

## Spoke with J&K LG, all assistance being provided: PM Modi on cloudburst near Amarnath cave



NEW DELHI(KCN): Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Friday spoke with Jammu and Kashmir Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha on the cloudburst near the cave shrine of Amarnath in south Kashmir Himalayas, and said all possible assistance is being provided to the affected.

At least 10 people were killed in the cloudburst Friday evening, damaging 25 tents and three community kitchens, officials said. The cloudburst struck around 5.30 pm amid

heavy rainfall, they said. "Anguished by the cloud burst near Shree Amarnath cave. Condolences to the bereaved families. Spoke to @manoj\_sinha\_Ji and took stock of the situation," Modi said in a tweet.

"Rescue and relief operations are underway. All possible assistance is being provided to the affected," he said. The gushing waters hit the base camp outside the shrine, damaging 25 tents and three community kitchens where the pilgrims are served food, officials said.

## G20 meeting: US, Russian envoys gather in Indonesia for talks to end Ukraine war

BALI(KCN): The top Russian and US envoys gathered on Friday for a Group of 20 foreign

"It is our responsibility to end the war sooner than later and settle our differences at the negotiating table, not the battlefield," Marsudi said, with Lavrov in the room. While in Bali, Blinken will also seek to reopen dialogue with Beijing in talks with his Chinese counterpart Wang Yi, the first in months after tensions strained over issues including



ministers meeting in Indonesia, with the host immediately telling them the Ukraine war must end and differences be resolved through negotiations.

US Secretary of State Antony Blinken and Russian counterpart Sergei Lavrov joined their colleagues for the start of day-long talks, with Washington seeking to gain support from the world's top economies to pressure Moscow over the invasion of its neighbour.

"It clearly cannot be business as usual when it comes to Russia's involvement and engagement in enterprises like the G20," a senior US official said ahead of the meeting.

In comments to open the meeting on the resort island of Bali, Indonesian Foreign Minister Retno Marsudi directly addressed the war.

Taiwan. The G20 meeting is looking to tackle the



war's impact on food and energy security, as well as the global economy's recovery from the coronavirus pandemic and the ravages of climate change.

But Blinken will shun CONTINUED ON: P-7

## Sandhya Darshan for Devotees

Puri(KCN): A day before Trinity's 'Bahuda Jatra' of the return car festival, thousands of devotees Friday had 'Sandhya Darshan' of the trinity- Lord Balabhadra, Devi Subhadra and Lord Jagannath, on Adapa Mandap in Shree Gundicha Temple here.



The Sandhya Darshan or the evening visit to the Trinity was the last chance to seek blessings of the divine sib-

ling deities in Shree Gundicha Temple.

"Having Sandhya Darshan in Shree Gundicha Temple is considered as highly auspicious and helps a person to wash all sins," said a senior servitor.

However, there was displeasure among the devotees as the administration restricted Sandhya

Darshan till 4 PM instead 7 PM in previous years. CONTINUED ON: P-7

## Students of Bhubaneswar's SOA University impress recruiters



BHUBANESWAR(KCN): Engineering students of SOA University impressed recruiters from 45 blue chip companies with their CONTINUED ON: P-7

## Rishi Sunak launches bid to succeed Boris Johnson as UK PM

LONDON(KCN): Rishi Sunak, the former UK Chancellor of the Exchequer, on Friday formally launched his bid to succeed Boris Johnson as the new Conservative Party leader

and future Prime Minister with a promise to lead the UK in the "right direction", becoming the highest-profile Tory Member of Parliament yet to throw his hat in the ring for the leadership race.

The 42-year-old British Indian minister resigned from the UK Cabinet earlier this week, setting off events in motion that ultimately led to Johnson's resignation. His #Ready4Rishi campaign kicked off with a message on Twitter, accompanied by a video made up of images of his Indian-origin grandparents and parents who migrated to the UK via East Africa.

"I'm standing to be the next leader of the Conservative Party and your Prime Minister. Let's



### Message

Warm Greetings to the People of Barachana – Dharmasala dist.- Jajpur, Odisha on the occasion of **Bahuda Yatra.**  
**Dr. Pabitra Mohan Samantray**  
Barachana – Dharmasala, Jajpur  
Odisha

restore trust, rebuild the economy and reunite the country," said Sunak. "Someone has to grip this moment and make the right decisions," he said in the video.



"Do we confront this moment with honesty, seriousness and determination or do we tell ourselves comforting fairy tales that might make us feel better in the moment but will leave our children worse off tomorrow," he questioned.

The MP for Richmond in Yorkshire since 2015 goes on to promise to lead the country in the right direction CONTINUED ON: P-7

## BJD BJP support for Murmu



Bhubaneswar(KCN): NDA Presidential candidate Droupadi Murmu on Friday met Biju Janata Dal (BJD) and Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) MLAs and MPs to gain their support for her election on July 18.

Murmu, who hails from Odisha, held a discussion with the BJD MLAs and MPs in the conference hall of the Odisha Assembly here. Chief Minister Naveen Patnaik also attended the meeting.

BJD MLA Arun Kumar Sahoo said the Chief Minister has already announced to support Murmu for the presidential elections and all irrespective of political affiliation should support her.

"Murmu had tied Rakshi to Naveen Patnaik. So, they have a brother-sister relationship. Before her (Murmu) request for support, our CM had extended wholehearted support to her in this election," said senior BJD MLA Pramilla Mallick.

After meeting the BJD lawmakers, the NDA nominee met BJP legislators and MPs from Odisha at the state guest house.

"We are very happy that Droupadi apa, the daughter of the soil, will go to Raisina hills. We had a healthy discussion," said Bishnu Sethi, deputy leader of BJP in the state Assembly.

Murmu had lunch with the Chief Minister at the latter's residence, Naveen Niwas, after meeting BJP and BJD MPs and MLAs separately. She was accompanied by Union Minister Gajendra Shekhawat. BJD MP from Puri, Pinaki Misra also attended the lunch. Earlier, Murmu was accorded a grand reception at Bhubaneswar airport. Murmu is the first woman and a tribal leader from Odisha to be appointed a Governor in an Indian state. If elected, Murmu will be the first tribal President of India and the second-ever female President.



