aforesaid results.

2. The above is an extract of the detailed format of the Quarterly Financial Results filed with the Stock Exchange under Regulation 33 of the SEBI (Listing Obligation and Disclosure Requirements) Regulation 2015. The full format of the financial Results for the quarter ended on September 30, 2022 are available on the Company's website www.sujalagroup.com.

For and on behalf of the Board  
Sujala Trading & Holdings Ltd  
SUBHADEEP MUKHERJEE  
(Managing Director)  
DIN: 03060827

Place : Kolkata  
Date : 14.11.2022

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EXTRACT OF UNAUDITED FINANCIAL RESULTS FOR THE QUARTER & HALF YEAR ENDED 30TH SEPTEMBER 2022									
(Rs in Lakhs)									
Particulars	Standalone			Consolidated			Quarter Ended 30.09.2022	Half Year Ended 30.09.2021	Year Ended (Audited) 31.03.2022
	Quarter Ended 30.09.2022	Half Year Ended 30.09.2022	Year Ended (Audited) 31.03.2022	Quarter Ended 30.09.2022	Half Year Ended 30.09.2021	Year Ended (Audited) 31.03.2022			
Total Income from Operations (net)	29.65	27.63	59.31	34.71	41.69	47.60	203.35		
Net Profit/(Loss) from Ordinary activities (before tax and Exceptional Items)	29.21	26.80	57.89	34.85	40.31	46.54	201.54		
Net Profit/(Loss) for the period before tax (after Extraordinary Items)	29.21	26.80	57.89	34.85	40.31	46.54	201.54		
Net Profit/(Loss) for the period after tax (after Extraordinary Items)	29.21	26.80	57.89	34.85	40.31	46.54	193.54		
Total Comprehensive Income	29.21	26.80	57.89	34.85	40.31	550.94	1,079.35		
Equity Share Capital (Face Value - Rs.10/- each)	190.00	190.00	190.00	190.00	190.00	190.00	190.00		
Reserve (excluding Revaluation Reserve)			7,240.77				10,982.53		
Earnings Per Share of Rs. 10/- each (EPS) (not annualised) (in Rs.)									
a) Basic and diluted EPS before Extraordinary Items	1.54	1.41	3.05	1.83	2.12	2.90	10.19		
b) Basic and diluted EPS after Extraordinary Items	1.54	1.41	3.05	1.83	2.12	2.90	10.19		

Notes :

1. The above is an extract of the detailed format of the Statements of Standalone & Consolidated Financial Results for the quarter & half year ended 30th September, 2022 filed with the Calcutta Stock Exchange Ltd. under Regulation 33 of SEBI (Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015 read with other relevant rules issued thereunder. The full format of the Statements of Standalone & Consolidated quarterly Financial Results has been submitted to the Calcutta Stock Exchange.

2. The Financial Results and this extract have been reviewed by the Audit Committee and approved by the Board of Directors of the company at their meetings held on 14th November 2022. The limited Review of these results has been done by the Statutory Auditor of the Company - M/s A. K. Gulgutia & Associates, Chartered Accountants.

3. Figures for the previous period have been regrouped and reclassified to conform to the classification of current period wherever necessary.

For Abha Property Project Ltd.  
Amit Agarwalla  
Managing Director  
DIN 00338081

Place : Kolkata  
Date : 14th November, 2022

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UNAUDITED FINANCIAL RESULTS FOR THE HALF YEAR ENDED 30TH SEPTEMBER 2022									
(Rs. In Lakhs)									
Particulars	3 Months ended 30-09-22	3 Months ended 30-06-22	6 Months ended 30-09-22	3 Months ended 30-09-21	Year ended 31-03-22	Year ended 31-03-21			
	Unaudited	Unaudited	Unaudited	Unaudited	Audited*	Audited*			
1. a. Net Sales/Income from Operations	212.89	90.97	303.86	67.49	236.06	226.77			
b. Other operating Income	27.54	14.47	42.01	0.01	5.14	0.13			
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>240.43</b>	<b>105.44</b>	<b>345.87</b>	<b>67.50</b>	<b>241.20</b>	<b>226.90</b>			
2. Expenditure	-	-	-	-	-	-			
a. Increase/decrease in stock in trade and work in progress	-	-	-	-	-	-			
b. Consumption of raw materials	-	-	-	-	-	-			
c. Purchase of traded goods	-	-	-	-	-	-			
d. Employees cost	15.06	11.91	26.97	4.24	23.51	21.08			
e. Depreciation & amortization	2.72	0.61	3.33	-	0.14	-			
f. Finance Cost	117.24	9.87	127.11	-	-	-			
g. Other expenditure	19.05	25.41	44.46	1.03	22.87	11.71			
<b>h. Total</b>	<b>154.07</b>	<b>47.80</b>	<b>201.87</b>	<b>5.27</b>	<b>46.52</b>	<b>32.79</b>			
3. Profit (+) / Loss (-) before tax	86.36	57.64	144.00	62.23	194.68	194.11			
4. Tax expense	-	-	-	-	-	-			
(including deferred tax and net of MAT credit entitlement)	18.16	17.27	35.43	15.72	49.50	50.00			
5. Net Profit (+) / Loss (-) after tax	68.20	40.37	108.57	46.51	145.18	144.11			
6. Other Comprehensive Income	-	-	-	-	-	-			
a. Remeasurement of Expenses	-	-	-	(0.27)	-	-			
b. Adjustments of actuarial gain/Losses	(0.23)	(2.94)	(3.17)	-	6.18	0.79			
<b>Total Other Comprehensive Income</b>	<b>(0.23)</b>	<b>(2.94)</b>	<b>(3.17)</b>	<b>(0.27)</b>	<b>6.18</b>	<b>0.79</b>			
7. Total Comprehensive Income	67.97	37.43	105.40	46.24	151.36	144.90			
8. Earning per Share (EPS)									
a. Basic and Diluted ( not to be annualized )									
b. before extra ordinary items	0.54	0.32	0.86	0.37	1.14	1.14			
c. after extra ordinary items	0.54	0.32	0.86	0.37	1.14	1.14			
9. Paid up Equity share Capital									
- No. of shares	126.93	126.93	126.93	126.93	126.93	126.93			
- Amount	1269.27	1269.27	1269.27	1269.27	1269.27	1269.27			

NOTES TO THE STANDALONE FINANCIAL RESULTS

1 The Financial statements of the company have been prepared in accordance with Indian Accounting Standards notified under the companies (Indian Accounting Standards) Rules 2015 as amended by the companies (Indian Accounting Standards) (Amendment) Rules, 2016.

2 The above Unaudited Financial Results for the quarter ended 30.09.2022 were reviewed by the Audit Committee and approved by the Board of Directors of the Company at their meetings held on 14.11.2022

3 These Statement is as per Regulations 33 of the SEBI (Listing Obligation and Disclosure requirements) Regulation 2015.

4 The Company is engaged in the Business of Non Banking Finance Company.

5 Previous Years Figures has been rearranged or regrouped wherever necessary.

CASH FLOW STATEMENT FOR THE PERIOD 30.09.2022				BALANCE SHEET AS AT 30.09.2022			
Rs. in Lakhs				Rs. in Lakhs			
PARTICULARS	Amount (Rs.)	As at 30.09.22		PARTICULARS	As at 30.09.22	As at 31.03.22	
<b>A. CASH FLOW FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES</b>				<b>I. ASSETS</b>			
Net Profit Before Tax		144.00		<b>Financial Assets</b>			
Adjustments for:				(a) Cash and cash equivalents	337.90	46.19	
Provision for Standard Assets	24.52			(b) Trade Receivables	-	0.45	
Depreciation	3.33			(c) Loans & Advances	9,582.00	3,450.14	
Loss on sale of shares	-			(d) Investments	143.73	138.85	
	-	27.85		(e) Other Financial Assets	131.38	0.05	
				<b>Total Non Current Assets</b>	<b>10,195.01</b>	<b>3,635.68</b>	
<b>Operating Profit before Working Capital Changes</b>		<b>171.85</b>		<b>Non - Financial Assets</b>			
Adjustments for:				(a) Current Tax Assets (Net)	40.69	21.28	
Loans and Advances - Financial	(6,131.86)			(b) Plant Property and Equipment	9.16	3.36	
(Increase)/Decrease in Trade Receivable	0.45			(c) Other Non Financial Assets	26.52	26.55	
Increase/Decrease in Other Financial Assets	(131.33)			<b>Total Current Assets</b>	<b>76.37</b>	<b>51.19</b>	
Increase in Other Payables	6.40			<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b>10,271.38</b>	<b>3,686.87</b>	
Increase in Current Tax Assets	(19.41)			<b>I. LIABILITIES AND EQUITY</b>			
Decrease in non financial assets	0.03			<b>LIABILITIES</b>			
Non Financial Liabilities	7.72			<b>Financial Liabilities</b>			
Cash generated from operations	(6,268.00)			(a) Payables			
Income Tax paid	-			(i) Trade Payables	6.40	-	
<b>Net Cash flow from Operating activities</b>		<b>(6,096.15)</b>		(ii) Other Payables			
				(b) Borrowings	6,425.06	20.01	
<b>B. CASH FLOW FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES</b>				<b>Non Financial Liabilities</b>			
Purchase of Assets	(9.13)			(a) Current Tax Liabilities (Net)	41.71	6.27	
Sale of Investments	3.08			(b) Provisions	38.33	13.81	
Increase in Investment	(11.14)			(c) Other Non Financial Liabilities	8.50	0.78	
<b>Net Cash used in Investing activities</b>		<b>(17.19)</b>		<b>EQUITY</b>			
<b>C. CASH FLOW FROM FINANCING ACTIVITIES</b>				(a) Equity Share Capital	1,269.27	1,269.27	
Increase in borrowings	6,405.05			(b) Other Equity	2,482.11	2,376.73	
Net Cash used in financing activities		6,405.05		<b>Total Equity &amp; Liabilities</b>	<b>10,271.38</b>	<b>3,686.87</b>	
Net increase in cash & Cash Equivalents		291.71		For For, REAL TOUCH FINANCE LIMITED			
Opening Cash and Cash equivalents		46.19		Sd/-			
Closing Cash and Cash equivalents		337.90		SRIDHARAN			
				Place Kolkata	WHOLE TIME DIRECTOR		
				Dated: 14.11.2022	DIN: 09460423		



## Who was Birsa Munda?

Though he lived a short span of life, Birsa Munda is known to have mobilised the tribal community against the British and had also forced the colonial officials to introduce laws protecting the land rights of the tribals. Birsa Munda was a young freedom fighter and a tribal leader, whose spirit of

guidance of his teacher Jaipal Nag. On the recommendation of Jaipal Nag, Birsa converted to Christianity in order to join the German Mission school. He, however, opted out of the school after a few years.