## Axis Bank signs MOU with Indian Air Force

Mumbai(KCN): Axis Bank, India's third largest private sector bank, reinforced its commitment to the Defence sector by signing an MOU with the Indian Air Force, offering a defence service salary package with best-in-class benefits and features under its 'Power Salute' initiative. The signing ceremony was held at Air Force Headquarters, with the I.A.F, represented by Air Vice Marshal Ashok Saini, VSM, ACAS (Accts & AV), in the presence of Air Chief Marshal, VR Chaudhari PVSM, AVSM, VM, ADC and Axis Bank representatives - Mr. Reynold D' Souza, Executive Vice President and Lt Col M.K Sharma, National Accounts Head. Through this exclusive Defence service salary package, the Bank will offer numerous benefits to all ranks of Indian Air Force personnel including the veterans, cadets/recruits - ? Personal Accidental cover of up to Rs. 56 lakhs to all personnel including the veterans, cadets/recruits ? Additional up to Rs. 8 lakhs for Children Education Grant ? Total Permanent Disability Cover benefit up to Rs. 46 lakhs ? Permanent Partial disability cover of up to Rs. 46 lakhs ? Air Accident cover of Rs. 1 Crore ? NIL Processing fee & 12 EMI waiver on Home loans ? Additional zero balance accounts for 3 family members with no charges ? Universal account number across India. All Axis Bank branches will serve us "Home branch"



The MOU is a reflection of Axis Bank's constant endeavour to serve the Defence Forces of India, and help them meet their financial requirements, aspirations and milestones. About Axis Bank: Axis Bank is the third largest private sector bank in India. Axis Bank offers the entire spectrum of services to cus-

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## Barbil police rescued a business man after being kidnapped

Barbil(KCN):The 4th, Tarbej was



Barbil Police on 7th July rescued Tarbej Allam, a resident of Barbil ward No.08 after a 24-hour search operation from Jamshedpur of Jharkhand. On July

reportedly kidnapped at Jamshedpur. Afsari Khatoon, wife of Tarbej reportedly received a call from the gang of abductors asking Rs 7lakh for her husband's

release. The Afsari approached the police station and filed a complaint, following which the police formed a special teams to search kidnapped Tarbej under the guidance of Himansu Behera, SDPO, Barbil. It is revealed that the gang reportedly held the victim hostage in a car vide number JH05AG 9232. A team led by Sub inspector Alok Parida approached to Tata and rescued Tarbej from the kidnapper. Virendra Kumar Pandey, Papu Jyotishi and Kartik Jyotishi were arrested in this connection and their used car also seized from the spot. Accused were handed over to Bistupur police station at

Jamshedpur on 7th July. Despite appeal Of Barbil police at CJM court Jamshedpur for transit remand at Barbil accused were set free and appeal rejected. This has happened due to influence of accused over Jharkhand police, Barbil police blamed. The seized car was also not handed over to them. As per information the kidnapper are on Stone chips supply business. However Barbil police has appealed to JMFC for his intervention to arrest 03 accused, said Sushant Dash, IIC Barbil. Praises poured in from all quarters for the special squad of the Barbil police who rescued Tarbej with their candid effort.

## ASMA & Women's College Khordha Jointly Celebrates Van Mohastav

Khordha(KCN): As a part of van Mohastav celebrates van Mohastav. The chief



celebrations throughout the country afforestation drives are launched

"the students to plant at least two trees. Today the awareness need will have to focused on environmental protection by planting saplings and savings saplings. A balance has to be maintained on the availability of oxygen and carbon in nature. The chief of ASMA trust Debasish Mohanty and Principal Women's College Khordha, Dr. Bijaya importance of this day and emphasized on protecting the environment by rising above environmental awareness savings trees with more enthusiasm than planting trees. On the occasions Lecturer Kabita Swain, Sushree Sadhana Pradhan, Bijaya Laxmi Mishra, and ASMA trust members Sangram, Prabhata, Subhalakshmi, Priti



in a bid to retain the vanishing forest cover's of the country. Association for Social Management and Actions (ASMA) and Women's College Khordha jointly

Laxmi Das advise the students an intensive tree plantation campaign in the vacant place of the each and every villages and colleges by the month of August. The among others planted saplings in the campus of Women's College Khordha and took a pledge to protect them.

## Tree plantation on Pandit Shyam Prasad Mukharjee Birth Anniversary

Delang(KCN): A tree plantation was held at BJB Nodal UP School, Ghanipur, Ghoradia under Delang Block on the eve of birthday of



Pandit Shyam Prasad Mukharjee and on the occasion of 73 Van Mahotsav. The programme was organised by Intellectual Club, Ghoradia in collaboration with Nehru Yuba Kendra, Puri. The programme was conducted by the founder of Club, socialist and environmentalist Dillip Kumar Dhaudia elaborated the

biopic of Pandit Shyam Prasad Mukharjee alongwith the importance of Tree plantation in this present days. among the guests Headmaster Manjusa Kumari Dei, ex-headmaster



Sarbeswar Bhujabal, SMC president-Sanjaya Kumar Baliarsingh, Vice President-Laxmipriya Badajena, along with teacher's Mrs. Sakina Begum, Mr. Akshaya Kumar Panda, Mrs. Sasmita Balabantaray, Mr. Kalucharan Sahoo, Mr. Banamali Sahoo, Mr. Surendra Kumar Behera, Mr. Rabindra Kumar Singh, Mr. Sunanda Kumar Pradhan, Mrs. Suprava Sahoo, Mr. Bibhudatta Kalachand Pradhan, Mr. Bibhuttibhushan Patashani. Deputed level IV HM-Akshaya Kumar Gila were present and shares their valuable suggestion how to make green and clean environment. other SMC members & students were participated the event.

## NDA Presidential candidate Droupadi Murmu deserves unanimous support of all MPs, MLAs: Naveen

BHUBANESWAR(KCN): Chief Minister Naveen Patnaik on Friday reiterated that NDA Presidential candidate Droupadi Murmu deserves the unanimous support of all MPs and MLAs of the State. Addressing a meeting of BJD MPs and MLAs at the state assembly here in the presence of Murmu, the chief minister called upon all the lawmakers to cast their votes in her favour. Addressing the meeting, Murmu recalled the day when she had tied rakhi to the chief minister and said that the brother has now given a gift to her spontaneously without her asking for it. "When my name was announced as the NDA Presidential candidate, he (Naveen) was the first to declare support for me," she said.