The impact of Christianity was felt in the way he came to relate to religion later. Having gained awareness of the British colonial ruler and the efforts of the missionaries to convert tribals to Christianity, Birsa started the faith of 'Birsait'. Soon members of the Munda and Oraon community started joining the Birsait sect and it turned into a challenge to British conversion activities.

During the period, 1886 to 1890, Birsa Munda spent a large amount of time in Chaibasa which was close to the centre of the Sardars agitation. The activities of the Sardars had a strong impact on the mind of the young Birsa, who soon became a part of the anti-missionary and anti-government program. By the time he left Chaibasa in 1890, Birsa was strongly entrenched in the movement against the British oppression of the tribal communities.

On March 3, 1900, Birsa Munda was arrested by the British police while he was sleeping with his tribal guerilla army at Jamkopai forest in Chakradharpur. He died in Ranchi jail on June 9, 1900 at a young age of 25. Though he lived a short span of life and the fact that the movement died out soon after his death, Birsa Munda is known to have mobilised the tribal community against the British and had also forced the colonial officials to introduce laws protecting the land rights of the tribals. Birsa's achievements as a young tribal revolutionary has continued to be celebrated over decades now and he has successfully carved out a space for himself in popular and folk literature, academia, and mass media.

activism in the late nineteenth century, is remembered to be a strong mark of protest against British rule in India. Born and raised in the tribal belt around Bihar and Jharkhand, Birsa Munda's achievements are known to be even more remarkable by virtue of the fact that he came to acquire them before he was 25. In recognition of his impact on the nationals movement, the state of Jharkhand was created on his birth anniversary in 2000.

Born on November 15, 1875, Birsa spent much of his childhood moving from one village to another with his parents. He belonged to the Munda tribe in the Chhotanagpur Plateau area. He received his early education at Salga under the

## ANTCC celebrates 133rd birth anniversary of Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru



PORT BLAIR, NOV 14/--/ Along with the whole Nation, ANTCC has Celebrated the 133rd Birth Anniversary of Late. Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru, The First Former Prime Minister of India on 14th November 2022 at Gandhi Bhavan, Port Blair.

ANTCC President Mr. Rangalal Halder, along with Mahila Co-ordinator Smt. Zubaida Begum garlanded the portrait of Nehru Ji followed with a floral tribute by Congress Party

Leaders- Mr. A.R Manickam, Smt. Neela Devi, Mr. Dheeraj Singh, Mr. Abhibushan Ghosh, Up-Pramukh- Mr. Simson, PBMC Councillor, Mr. Sanjeev Reddy, Mr. Joga Rao and the General Public attended the function.

Mr. Halder addresses the present gathering in giving a brief speech in remembering the efforts and sacrifices laid by him in making our nation independent

democratic. Every year in India, 14 November was celebrated as Children's Day to mark the Birth Anniversary of Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru ji in giving the utmost importance to the Children's. He further stated that In Commemorating the Birth Anniversary of Nehru Ji is to remind that every child, irrespective of their age, caste, Gender, financial or political status would deserve the basic amenities equally.

## CHILDREN'S DAY CELEBRATION Picnic for children's of Child Care Institutions at Corbayns' Cove beach



PORT BLAIR, NOV 14/--/ On the occasion of Children's Day, the District Child Protection Unit of South Andaman organized a picnic for all the children of Child Care Institutions at the Corbyn's Cove beach, the very famous tourism destination at Port Blair. The children enjoyed the picturesque view of the beach, played games like badminton, passed the ball and performed dances. An Inter CCI fun Kabaddi Match was organised at the beach side wherein all the CCI participated with great enthusiasm followed by lunch for all. The one-day outing culminated with the

open dance floor by the children. Taking the children out of the Institutions and giving them an exposure into a new environment with other children help them to appreciate natural surroundings, enhance personal and social communication skills, improve general behaviour and mental health. District Administration always ensures to organize or provide every possible opportunity for children of CCIs in order to make the children feel that they are important and are being cared for, for their overall well development.

## Painting competition on 'Energy Conservation' by NTPC

PORT BLAIR, NOV 14/--/ NTPC Ltd organised a state level painting competition on 'Energy Conservation' on behalf of the Bureau of Energy Efficiency under the Ministry of Power, Government of India. The painting competition was conducted under the National Campaign on Energy Conservation, launched by the Ministry of Power, to promote energy conservation in the country. With 'circular economy - Reuse, Reduce & Recycle' and 'We are pro planet people' as the central themes, the competition aimed to make the students aware about the need for conserving energy. The competition is an exemplary effort to provide a platform to the students to showcase their creativity while making them aware about Energy Conservation. The painting competition on energy conservation was first conducted at the school level for Class V, VI & VII in Group-A and Class VIII, IX & X in Group-B, over 1500 students competed for the school level competition, out of which 50 students from each Group were invited for State level Painting Competition held at Marine Community Hall, Port Blair. The chief guest, Mr. Binay Bhushan,



(Secretary Power) and MsRanjanaDeswal, Director Power awarded the winners of the competition. Winners in the Group A categories are - First prize winner S MAHESHRAAJA (St. Mary's School, Bathubasti) Second Prize: ARPITA BEPARI (Vivekananda Kendra Vidyalaya, Lambaline), Third prize: RAJARSHI MANDAL (Mahatma Gandhi International

School, Brookshabad). Winners in the Group B categories are - first prize winner SUHANA KHATUN (Govt Girls Sr. Sec. School, Port Blair), Second Prize NEHA MONDAL (Govt Girls Sr. Sec. School, Port Blair), Third Prize INDRAJIT DAS (Govt Sec. School Madhupur, Diglipur). The winners of 1st, 2nd and 3rd position of both the categories

were given the prize of Rs. 50,000/-, Rs. 30,000/- & Rs 20,000/- respectively and Consolation prizes of Rs. 7,500/- each were also distributed to 20 participants of this event 1st, 2nd and 3rd prize winners of State Level Painting Competition will be invited to Delhi to participate in "National Level Painting Competition" to be held on 12th December, 2022.

### GREETINGS

On the occasion of the Birth Anniversary of Bhagwan Birsa Munda, I extend my Greetings to people of Chota Nagpuri Community, living in Andaman and Nicobar Islands.

Shri. Birsa Munda brought tribal revolution in India during the British empire and played an important role in India's struggle for freedom.

Freedom fighter Bhagwan Birsa Munda, a symbol of bravery and sacrifice, was born on November 15, 1875 and his birthday is celebrated as Birsa Munda Jayanti.

His contribution to protecting the interests of tribal society will always be remembered and I urge all youths of Andaman and Nicobar Islands to take inspiration from the life of Bhagwan Birsa Munda.

Kuldeep Rai Sharma,  
Member of Parliament,  
Andaman and Nicobar Islands

## Health camp for women by NGO (WITH YOU)

PORT BLAIR, NOV 14/--/ NGO (WITH YOU) will be organizing a women's health camp at Tushnabad Community hall in association with Directorate of Health Service and GP Tushnabad on 17TH November 2022, at 9.30 am. In this camp Gynecologist, Pediatrician and medical specialists will render their service for the better health care of women. On this occasion, sanitary pads will be distributed to the young girls. Smti R Smitha, Secretary (Social Welfare) will be the chief guest for this program.

## Special campaign to be held on Nov. 26 & 27 & Dec. 3 & 4

PORT BLAIR, NOV 14/--/ The general public and Political Parties have been informed that the Election Commission of India, New Delhi has announced the schedule for Special Summary Revision of Photo Electoral Rolls w.r.t. 01.01.2023 as the qualifying date. The schedule of programme is as under:-

Sl. No.	Stages of Revision	Period allowed for State
1.	Publication of Integrated draft electoral roll	Published on 09.11.2022 (Wednesday)
2.	Period for filing Claims & Objections	09.11.2022 (Wednesday) to 08.12.2022 (Thursday)
3.	Special campaign dates	26 & 27 November, 2022 & 03 & 04 December, 2022
4.	Disposal of claims and objections	By 26.12.2022 (Monday)
5.	Final publication of electoral roll	05.01.2023 (Thursday)

If, with reference to the above said qualifying date, there be any claim for the inclusion of a name in the roll or any objection to the inclusion of name or any objection to particulars in any entry, it should be lodged on or before the 08.12.2022 (Thursday) in Form 6, 6A, 7 & 8 as may be appropriate.

Every such claims & objections should either be presented with concerned Designated Officers/Booth Level Officers at all designated polling stations or send by post to the Electoral Registration Officer, A&N Islands Parliamentary Constituency or concerned Assistant Electoral Registration Officer or through "Voter helpline App", online website : <https://voterportal.eci.gov.in> or <https://www.nvsp.in> and <https://www.ceoandaman.nic.in/election/> or call Toll Free No.1950 so as to reach not later than the aforesaid date.

## MP mourns demise

PORT BLAIR, NOV 14/--/ Mr. Kuldeep Rai Sharma, Member of Parliament has deeply mourned the sad and untimely demise of Mr. Michal Yok (71 years), Chief Captain of Tribal Council, Katchal Island who passed away at Katchal on 14th November 2022. He has prayed to the Almighty to give eternal peace to the departed soul and courage to the bereaved family to bear the irreparable loss.

## Final merit list of eligible candidates for admission in TGCE

PORT BLAIR, NOV 14/--/ The category-wise and subject-wise final merit list of all eligible candidates applied for admission to Two Years B.Ed. Degree Programme for the session 2022-23 in Tagore Government College of Education, Port Blair will be published online on 16th November 2022 and will be available at <http://college.admission.andaman.gov.in> under "Announcements" for information of all concerned. Counselling for admission to the course will be held on 18th November 2022 (Friday) from 9:30 am at Tagore Auditorium in the TGCE premises. Inter-island candidates who are unable to attend the above scheduled counseling in person due to the ensuing Common Recruitment Examination scheduled on 20/11/2022 are requested to either represent their candidature through an authorized person or send their details showing Application No., Name, Subject, Category etc. through WhatsApp or text message @ 9531831281, 9531808308, 9933277071 before 5:00 p.m. on 17/11/2022.

All such messages will be acknowledged. Those who fail to attend the counselling in person or fail to send their willingness through message will not be considered for admission to the course and the next eligible candidate in the merit list will be considered for admission. Regular classes for these courses will begin from 21st November 2022.