Murmu also had a meeting with the BJP MPs and MLAs at the state guest house here after her meeting with the BJD lawmakers. She left for Naveen Nivas after the meeting where she had lunch with the chief minister before leaving the state. Nitish predicts Murmu victory with big margin Earlier, Murmu was accorded a rousing welcome at the airport. Murmu, a native of tribal-dominated Mayurbhanj district, re-



ceived a ceremonial reception at the Biju Patnaik International Airport here with BJP's

woman legislator Kusum Tete performing a tribal dance and party's Bhubaneswar MP Aparajita Sarangi playing the cymbals. Tribal women dressed in their traditional attire performed folk dances such as Ghoda (horse) and Bagha (tiger) on the streets leading to the airport. Several groups of 'Kirtan' (devotional songs) singers also performed welcoming Murmu. Several senior leaders of the ruling BJD and BJP including state president of the BJP Samir Mohanty, minister for food supplies and consumer welfare Atanu Sabyasachi Nayak and vice-president of the ruling BJD Debi Prasad Mishra were present at the airport to welcome her. Sarangi thanked Prime Minister Narendra Modi for selecting an Odia for the top most post.



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# Shanthnu Bhagyaraj joins Vijay's 'Thalapathy 64'



After back-to-back Thalapathy 64 updates over the past two days, it is clear that the makers of the film are keen to capitalise on the trend. Today, they have announced yet another detail about the Lokesh Kanagaraj directorial.

As we had earlier speculated, actor Shanthnu Bhagyaraj has indeed been roped in for Vijay's upcoming film, which already boasts of a stellar cast that includes names such as Vijay Sethupathi and Angamaly Diaries-

fame Antony Varghese. This project will have Anirudh Ravichander composing for a Vijay film for the second time after Kaththi. Sathyan Sooryan, who is the cinematographer for Lokesh's upcoming film, Kaithi, will handle camera duties in Thalapathy 64 as well. Bankrolled by Xavier Britto of XB Film Creators, Thalapathy 64 is also speculated to feature Malavika Mohanan, and this might be the update that the makers are expected to announce later today.

## Weird that women still need to protest for rights, says Shruti Haasan



**MUMBAI(KCN):** Actress Shruti Haasan has raised question over why women still feel the need to protest for their rights, not only in India but all around the world. "People organise marches and protests for women's rights and I find it weird that we still feel the need to do these protests for women's safety and equality rights. It has been happening for years. I do believe there is a change in the scenario but I feel sad that the problem still exists," said Shruti, while interacting with the media at an RPG Foundation-organised get-to-

gether for women who work under their CSR initiative on Tuesday in Mumbai. **ALSO READ:** Shruti Haasan's latest to cross over to Hollywood She added: "I don't feel it is happening only in our country. It is happening all around the world. When you look at international news, you realise this topic comes up many times." Asked what she felt about the fact that there were lesser female-centric films made in India, she said: "I think slowly things are changing. Films are being made that are rooted around

women characters, so change is taking place. But it should have happened bit earlier." **ALSO READ:** Shruti Haasan to have break-up song in her debut EP Talking about Mahatma Gandhi's 150th birth anniversary on October 2, Shruti said: "It's such an important day and important part of our history. My father (Kamal Haasan) really believes in his philosophies." Shruti Haasan will next be seen in an untitled film directed by Mahesh Manjrekar, along with Vidyut Jammwal.

## 'Joker' review: Solid filmmaking, messy politics

In many of its seedy street side shots, Todd Phillips's Joker focuses on a theatre and clearly shows the titles playing. There is Zorro the Gay Blade, which came out in 1981, a time that seems closer to the mood this film is going for – the late 70s and impending Reagan era vibe of New York that it lends Gotham City. But the more interesting title it shows is probably Ace in the Hole. Is it the Billy Wilder film? It's a film that hints at media manipulation and

Joker insists on a kind of manipulation by everything from TV, press to upbringing and economic condition that drives Arthur Fleck (Joaquin Phoenix) to become the murderous eponymous character. Ace in the Hole was also one of Wilder's famous critical and commercial failures. Failure and rejection are important driving forces in this film that's more honest and focused on its visual splendour than it is on the condition and circumstances that create

the space for a turn like that of Arthur Fleck's Joker. Also, who refers to Harvey Dent as "ace in the hole"? Heath Ledger's Joker in The Dark Knight. **ALSO READ:** There are many ways to see 'Joker', says director Todd Phillips The Gotham City and its socio-economic atrophy that writers Phillips and Scott Silver envision can come across as unconvincing and out of context. It talks of class issues but without clear markers for the oppression it wants us to zero in on.



## INTERVIEW

# HyperXchange bullish about refurbished electronic goods business

Founded in 2016, Kolkata-headquartered HyperXchange is India's number 1 Refurbished Electronics Brand. HX is disrupting the reverse logistics supply chain through its breakthrough developments in Faraday and ELVIS – across procurement, last-mile repair and buyback.

Faraday is HX's patented hardware + software solution that leverages the power of AI, IoT, and advanced camera technology that helps automate a



device testing process that is running on manual mode across the globe. Millions of preowned devices change hands every month; majority of them without even minimal QC, increasing cost of unplanned repair and risk of customers getting spurious products. While there are some software based products that can test some internal sensors in mobile devices, Faraday is the only platform in the world that provides a hardware based solution to test the complete product, inside and out. Speaking to Ritwik Mukherjee exclusively, Dipanjan