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Discovery consists of seeing what everybody has seen and thinking what nobody has thought

Albert Szent-Gyorgyi

## EAM meets leaders from Canada, Indonesia, Singapore

It must have been a hectic schedule for External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar during his visit to Phnom Penh as part of a high-level Indian delegation to the ASEAN-India Commemorative Summit and the 17th East Asia Summit. Jaishankar grabbed the opportunity of his stay in the Cambodian capital to meet his counterparts from Canada, Indonesia and Singapore to discuss a host of key issues. "Nice to meet FM @melaniejoly of Canada on the sidelines of the East Asia Summit. Discussed the Ukraine conflict, Indo-Pacific, bilateral cooperation and community welfare. Appreciate steps being taken to address visa challenges," he said in a tweet. The meeting assumed significance as it came days after India reiterated its concern over the anti-India activities by Khalistan groups and individuals based there. India has also urged Canada to designate as terrorists under its laws those individuals and entities who have been declared as terrorists under Indian laws. A spike in student visa applications as well as the pandemic-induced backlog has led to delays in processing of Canadian visas. Jaishankar met his Indonesian counterpart too. "Good to catch up with my dear colleague FM Retno Marsudi of Indonesia. Wish her all the best for the upcoming G20 Bali Summit," he said in another tweet. He met his Singaporean counterpart and "friend" Vivian Balakrishnan and exchanged ideas with him. He also met Secretary of Foreign Affairs of the Philippines Enrique A. Amanalo. "Congratulated him on his appointment and took stock of our relations. Agreed to explore its further potential. Invited him to India in 2023," he tweeted after the meeting. Earlier, he met with his Ukrainian counterpart Dmytro Kuleba and discussed recent developments in the region, nuclear concerns and ways to end Russia's war in Ukraine.

This year marks the 30th anniversary of ASEAN-India relations and is being celebrated as the ASEAN-India Friendship Year. The Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) is an international organisation that has 10 member countries in Southeast Asia: Brunei, Cambodia, Indonesia, Laos, Malaysia, Myanmar, the Philippines, Singapore, Thailand, and Vietnam. At the East Asia Summit, which comprises the ten ASEAN member states and eight dialogue partners - India, China, Japan, the Republic of Korea, Australia, New Zealand, the United States and Russia - the focus was on further strengthening the East Asia Summit mechanism, besides matters of regional and international interest and concerns including maritime security, terrorism and non-proliferation. In Phnom Penh, Jaishankar met UN chief Antonio Guterres at the end of the ASEAN galadinner. Another highlight of Jaishankar's visit was his meeting with US Secretary of State Antony Blinken when the two sides discussed bilateral ties, the raging Ukraine conflict, energy issues, G20 and the situation in the Indo-Pacific, days ahead of a possible meeting between Prime Minister Narendra Modi and President Joe Biden on the margins of the G-20 Summit in Bali, Indonesia. Jaishankar's meeting with Blinken took place after his meeting with Russian Foreign Minister Sergey Lavrov in Moscow and talks with Ukraine foreign minister Dmytro Kuleba. India will hold the presidency of the G20 next year and there is a possibility of a US presidential visit to the country.

# Governors increasingly blamed of derailing governance in states

## REFLEX ACTION

Dr. Gyan Pathak

procurement of mobile anti-smog guns, and preparation to implement ban of firecrackers. The Governor of Tamil Nadu R N Ravi and the ruling DMK have been at loggerheads for quite some time on several issues. DMK and its allies wanted audience with the President of India Draupadi Murmu, but failed in getting time, after which they have submitted a memorandum addressed to the President of India and demanded recall of Tamil Nadu Governor R N Ravi.

It was said in the memorandum that 20 bills passed by the Tami Nadu Vidhan Sabha are awaiting assent of the Governor. It even said that "Ravi was unfit to hold the constitutional office". The governor, a nominee of the Centre and an unelected person opposing an elected state government, was a perversion of the constitutional set-up and a death knell to democracy, pointed out the memorandum. Memorandum stated that the Tamil Nadu governor "violated the oath taken by him to preserve, protect and defend the Constitution". Rather, has been "instigating communal hatred and is a threat to the peace and tranquillity" of the state. "Some might even consider his statements as seditious as they bring or attempt to bring hatred or contempt or excite or attempt to excite disaffection towards the government established by law."

It was also alleged that Ravi had "developed an unfortunate propensity to publicly profess his lack of faith in the secular ideals of the country and frequently engaged in divisive rhetoric". The governor has been "unabashedly propagating dangerous, divisive, religious rhetoric in public, which is unbecoming of a governor." The memorandum also read, "His speeches are made with a calculated intent to incite hatred and create communal unrest among the people."

The tussle between Kerala Governor Arif Mohammed

Khan and the LDF led state government is already known. On November 9, the state cabinet has decided to bring an ordinance to strip the governor of the post of chancellor of the state's universities. Governor Khan has hinted that he may refer the matter to the President of India, and in that case the state assembly would not be able to pass the bill until the President allows.

LDF is now planning to protest against non-cooperation of the Governor and the Union government in matter of governance. They are trying to get support from all non-BJP state governments in the country. CPM has already planned to hold a meet of representatives on non-BJP governments in Delhi to chart out strategies against "recalcitrant" governors. In Telangana, the ruling TRS leader and Chief Minister KCR, has recently alleged that Union Government has conspired to topple his government along with three other states - three other states - Andhra Pradesh, Delhi, and Rajasthan. His allegation is based on the statement of the arrested "agents" of Delhi. The state government has also been at loggerhead with the Governor Tamilisai Sounderajan on several issues including the Poachgate row. There is also a standoff between the two over the Telangana Universities Common Recruitment Board Bill, which the Governor has refused to clear. Now, on November 9, Governor Sounderajan has opened another front against the state government by alleging that she has "a feeling" that her phone was being tapped. TRS has tweeted that Rajbhavan is involved in the poaching case and mentioned even Tushar Bhasin, who served as her aide-de-camp.

Several other state governments have come out with bills against their governors, which also included Rajasthan, West Bengal, and Maharashtra. West Bengal had brought the West Bengal University Law (Amendment) Bill, 2022 to curb the powers of the then governor (now Vice President) Jagdeep Dhankar who returned the bill to the state cabinet. Maharashtra Vikas Aghadi (MVA) government had a similar experiment in 2021. Rajasthan State Funded Universities Bill was also an attempt to curb the powers of the governor. The AAP led Punjab government is also planning to bring similar legislation. (IPA)



Idols of Kartick displayed for sale at Patuapara in Kolkata on Monday--Arijit Ganguly

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# India's leverage must be retained

## FOCUS

Sushil Kutty

In today's divided world, an independent foreign policy can be possible only when pressure from the US and EU can be countered with the "what works to my advantage" doctrine, which is why Russian President Vladimir Putin couldn't stop himself from praising Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi for not falling prey to US diplomatic coercion, and instead carrying on life with Russia as if there was no Russia-Ukraine war!

That said, India's External Affairs Minister S. Jaishankar should be credited for pressing home with the "what works to my advantage" doctrine, which convinced Russia that what works to India's advantage also works to Russia's advantage under the current transformed world order. Never has Russia and India been so closely tied to each other than at the present time. Jaishankar should also be credited for keeping the USA at arm's length while at the same time keeping in close touch with it. In recent weeks, President Joe Biden has not been happy with India's choice of decisions. Biden understood well that, contrary to expectations, US pressure wasn't working on India, and India wasn't treading cautiously when it came to Russia.

Modi had one arm extended toward Russia, and the other reaching out to the United States. Not mid-distance, or equidistance, but rather "my distance".

And, as if to underline to the United States that two can play the "works to my advantage" game, Russia became the biggest exporter of crude oil to India, replacing Iraq. Of course, this has led to trade imbalance but Russian oil is proving good for India.

EAM Jaishankar met Russian counterpart Sergey Lavrov in Moscow and both pledged to increase trade and expand economic cooperation. India's EAM told the Russia Foreign Minister that it was time to end Russia's war with Ukraine as developing countries like India were suffering. But to the dispassionate observer it sounded half-hearted, India's bid to play peacemaker. That said, does Prime Minister Narendra Modi have leverage over President Vladimir Putin to press home with a perceived advantage? Maybe yes, most probably not! Putin is not the sort who is swayed by friendly overtures.

Putin and his foreign minister are permanent fixtures on the world stage because they were the original inventors of the doctrine of "only if it works to my

advantage". Lavrov has been Russia's Foreign Minister since 2004. That said, Jaishankar is no spring chicken. He has been long enough on the world's foreign policy circuit to carry the torch for India as good as anybody else.

Food and energy security are India's priorities. For Putin, it's Russia and Ukraine. Putin wants the West and NATO out of Russia's hair and, ultimately, Ukraine is his decision. The Russian President is not the one who bends to pressure. Without doubt Modi knows this.

In September this year, at the Shanghai Cooperation Council meet in Samarkand, Modi told Putin that this was not an "era for wars" and the BJP put Modi on par with Putin. Others said Modi carried equal influence with both Russia and Ukraine and, therefore, was the best placed to mediate a Russia-Ukraine truce.

Of course, people keep massaging Modi's ego and much was made of Modi's Samarkand comment. It is another matter that India has been the recipient of the best of both worlds ever since Putin invaded

Ukraine, and the world went hunting for a peacemaker. India's trade ties with Russia is now tied to the Russia-Ukraine War, especially India's oil purchases, which bothers the USA.

India has a 22% share of total crude imports from Russia. The trade imbalance bothers India but the "works to my advantage" doctrine has prevailed. The "significant growth" in bilateral trade and the \$30 billion target set by the two countries distinguishes the ties. Currently, trade stands at \$17 billion. It may sound cynical, but the Russia-Ukraine war has actually helped India and Russia come closer still, and focus on areas of "natural convergence of interests".

Both India and Russia are major G20 economies. And better counsel says India should not be overzealous to play peacemaker under pressure because doing so wouldn't "work to my advantage", especially with a war on, and the global markets under pressure.

That is the cynic talking; also the warmonger. There are enough of them around including scavengers, hyenas who profit from war. India should be guided by scientific temper, logic and reasoning and huge doses of humanism. That said, what happens to "Mission PoK" if, according to Modi's advice to Putin, it was not an "era for wars"? (IPA)



## Secretary CPI (M) visits Mayabunder area



**PORT BLAIR, NOV 14/--/** Mr. D. Ayyappan, Secretary, CPI (M) A & N State Organisation Committee, who is currently on a tour to Middle & North Andaman visited Dr.Rajendra Prasad District Hospital, Mayabunder on Monday and met the Medical Superintendent and discussed with him various issues pertaining to health care system in Mayabunder area. Mr. Ayyappan expressed concern over the shortage of medical officers and nurses in the hospital.

Posts of Specialists are lying vacant in the hospital and no effort has been made by the Health Department to post Specialist doctors.

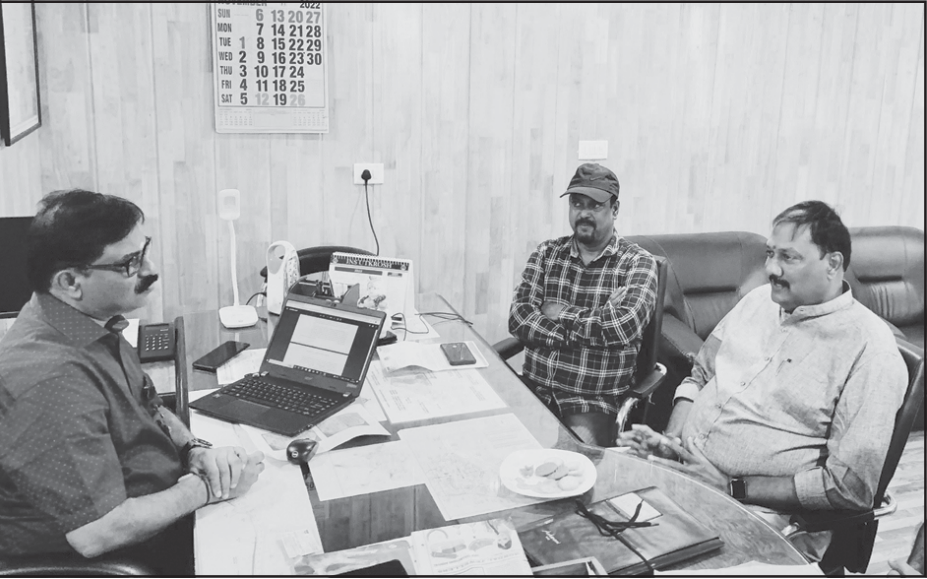
He had also visited Govt. Sr Secondary School, Mayabunder and came to know that

there is a shortage of a large number of teachers in the school. Most of the schools in the Mayabunder area do not have Principal or Vice Principal.

On getting complaints from the fishermen that ice for the fishermen are not available in the Ice Plan of the Fisheries Department at Mayabunder, he visited the Ice plant and office of the Fisheries Department and found that the department has failed to meet the requirements of the fishermen of Mayabunder area. Fishermen also complained to the CPI (M) Secretary that they are not getting any benefit from the Fisheries Department.

Mr. K. Muralidharan Pillai, President, CITU Mayabunder Zonal Committee also accompanied him during the above visits.

## Aato President meets Director, VSI airport



**PORT BLAIR, NOV 14/--/** Mr.M. Vinod, President Andaman Association Of Tour Operators, along with Mr. K. Hamza, Gen. Secretary, Aato met Mr. Ravindra Sharma, Airport Director, Veer Savarkar International Airport, Port Blair at his office and discussed the ongoing problems faced by all commercial vehicles due to the newly introduced high parking charges. Mr. Vinod requested to waive off the parking charges for vehicles which go to drop the passengers

and also to reduce the parking charges for vehicles parked at arrival parking. The Airport Director has assured to look into the same and has also agreed to call a meeting of all stakeholders with the company representatives who took the parking contract as requested by Vinod, President, Aato. Mr. Vinod, had expressed his gratitude towards the Airport Director for meeting them amidst his busy schedule.

## Law Minister Rijiju fires fresh salvo on Nehru on Kashmir issue

**NEW DELHI, NOV 14 /--/** Law Minister Kiren Rijiju mounted a fresh attack on the country's first prime minister, Jawaharlal Nehru, on the Kashmir issue on Monday, claiming that he moved the United Nations under the wrong Article after Pakistan's invasion, thereby making it a party to the dispute instead of an aggressor. Rijiju also said Nehru let the "myth" of a UN-mandated plebiscite perpetuate and created the "divisive" Article 370 of the Constitution. "Nehru rejected Maharaja Hari Singh's plea to accede to India not just once but thrice," the Union Minister wrote on Twitter: The Lok Sabha member of the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) from Arunachal Pradesh also hit out at Hari Singh's son Karan Singh,

saying he presented a "sanitised history, resorted to poor wordplay, and, that too, in a roundabout way to somehow extricate Nehru" on the then prime minister delaying the accession of Kashmir. Rijiju made these remarks in an opinion piece for the News 18 portal, which he shared on his Twitter handle. The fresh attack on the Congress stalwart came on his birth anniversary. "Nehru was aware even in June 1947 that all that Hari Singh wanted was to join the Indian dominion. Nehru stated as much in his note to Mountbatten (the last viceroy of India)," Rijiju wrote. He said it was time for the citizens of the country to rebuff attempts to falsify history and stand true to the people of Jammu, Kashmir and Ladakh. (PTI)

## First A&N Bird Week by Andaman Avians Club

**PORT BLAIR, NOV 14/--/** The Andaman Avians Club successfully conducted the first of it's kind in the UT Andaman & Nicobar Bird Week this year 2022 as "ANI Bird Week" to mark the 126th birth anniversary of the "Birdman Of India" Late. Dr. Salim Moizuddin Abdul Ali with a trending hashtag - #anibirdweekaac. The week-long celebration was initiated with numbers of bird walk for the islanders and tourists in Diglipur by birder Ram Vikas , Rangat by birder D.Shekhar, Port Blair by AAC with BMC, PBMC, Katchal birder Chandralekha & Campbell Bay by birder G.Tikanna. An online mobile bird photography competition was also conducted on an online platform themed on BIRDS, Mr. Prashant Sarthy was declared as the winner of the competition.

During this week, an Inter-club Bird Identification-cum-quiz competition was also



organized for the club members. On 12th November a bird walk for Kids with Parents was conducted in the Chidiyatapu Biological Park where the childrens sighted many endemic and resident birds and few rare migratory birds too. Mr. P. D. Prasad, Member AAC cycled 126 Km in and around Port Blair to promote the message of "Save Wildlife" The event was concluded with an online webinar by Dr. Raju Kasambe, (Assistant Director- Education), BNHS, Mumbai on "Bird Migration a Magical Moment". The webinar was witnessed by many local naturalists, birders and the club members.

Andaman Avians Club has extended its sincere gratitude to the BMC-PBMC, Department of Environment & Forest all the participants and members for the successful conduction of the Islands First Bird Week.

**PORT BLAIR, NOV 14/--/** The Akhil Bharatiya Vidyarthi Parishad (ABVP), A&N Islands organized a students "Abhyas Varg 2022-23" at Seva Bharti, Port Blair to enlighten the ABVP karyakartas and students from different colleges towards the vision and mission of the ABVP in reclaiming India's glory.

The chief guest of the occasion, Swamy Shuddhananda Saraswati, Acharya, Chinmaya Mission inaugurated the students Abhyas Varg by lightening the lamp. Addressing the gathering, he advised the students that character is the most important aspects of the personality and one should keep it intact. Further, he that students are the nation builders and need to be aware of their rights and duties.

Swamy gave his blessings and said India's golden era of the education system is well known throughout the world. Our educational system not only empowers the people at large but also provides holistic development for the people.

Dr. H. K. Sharma, Principal, JNRM emphasized the selfless sacrifices made by the Martyrs of our freedom



struggle and appealed to the 'ABVP KARYAKARTAS' to derive inspiration from their supreme contribution for the true freedom of India.

Dr. Santosh Kumar Jha,

President, ABVP, A&N Islands enumerated the activities undertaken by the ABVP for the last two decades in these Islands. He told that ABVP is continuously demanding a

Central University for the development of these Islands.

Dr. Kandimuthu, Vibhag Pramukh, NEC member and Special Invitee, called upon the

## IGNOU re-registration for January-2023 session

**PORT BLAIR, NOV 14/--/** The online Re-registration in IGNOU for January, 2023 session has started on the Samarth portal w.e.f. 14th November, 2022. All the learners, who have desirous to register for January, 2023 cycle advised to submit re-registration form through online on or before 31st December, 2022. All the learners of 2nd, 3rd, 4th, 5th and 6th semester are advised to make semester fees through online: <https://onlinerr.ignou.ac.in/>. For more details the learners may contact IGNOU Regional Centre, Port Blair over Phone: 03192-242888 or 03192-230111 or Email: [reportblair@ignou.ac.in](mailto:reportblair@ignou.ac.in).

## Road to remain closed

**PORT BLAIR, NOV 14/--/** The foreshore road between Megapode Road Junction to Chatham Police Station Junction will be closed for all the vehicles movements w.e.f. 15th November 2022 to 22nd November 2022. Hence, all the vehicles will be diverted through Haddo.

## Iconic buildings in India to go blue on Nov 19-20 for World Children's Day: UNICEF

**NEW DELHI, NOV 14 /--/** India's iconic buildings, including the Rashtrapati Bhavan, along with streets and houses in several rural areas will be illuminated in blue colour on November 19 and 20 for World Children's Day to convey solidarity on the issue of child rights, the UNICEF said.

The 'goblu campaign' this week is symbolic of support to create a more safe and healthy environment for children. In a statement, UNICEF said the Rashtrapati Bhavan, Parliament building, State Legislative Assembly buildings and iconic historical monuments across India will illuminate in blue light. Also Dhar village in Madhya Pradesh, and thousand village streets in Sarguja region, in Bastar region and in the central region will go blue in solidarity with child rights. Child rights week is celebrated across India from November 14-20, starting from National Children's Day to World Children's Day. UNICEF India is facilitating a series of events and engagements to promote the rights and welfare of children, regardless of gender, race, religion, disability, sexual orientation, or socio-economic status.

Every child is born with indelible rights, and deserves to be celebrated, included, and protected especially those marginalised and vulnerable. This World Children's Day's theme is on sports as a powerful means to promote inclusion, equality and non-discrimination. (PTI)

## Vishal interests with villagers of Kimios & Arong at Carnic



**PORT BLAIR, NOV 14/--/** During the Nicobar visit, Mr. Vishal Jolly, BJP's National Executive Member had a meeting with the villagers of Kimios & Arong village. The meeting was attended by Kimios village 1st Captain Mr. Johnny 1st Captain Arong village Mr. Anthony, Headman of both the villages & lady representatives, Tribal Council Vice Chief Shri Reginald Watchful, Shri John Levi Deputy Vice Chief Tribal Council, Shri L Davidson Ex-Member Tribal Council, Manuar Thomas 1st Captain Big Lapathy were also present. The villagers put forth their grievances in the meeting in length for which Mr. Jolly assured for taking up the issues with the concerned officials

## 12,691 families registered under Ayushman Bharat in ANI



**PORT BLAIR, NOV 14/--/** The Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, GoI has launched the world's largest health assurance program named Ayushman Bharat - Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojana (AB-PMJAY) in 2018. The scheme has successfully completed 4 years of its implementation on 23rd September, 2022. Ayushman Bharat-PMJAY aims to provide cashless treatment worth Rs 5 lakh per family per year against secondary and tertiary hospitalization care. Presently, 12,691 families (40,206 members) have registered under the AB-PMJAY scheme in this UT and are entitled for cashless

treatment at 28,000 empanelled public and private hospitals across the country. To create awareness among the general public and to identify the unregistered eligible AB - PMJAY beneficiary various IEC activities are conducted in this UT.