### Letter to Editor

### Tackle Narcoterrorism expeditiously

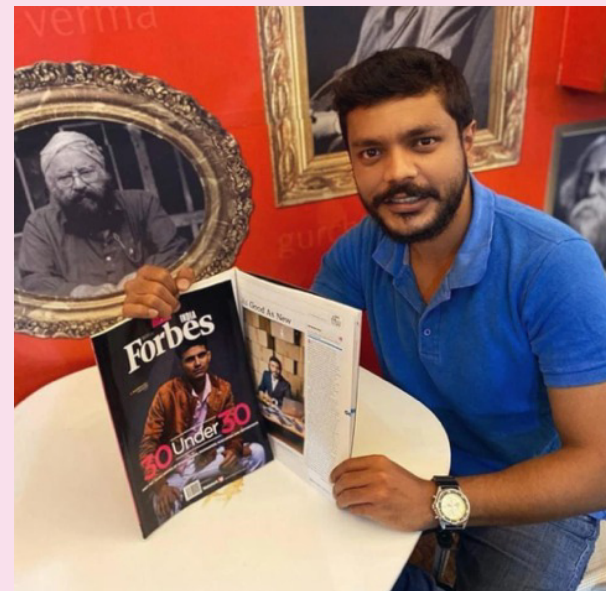
The effects of Pakistan's narcoterrorism in Kerala, Maharashtra, Goa, Punjab, and Jammu & Kashmir have already been catastrophic. Without action, India's border vulnerability costing a lot. The number of drugs traded and ingested in India has dramatically increased during the last several years. With rising heroin, marijuana, and brown sugar consumption, the formerly chronic problem of drug misuse has now reached epidemic proportions, particularly in Jammu and Kashmir, Kerala, Goa & Maharashtra according to reports. Trafficking and usage like this have detrimental effects on border terrorism. Drug terrorism is a long-standing issue. It is well known that Pakistani factions have historically given separatists money obtained through the drug trade. Former Pakistani prime ministers, including the current Arif Alvi, have accepted that the country's security service sells heroin, marijuana, and brown sugar to fund clandestine military operations. Large drug shipments with militants are seen often in Kashmir and other border states of India. However, the trend has changed, and drugs are now being transmitted right across the Line of Control. The current trend is for militants from Pakistan is to transport drugs directly in addition to weapons and ammunition. Terrorists from Pakistan are engaging in the same nefarious behaviour in India that they did in Punjab, where they first provided weapons training before drugging the youth. Law enforcement agencies in the country are unanimous in the conclusion that Pakistan-based terrorist groups are now relying on transporting drugs to the region for terrorist financing purposes. Some of the medicines of Pakistani origin are sold in Kashmir and the rest are shipped to other parts of India. The combination of drug and weapon seizures by Kashmir security forces shows an established link between drug traffickers and militants. The Indian border has traditionally been open to drug trafficking. Young people in India are exposed to the deadly combination of drug addiction and violent extremism as a result of increased household use and easy access to drugs. India needs a strong counterterrorism strategy in addition to counterterrorism, preventing the latter from choking the former. If narcoterrorism is not tackled alongside security concerns at the social level, the cost could be very severe.

Vijaykumar H.K. Raichur

Purakayastha and Satanik Roy, co-founders,

HyperXchange, explain how the pandemic helped their business grow manifold and the way forward. Excerpts

RM: You have said that HyperXchange (HX) is expecting ten times growth in business during the current financial year, backed by a steady rise in



demand for refurbished electronics products, primarily mobile phones and laptops, and an expansion of your distribution footprint. But how big is the overall market size of such refurbished products? And at what rate the industry is growing?



Purakayastha: It's a very fast growing segment. Going by a recent RedSeer (global consulting firm) study, the overall market size of refurbished electronics products is estimated to be \$10 billion in India by 2023. Globally, the market size is estimated to be \$100 billion. During pre-Covid, the market was growing at 25 per cent, but post-Covid, there has been a phenomenal growth. It has been growing at a CAGR of nearly 80 per cent. The segment has been witnessing 4x-5x growth at the



top level. And that's not without a reason. While a large number of adults had to go through work from home during the pandemic, it was study from home for the school and college going kids and youth, pushing up demands for smartphones and laptops. Mind you that this time actual income of most of the people came down and so affordability was a factor. Around the same time, semi conductor chip prices went through the roof (there has been overall cost-

### Ritwik Mukherjee

push following the recent Russia-Ukraine crisis). The gray market for refurbished products has never been that trustworthy at all. Therefore, all these factors, taken together,

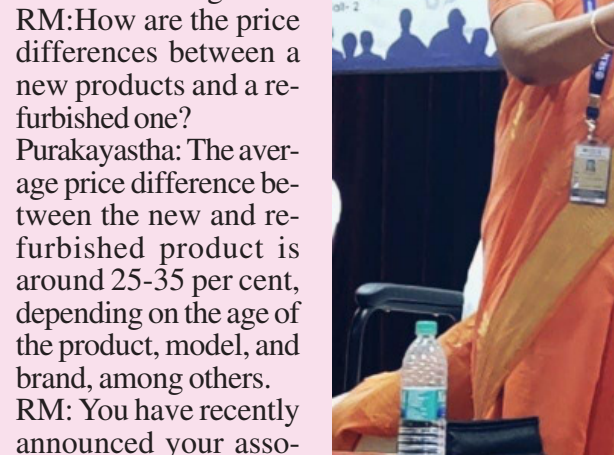


the organised sector (or top level) refurbished market came in handy.

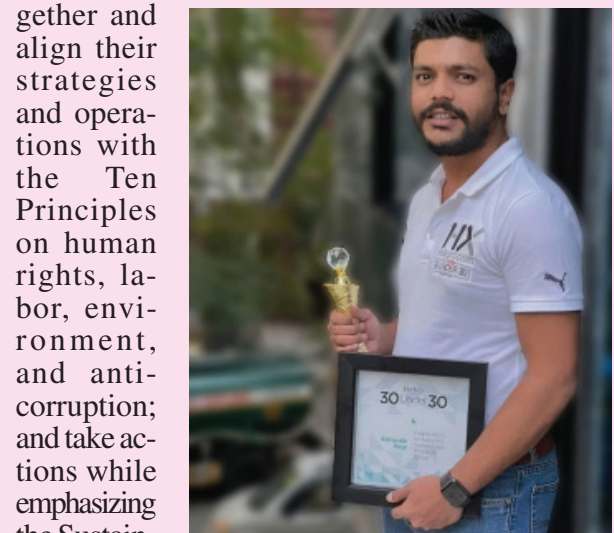
For most individuals, the main advantage of purchasing a refurbished phone is the cost savings over purchasing a brand new phone. Refurbished mobiles are offered at a discount since they cannot be



marketed or branded as "new" once they have been used. The cost reductions are especially beneficial if your phone was unexpectedly lost, stolen, or malfunctioned, and you do not have the cash to acquire a new one. Another benefit of buying a refurbished phone is that it is a more ecologically responsible alternative. Refurbished phones are recycled items, which means they do not end up in landfills and so do not contribute to environmental damage. RM: How are the price differences between a new products and a refurbished one? Purakayastha: The average price difference between the new and refurbished product is around 25-35 per cent, depending on the age of the product, model, and brand, among others. RM: You have recently announced your association with the United Nations Global Compact (UNGC), the world's largest sustainable development initiative, that allows businesses to come to-



proprietary B2B product, the Faraday, which are automated kiosks for buying back or exchanging old products from customers and selling them new ones. The Faraday's unique capabilities include accurate valuation, plug-&-play installation, ability to customize, geofence, and rollout transaction/incentive policies instantly across its entire network. Many such proprietary products are in the pipeline. RM: How much of your revenues comes from phone, how much from laptop and how much from other products? Roy: At present, 80 per cent of our sales revenue comes from phones, 15 per cent from laptops and the remaining 5 per cent from other products. RM: What is the way forward? Roy: Our ultimate objective is to turn India into re-manufacturing capital- procuring globally, refurbishing locally and selling globally. Our positioning would be "We don't sell products, we sell trust".



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Purakayastha: HyperXchange has been committed to a climate positive revolution with its refurbished technology since its inception. In 2021, HX introduced the Global Reforestation Initiative in sync with UNSDG's sustainable forest management by actively protecting nature by planting trees to help improve local ecosystems and create sustainable agro-forestry livelihoods for the local communities as well as to preserve the coast. HyperXchange launched a range of limited-edition designer yet upcycled and eco-friendly accessories handcrafted by financially challenged women in semi-urban/rural areas of India. HX is closely working with the state governments to identify at-risk areas and initiate dense implantation of Mangrove saplings. Mangroves being a fast-growing plant provides dense protective cover against sea waves and act as an incubator for the local ecosystem. RM: You are also in the process of expanding footprints, right? Roy: HX, which currently has 350 retail stores across the country, is looking to take up its store count to 3,500 by this financial year. Most of its stores are currently in the suburban areas in tier-I and tier-II towns. It is looking at opening more outlets in tier-II and tier-III towns moving forward. The smaller towns and markets are seeing a rise in disposable income and aspiration among people to own branded products. This is likely to drive demand for refurbished products in these towns and cities. We are also looking at government and public utility offices. Our target is 8000 such offices by the end of the year.

RM: You have overseas expansion plans as well... Roy: Yes. We have recently firmed up European expansion by signing strategic deals with the UK and Netherlands governments. We have also finalised a £3 million investment to establish business operations in England and Scotland. HX is also working closely with the Netherlands government to start procurement and processing operations in its renowned 'Innovation Quarter'. RM: You are also looking at foraying into training space, if I am not mistaking... Roy: Yes. We are in talks with University of Aberdeen and University of Stratclyde, both Scotland-based, for this. Let's see how it goes. RM: For you, technology plays a crucial role in the type of business you are in. What kind of technology you have been embracing? Roy: Just to give you an example, we have a pro-

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## Forest officials seize two elephant tusks, detain three in Odisha's Sambalpur

SAMBALPUR: Forest officials seized two elephant tusks. The suspects were staying in a hotel near Ainthapali area. A joint raid was conducted at the hotel by forest officials of Sambalpur and Boudh divisions and three of the suspects were detained. The forest team recovered a pair of tusks from their possession. Divisional forest officer (DFO), Sambalpur Vishwanath Neelannavar said two of the suspects man-



three persons and seized two elephant tusks from their possession on Thursday. Identity of the detained persons has not been revealed as investigation is underway.

Sources said that acting on reliable information, forest officials followed five persons who had come to Sambalpur to negotiate a deal to

sell the tusks. The suspects were staying in a hotel near Ainthapali area. A joint raid was conducted at the hotel by forest officials of Sambalpur and Boudh divisions and three of the suspects were detained. The forest team recovered a pair of tusks from their possession.

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Neelannavar said two of the suspects managed to escape and efforts are on to nab them. The detainees are being interrogated to find out from whom the tusks were procured and the persons who were supposed to buy them.

Sources said during investigation into the death of a tusker which died last month and had a bullet lodged in its car-

Division got to know about the deal of the tusks.

In May this year, a tusker was found with its tusk chopped in Boudh division this year. Suspecting it to be linked with the case, officials of Sambalpur division informed their Boudh counterparts and a joint investigation was launched.

## 'Girlfriend waiting', 'dog ate my licence': Netizens respond to police on excuses for traffic violations

NEW DELHI: 'Dog ate my driving licence', 'can't wear seat belt, (I am) expecting' and 'girlfriend is waiting' were among the "most creative excuses" for violating traffic rules shared by netizens in response to a Delhi Police tweet on Friday.

Many social media users also believe that telling the traffic police it is their first-time offence works too.

These responses came on a Delhi Police tweet asking users to share their most creative excuses to traffic police to evade penalty for violation of rules.

"What are the most creative excuses you've given to Traffic Police after violating rules?" the police tweeted.

The replies ranged from hilarious, witty, imaginative to mundane.

"Sir, GF wait kar rahi hai. Breakup ho jayega. (Sir, girlfriend is waiting, she will break up) And this worked every time," wrote a user.

"Sir, Pahlhi baar hai. chhod do. next time make sure it will not happen (Sir, this is my first time, won't happen again)," said another.

"Sir, we are students and don't have money (One day caught for not wearing a helmet)," writes Saurabh Shyamal, another user.

"Sir, mummy ka tabiyat kharab hai medicine lene ja raha hu. (Mother is unwell, going to buy medicine) I was without helmet," said another user sharing his experience.

"Can't wear belt, expecting," replied a woman.

Some also shared excuses used by their friends or loved ones.

"Sharing my friend's excuse: Sir biwi ka affair chal raha h kisi ke saath, Hauz Khas me baithi h abhi uske saath (Sir, wife is having an



affair. She is sitting with her lover in Hauz Khas)," informed a social media user.

Some users also complained about the behaviour of the Delhi Police.

"Plz (please) check traffic police on duty nearby CP (Connaught Place). they always try to issue challan or threaten in the name of red light jump actually no violation," writes a user. When PTI asked the Delhi Traffic Police what were the most common excuses that people have made, a senior officer said maximum excuses are linked to the family like they are going to drop their kids to school.

"They are going to the hospital to visit someone. It depends on the offence also. If someone talking on the phone, they tell us that it was their boss and they had to attend it. When two-wheelers get caught without helmets, they say that they are local and live in the nearby area," he said.

## Shinzo Abe set out a bold vision for India-Japan partnership

NEW DELHI: In his first stint as the prime minister for little over a year beginning 2006, Shinzo Abe set out a bold vision for a quantum leap in India-Japan ties largely based on the greater "confluence" of the two seas -- the Pacific and Indian Oceans.

By the time, Abe stepped down as the prime minister in 2020 ending his second stint at the top office after an eight-year tenure, the relations were in a much deeper trajectory encompassing cooperation in a wide range of areas with a broader aim of a free and open Indo-Pacific.

In a historic address to the Indian Parliament in August 2007, Abe elaborated on his ambitious roadmap for the India-Japan strategic ties to collectively deal with geopolitical challenges and for the overall prosperity of Asia.

"This partnership is an association in which we share fundamental values such as freedom, democracy, and the respect for basic human rights as well as strategic interests," Abe said.