A Beneficiary Identification Camp was organized by State Health Agency (SHA), Port Blair at UHC Dairy Farm recently. In this camp, 8 new beneficiaries were identified and AB-PMJAY cards were created for them. During the camp, the resource persons from the State Health Agency also

addressed the queries from the public pertaining to Ayushman Bharat - PMJAY scheme.

Further, the State Health Agency (SHA), Port Blair organized an awareness programme on Ayushman Bharat - Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojana (AB-PMJAY) for the students and faculty of Govt.

Teachers Training Institute, DIET Campus, Port Blair on 1st Nov., 2022. This session was aimed to create awareness about the benefits attached with the scheme. The students were exhorted to further inform and educate their parents and community about the scheme.





**President Droupadi Murmu gives her caring touch to a girl student at an event attended by students of various schools, on the occasion of Children's Day at Rashtrapati Bhavan Cultural Centre (RBCC)**

## Religious conversion by force, allurement or fraudulent means "very serious" matter: SC

NEW DELHI, NOV 14 /--/ Terming forced religious conversion a "very serious" issue, the Supreme Court on Monday took a serious note of such proselytisation through deception, allurement and intimidation, and asked the Centre to step in and make sincere efforts to check the practice.

It warned a "very difficult situation" will emerge if such religious conversions are not stopped as they may pose a danger to national security and the fundamental right of citizens to freedom of religion and conscience. A bench of Justices MR Shah and Hima Kohli asked Solicitor General Tushar Mehta to enumerate measures to curb the practice through allurement. "This is a very serious matter. Sincere efforts are to be made by the Centre to stop forced conversions. Otherwise very difficult situation will come. Tell us what action do you propose.... You have to step in," the bench observed. Mehta submitted before the top court that the issue was debated even in the Constituent Assembly. "There were two Acts. One was by the Odisha government and other one by Madhya Pradesh dealing with regulation of any forcible conversion by

deceit, falsehood or fraud, money. These issues came before this court for consideration and the top court upheld the validity," Mehta said. The solicitor general said forced religious conversions are rampant in tribal areas. Many a time the victims are not aware they are the subject matter of criminal offence and would say they are being helped, Mehta said.

The apex court observed there may be freedom of religion but there cannot be freedom of religion by forced conversion. "The issue with respect to the alleged conversion of religion, if it is found to be correct and true, is a very serious issue which may ultimately affect the security of the nation as well as the freedom of religion and conscience of the citizens. "Therefore, it is better that the Union government may make their stand clear and file counter on what steps can be taken by Union and/or others to curb such forced conversion may be by force, allurement or fraudulent means," the bench said in its order. It granted time till November 22, 2022 to the Centre to file its response on the issue and posted the matter for hearing on November 28. The apex court was hearing a plea filed by advocate Ashwini

Kumar Upadhyay seeking direction to the Centre and states to take stringent steps to control fraudulent religious conversion by "intimidation, threatening, deceivingly luring through gifts and monetary benefits". The apex court had on September 23 sought responses from the Centre and others to the plea. Upadhyay submitted in his plea that forced religious conversion is a nationwide problem which needs to be tackled immediately. "The injury caused to the citizens is extremely large because there is not even one district which is free of religious conversion by 'hook and crook'," the plea submitted.

"Incidents are reported every week throughout the country where conversion is done by intimidating, threatening, deceivingly luring through gifts and monetary benefits and also by using black magic, superstition, miracles but Centre and States have not taken stringent steps to stop this menace," said the plea filed through advocate Ashwani Kumar Dubey. The plea has also sought directions to the Law Commission of India to prepare a report as well as a Bill to control religious conversion by intimidation and through monetary benefits. (PTI)

# Mamata apologises for minister Akhil Giri's remarks on Prez

## Refers to Subhendu's alleged comment on Birbaha

KOLKATA, NOV 14 /--/ Condemning ministerial colleague Akhil Giri's controversial remarks on President Droupadi Murmu, West Bengal chief minister Mamata Banerjee on Monday apologised for his comment on behalf of the TMC.

Mamata said she has immense respect for the President, and her party has cautioned Giri against making such derogatory remarks in the future. "We respect the President of India. She is a highly-respected lady. We condemn the statement made by minister of state Akhil Giri; what he said is wrong. The party has already condemned the statement and has also cautioned Akhil Giri," the chief minister said at a press conference at the state secretariat. Mamata said the party "does not support" Giri's opinion and will take stringent action against him if he repeats such mistakes. "I personally respect President Droupadi Murmu. She is a very nice lady, and I like her a lot. I apologize for Akhil Giri's statement; I apologize on behalf of my party. We have great regard for the President, and making such comments is not part of All India Trinamool Congress culture," she said. Giri faced flak recently for his remarks on the looks of President Droupadi Murmu. After a video clip of his comments went viral, he apologised for it.

"Politics is an art; speaking is also an art. Whenever I say something wrong, I take back my words. No one in Trinamool supports Akhil Giri, but the kind of venom Opposition leaders in Bengal spew day-in and day-out is reprehensible. Is it right to call someone 'darkak' (crow species) for his skin colour," she asked while pointing out that Giri was targeted for his complexion in the past. The TMC boss said she believes people should not focus on the beauty of one's skin, not on his or her soul. "Beauty is not skin-deep; your soul inside should be fair," she said. Referring to Leader of the Opposition Suvendu Adhikari's purported comment against state minister Birbaha Hansda, Banerjee said she feels ashamed of how a tribal woman was insulted by the leader. "Birbaha Hansda is a tribal woman from a cultured family. I feel ashamed when someone says that Hansda should stay beneath his shoe. Is this how someone should speak about a woman, let alone a minister of our state and a tribal woman? This should be condemned at all costs," she said, without naming Adhikari. The TMC on Monday released a video where Leader of Opposition Suvendu Adhikari was heard making remarks against the state minister from the ST community Birbaha Hansda. News agency PTI could not independently verify the authenticity of the video. In the 11-second video clip shared by the TMC on its Twitter handle, Adhikari was purportedly heard

telling a group of people, "Those who are sitting there are kids. This Debnath Hansda and Birbaha Hansda are all kids; their place is beneath my shoe." However, Adhikari, when approached by a TV channel, denied making any such comment. Criticising the Centre for not releasing the dues it owes to the state, Mamata, during the press meet, wondered whether the country is still a democracy or has turned into a "one-party rule". "The Centre is not clearing the dues it owes to the state; I have personally met the Prime Minister regarding this. I have even sent my ministers and MP to Delhi to sort out the issue. They keep saying that the matter has been forwarded to the

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—**Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee**

Prime Minister's Office, but nothing is coming of it," she said. The chief minister reminded the Union government that "paying the states for 100 Days' work scheme" is a constitutional norm. "The Centre

must pay... it is a compulsion as both Houses of Parliament have passed a law in this regard," she added.

Reacting to the chief minister's apology, BJP national vice-president Dilip Ghosh claimed that TMC leaders get encouraged by the kind of comments their party supremo made in the past against the Prime Minister and the Governor. "In the past, Mamata Banerjee has made objectionable remarks against the Prime Minister Narendra Modi and former West Bengal governor Jagdeep Dhankhar. So such comments from TMC leaders are no surprise. Banerjee apologized in view of the nationwide outrage over Giri's remarks," he said. (PTI)



**Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee with school students during a programme organised by West Bengal government on Children's Day, in Kolkata — Arijit Ganguly**

## CM slams BJP for engaging in 'anti-Bengal' act

KOLKATA, NOV 14 /--/ Chief minister Mamata Banerjee Monday said a conspiracy is being hatched against the state and the ruling TMC is being defamed as a part of the exercise.

Mamata slammed BJP leaders for engaging in "anti-Bengal act" for urging the Centre to block funds for various welfare funds for the state. Amid the arrests of senior party leaders in graft cases, the TMC supremo said those who have committed mistakes should be given a chance to rectify these. "A conspiracy is being hatched against the state. A malicious campaign has been unleashed against the government and the TMC as a part of it. Those who don't like Bengal keep maligning us (TMC) and hatching conspiracies," she said at a programme for students organized by the state government on Children's Day. The entire system cannot be maligning if "one or two people" have committed any mistake, she said. "If you work, you tend to make mistakes. Don't we get hurt while walking on the road? We need to rectify our errors. If someone has made any mistake, it should be fixed. Law must follow its own course. But some people don't like Bengal and engage in constant slander," Mamata said. The chief minister's comments came in the backdrop of the recent arrest of Trinamool Congress MLA Manik Bhattacharya for his alleged involvement in "irregularities" in recruiting primary school teachers. In July, the ED arrested former state education minister Partha Chatterjee in the School Service Commission (SSC) recruitment scam, while the CBI arrested TMC Birbhum district president Anubrata Mondal in August for being allegedly involved in cattle

smuggling. The TMC supremo urged the students not to watch news channels as they "will lose their mental balance" because of the "canards" they keep spreading against the state government. "Don't watch television (news) channels anymore, else you will lose your mind. They keep looking for ways to malign Trinamool Congress. When I was the railways minister they pointed out the slightest errors. Why don't we see such news now? What TV channels show are not always facts, but mostly for TRP," Mamata, who was the railway minister twice, said. The Bengal CM had occupied the post during 1998-2001 in the BJP-led NDA government and again from 2009-2011 in the second Congress-led UPA rule. Referring to statements by BJP leaders that the Centre should stop funds for various schemes for Bengal, Mamata wondered whether it is not an "anti-Bengal act" to sabotage the state's interests. "Is it not an anti-Bengal act to engage in shameful attempts to malign the state? You live and eat in Bengal but ask Delhi to block our funds. We will snatch our rights from them (the BJP-led government at the Centre). They cannot take away from us what we deserve," she said. Speaking on the various developmental projects for the student community of the state since the TMC came to power in 2011, Banerjee asked officials to be more generous with marks as pupils of the West Bengal boards compete with those from CBSE, ICSE and other boards. The state government has spent nearly Rs 2700 crore on social welfare initiatives such as Kanyashree, Aikyashree, Shikshashree, Swami Vivekananda merit-cum-means scholarship and the Student Credit Card Scheme for the benefit of the students, she added. (PTI)

## Cong hits back at Rajnath for defending presence of lotus image in G20 logo

NEW DELHI, NOV 14 /--/ The Congress on Monday hit back at Union minister Rajnath Singh for defending the presence of a lotus image on the G20 logo, saying the hand remains a "deep cultural symbol" in rural and tribal India but it would not justify the use of this symbol for government events if it was in power. Hand is the Congress' party symbol. Defence minister Singh on Sunday had slammed those creating a row over the presence of flower's image on the G20 logo and said the lotus is not just a party symbol but connected to India's cultural identity. Prime Minister Narendra Modi had unveiled the logo on November 8. The Opposition Congress had accused the BJP of promoting its poll symbol - lotus. Hitting back at Singh, Congress general secretary in-charge communications Jairam Ramesh said: "Rajnath Singh-ji has been made to defend the use of the BJP's election symbol for the G20 logo on the grounds that the lotus is a cultural symbol of India." "The hand as a symbol is the most antique going back to prehistoric paintings in India...the hand remains a deep cultural symbol in rural & tribal India. If the Congress was in power would it justify the use of this symbol for government events? Certainly not!" Ramesh said in a tweet. Addressing a gathering after unveiling the statue of legendary warrior Prithviraj Chauhan in Haryana's Jhajjar, Singh had said that one is pained that a controversy is created around symbols of our country's culture and those connected with its cultural identity. Singh had asserted that lotus is the national flower and connected with India's cultural identity. "On seeing lotus flower (on the logo), some people created a row. They said lotus flower is BJP's poll symbol. There is a limit of making accusations," he had said. (PTI)

## PM arrives in Bali for G20 Summit, to discuss key issues of global concern with other leaders

BALI, NOV 14 /--/ Prime Minister Narendra Modi arrived here on Monday for the G20 Summit and bilateral meetings on its sidelines with key leaders attending this annual conference of the world's major economies.

The two-day summit begins Tuesday morning, and will be attended by US President Joe Biden and British Prime Minister Rishi Sunak among heads from 20 countries and the European Union who make up the group. "During the Bali summit, I will have extensive discussions with other G20 leaders on key issues of global concern, such as reviving global growth, food and energy security, environment, health and digital transformation," Modi said ahead of his departure from Delhi. The Prime Minister said that he will meet with leaders of several other participating countries on the sidelines of the G20 summit and review the progress in India's bilateral relations with them. Modi will have separate bilateral meetings with a number of leaders on the sidelines of the summit but it was not immediately clear if a separate meeting between Modi and Xi, who arrived in Bali earlier in the day, is in the works. If it

takes place, it would be the first one-on-one interaction between Modi and Xi since the border clash between Indian and Chinese troops in Galwan Valley in June 2020. At the Shanghai Cooperation Organisation (SCO) summit in Uzbekistan's Samarkand in September, the two did cross paths. In Beijing, a Chinese foreign ministry spokesperson said that maintaining sound relations is in the fundamental interest of both China and India and their peoples. "We hope the Indian side will work with China in the same direction, follow through on the important common understandings reached between the Chinese and Indian leaders, promote sound and steady development of the relations, and safeguard the common interests of the two countries and our fellow developing countries," spokeswoman Mao Ning said. "As to the question you raised about a meeting between the Chinese and Indian leaders, I have nothing to share," she added. India will assume the presidency of the group for a year, beginning December 1, and Modi said he will extend his personal invitation to G20 members and other invitees for the next summit. The Prime Minister will participate in the summit's session on Health on



**Prime Minister Narendra Modi gestures as he is being greeted in traditional style at the airport in Bali**

Tuesday, and another on Food and Energy Security, where there is a likelihood of the leaders discussing the impact of Russia's war in Ukraine. Western leaders are expected to press Russia to renew a deal that allows export of Ukrainian wheat through the Black Sea. Russian President Vladimir Putin is not attending the summit, and the country is represented by foreign minister Sergei Lavrov. On Tuesday evening, Prime Minister will meet members of the Indian community in Indonesia, and later watch a cultural performance. The G20 comprises Argentina, Australia, Brazil, Canada, China, France, Germany, India, Indonesia, Italy, Japan, Republic of Korea, Mexico, Russia, Saudi Arabia, South Africa, Turkey, the UK, the USA and the European Union (EU). The list includes both advanced and emerging economies. Together, they account for over 80 per cent of the global Gross Domestic Product, 75 per cent of international trade and two-thirds of the world population. During Delhi's presidency in the coming year, it would be the first time when the troika of G20's current, previous and next president would consist of three developing countries India, Indonesia and Brazil. (PTI)



## Zelenskyy calls liberation of Kherson “beginning of the end”

**KHERSON, NOV 14/--**/Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy made a triumphant visit to the newly liberated city of Kherson on Monday, hailing the Russian withdrawal as the "beginning of the end of the war" but also



acknowledging the heavy price Ukrainian soldiers are paying in their grinding effort to push back the invading force. The retaking of Kherson was one of Ukraine's biggest successes in nearly nine months since the invasion. It served another stinging blow to the Kremlin and could become a springboard for further advances into occupied territory. Zelenskyy walked the streets of the city Monday, just hours after warning in his nightly video address of booby traps and mines left behind by the Russians before their retreat. "This is the beginning of the end of the war," he said.

"We are step by step coming to all the temporarily occupied territories." The end of Russia's occupation of the city has sparked days of celebration but also exposed a humanitarian emergency, with residents living without power and water and short of food and medicines. Russia still controls about 70% of the wider Kherson region. Zelenskyy has previously appeared unexpectedly in other front-line areas at crucial junctures of the war and his latest visit was both laden with symbolism and the common touch clearly aimed at boosting the morale of both soldiers and civilians alike. In video published by a presidential aide, a visibly moved Zelenskyy stood with his right hand on his heart and sang the national anthem, as troops saluted and stood to attention and soldier steadily hauled the yellow-and-blue Ukrainian flag up a flagpole.

Other footage showed Zelenskyy waving to residents who saluted him from an apartment window and yelled: "Glory to Ukraine!" The reply "Glory to the heroes!" came back from Zelenskyy's group, made up of soldiers and others. The president also distributed medals to Ukrainian soldiers in a central square and posed for selfies with them. Kremlin spokesman Dmitry Peskov on Monday refused to comment on Zelenskyy's visit to Kherson, saying only that "you know that it is the territory of the Russian Federation."

The Kremlin illegally annexed the Kherson region and three others earlier this year. After the Russian retreat, Ukrainian authorities say they are finding evidence of torture and other atrocities. In his nightly video address on Sunday, Zelenskyy said without giving details that "investigators have already documented more than 400 Russian war crimes, and the bodies of both civilians and military personnel have been found." "In the Kherson region, the Russian army left behind the same atrocities as in other regions of our country," he said.

"We will find and bring to justice every murderer. Without a doubt." Residents said departing Russian troops plundered the city, carting away loot as they withdrew last week. They also wrecked key infrastructure before retreating across the wide Dnieper River to its east bank.

One Ukrainian official described the situation in Kherson as "a humanitarian catastrophe." Reconnecting the electricity supply is the priority, with gas supplies already assured, Kherson regional governor Yaroslav Yanushevych said. The Russian pullout marked a triumphant milestone in Ukraine's pushback against Moscow's invasion almost nine months ago. In the past two months, Ukraine's military claimed to have retaken dozens of towns and villages north of the city of Kherson. (AP)

## UK's Suella Braverman signs pact with France to tackle illegal migration

**LONDON, NOV 14/--**/ UK Home Secretary Suella Braverman on Monday signed a new agreement with neighbouring France, which will see enhanced French patrols to curb the rising number of illegal migrants crossing the English Channel into England in dangerous small boats. The Indian-origin minister is in France to finalise the new arrangement, which will also see specialist UK officers embedded with their French counterparts for the first time as part of the new financial agreement. The UK's annual payment to France to help police the border is set to rise to Euro 72 million in 2022-23 from Euro 62.7 million for 2021-22. Under the new UK-France joint agreement, the number of officers patrolling the French coast at Calais to stop people setting off to the English coast at Dover will rise from 200 to 300.

"There are no quick fixes, but this new arrangement will mean we can significantly increase the number of French gendarmes patrolling the beaches in northern France and ensure UK and French officers are working hand in hand to stop the people smugglers," Braverman said.

"We must do everything we can to stop people making these dangerous journeys and crack down on the criminal gangs. This is a global challenge requiring global solutions, and it is in the interests of both the UK and French

governments to work together to solve this complex problem," she said.

British Prime Minister Rishi Sunak also flagged the issue as an "absolute priority" and said he was "confident we can bring the numbers down." "I do think that the absolute priority that British people have right now, as do I, is to grip illegal migration," Sunak told reporters en route to Indonesia for the G20 summit as the agreement was announced in London.

According to official estimates, more than 40,000 people have crossed in small boats so far this year, up from 28,526 last year and 8,404 the year before.

The new deal with France includes a 40 per cent increase in the number of UK-funded officers patrolling French beaches, to come on stream in the coming months.

The UK Home Office said the pact is aimed at enhanced information sharing, improved understanding of the threat, and ensuring UK expertise is at the heart of efforts to disrupt crossings and clamp down on people smugglers.

This more "integrated approach" will also include strengthened operational cooperation, including joint UK-France analysis teams supporting the coordination and exchange of information by French-command headquarters. The Home Office noted: "Joint working between UK

## President Biden meets Chinese counterpart Xi on sidelines of G20 summit in Bali

**BALI, NOV 14/--**/US President Joe Biden and his Chinese counterpart Xi Jinping on Monday held a much-anticipated first in-person meeting on the margins of the G20 summit, amid strained bilateral relations that worsened due to Beijing's recent posturing over Taiwan - including actual display of military power.

Biden and Xi shook hands and greeted each other with smiles, standing in front of a row of US and Chinese flags. This is their first face to face meeting after Biden became president two years back. They have, however, talked on phone and as vice president earlier Biden had been in touch with the Chinese strongman. The two leaders did not wear masks. In his opening remarks, Biden said that he was committed to keeping the lines of communication open with Xi.

"I'm committed to keep lines of communication open between you and me personally, but our governments across the board,

because our two countries have so much that we have the opportunity to deal with," he said.

"As the leaders of our two nations share responsibility in my view to show that China and the US can manage our differences, prevent competition from becoming anything even near conflict and find ways to work together on urgent, global issues that require our mutual cooperation," he added.