"Japanese diplomacy is now promoting various concepts in a host of different areas so that a region called 'the Arc of Freedom and Prosperity' will be formed

along the outer rim of the Eurasian continent. The Strategic Global Partnership of Japan and India is pivotal for such

curity, trade and defence and security. In 2015, Modi, in a friendly gesture, hosted Abe for an iconic Ganga Aarti in

Recently, when Modi travelled to Japan for the Quad summit, he met Abe, where they discussed the broad canvas of the India-



Japan partnership. The two countries now have multiple-level frameworks for engagements, including annual summits between the prime ministers, the annual foreign ministerial strategic dialogue, two-plus-two ministerial talks and NSA-level dialogue.

"Mr Abe made an immense contribution to elevating India-Japan relations to the level of a Special

pursuits to be successful," he said.

The grandson of former prime minister Nobusuke Kishi, Abe believed a closer strategic partnership between India and Japan could be a game-changer for Asia as it could bring prosperity to the countries of the region.

The year 2013 was a significant year as it saw the first-ever visit of then Emperor Akihito and Empress Michiko to India.

The bilateral relations were upgraded to 'Special Strategic and Global Partnership' in 2014 and since then the ties saw a major upswing including in areas of civil-nuclear cooperation, maritime se-

Varanasi. Both the leaders offered prayers and witnessed the Ganga Aarti at Dashashwamedh Ghat.

In September 2017, Modi broke protocol to receive Abe at the Ahmedabad airport when the Japanese leader arrived for the 12th India-Japan annual summit. Abe, his wife, and Modi also participated in an eight-km roadshow in an open jeep on their way to the Sabarmati Ashram to pay tributes to Mahatma Gandhi.

When Modi visited Japan in 2018, Abe hosted him at his ancestral home in Yamanashi, in first such reception accorded to a foreign leader.

Strategic and Global Partnership. Today, whole India mourns with Japan and we stand in solidarity with our Japanese brothers and sisters in this difficult moment," Modi said following the news of Abe's death.

The 67-year-old Japanese leader died after being shot while giving a campaign speech in the southern Japanese city of Nara. He was rushed to a hospital after he was shot at the event. Hours later the hospital declared him dead.

Abe was prime minister of Japan from 2006 to 2007 and then again for a second stint from 2012 to 2020.



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expressed shock and sadness at the tragic demise of Former Japanese PM Abe Shinzo. Shri Modi also emphasised his association and friendship with Mr. Abe and remarked on the immense contribution that he made to elevate India-Japan relations to the level of a Special Strategic and Global Partnership. Shri Modi announced one day of national mourning on 9 July 2022 as a mark of deep respect for Abe Shinzo. The Prime Minister also shared a photograph from their latest meeting in Tokyo.

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## Belgian daughter returns to reunite with family in Odisha's Kandhamal district after 29 years

PHULBANI (KCN): When 29-year-old Mamina met Krushna Chandra Rana on Tues-

a software engineer and married a Belgian. Though Mamina cannot speak Odia, she has



day, it seemed like Saroo Brierley's memoir 'A Long Way Home' - later adapted into the heart-warming Hollywood film 'Lion' - had come alive in Kandhamal's remote Gujapanga village.

Krushna and his family members could barely recognise Mamina till she narrated, through a lawyer, that she was his biological daughter. The emotions that followed were a blend of disbelief and ecstasy. The 29-year-old woman had traveled all the way from Belgium to trace her family in the small village under Raikia block. And it took the story 29 years back in time. She was all of three months when a Belgian couple adopted her in 1993. Krushna had lost his wife and worried about raising the baby, he left her in custody of Subhadra Mahatab Seva Sadan, a childcare centre at G.Udayagiri, hoping she would get a better life.

Mamina Destiny had other plans and a couple of Belgium legally adopted Mamina and took her to their country where she grew up to become

retained her original name.

All these years, she had remained unaware of her past but during a trip to Cambodia, she was asked about her origin which sent her looking for her roots. After a lot of efforts, she came to know from her adoptive parents that she is of Indian origin and that too, from Odisha's Kandhamal district.

After some research, she got the address of the village as she wanted to reunite with her real family. Since it was not an easy task to meet the family living in a remote village of Kandhamal, Mamina took the help of a lawyer from Pune who made all arrangements.

Mamina with her husband reached the village on July 5, after a gap of 29 years. When she met her father and family members, they were surprised to see a 'foreigner' at their doorsteps claiming to be the daughter. Recalling the past events, Krushna's happiness knew no bounds when he saw his baby girl now a citizen of Belgium.

Mamina too was overwhelmed after seeing her father and sister. Krushna said that he had visited the orphanage a few times after leaving a kid Mamina there. Thinking that the child might have perished, he chose to forget the whole episode. But when he saw her on Tuesday, he couldn't believe his eyes.



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## High drama at Vana Mahotsav over not inviting Bhubaneswar MP Aparajita Sarangi

BHUBANESWAR: The 73rd State-level Vana Mahotsav celebrations on Thursday witnessed high political drama with BJP workers stag-

function celebrating the Capital formation day, Sarangi said she had written a letter to Chief Minister Naveen Patnaik in this regard.



ing a demonstration outside the high school in Baramunda, protesting against the exclusion of local MP Aparajita Sarangi from the function. The official function looked like a political fight between the ruling BJD and BJP as Public Enterprise Minister Ashok Panda and two other legislators from the Capital city, Sushant Rout and Anant Narayan Jena reached the venue in procession.

A large number of BJP workers led by party corporator of ward number 50, Ramchandra Ranasingh staged dharna outside the venue wearing black badges even as the function was going on inside. The local corporator was also not invited to the function.

There was heated exchanges between Sarangi and Panda over the exclusion of the MP from the function. Sarangi said this is not for the first time that she was not invited to functions held in her constituency.

Stating that she was also not invited to the

She, however, said that former Speaker Surjya Narayan Patro had disapproved of her exclusion from the function then.

Stating that the MP and the corporator have been elected and are not here because of anybody's mercy, Sarangi said by not

inviting them to a function held in their area is an insult to democratic values. "It reflects the insecurity, narrow mindedness and arrogance of the government," she added.

When asked the minister could not give a clear answer as to why the Bhubaneswar MP was not invited to the function. Panda gave example of earlier instances when he was not invited to functions of the Palashpalli and Kalinga Nagar central schools which came under his constituency.

The Chief Minister attended the function virtually and advised the students to plant trees to protect environment. He said that on the occasion of the Vana Mahotsav, the government has decided to provide 5 crore saplings to further enrich the environment.

Forest and Environment minister Pradip Amat, Bhubaneswar mayor Sulochana Das and senior forest department officials attended the function.