On his part, Xi said the world is paying attention to the high-stakes meeting between him and President Biden. "Currently the China-US relationship is in such a situation that we all care a lot about it because this is not the fundamental interest of our two countries and peoples, and it is not what the international community expects (from) us," Xi was quoted as saying by CNN.

"As leaders of the two major countries we need to chart the right course for the US China relationship. We need to find the right direction for the bilateral

relationship going forward and elevate the relationship," he added, speaking through a translator. "The world expects that China and the United States will properly handle the relationship. Our meeting has attracted the world's attention, so we need to work with all countries to bring more hope to world peace, greater confidence to global stability and strong impetus to common development," Xi said.

The Chinese leader said he was ready to have a "candid and in-depth" exchange of views with Biden on issues of strategic importance on China-US relations and on major global and regional issues. In Washington earlier, Biden promised that he would be "straightforward" at the meeting, spell out the US red lines and learn about Beijing from Xi.

Xi arrived here on Monday afternoon, a day after Biden's Air Force One landed in Bali where leaders are gathering for the annual Group of 20 summit of the globe's major economies the

advanced nations as well as the emerging economies. Bali is the last stop in Biden's three-nation trip, which included Egypt for the environment summit COP27 and Cambodia for the ASEAN Summit. In Phnom Penh, he indicated his country's solidarity with ASEAN nations, several of whom have conflicts with an overbearing China.

He said these countries and the US can together defend against "threats to rules-based order and threats against the rule of law" a reference to China but without naming that country.

Relations between the two countries took a nosedive after US House Speaker Nancy Pelosi's visit to Taiwan in August. China saw it as a provocative US move in support of the island which governs itself, but which Beijing says must return to it someday.

After the Pelosi visit, China held a series of military exercises around Taiwan to make its concerns clear. Biden has indicated that the US would come

to Taiwan's aid if China invades, a stand that has exasperated tensions. Both leaders entered the meeting -- held at a hotel in Bali's Nusa Dua -- stronger at home. Biden's Democratic Party has done better than expected in mid-term elections, and Xi has secured a tradition-breaking third term as the head of China's Communist Party and is being placed by many in the same league as Deng Xiaoping. "His circumstance has changed, to state the obvious, at home," Biden was quoted as saying to reporters before his Bali arrival. And about his own, he said, "I know I am coming in stronger." The G20 comprises Argentina, Australia, Brazil, Canada, China, France, Germany, India, Indonesia, Italy, Japan, Republic of Korea, Mexico, Russia, Saudi Arabia, South Africa, Turkey, the UK, the USA and the European Union (EU). Between them, they account for over 80 per cent of global GDP and 75 per cent of international trade. (PTI)

## Imran Khan's party moves SC to get FIR registered against three suspects named by him who plotted to kill him

**ISLAMABAD/LAHORE, NOV 14/--**/ Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf on Monday filed multiple writ petitions in the Supreme Court to get a FIR registered against Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif, Interior Minister and a top Army officer -- the three persons who the party's chief Imran Khan had

accused of hatching a plot to assassinate him. Khan, 70, suffered bullet injuries in the right leg on November 3 when two gunmen fired a volley of bullets at him and others in the Wazirabad area of Punjab province, where he was leading a protest march against the Shehbaz Sharif government.

The Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI) chief on Monday asserted that registering a FIR for the assassination attempt was his right. On November 8, Punjab police named Naveed Mohammad Basheer, the assailant who was taken into custody, as the prime accused in the case and filed an FIR against him. They are yet to register an FIR against Prime Minister Sharif, Interior Minister Rana Sanaullah and ISI Counter Intelligence Wing head Maj-Gen Faisal Naseer, the three names revealed by Khan, who allegedly plotted his assassination.

Interestingly in Punjab province, PTI has a coalition government. The petitions were submitted in Supreme Court registries in Lahore, Islamabad, Karachi, Peshawar and Quetta. They were filed under article 184 (3) of the Constitution urging the court to take notice of why the local Station House Officer failed to file the case against the individuals named by Khan. Speaking to the media in Lahore, PTI leader and former federal minister Fawad Chaudhry said the law was clear that the victim has the right to register the case against the person suspected of being involved in the crime

against him. "It is a test case for the Supreme Court to uphold the law of the country," he said. Shah Mahmood Qureshi, PTI senior vice-president, said his party was hopeful the Chief Justice would consider the petitions. Qureshi said the main point of submitting these pleas were to probe the



assassination attempt on the former Prime Minister and bring the facts to light. He lamented the FIR was not registered according to Khan's wishes.

The petitions for the formation of the commission came days after Prime Minister Sharif wrote to the apex court to set up a commission to probe the assassination attempt on Khan. However, the PTI petitions go a step ahead and also demand a probe about refusal by police to nominate the three influential individuals in the FIR. Khan was discharged from a hospital run by his charity last Sunday and moved to his Zaman Park residence in Lahore. He is advised by doctors to take four to six weeks of rest. The former cricketer-turned-politician's sons, Sulaiman Isa Khan and Kasim Khan, who arrived in Lahore to meet their father, were provided with an additional squad of commandos from the Khyber Pakhtunkhwa provincial police as the party does not trust the Punjab police. (PTI)

## Italy, France call for "full cooperation" after migrant flap

**ROME, NOV 14/--**/The presidents of Italy and France sought to tamp down tensions over migration Monday by asserting the need for "full cooperation" on a host of issues and the importance of strong bilateral relations after days of diplomatic barbs over the fate of migrants crossing the Mediterranean.

The offices of Presidents Sergio Mattarella and Emmanuel Macron issued identical statements Monday after the two leaders spoke by telephone. In a sign of cooperation and coordination, the heads of state "affirmed the great importance of relations between France and Italy and stressed the need to bring together the conditions for full cooperation in all areas, both bilaterally and within the European Union."

While both leaders are heads of state, Mattarella wields no real power in the day-to-day governing of Italy, which is handled by Premier Giorgia Meloni. France has a prime minister who is head of government, but is named by Macron who holds the real power in government. The diplomatic row erupted last week when

Italy forced France's hand to accept a humanitarian rescue ship, the Ocean Viking with 234 migrants aboard, after Italy had refused it a port for weeks.

France retaliated by suspending its participation in a European Union solidarity pact to accept 3,000 relocated migrants this year from Italy and sent officers to reinforce its southern border crossings and prevent migrants from entering.

Italy's new far-right-led government headed by Meloni has vowed that Italy will no longer be the primary port of entry for migrants leaving on smugglers' boats from Libya and is demanding Europe do more to shoulder the burden and regulate the aid groups that operate rescue ships in the Mediterranean.

Foreign Minister Antonio Tajani is expected to raise the issue at a meeting of EU foreign ministers Monday in Brussels. France's junior minister for European affairs, Laurence Boone, said the issue would be "raised" even though it's not formally on the agenda.

"I would recall the importance of European unity, of responsibility

when it comes to human life, and European solidarity. By the way, I want to take this opportunity to say thank you to the 11 countries that are helping France by taking refugees that arrived, as you know, at the end of last week," she told reporters as she arrived at the meeting.

Tajani has accused France of overreacting to a statement issued by Meloni late Tuesday thanking Paris for taking in the Ocean Viking, a statement that was issued before France had publicly announced it would.

"They took it as a provocation, using exaggerated tones," Tajani told state-run RAI on Sunday. "She was talking about a boat that was heading toward French waters, we never said it has to go to France." Meloni has essentially accused the media of being behind the flap, saying she only issued the statement after the Elysee didn't deny Italian media reports that Paris had agreed to take the ship in. She said she decided to issue the statement after some eight hours after the first reports circulated as a gesture of gratitude for France's solidarity. (AP)



# Kohli, Suryakumar named in ‘Most Valued Team’ of 2022 T20 World Cup

MELBOURNE, NOV 14 /--/ Tournament's leading run-getter Virat Kohli and Suryakumar Yadav were on Monday named in the "Most Valuable Team" of ICC 2022 T20 World Cup. Indian superstar Kohli ended as the tournament's most prolific batter with 296 runs at a stunning average of 98.66. Kohli kick-started his campaign with a pivotal 82 not out

Jos Buttler, fellow opener Alex Hales and seamer Sam Curran all made the cut for England. New Zealand star Glenn Phillips and Zimbabwe ace Sikandar Raza occupy the No.5 and 6 positions in the playing eleven. Phillips' stunning century against Sri Lanka catapulted his team to a comfortable 65-run victory in Sydney. Another innings of 62 against England helped him reach

against Scotland, Netherland and India -- bolstered by a brilliant three for 25 as Zimbabwe stunned Pakistan in Perth -- rounded off a tournament to remember. Completing the middle order is Pakistan all-rounder Shadab Khan, who grabbed an impressive 11 wickets at an average of just 15.00. And he was similarly impressive with the bat, striking a solid 92 runs



MOST RUNS IN THE ICC MEN'S T20 WORLD CUP 2022		
1	V KOHLI	296
2	M O'DOWD	242
3	S YADAV	239
4	J BUTTLER	225
5	K MENDIS	223

against arch rivals Pakistan to anchor his side to a heart-thumping final-ball four-wicket victory. And further knocks of 64 not out against Bangladesh, 62 not out against the Netherlands and 50 against England in the semi-finals helped round off an individual competition to savour for one of the greatest white-ball batters of the modern era. Fellow Indian Suryakumar finished as the tournament's third highest run-scorer with 239 runs overall. Three half centuries -- 51 not out against the Netherlands in Sydney, 68 against South Africa in Perth and 61 not out off just 25 balls against Zimbabwe in Melbourne -- helped haul his side into the semi-finals as he scored at a staggering strike rate of 189.68 in his six innings. Another Indian, Hardik Pandya was named as the 12th man of the side. "Players from six different teams have been named in the Upstox Most Valuable Team of the ICC Men's T20 World Cup 2022," the ICC said in a statement a day after England won their second world title in the shortest format. Captain, wicketkeeper and opening batter

a total of 201 runs at an average of 40.20. For Raza, 219 runs and 10 wickets, proved pivotal assets for Zimbabwe with both bat and ball. He scored a polished 82 off his 48 balls in his country's opening game against Ireland in Hobart, before further batting contributions