## India's forex reserves fall USD 5.008 billion to USD 588.314 billion

Mumbai, Jul 8 (PTI) The country's foreign exchange reserves declined by USD 5.008 billion to USD 588.314 billion in the week ended July 1, as per the Weekly Statistical Supplement, released by the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) on Friday.

Expressed in dollar terms, FCA includes the effect of appreciation or depreciation of non-US units like the euro, pound and yen held in the foreign exchange reserves. The gold reserves fell by USD 504 million to USD 40.422 billion in the reporting week. In the reporting week ended July 1, the Special Drawing Rights (SDRs) with the International Monetary Fund

(IMF) dropped by USD 77 million to USD 18.133 billion, Earlier this week, RBI had announced a slew of measures to enhance forex inflows to boost the rupee which has been declining against the US dollar.

USD 4.471 billion (IMF) dropped by USD 77 million to USD 18.133 billion, Earlier this week,

Students of Bhubaneswar's SOA University impress recruiters

Continued from page-1 knowledge on technology at the 'SOA Proxima 2022' event organised by the university at Bengaluru recently. As many as 62 personnel from HR and Talent Acquisition departments of the companies attended the event. The SOA team was headed by Pro-Chancellor Prof Amit Banerjee, Dean of Students' Welfare Prof Jyoti Ranjan Das and Head of Industry Engagement Ripti Ranjan Dash. The students represented the Institute of Technical Education and Research (ITER), SOA's faculty of engineering and technology. SOA officials said the entire event facilitated a peek into SOA's rich talent pool as the students excelled not only in their acquired knowledge about engineering and technology but also in extra-curricular activities.

### Sandhya Darshan for Devotees

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"The Sandhya darshan of Lord Jagannath on Asadha Sulka Nabami is very auspicious. However, Adapa Mandap is not allowed for devotees from 4 pm onwards. However, the devotees had darshan throughout the day," pointed out he.

Generally, the Sandhya Darshan of deities is held in the evening. However, in view of smooth conduct of rituals of deities for 'Bahuda Jatra', the temple administration has decided to close the public darshan 4 hours before the schedule.

Though it is a fact that people are annoyed over the decision, but the servitors have to get ready to complete all rituals ahead of the return car festival.

The 'Charamala' through which the idols will

### Rishi Sunak launches bid to succeed Boris Johnson as UK PM

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based on "non-negotiable values" of "patriotism, fairness and hard work".

"Family is everything to me and my family gave me opportunities they could only dream of. But it was Britain, our country, that gave them and millions like them the chance for a better future," he said.

"I got into politics because I want everyone in this country to have those same opportunities, to be able to give their children a better future. Our country faces huge challenges, the most serious for a generation and the decisions we make today will decide whether the next generation of British people will also have a chance of a better future," he added.

Referring to his most recent role as finance minister, Sunak points out how he ran the "toughest department" in the UK government through the toughest times when faced with the nightmare of Covid.

"We've had enough of division. Politics at its best is a unifying endeavour and I have spent my career bringing people together because that is the only way to succeed," he said, adding that he would set out more about his vision in the coming days and weeks.

Sunak, son-in-law of Infosys co-founder Narayana Murthy, has long been seen as an heir apparent to Johnson at 10 Downing Street and is believed to have garnered the support of a significant chunk of the Tory party to launch his candidacy.

"We need to make sure that's not the end of the British Indian story. There's lots more we can achieve. There's lots more we can do. And I'm really excited about the future," he told reporters last week, when asked if he could go on to be the first Indian-origin Prime Minister of the UK.

"I'm incredibly proud of where I come from. It will always be an enormous part of who I am. And it brings me joy to live, and belong, in a country where, for all our faults, for all our challenges, someone like me can become Chancellor. Our task now is to make sure that's not the end of the British Indian story, but the beginning," he noted in a speech at the UK-India Awards ceremony last week.

Sunak, who was born and grew up in the coastal English town of Southampton, has referred to Britain as a "rewarding Karma Bhoomi" as he reflected upon the sacrifices made by his National Health Service (NHS) general practitioner (GP) father Yashvir and pharmacist mother Usha.

The Oxford and Stanford University alumni entered politics just before the Brexit referendum in 2016 and moved into junior roles in the UK's Treasury department before being promoted to the top job of Chancellor in February 2020, just weeks before the UK was forced into its first pandemic lockdown.

He proved hugely popular as he brought in several grants and job-saving schemes, but that popularity began taking a hit in recent months as the cost-of-living crisis hit and he was unapologetic about the need to raise certain taxes to cope with the tough economic times.

Earlier in the day, Tom Tugendhat, Chair of the powerful House of Commons Foreign Affairs Committee, declared his intention to contest soon after UK Transport Secretary Grant Shapps indicated he will also be vying for the top job.

Indian-origin Suella Braverman is also in the race.

be alighted from the 'Adapa Mandap' for 'Pahandi Bije' (procession) will be tied up to the door in the evening. Therefore, it would not be possible to allow the devotees to have darshan till late evening, said a senior servitor of the temple.

The temple official said that earlier the timing was till 7 PM because less number of devotees were coming for Sandhya Darshan. Now with better communication facilities, the devotees in thousands reach Puri on the occasion. Therefore, restriction is required, he said.

### G20 meeting: US, Russian envoys gather in Indonesia for talks to end Ukraine war

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a direct meeting with Lavrov, instead pointing the finger at Moscow for triggering global food and energy crises.

Russia taking 'operational pause' in Ukraine, says analysts

No family photo

However the US official indicated Washington did not want to embarrass Indonesia. The hosts have addressed US concerns about Lavrov attending in part by inviting Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelensky to the G20 summit later this year and Foreign Minister Dmytro Kuleba to Friday's meet.

"It's very important to us that we focus on the G20 agenda," the US official said. The official declined to comment on the "choreography" in Bali between the American and Russian diplomats.

But there will be no family photo of the G20 ministers as is customary, an Indonesian government official told AFP. Blinken arrived at the Mulia hotel on the palm-fringed island on Friday where he could be seen talking with South Africa's foreign minister before entering the same room as Lavrov, who he last met in January.

Russia's top diplomat was seated between the Saudi Arabian and Mexican foreign ministers as the meeting began. Friday's meeting is a prelude to the leaders' summit on Bali in November that is meant to focus on the global recovery from the Covid-19 pandemic. But attention has instead shifted to Moscow's invasion of Ukraine, which has rattled global markets, sent food prices skyrocketing, and led to allegations of Russian war crimes.

British FM leaves

EU foreign policy chief Josep Borrell will prevent Russia from using the meeting as a "propaganda forum" on the Ukraine war, his spokeswoman said Thursday. Blinken's efforts to have a powerful Western stance against Russia at the G20 were diluted after British Prime Minister Boris Johnson resigned as leader of the Conservative party on Thursday.

It prompted British Foreign Minister Liz Truss to cut short her Bali trip and pull out of Friday's meeting, where she was expected to join her American and European counterparts in criticising Moscow. She flew out of Bali on Friday morning and was replaced by former British ambassador to the European Union Sir Tim Barrow, a British official told AFP.

The talks between Blinken and Wang on Saturday -- their first since October -- will seek to address tensions between the world's two largest economies. A top US official for East Asia said the pair would discuss "guardrails" on competition but said Blinken would also explore areas of cooperation.

The meeting comes as US President Joe Biden voices hope for a conversation in the coming weeks with Chinese President Xi Jinping, with whom he last spoke in March. Lavrov met Wang on Thursday to discuss Russia's invasion, which Moscow says it launched to stop Ukraine from joining the NATO military alliance.

The United States has condemned Beijing's support for Russia and Blinken is expected to reiterate those warnings in talks with Wang. Australian Foreign Minister Penny Wong will herself meet Wang on the sidelines of the meeting on Friday to press China to end trade "blockages", she said.

"We all know we have our differences. There are challenges in the relationship. We believe engagement is necessary to stabilise the relationship," Wong told reporters. It will be Australia and China's first foreign ministers' meeting since 2019.





## With youngsters performing, pressure mounts on Kohli ahead of his T20 return

**BIRMINGHAM:** Star India batter Virat Kohli would be desperate to come out of his prolonged lean patch when he makes his T20 return after five months with the second game against England, here on Saturday. Kohli, who last played a T20 international in February, has featured in only two games since India's underwhelming campaign in the T20 World Cup in October-November when he was captain of the national side. The only T20 cricket he played since then was in the IPL but there too he was far from his best.

Kohli and other seniors getting frequent breaks as part of the team's rest and rotate policy gave opportunity to fringe players like Deepak Hooda, who will be difficult to drop on Saturday after the performances he has come up with. Batting at Kohli's position, Hooda has made a big impact and also showed ominous form in the series opener against England, scoring a 17-ball 33. If India decide to retain Hooda, then Kohli could open alongside skipper Rohit Sharma at the expense of Ishan Kishan, who has also been consistent at

the top. The opening position is something Kohli is quite familiar and his last half-century in T20 Internationals also came at the top. With Kohli expected to take another break for the five T20s against the West Indies, the two games against England assume more importance as far as his future in the T20 set up is concerned. Kohli has 'been there and done that' but with the younger lot playing fearless cricket, he will need to come back to his best. The first game against England saw the return of Rohit after a COVID-induced break and the team put together a perfect game.

and ball and his presence is surely a big boost to the side in a World Cup year. Rohit will also want to see a marked improvement in



team's fielding, especially catching after an ordinary show on Thursday.

England, who were blown away by the visitors at Southampton, will back themselves to make a strong comeback.

They rely a lot on skipper Jos Buttler who will be keen to make amends after his first ball duck.

The power-packed batting including Liam Livingstone and Jason Roy failed in the first game but trust them to come good in a must-win game.

Squads: India: Rohit Sharma (captain), Ishan Kishan, Virat Kohli, Suryakumar Yadav, Deepak Hooda, Shreyas Iyer, Dinesh Karthik, Rishabh Pant (wk), Hardik Pandya, Ravindra Jadeja, Yuzvendra Chahal, Axar Patel, Ravi Bishnoi, Jasprit Bumrah, Bhuvneshwar Kumar, Avesh Khan, Harshal Patel, Umran Malik.

England: Jos Buttler (captain), Moeen Ali, Harry Brook, Sam Curran, Richard Gleeson, Chris Jordan, Liam Livingstone, Dawid Malan, Tymal Mills, Matthew Parkinson, Jason Roy, Phil Salt, Reece Topley and David Willey.

Match starts at 7 pm.

## Sindhu once again fails to crack Tai Tzu code, this time in Malaysia Masters

**KUALA LUMPUR:** It was Sindhu's 17th career defeat to the start, as after an initial close duel, she



fell short against the world No. 2, losing 13-21 21-12 12-21 in a 55-minute clash.

again flattered to deceive. Tzu Ying made her intent clear from the

moment it seemed, perhaps, she has cracked the Tzu Ying code but the second

seed once again managed to turn the tables around, grabbing a two-point cushion at the final break. It was one-way traffic after the interval as Sindhu's unforced errors coupled with her rival's brilliance saw the match tilt completely in favour of Tzu Ying, who zoomed to 19-11. Another rally ended with the shuttle dropping right on the baseline as Tzu Ying held eight match points and converted it when Sindhu went to the net again.

## Former FIFA chief Sepp Blatter, ex-UEFA president Michel Platini cleared of corruption charges

**ZURICH:** Former presidents of FIFA and UEFA Sepp Blatter and Michel Platini were cleared of corruption

Swiss francs payment in 2011 when Blatter was the FIFA president and Platini was the vice-president of the global

affair was a deliberate attempt to thwart his attempt to become FIFA president in 2015. Speaking following

"Believe me, going from being a legend of world soccer to a devil is very difficult, especially when it



charges by a Swiss court on Friday. The two men, Platini, former UEFA president, and Blatter, who led FIFA for 17 years, were cleared of fraud by the Federal Criminal Court in the southern city of Bellinzona. Both the administrators have, once among the most powerful figures in world football, had denied the charges against them.

The powerful administrators of world football were acquitted of illegally arranging a two million governing body. The case meant Blatter ended his reign as FIFA president in disgrace and it wrecked Platini's hopes of succeeding him after he was banned from football when the affair came to light.

Blatter had said the payment followed a "gentlemen's agreement" between the pair when he asked Platini to be his technical advisor in 1998. Platini, who also lost his job as UEFA president following the ban, had said the

the verdict, Platini said, "I want to express my happiness for all my loved ones that justice has finally been done after seven years of lies and manipulation." "My fight is a fight against injustice. I won the first game. In this case, there are culprits who did not appear during this trial. Let them count on me, we will meet again. Because I will not give up and I will go all the way in my quest for truth, Platini was quoted as saying by Skysports.

comes to you in a totally unfair way."

A statement from the Swiss Attorney General's Office in response to the verdict said,

"The Office of the Attorney General of Switzerland (OAG) has taken note of the decision of the Criminal Chamber of the Federal Criminal Court. Once the Court has issued the written reasoning of its decision, the OAG will decide about how to proceed further."



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