**The Team in batting order:**  
**Alex Hales, Jos Buttler, Virat Kohli, Suryakumar Yadav, Glenn Phillips, Sikandar Raza, Shadab Khan, Sam Curran, Anrich Nortje, Mark Wood, Shaheen Shah Afridi. 12th man Hardik Pandya.**

fearsome bowlers. Rounding off the side at No.10 and 11 are fellow pace bowlers Mark Wood and Shaheen Shah Afridi, who took nine and 11 wickets respectively for England and Pakistan. Despite being ruled out of the semi-finals and final through injury, Wood's consistency throughout the Super 12s -- spearheaded by three wickets against Afghanistan and Ireland -- saw him finish the tournament with an average of just 12.00. And for Afridi, who also suffered an unfortunate injury in Sunday's final, his figures of four for 22 against Bangladesh and three for 14 against South Africa helped him emulate his new-ball heroics in last year's tournament as Pakistan were narrowly denied in Melbourne. Taking his place as 12th man is Indian all rounder Hardik Pandya, who starred with both bat and ball by racking up 128 runs and eight wickets. The dangerous middle-order ace blasted 63 against England in the semi-finals after also took key wickets against Pakistan, Bangladesh and Zimbabwe throughout the Super 12s. (PTI)

## Make Hardik captain for 2024 T20 World Cup, start rebuilding now: Srikanth

NEW DELHI, Nov 14 /--/ Hardik Pandya should be made full-time captain in the shortest format ahead of the 2024 T20 World Cup and India need to start rebuilding from the limited-over series in New Zealand, said former chairman of the selection committee Krishnamachari Srikanth. India made a semifinal exit from the just-concluded T20 World Cup after suffering a 10-wicket hammering from eventual champions England. The heavy defeat marked India's fifth knockout loss in the last six World Cups. "See if I was the Chairman of the selection committee, I would say that Hardik Pandya should be the captain of the 2024 World Cup, straight away, I'd put it that way - number one," Srikanth said on Star Sports show 'Match Point'. "And start rebuilding a side right from today, that is from the New Zealand series which is going to happen in a week's time. You start today, the preparation for the World cup, you need to understand, starts 2 years in advance. So, you do whatever you want to do, the trial and error policy, do whatever you want, try it for one year, then you form a team and by 2023 make sure this is going to be at the level that is going to play the World Cup," he said. India will play three T20Is and as many ODIs in New Zealand starting Friday, where Hardik will lead the side in the shortest format. (PTI)

## GAME NOTES Warner hints at Test retirement next year

MELBOURNE, NOV 14 /--/ Swashbuckling Australia opening batter David Warner has hinted at Test retirement next year but he is likely to continue playing white-ball cricket. Warner's comments came after hosts Australia made an early exit from the T20 World Cup. "Test cricket will probably be the first one to fall off. Potentially it could be my last 12 months in Test cricket," Warner said on 'Triple M's Deadset Legends' show. "Because that's how it will pan out. The T20 World Cup is in 2024, (one-day) World Cup next year." The 36-year-old left-handed batter has played 96 Test matches since making his debut in 2011 and has scored 7817 runs at an average of 46.52 with 24 hundreds and 34 fifties. He has also played 138 ODIs (5799 runs at 44.60 average) and 99 T20Is (2894 runs at 32.88 average). Australia's busy 2023 Test cricket schedule involves a Border-Gavaskar Trophy in India (February-March) and Ashes in England from June 16 to July 31. The 50-over World Cup will be held in India in October-November next year, before T20's next showpiece tournament in the Caribbean and USA in 2024. (PTI)

## Billings opts out of IPL to focus on longer format

NEW DELHI, NOV 14 /--/ England wicketkeeper batter Sam Billings on Monday opted out of next year's Indian Premier League to focus on the longer format of the game. Billings played eight games for Kolkata Knight Riders earlier this year, scoring 169 runs at an average of 24.14. He made his IPL debut in 2016. "Have taken the tough decision that I won't be taking part in the next IPL. Looking to focus on longer format cricket at the start of the English summer with @kentercricket," Billings tweeted. "Thank you so much for the opportunity @kkriders! Loved every minute of it. An amazing franchise with some brilliant people. Hopefully see you again in the future." The 31-year-old had made his unexpected Test debut in January when he was brought into the side in the last minute for the fourth Ashes Test against Australia in Hobart. (PTI)

## Kumble calls for separate Indian teams in Test and white-ball cricket

NEW DELHI, NOV 14 /--/ Former India captain and coach Anil Kumble feels having totally different squads in limited overs and Test format is the way forward for the country in international cricket. England's roaring success in ODIs and T20Is has ignited the debate for different teams and coaches in white and red ball cricket. "Definitely, you need separate teams. You need, certainly, T20 specialists. I think what this English team has shown and even the last (T20) World Cup champions Australia have shown is that you need to invest in a lot of allrounders. Look at the batting order," Kumble told ESPNcricinfo. "Today Liam Livingstone is batting at No. 7. No other team has a No. 7 of the quality of Livingstone. (Marcus) Stoinis walks in at No. 6 (for Australia). That's the kind of team you have to build. That's something that you need to invest in. I'm not really sure whether you need a different captain or a different coach. It all depends on what team you are going to pick and then choose how you want to build the support and the leadership around it." Former Australia all-rounder Tom Moody said splitting coaches should be seriously considered by international teams. England have Brendon McCullum as their Test coach and Matthew Mott as their white-ball coach. "I think there is no doubt that moving forward, whether it be player or support management, there needs to be a serious look into that separation. (PTI)

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## Saudi Arabia pulls player from FIFA World Cup over doping case

RIYADH, Nov 14 /--/ Saudi Arabia winger Fahad al-Mowallad was pulled from the World Cup squad on Sunday less than 48 hours after being selected because of an ongoing doping case. The Saudis' coach, Hervé Renard, replaced al-Mowallad from his 26-man squad for the tournament in Qatar "as a precaution," the team said on its Twitter account. The Saudi Arabian Anti-Doping Committee said in May it suspended the player for 18 months over his positive test

in February for the doping substance furosemide. It is a diuretic that has a long-established use in sports doping as a masking agent to hide the presence of other drugs. Saudi mediareports said the 28-year-old al-Mowallad's ban had been cut which cleared him for selection to play in Qatar, in what would have been his second World Cup. The World Anti-Doping Agency confirmed Sunday it had intervened in the case before the Saudi squad was selected. (AP)

## I will put my name in this month's IPL auction: Adil Rashid

MELBOURNE, NOV 14 /--/ Adil Rashid's game changing performances in England's T20 World Cup winning campaign could certainly make him a hot property at the upcoming IPL auction in Kochi on December 23. Rashid, who literally choked India and Pakistan in the semi-final and final with high profile scalps like Suryakumar Yadav and Babar Azam, could once again be seen in an IPL team jersey after his stint with

Punjab Kings. "Yes, I will be putting up my name in IPL auctions this time," Rashid told PTI after the World Cup final on Sunday. When asked if he has been in talks with any team, he replied in the negative. While Rashid might have got only four wickets in six games, he finished his full quota of overs in all games at an economy rate of 6.12. And what could interest the franchisees is the pace at which he bowled, potentially making him more effective than ever on tracks like Eden Gardens, Chepauk or Uppal. He explained how he has decreased his pace and gone for more flighted deliveries like the googly to fool Pakistan skipper Babar Azam. "Babar's googly, I don't if it was the turning point of the match but I was definitely getting some turn. I don't know about Shadab Khan or Liam Livingstone." I was bowling a bit more slow today and got the big leggies (leg breaks) going my way.

Normally I bowl a bit quicker and bit shorter. That was my game plan for me and that's the way I bowl," Adil explained his strategy. While Shadab and Livingstone (when he bowls leg spin) are much quicker through the air, Rashid believes in taking the opposite route. "Shadab and Liam bowls it a bit quicker and everyone has got their own way. For me, slower I bowl better it is." The England team's massive transformation over the last seven years has been discussed to death but Rashid believes that they have not only tried to win games of cricket but also entertain the viewing public. "For past seven to eight years, we have taken the approach of being positive. Being fearless with bat and ball, trying to entertain but also being true to ourselves. Two World Cups and it's working well for us," said Rashid. The multi-cultural inclusive nature of English dressing room from Eoin

Morgan's time has helped Rashid evolve as a practitioner of wrist spin. Born in Bradford, the Yorkshire town which many call 'Mini Pakistan', Rashid's ancestral roots lay in Mirpur, a region in Pakistan Occupied Kashmir (PoK). So when a Pakistani reporter spoke in chaste Punjabi and asked for an autograph, he laughed.

Did he and another player of Pakistani descent, Moeen Ali, faced pressure from friends and family back home (British Pakistanis)? "Yes, it could be as back home we have got a lot of supporters, who have family history related to Pakistan. "Deep down both me and Moeen know we have got a lot of fans and friends who support our rivalry in a good way." The county from which Rashid hails, the Yorkshire CCC, has been one of the most notorious on the English county circuit and faced charges of institutional racism. (PTI)



Jos Buttler poses for an official ICC photograph at Brighton Beach

## I feel betrayed by Manchester United, have no respect for ten Hag: Ronaldo

MANCHESTER, NOV 14 /--/ Cristiano Ronaldo said he felt "betrayed" by Manchester United as he claimed manager Erik ten Hag and other senior executives are trying to force him out of the club in an explosive interview on Sunday. The five-time Ballon d'Or winner has been a peripheral figure on the field for United since Erik Ten Hag took charge in May. Ronaldo was disciplined after refusing to come on as a substitute in a 2-0 win over Tottenham last month, but had returned to the side in recent weeks and even captained the Red Devils in a 3-1 loss at Aston Villa last weekend.

However, the 37-year-old was absent from the squad in Sunday's 2-1 victory over Fulham in United's last match before a six-week break for the World Cup. "I don't have respect for him because



he doesn't show respect for me," Ronaldo said of Ten Hag in an interview with the Piers Morgan Uncensored TV show. "Not only the coach, but another two or three guys around the club. I felt betrayed." When quizzed again if senior club executives were trying to oust him, Ronaldo replied: "Yes, I felt betrayed and I felt like some people don't want me here, not only this year but last year too." Ronaldo returned to Old Trafford in August 2021 from Juventus. His first spell at United had been a glorious one under the tutelage of Alex Ferguson, winning three Premier League titles, the Champions League and the first of his Ballon d'Or crowns as the best player in the world.

Despite his 24 goals in all competitions last season, United endured a terrible campaign as

they finished sixth in the Premier League and failed to qualify for the Champions League. Ronaldo then reportedly tried to engineer an exit before the start of this season, but no agreement could be found with another club. "Since Sir Alex left, I saw no evolution in the club. Nothing had changed," said Ronaldo on what he found on his return to United. "I want the best for the club. This is why I come to Manchester United. "But you have some things inside that don't help (us) reach the top level as (Manchester) City, Liverpool and even now Arsenal... a club with this dimension should be top of the tree in my opinion and they are not unfortunately."

United are fifth in the Premier League, 11 points behind leaders Arsenal. (AP)

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